Principal’s Report

House Cross Country - We had a very successful House Cross Country last Thursday morning. Luckily the weather was kind to us and we had a clear but windy day for the students. Thank you to Ms Creed for organising such a well-run event. It was wonderful to see so many families around the track to cheer on their children. Results will be announced by the House Captains in due course.

F-2 Excursion to Coal Creek - Last Friday our Junior School students, staff and parents visited Coal Creek Historical Museum. This was organised to support our curriculum focus on ‘History’. The Junior School’s Inquiry Unit this term is entitled ‘All Aboard the Time Machine’. To witness life in the school, see the workings of the general store and make damper, were all valuable experiences for our students. Thank you to the staff for the organisation and for parents who were able to attend on the day.

Mother’s Day Stall/Raffle - Thank you to the PFN and parents who were able to assist with the Mother’s Day Stall and Raffle last week, the children were very excited to choose a special gift for their mums. The range of items which were donated for the raffle was extensive and the prizes looked amazing.
Grade 3 – 6 History Box Incursion - Next Friday 20th of May, we have invited ‘The History Box’ to present to our students to support their understanding of their Inquiry Units. The areas which will be covered include:

- The First Australians
- First Fleet and Early Settlement
- Federation
- Gold/Eureka Stockade
- Immigration

Open Day - Wantirna Primary School is celebrating Education Week this year on Tuesday May 17th. We have scheduled school tours for new families between 12.00 and 1.00 pm. Classrooms will be open for parents between 2.30 – 3.30 pm in order to see our students ‘in action’. At 6.00 pm, we have invited Ms Leanne Wilson, who has a wealth of knowledge and experience in the teaching of Numeracy to speak to our families. From 6.45pm until 7.30, students and parents are invited to participate in a Family Maths Night in the classrooms.

Curriculum – Reading at Wantirna Primary School - The Victorian Curriculum lists three modes of learning in English, one of which is Reading and Viewing under the strands of Language and Literacy. The approach to Reading we use is based on the CAFÉ System. This stands for Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency and Expanding Vocabulary. Teachers use CAFÉ to assess, instruct and monitor student progress. Whole class, small group and individual lessons are provided which assists all students to reach their potential. Students conference regularly with their teacher and set personal goals for their learning in reading.

Working Bee - The date for our Term 2 Working Bee is Sunday 19th of June. Our list of jobs include: weeding, pruning, painting, mulching of playgrounds and a general tidy-up of our school grounds.

NAPLAN - This week the students in Years 3 and 5 underwent their Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy Assessments for NAPLAN. Later in the year, you will receive your child’s personal NAPLAN report. This report will not only show your child’s particular skills in the above but will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia. Here at Wantirna Primary School, like all Victorian Government Schools, we use the information provided to improve student achievement. We can be very proud of our results in demonstrating growth across the areas assessed in NAPLAN. These assessments do not however, demonstrate other areas which make up the education of the whole child. Such elements such as personal and social skills, creative and critical thinking, cooperative decision making and leadership. Staff will be reporting on a broader range of how your child is making progress against the Victorian Curriculum later in Term 2.

If you wish to discuss NAPLAN or any other assessments we conduct at Wantirna Primary School, please don’t hesitate to approach me for more information.

Hawks in Schools - On Tuesday afternoon, Wantirna Primary School once again hosted players from the Hawthorn Football Club. Ben McEvoy and Teia Miles answered questions and conducted a clinic for both Junior and Senior Students. This was one occasion when even Ms Badrock said she felt short as Ben is very tall at 2 metres in height, which is over 6’ 5” in imperial measurement.

Senior School Science - Families may have noticed a bit of activity on Wednesday afternoons in the school Vegie Garden. With the help of Michelle McLean, Ms Creed and the Senior Students have been clearing and planting some winter vegetables. Thank you to Michelle for making yourself available to assist our students with these Science lessons. Students will be eagerly monitoring the progress of their plants with the view of harvesting and cooking with their produce later this term.

Curriculum Day/Reporting Day - Our next Curriculum Day will be held on Monday 6th June. On this day, staff will be preparing units of work for Term 3 as well as preparing the mid-year reports which will be distributed at the end of Term 2.

Our school grounds - Our appreciation is extended once again to the additional work that Peter Gilbert makes ensuring that our school is presented in the best way possible. He can often be found planting annuals or sweeping up and general beautifying our school in readiness for upcoming events.

Head Lice – We have had a report from a parent that their child has head lice. Could you please check your child/ren’s hair for eggs/lice. Removal of EVERY EGG from your child/ren’s hair and regular weekly checks by everyone in the school is essential in the control and prevention of head lice. Remember head lice are not an indication of poor personal hygiene. It is a social problem particularly common in young children due to the close proximity in which they work with each other.

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Principal
Student | For
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Tonia B | Outstanding Effort when editing her work.
Oscar P | Giving thoughtful appreciations in Tribes sessions.
Ryan T | Great role model.
Wendy S | Great role model.
Adam L | Angels & degrees.
Rohan P | Consistent at soccer.
Kayla T | Showing mutual respect to her classmates.
Kyle C | Always coming to class prepared.
Aaron B | A great effort.
Nathan B | A great effort.
Charlee D | Her consistently lovely approach to her friendships, classroom behaviour and attitude.

Premiers’ Reading Challenge

Madeleine G in 3/4E, Alex L in 4/5F and William H in 5/6P has already completed the Premiers’ reading challenge. Well done!

There are still a number of students that registered but haven’t started reading there is still time with the challenge ending on 9th September 2016.

Parent & Friends Network News

The Federal Election has been announced for Saturday 2nd July and that means that WPS is already smelling sausages cooking. As the election falls during the Term 2 school holidays, we need to start sourcing volunteers now to help run our BBQ, Cake stall etc. on the day. The election BBQ is a good fundraising opportunity. We have a captive audience and we all know how hungry voting can make you! A notice will come home soon asking for helpers on the day. If you can spare a few hours to help out please fill out the notice and return to the school office.

WPS PFN Calendar of Events

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Order on line now! Books are also available at the school office. Entertainment books available at www.entbook.com.au/189e273
What’s been happening at WPS?

As part of their Inquiry Learning Unit “All Aboard the Time Machine” the junior school attended an excursion to Coal Creek Community Park and Museum. They had the opportunity to experience school in the year 1901, and how shops have changed and what food was available to purchase.
In 1/2R they have been growing butter beans as part of their science experiment. They tracked and record the results of growth as part of their science lesson.
House Cross Country

[Images of children in outdoor settings]
2016 Open Day
Tuesday 17th May

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School tours for new families: 12.00-1.00 pm

Please phone to register your interest: 9801 1938

Open Afternoon: 2.30-3.30 pm

Family Maths Night: 6.00-6.45 pm

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