

NEWSLETTER

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Next newsletter due: Thursday, November 3, 2016



Term Dates

Term 4: Oct 3—
Dec 20

Dates to remember:

Fri, Nov 4: year
2/3 sleepover;

5/6 Lightning
premiership

Wed, Nov 16:
year 1/2 excursion
to CERES

Dec 19 Grade 6
Adventure Park

**State School's
Spectacular—
featuring stu-
dents from
WVPS—
highlights
show will be
on channel 7,
Sat., Dec. 3 at
7pm**

**Before and after
school care:**

BIG child care

0403 280 852

Dear Parents

The year is fast running away on us and we have a lot planned. Please keep checking school bags to ensure that you are not missing out on any important notices.



We have commenced thinking about—and planning for—2017. We are currently advertising for new teachers to cope with our growing enrolment, and are looking at employing an additional Assistant Principal for the 2017 school year. We have also been advised that we've been allocated an additional four classrooms—which will mean the arrival of two portable buildings over the Christmas break period, if not sooner. We have also ordered a lot of new furniture to go in these classrooms.

IN preparation for next year we have also arranged for our transition visits for the foundation class of 2017. These dates have been set for:

Thursday, November 3rd, 2.00—2.45pm

Wednesday November 9th: 2.00—2.45pm

Monday, November 21st: 9.00—10.00am

Tuesday, December 6th: 9.00—11.00am

Parent information night: Thursday, December 1st, 7.00—8.30pm

I am sure we will have some very excited little people at school on those days. If you have any questions about this process please contact Ms Carpenzano in room 3. Our thanks to her for her organisation of the orientation sessions—it is a big undertaking!

Student enrolment—2017

As a school we understand that from time to time people's family circumstances change, which will mean that their children will no longer be attending our school in 2017. If this is the case can we ask that you complete the **slip on page four** and return it to our office as soon as possible? Thank you for your assistance here—this helps us with our forward planning in terms of resources and staffing.

Step Up Day

ON Tuesday, December 6th we will be running 'Step Up Day' at school. On this day our students all move up one year level to get a chance to experience some of what life will be like next year. Year ones will become year two students for example....just for that day. As we will not yet have all of our new staff on board it is important to note that the classes and teachers will NOT be the ones that we have in place for 2017. This is not a chance to meet the teacher, or your new classmates, it is simply an opportunity to have a bit of a taste of what is in store next year.

Student placement in 2017

From time to time parents have comment to make in relation to their child's grade placement in the next school year. If you wish to have any input into this you must put your request in writing, place it in an envelope marked confidential, and address it to the Principal. This correspondence needs to be received by Friday, November 11th for it to be contemplated. Please note, requests for particular teachers will NOT be considered.

Child Safe Standards

Background

On 26th November 2015, the Victorian Parliament passed the Child Wellbeing and Safety Amendment (Child Safe Standards) Bill to introduce seven child safe standards into law. The standards apply to all organisations involved in child related work in Victoria. Ministerial Order No. 870 provides the framework for how schools will be required to comply with the Standards.

School Position

Wyndham Vale Primary School has an important responsibility for keeping children safe and protecting children from abuse. The School has in place strategies to embed a culture of child safety at the school. Strong governance arrangements, underpinned by a formal commitment from school leadership to the values and standards are crucial to ensure that the school has a strong culture of child safety.

Strategies that seek to prevent harm and neglect (including physical, sexual, emotional, neglect, racial and cultural or religious abuse) all contribute to a child safe culture. It is therefore critical that child safety is part of the everyday thinking and practice within the school community. The school will maintain the momentum of a child safe culture by monitoring performance and checking that child safety continues to be prominent in the school's governance and planning.

Children have the right to be safe and protected, including at school. It is important that you feel confident that your child is safe and well in the care whilst at school

To create and maintain a child safe organisation, at Wyndham Vale Primary School the following Child Safe Standards apply:

- Everyone connected to our school can help children be safe.
- We have zero tolerance for any abuse of children.
- We already have policies and processes in place to protect the care, safety and welfare of children. These are being strengthened to ensure a zero tolerance approach to child abuse.
- There are clear boundaries about how adults in our school community may interact with the children here.
- The new child safe standards go further than child protection arrangements did in the past.
- The child safe standards apply to school staff (including volunteers and contractors), visitors and students' family members.
- Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility. Different people at our school have different roles and responsibilities for ensuring children's safety
- Staff members (including volunteers) will receive training and support to understand and carry out their responsibilities under the standards.
- Unsupervised contractors will be asked about their child safety arrangements as a condition of working with us if they work with children enrolled in the school (or children can reasonably be expected to be present while they are at the school).
- Other people using our school facilities will be asked about their child safety arrangements as a condition of using our facilities if they involve children enrolled at the school (or children can reasonably be expected to be present while their staff or other adults are at the school).

In addition to informing the school community of the above matters, the child safety policy (standard two), child safety code of conduct (standard three) and the school's procedures for responding to and reporting allegations of suspected child abuse (standard five) are available through the school office.

If you have any further questions please contact Sue Seneviratne, *Child Safety Contact*

Second hand uniform

We have numbers of students starting at our school next year looking to purchase second hand uniform. If you have some you no longer require, maybe you could send it along to school—either as a donation—or for you to sell yourself? If you wish to sell it, please write your child’s name on an envelope, and the amount you are asking, pin it to the item for sale and send it to the office. Note that the school will add \$1 to each sale for fundraising purchases. It is my experience that for items to sell they do need to be less than half price of what the item would cost to buy it new. We would love to have a lot of things to sell on Step Up Day (Dec 6) as we invite the new students to attend that day.

School Council

The next meeting of our School Council is scheduled for TONIGHT, Thursday, October 20th at 7pm. School Council members are elected and have full speaking and voting rights, but parents are always welcome to attend as observers.

School Policies

In keeping with our commitment to engage the school community we once again invite parental input into our draft copies of the following policies. The policies below are available at the office for you to view and offer input.

- Parent payments
- Restraint of student
- On site supervision
- Incident and accident management

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As always, thanks for your support of our school. We enjoy what we do, and will always try to do the very best we can for your children.

Kind regards, Sue Seneviratne, Principal

Some advance notice:

Tuesday, November 1 is Melbourne Cup Day and the school will be closed for the day. We have also set aside the Monday before the Cup Day holiday as a Curriculum Day (Monday, October 31st). Students are not required at school on these days.

CLASS AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students

00C	Joan
00D	Robby & Carter
00M	Ekroop & Jake
00O	Bailei & Simrat
1B	Ernie & Tyrese
1M	Athiey & Zahra
1W	Bella & Ihaka
12S	Tadiwa & Savannah
2G	Aryan & Holly
3G	Xander & Brayden
3W	Dave & Kabir
34B	William & Winsome
4G	Porsha & Nicholas
56H	Kate
56T	Fayez & Solomon
Performing Arts	Khan

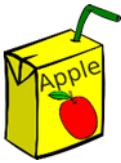


Parents and Friends Association (PFA)

Our next scheduled meeting of the PFA is Wednesday, November 16. This is held at the back of the library. All welcome—including preschool aged children.

Just a reminder

Dear Parents



The Parents and Friends meeting room is available for your use. You can use the room, which may be found in the back area of the library, at the start and end of the day, while waiting for your child/ren, instead of waiting outside. The room is stocked with tea, coffee, biscuits and juice drinks for children as well as toys.



This is a great way to meet other parents, catch up with friends or simply relax before going home.



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-If appropriate, please detach and return to the office ASAP

PLANS FOR 2017

Dear Sue

My child/renof grade(s).....
will NOT be attending WVPS in 2016. At this stage I expect they will be attending
..... Primary School. (We don't need a response from our year 6 students, we know about them!)

Signed: Print name: