The
Wantirna Whisper

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Message from the Principal’s Desk

Bunnings BBQ - We had a very successful result at the Bunnings BBQ, with the PFN raising just over $800. As advertised, the PFN are looking at which line marking as their first project for 2016, and if we can arrange it, this could occur over the holidays. Thank you to the parents, students and staff who volunteered their time on the day. Also thank you to those of you who called in to offer your support, purchase a sausage – it was much appreciated.

Library Grand Opening - In the holidays we hope to receive delivery of our Library furnishings which was the result of the Bendigo Bank Community Grant at the end of 2016.

Student Leadership Day - On Friday, the Year 6 students from Wantirna Primary School as well as student leaders from Knox Central, Carrington and Boronia West Primary Schools will be participating in a Student Leadership Training Day. This is facilitated by an organisation called Second Strike, who work with primary and secondary schools all over Melbourne. We will be providing feedback from the students about their experiences. I have also invited a photographer from the Knox Leader, so hopefully our students will also feature in the local paper.

Victorian Curriculum (Part II) - After our Parent Information Night, I suggested I would include a brief summary of some of the topics which were covered on the night. During 2016, Wantirna Primary School will be transitioning from AusVELS to the Victorian Curriculum. For students and parents, this will mean little difference as Literacy and Numeracy are the core subjects which will be the focus of our learning. In the last newsletter I spoke about the Key Learning Areas and this week I will discuss the Capabilities which teachers also must report against – They include: Critical and Creative Thinking, Ethical Understanding, Intercultural Understanding and Personal and Social Capabilities we are transitioning towards the Victorian Curriculum over the period of 2016-2017 and more information with regards to the report format will be available next term.

Pupil Free Day - Staff spent the day working on the School Strategic Plan which sets out our future direction for the next three years. We also worked on planning for Term 2 and looking at the implementation of the Victorian Curriculum.

Multicultural Art Competition - On behalf of Mrs Megele and the school we wish to congratulate Destiny and Chern Xuan both of Foundation for having their art work chosen to go on display at The Atrium at Federation.
Square as finalists in the Cultural Diversity Week Competition. This event is organised by the Multicultural Commission of Victory for Harmony Day. Destiny and Chern Xuan and their families will be invited to attend a presentation ceremony on the 20th March at 2.45 pm.

Knox Festival Art Competition - Congratulations are extended to Elijah Z in 4/5F for being awarded third prize in The Knox Rotary Art Show School's Competition for his art work based on the theme 'Families in Knox.' Great effort Elijah!

Scholarships - We are very proud of the success that our students achieve not only at primary school but as they transition into Secondary College. Some of you may be aware that Rhys, one of our school captains last year achieved an academic scholarship to Wantirna Secondary College. This year, another of our school captains, Ryan in 5/6P was successful in obtaining a scholarship to The Knox School for 2017. We would like to congratulate both Rhys and Ryan on their efforts. It is also testament to the leadership skills we are developing in our students.

Junior School Council - On Thursday, Junior School Council organised a Crazy Hair Day to support the Leukaemia Foundation, this in conjunction with Mr P’s Greatest Shave on Friday 18th, raised funds to support a very worthy charitable organisation.

Lunch Club – Our Wednesday Lunch Club has started for the year with our partnership with the Adventist Church continuing. We have used the funding we received from the Knox Council – School Focused Youth Services to run Kids In The Kitchen last year and this year we have started with ‘Game On’. In Term 1, the Juniors have attended these sessions, with Senior students being invited in Term 2.

School Crossings - I have had a phone call from Chris Howie from Knox Council. He has alerted me to the use of the School Crossings around Wantirna Primary School. The crossings in Barmah Drive and Milpera Cres have less than 5 students accessing these on school days.

We currently have funding for the 2016-2017 year, however, there will be a needs assessment based on the following criteria: ‘Children’s crossings for primary school children – where the number of children (minimum of 20) multiplied by the number of vehicles in the hour (minimum 100) exceeds 5,000’. As we are in danger of losing these supervised crossings, I have been advised to advertise their ongoing usage in the newsletter.

Enrolment for Foundation for 2017 - It may seem early in the year to start advertising for enrolments, however as we have a number of families with siblings starting next year who already know their child will be attending Wantirna Primary School. If this applies to you, can you please see Jenine to complete the required forms? Also, if you are aware of a family who is looking for a school for 2017 and is yet to make a decision, please encourage them to make an appointment for a tour.

Harmony Day - Our whole school will be celebrating ‘Our Diversity is Our Strength’ with rotational activities throughout Monday 21st of March. This will be culminating with a special presentation to parents at 2.45 pm in the school gym, where you are all welcome to attend.

Learning Expo - On Tuesday 22nd March from 2.45 pm, you are invited to visit classrooms where students will be sharing their ‘Community and Me’ Inquiry Unit Investigations.

Soccer Clinic - This week, during PE, Ms Creed hosted Jose from Watsonia Soccer Club who taught the students skills in ‘football’.

Regards,
Sue Fergeus
Principal
Stars of the Week

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<td>Jayden H</td>
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<td>Tejash P</td>
<td>For an excellent start at WPS.</td>
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<td>Kodi S</td>
<td>For being a caring &amp; compassionate classmate.</td>
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<td>Edha K</td>
<td>For always using her initiative and having a go.</td>
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<td>Sam G</td>
<td>For having excellent focus during independent reading.</td>
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As part of WPS’s commitment to becoming a Resource Smart School and to assist our school community in understanding the importance of recycling we were once again part of the ‘Clean Up Schools Program’. Students utilised the gloves and bags provided to make our playground look neat and tidy. It was a fantastic effort from everyone involved and we look forward to participating next year.
Raising the bar for your children – Michael Grose

DO YOU CHALLENGE YOUR CHILDREN FROM TIME TO TIME TO EXTEND THEMSELVES?

Do you make your children feel a little uncomfortable because the demands on them are more than they are used to?

Every child needs to be challenged if they are to learn the extent of their abilities. Recently, a mother told how she challenged her twelve year old son to raise the bar on his capabilities. He had to produce a three-fold travel brochure for a school project, which involved a mixture of computer, literacy and research skills. The time-frame was short and his parents were busy so he became extremely anxious.

His mother adopted a ‘You can do this’ approach and left him alone. She admitted that she wasn’t sure if he could do the job, but she wasn’t going to let him know that. He surprised himself by working harder than he ever had and produced a fantastic piece of work. This student has now raised the bar for both his standard of performance and his work. He didn’t know what he was capable of until he was challenged to the limits of his ability and work capacity.

As parents we are protectors, supporters and teachers for our kids……but we also need to be challengers from time to time so they can see for themselves their real capabilities.

Vitamins for parents

Three questions to ask children when they are presented with a challenge:

1. Who can you ask for help?
2. What can you read to help you?
3. What is the first step you need to take?

Bright idea

Nuke the negative

Teach your child or young person to dispute negative views they have of themselves or others. Help them see the irrational nature of statements such ‘I am hopeless’. Challenge such negative statements and encourage children to do the same.

Wise and Witty Words

“Healthy families remind each other of their goodness. Unhealthy families remind each other of their failings.”

Have a good week!
Julie Reiher
School Chaplain
Our Foundation students painting beautiful pictures in art

All of our students have been learning about chemical science this term. The junior school did an experiment called dancing raisins.
What a great start we have had to our fundraising for 2016. Our goal for this year is to raise funds to go towards the line marking of our playground. We are going to also have marked games of numbers and letters for the children to be able to use in the playground.

There are many things happening at the moment, during the next few weeks we have:

- **Easter Egg Raffle donations** – We are seeking donations for our hampers for the Easter Raffle – eggs, baskets and anything Easter themed. Donations can be left at the school office.

- **Easter Egg Raffle** – Tickets on due back on Monday 21st March

- **Easter Bonnet Parade** will be held at assembly on the last day of this term – Thursday 24th March – Prizes will be awarded for the most impressive hats

- **Footy Tipping** - The 2016 starts on Thursday 24th March. Tipping forms to be returned on Friday 18th March.
Mr P is participating in the World’s Greatest Shave this year. We will be shaving Mr P’s head at assembly tomorrow Friday March 18 at 9am. A bidding auction is being held for someone to have the chance to give Mr P his new ‘hairdo’. Bids can be placed at the school office.

NOT TO LATE TO MAKE A BID TO SHAVE MR P’S HEAD AT ASSEMBLY TOMORROW
Oz Child Wishing Tree Gift Appeal.

Since it began 185 years ago, OzChild has helped over 1,000,000 children and young people. They work with 6,000 children, young people and their families every year, making sure that every night more than 300 children have a safe roof over their heads.

A lot of the children and young people OzChild provides services to are doing it rough. They’ve come into OzChild’s care as a result of a Child Protection Order after exposure to abuse, chronic neglect, family violence, substance misuse and more.

OzChild’s Christmas Wishing Tree Gift Appeal helps connect caring organisations, clubs, businesses and individuals with those at risk and vulnerable children. Tags provided to community-focused organisations like Wantirna Community Bank® Branch describe a child’s age and Christmas wishes then participants return an appropriate gift for that child to the branch.

On Tuesday 15 December OzChild CEO, Lisa Sturzenegger, visited the Wantirna Community Bank® Branch to receive the 130 plus gifts that were collected for OzChild’s vulnerable children and young people. Everything from dolls, to craft kits to soccer balls and giant Tonka trucks!

Board member Colin Fletcher, Regional Manager (Melbourne Outer Eastern Region) Mark Nolan, Branch Manager Paul Jerrom and Chairman Merv Ericson all took time out of their day to share stories of how rewarding it had been buying the presents for kids who, to put it simply just deserve a bit of normal in their lives.

The gifts collected through various generous staff, colleagues, local businesses and customers from Wantirna Community Bank® Branch joined others collected by schools, clubs, businesses and individuals and brought smiles to the faces of over 600 children and young people OzChild are working with and caring for at Christmas.

There’s always a lot of work for OzChild, protecting kids, healing trauma and rebuilding families. There is a lot still to do, today, tomorrow and every day after that. But one thing is for sure, the kids had a brighter Christmas thanks to you.

The entire project has made this year a very special year for all of us involved, and we are certainly planning to continue to support the OzChild Wishing Tree Appeal in the future.

So far we have contributed $159,460 to the community.
PhilipWebb Real Estate is proud to support ‘Wantirna Primary School’ and would like to offer you the following -

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**LEASING REFERRALS**
Refer a person to PhilipWebb and if we LIST & LEASE their property or they transfer management of their property to PhilipWebb, we’ll say thanks with $300 of vouchers given to your school.

We are also happy to assist with Free Community event boards, Free use of our PW Marquee’s and donate a prize/gift to be used for fundraising for the club.

For more information please contact Andrew Gardner 0417 993 954

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What's new in Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)?

Our staff operate a stimulating and enjoyable Out of School Hours Care Program.

**Fees:**
- Before School Care $22.00 – 7:00am – 8:45am
- After School Care $17.00 – 3:30pm – 6:00pm

All fees are invoiced and sent out fortnightly and are to be paid within 7 days.

To make a booking or any general enquires about OSHC – Phone 0405 736 870

Coordinator – Premila Stone

All families must be enrolled to attend the program.

Please make sure you are signing your children in and out. It is a legal requirement that this is done by the parent or authorised person picking or dropping them off.

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Rowville Community Centre: Wednesdays 3:45 - 6:45pm

Rowville Uniting Church: Saturdays 1:15 - 3:45pm

Wantirna South - Church of the Nazarene

Tuesdays 3:30 - 6:30pm Saturdays 9am - 12pm

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CLASSROOM CUISINE 2016

Classroom Cuisine our Lunch order service is available on a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Starting from Monday 2nd February

We are very excited to announce that we will still be offering Lunch orders through the company Classroom Cuisine in 2016. They are a healthy food company.

They will deliver your placed order to the school by lunchtime.

You can either choose a TWO or THREE COURSE MEAL from 23 options within each course.

TO REGISTER AND ORDER ONLINE JUST VISIT

www.classroomcuisine.com.au

Even though you can order up until 8:30 am on the site we encourage you not to be in a 'last minute panic” - especially on the first day! Cut off is 8:30 am on the day of lunch orders. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN. Order anytime! On the back of this notice is a menu sheet.

Orders will only be accepted online -we cannot phone/email/fax orders through the school office.
Dear Parents

As part of the Department’s Health and Safety Management Plan, it is expected that new labelling will be installed at Wantirna Primary School. Over time all schools, with asbestos, in Victoria will be labelled. The labels remind workmen, contractors and school community members that they need to contact the school office before undertaking any works at the school, to ensure that they have up-to-date information from the school’s asbestos register. The labels you will see are like the labels attached. I am expecting these labels to be placed at our school (most schools in Victoria will be in the same position) but it is not cause for alarm. As mentioned, it is a reminder for all workers entering our school that they need to check our asbestos register.

Unfortunately asbestos, which is now banned, was used in the past and our school does have some areas where asbestos has been used as a building material. Asbestos is considered safe unless damaged or in poor condition. All asbestos at Wantirna PS is in good condition. We have an Asbestos Register which identifies all areas where asbestos has been used and is updated whenever building works occur.

Please be reassured that our school is a safe place and that this labelling adds an extra level of protection for your child and you. We have an Asbestos Management Plan which outlines the responsibilities, procedures, protocols and systems for the effective management of identified asbestos and minimisation of associated risks.

If, and when, any works are planned for areas containing asbestos, before works begin the asbestos is removed. This is undertaken by companies who are registered to remove asbestos and is only completed at times when students and staff are not in the school.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school on 9801 1938.

Yours sincerely

Sue Ferge
Principal