



News & Views

WONGA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Diary Dates

2019

TERM 2

MAY

- 10th L5/6—Interschool Sport
Vs YVG
11th **WPPS—
MEGA WORKING BEE**
13th L1—A Day at the Museum
15th L2—A Day at the Museum
Coffee & Chat—7.00pm
2018 Annual Report
16th Prep & L6—Teddy Bear’s Picnic
18th **2019 FEDERAL ELECTION**
20-24th L5/6 Canberra Camp
24th Expressions P-4—Ninja
25th **WPPS—FARMERS’ MARKET**
28th District Cross Country
29th Prep—Aust. Animal Incursion

JUNE

- 3rd L5/6 Science Discovery Dome
**WPPS—OPEN NIGHT
6.00PM—8.00PM**
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Notices / Replies Due Back

- Expressions Programmes
- L1/2 A Day at the Museum
- L3/4 Queen Vic Market
- L5/6 Camp
- District Cross Country
- L5/6 Science Discovery Dome



From the Principal's Desk



Welcome back to staff, students and families as we begin Term 2. A special warm welcome to our new students and their families – River H (Gr 3), Scarlet H (Gr 2), Oscar G (Gr 3), Bella G (Gr 1) and Oscar G (Gr 4). We look forward to a busy and productive term of learning and to exploring our Big Idea of Diversity.



Curriculum Days

Our recent two curriculum days have been great opportunities for our staff to work on school priorities, building our knowledge and capacity together. On the last day of Term 1 we worked with EdPartnerships consultant Larissa Raymond and Dr. James Russo on our mathematics priority. James is currently working at Monash University researching maths practice and is sharing this exciting work with us. James and Larissa will continue this work with teachers this term, helping teams to design great learning tasks in mathematics.



Our curriculum day on the first day of Term 2 was shared with staff from our cluster schools, Rangeview PS and Park Orchards PS. The focus of the day was Positive Psychology, the study of Wellbeing focussing on optimism, wellbeing, people strengths and accomplishments. The facilitator was Maria Ruberto from Salutogenics Psychology

Maria’s work focuses on

strengths based coaching; her mission is to ‘transition people towards a state of flourishing, embedding respect, resilience and resolve along the way’. We worked on using and developing our special character strengths and how to utilise everyone’s strengths. The work is very relevant for our work as educators and administrators and very transferrable to students and families.



One task that we have all committed to each day is to record three good things that happened and think about why they happened. Looking for simple ‘good’ things, like a beautiful sunset, the laughter of a child or catching up with a friend, helps us shift our thinking to focus on the positive rather than our natural inclination which is to focus on the negative. Why not try this simple, but powerful activity with your family, around the dinner table or at bed time. We’d love to hear how it goes and the difference it makes to your family.



2019 Federal Election Day

Saturday 18th May, 2019

8.00am—6.00pm

Voting will once again be held at WPPS. We are in need of volunteers for the BBQ and cake stall. If you can help at all, please register your interest at the following Survey Monkey link:- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/93CFQFL>

The Wonga Park Historical Society will be having a display showing past info and photos. Please come along and visit the display.

From the Principal's Desk cont...

ANZAC Service

Our recent school ANZAC service was a moving acknowledgment of the contribution and suffering of all the men and women who have served and died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. We thank Mr. Arthur Ford from the Lilydale RSL, who comes each year to run our service. Arthur works tirelessly with veterans, providing support and help to them and their families. We also thank Mrs. Robyn Smith, who shared stories of local young men from Wonga Park, who served in the First World War. Robyn is very knowledgeable about the history of Wonga Park and has written a book, documenting these wonderful stories. We found out that our beautiful oak tree was planted by one of the Webb family, around 1900. Robyn's book about WW1 will be placed in our library for students and families to borrow.



I was very proud of our students and the interest they show to understand the significance of this important part of our history. Our senior students led the singing of 'I Am Australian' beautifully and Reagan P read the poem 'In Flanders Fields' with great feeling. Students created special artwork depicting images of the ANZAC campaign and together we sang 'Spirit of the ANZACs'. Thank you to Meryl Archibald, Jade Lethbridge, Kathryn Lane and our students, staff and families for making our service such a special and important event. I felt very privileged to be part of it.

Many of our student voice representatives also attended the ANZAC service organised by the Templestowe Returned Service League. This is a lovely tradition that brings together students from primary and secondary schools in the Manningham area.

Congratulations Michael K!

Late last term Michael K (Grade 6) qualified to play in the National Clay Court Tennis Championships in Canberra. This was a great achievement and the students ran a free dress day to raise money towards Michael's travel and accommodation costs. Michael has worked tirelessly to achieve his goals and did an amazing job to have a ranking of 19th at the conclusion of the competition. A great effort Michael. We are all very proud of you.



Whole School Cross Country

Congratulations to all of our students for their effort and endeavor as they participated in our whole school cross country last week. After many weeks of training, it was wonderful to see students doing their best, supporting each other and celebrating everyone's achievements. Thank you to Mrs. Philp, Mrs. Sabattucci, Mrs Carroll, and our staff for all their hard work to plan and run such an enjoyable and successful event. A huge thank you also to our parents who helped with marshalling, recording, first aid, cheering and supporting and providing lunch to over 400 students – a massive effort! Your assistance and support was greatly appreciated. It is at events such as this that our wonderful community spirit is so evident – something we should celebrate and be very proud of!



The Fathering Project

There is a growing movement in our community to provide more opportunities for dads to connect with their children and with other dads. The Fathering Project is one of these initiatives that is growing from strength to strength in W.A. School Council has supported the plan to begin a dad's group at WPPS, based on the philosophy and structure of the WA model. The idea of the initiative is to have a core group of dads who organise a couple of activities each term – some are for dads only e.g. a bowling night, and some are for dads and kids e.g. a movie night, a camp out, mini golf etc. If any of our dads are interested in being part of the organising committee, please let me know. We will keep our dads/special friends posted about our first meeting and our first event!



2018 Annual Report

Each year, all government schools are required to prepare an Annual Report, outlining the school's progress against state means and similar schools in Student Learning, Wellbeing and Engagement. The report identifies that students are engaged, feel safe and are progressing well in all areas. All of our targets in literacy and numeracy were achieved or exceeded. I would like to acknowledge and thank our exceptional teachers and support staff for their dedication and efforts to achieve these results. I would also like to thank our parents for their invaluable support – the partnership between home and school is important and appreciated.



The report, which has been endorsed by School Council and approved by the Department of Education, will be available shortly on the school website and in hard copy at the office. Parents are invited to attend the next Coffee and Chat session on **Wednesday, May 15th at 7:00 pm**, where the 2018 Annual Report will be presented, along with other topics of interest. Please RSVP via this link if you are able to attend - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LPW9SQ6> Or QR code

All welcome.



From the Principal's Desk cont...

NAPLAN

In week 4, (May 14th – 17th), students in Grades 3 and 5 will participate in the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Students will complete formal assessments in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Grammar & Punctuation and Spelling) and Numeracy. Parents will receive an individual report of their child's achievement against National Standards later in Term 3.



School Improvements

Over the holiday break the school residence was painted throughout and new shelving units were installed in the centre space of the BER to house browsing books for the Grade 5/6 students. Each year we have two **Mega**



Working Bees and the first for the year is next **Saturday, May 11th**, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. It is a great chance for families to come along and help with jobs that keep our school grounds safe and to be part of new projects that improve our school. We currently have 60 people attending which is a fantastic response, but our list of jobs is very long and we would love to see even more families, even if you can only spare an hour! Morning tea and lunch provided!

Farmers' Market Birthday Celebration

What a great day we had at the April Farmers' Market, celebrating our 2nd birthday. Many thanks to the many Grade 1 parents who volunteered their time and made a wonderful birthday cake and cupcakes! The Lego competition generated a lot of interest with an amazing array of creations with a birthday theme and the choir performance was a highlight. Congratulations to all of our students who participated. Our Farmers' Market is our major fundraiser for the year and a great opportunity for our community to meet. We look forward to our May market, and hope that many of our **Prep and Grade 6** families and students, can help to make it a great success.



Mother's Day Breakfast

It was wonderful to see so many of our mums and children at the Mother's Day breakfast on Wednesday. A big thank you to Jess Vine, who travelled down from Swan Hill to cater for this special event – you are amazing! Thank you to Mrs Kearton, who has organised for every child to make a very special gift from the heart. I know mums will treasure them! Wishing all of our mums a lovely Mother's Day!



2020 Prep Information Evening

Parents who have children beginning school in 2020 were invited to the Prep Information Evening on Wednesday, May 8th. Our school captains, prep teachers, a School Council representative shared information about our school with prospective families. We ask that parents who have siblings starting school next year, to please complete an enrolment form as soon as possible so that we have accurate projections for 2020. Many thanks.



Open Night & Book Fair

Our Open Night will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 4th from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Our Big Idea of Diversity will be the theme, with all classrooms showcasing a particular aspect of diversity. Our choir will be performing and we invite families to visit all of the classrooms and the Kids Kitchen. Our annual Book Fair will run from June 3rd to 7th with beautiful books for purchase. This year we are encouraging each family to **donate one book for our library** from the wish list collection which will be on display. A big focus for us this year is to build and renew the books in our library, ensuring there are wonderful books to entice and excite every young reader in our school. Families who donate a book will be acknowledged with a template inside the front cover of the book.



Earn and Learn

The Earn and Learn promotion is on again and it is a great way for the school to be able to get much needed resources for free!! Please collect as many stickers as you can from friends and relatives so that we can order even more great coding and ICT resources. Many thanks to our ICT Captains who are coordinating the collection. Please drop your stickers at our box at Woolworths Chirnside Park or at our box outside the office at school.



Parking Reminder

I would like to thank the many families that are assisting with improved traffic flow and parking. It is disappointing to hear however, that a small percentage of our school community are causing distress to our neighbours by parking in or across their driveways. Some neighbours have reported this to police and the bylaws officers from Manningham Council who will attend on a regular basis and book drivers who are not obeying road laws. Everyone's safety and positive relationships with our neighbours are important – your cooperation to ensure both are maintained is appreciated.



2019 Parent Group School Directory

We are currently finalising the 2019 Parent Group School Directory — to help make life easier when organizing birthday parties, play dates etc, with family contacts. If you have not returned your form and would like your details to be included, please contact the office.



From the Principal's Desk cont...

Parenting Ideas

We have recently subscribed to an excellent wellbeing site, 'Insights', which has interesting research based articles for parents. We will bring these parenting ideas to you each newsletter and hope you enjoy reading the tips that have been written by many well known psychologists such as Michael Grose. Our first is about the important job that our mums do – very pertinent for Mother's Day! Enjoy!

Julie

insights parenting*ideas

Mum's the work

by Michael Grose

Watching my own children become parents is an unexpected parenting joy. Not in the light-hearted 'your-turn-has-come' way where older generations delight in watching their own children endure the same sleepless nights, naughty toddler behaviour and teenage rebelliousness that they experienced as parents.

The joy for me lies in watching my adult kids protect, teach, nurture and support their children, in the Time honored way that parents have done for generations. This work, also known as generative parenting, was outlined by American psychologists and researchers Dollahite, Hawkins and Brotherson in the 1990's.

Also known as mother work (and father work), generative parenting refers to the instinctive activities of parents that enable the next generation to survive and thrive. These activities range from providing kids with food and shelter and other basic needs through to developing more complex skills in their kids such as working with others, adapting to change and developing the resourcefulness needed for full independence.

Like most parents my daughters want to be the best parents they can be so they both devour parenting books, attend courses when they can and join online chat groups for support and ideas.

But it's their mother work, their instinctive work, that's their most potent parenting force. Here's why.

Mother work is protective

When my eldest daughter visits our house she does a quick reconnaissance trip through each room, lifting errant blind cords and removing heavy objects, to make our house safe for her two boys to move around. The protective side is strong.

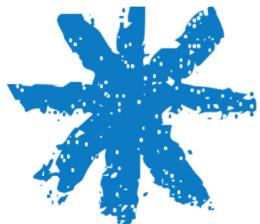
Mother work is educative

When my youngest daughter patiently explains to her exuberant young three year old that she needs to allow other children to share her toys, she is doing important teaching work. That requires super patience.

Mother work is nurturant

The safety my daughters provide when they wrap their arms around their children when they've fallen and hurt themselves comes naturally to them.

From the Principal's Desk cont...



parenting*ideas

Mother work is supportive

The emotional support these young women provide to their children when they've been upset by the thoughtless or rough behaviours of siblings and friends is often hard work. But they are up to the task.

My daughters' mother work will continue well into their children's teen years and beyond. The nature of the work will change with each developmental stage but the intent of the work –to nurture, protect, teach and support – will stay the same.

Men can do this work too, but they do it differently. When a mother instinctively protects she generally draws her child closer before searching out the source of fear. There'll be lots of cuddles before she puts a nightlight on to ease a child's fear of the dark.

When a father instinctively protects he's more likely to eliminate the source of fear, and skill his child up to fend for themselves. He'll prove there's nothing to be scared of when the light goes out, and show his child how to turn on the light when needed. Both are valid approaches, and are indicative of the gender differences in child-rearing.

This Mother's Day, it's my daughters' instinctive mother work that I'll celebrate, as that is real magic of parenting. Happy Mother's Day.



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 12 books for parents including *Spoonfed Generation* and the best-selling *Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It*. His latest release *Anxious Kids*, was co-authored with Dr Jodi Richardson.

From the Assistant Principal's Desk ...

2019 Class Representatives

Our 2019 Class Representatives met in the last week of Term 1. We have a wonderful group of parents, keen to make a difference and contribute to the school. It is our aim is for the committee to meet once a term.

Points of discussion included; - the role of the Class Representative, assistance at Farmers Markets, coffee and chats, fundraising

Each grade level has been allocated to assist at a Farmers Market for 2019.

We are also strongly recommending that students accompany their parents and are involved in helping at the market too

The market allocations are; April 27th – Grade 1 parents, May 25th – Grade 6 parents and Prep Parents, June 22nd - Grade 5 parents July 27th – Grade 3 parents, August 24th – Grade 2 parents, September 28th – TBC, October 26th – Grade 4 parents November 23rd – Whole School

Thanks to the parents who donated eggs for our *Easter raffle* and to those who volunteered their time and wrapped the many prizes. Our students always love the Easter Raffle. Mrs Kearton does a wonderful job of comparing the assembly and is supported so well by the school captains drawing the raffle and handing out the prizes. The kids especially love hearing the Easter Egg ‘Dad jokes’ ;)

eSafety – Office of the eSafety commissioner

We will feature information shared by the office of the eSafety Commissioner in each newsletter this year.

The information will help support parents and carers with tips and advice on helping your child have safe and enjoyable experiences online.

The first article we will feature overlaps nicely with the Transition to Secondary School session and is titled **Your child's first smartphone – are they old enough?** It explores the idea of whether your child is old enough to be given their own mobile phone and also how you can keep them safe once they have their own device.

Transition to Secondary School

Thank you those who attended the *Selecting a Secondary School for your Child* workshop on Monday 24th April.

Parents heard insights from Jack and Helena, our 2018 Grade 6 School captains about the transition from Grade 6 to Year 7. Rosina Fotia (principal of Lilydale Heights Secondary School) encouraged children to create a list of questions with their parents regarding questions they would like to ask on school tours.

Possible questions you might like to know more about on tours could include;

- *What structures are in place in Year 7 to assist with the transition from primary school?*
- *How many teachers will my year 7 student have i.e. does the school have a system where one teacher takes several subjects?*
- *What student welfare/pastoral care structures are in place? How would the school deal with my child if they were having problems?*
- *Who would I contact if I had issues or concerns about my child?*
- *How does the school inform parents about student progress? What would be the process if my child was having difficulties eg not attending, not completing tasks*
- *Does the school have a discipline policy in place? e.g. How are issues related to bullying dealt with?*
- *Is there a buddy program teaming older students with younger students?*
- *What are the subject choices? Does the school specialise in any area?*
- *What opportunities are there for my child who has a special interest in; performing arts, art, sport etc*
- *What languages are taught?*
- *How is ICT used throughout the curriculum?*
- *How does the school cater for different learning styles, the learning needs of boys?*
- *How does the school encourage student leadership skills and a student voice?*
- *If my child has special learning needs, what programs, supports are in place to assist him/her?*
- *What programs/strategies are in place for gifted and talented students?*
- *If my child is not particularly academic, what alternative pathways are available?*
- *What activities are available for students at recess and lunchtimes?*
- *What extra curricula opportunities are available?*
- *What transport options are available for my child to get to school?*
- *What is the fee structure?*
- *What are the uniform expectations?*
- *What VCE/alternative pathway options are available for students in later years?*
- *What does the school do to foster creativity, resilience, problem solving skills, critical thinking?*
- *What opportunities are there for parent involvement?*

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions regarding transition.

**Adele Brice
Assistant Principal**

From the Assistant Principal's Desk ...

eSafetyparents

Your child's first smartphone – are they old enough?

Children often have access to devices, including smartphones, from a very young age. Whether it's watching their favourite program through streaming services on your phone, using educational apps or simply viewing photos with you and the family, they are engaging with devices in one form or another.

But when is my child old enough to be given their own mobile phone?

In 2012, the Australian Bureau of Statistics revealed children as young as five years old owned a mobile phone – two percent of children aged between five and eight years old, and 29 percent for children aged five to 14 years. This figure is likely to be higher now!

For many parents and carers, five years old would seem too young. For others, it might offer them peace of mind and security to know they can keep in touch with their child—especially in an emergency.

The right age for your child will depend on their level of maturity. It's worth asking yourself the following questions before handing over a digital device.

- Does my child have a good sense of responsibility?
- Are they able to stick to the rules?
- Do they show a good understanding of actions and consequences?
- Do they come to me or another trusted adult when they are distressed or encounter problems?



For younger children it's best to start with a mobile phone without internet access, and introduce a smartphone when they demonstrate an appropriate level of maturity. Some younger children might argue that they are ready for a smartphone, especially if their friends already have one. But it's worth holding out until you feel confident that your child is mature enough.

My child has their first smartphone – now what?

When your child receives their first smartphone it's a great opportunity to instil safe online behaviours early on, so they can carry these skills through to their teens and beyond.

Here are some tips for getting them on board with good online habits.

Establish rules at the outset with clear boundaries

Talk about expectations and the consequences for not meeting these rules. Depending on the age of your child, you might want to set up a written signed agreement which lists the rules.

Here are some you may want to agree on:

- No phones after a certain time (i.e. 8.00 pm) – unless in an emergency.
- Keep to daily screen time limits (i.e. 1 hour per school night).
- Family time is a no-phone zone (i.e. dinner).



eSafetyCommissioner

esafety.gov.au/parents



2nd Birthday Celebrations for the Wonga Park Farmers' and Makers' Market

We had a lovely market on Saturday with plenty of people coming along to shop and to celebrate our 2nd birthday.

Thank you to everyone who helped, including all of the Grade 1 parents who really stepped up with birthday cake making, cartooning activity sheet, preserve making, collecting signs and helping on stalls. The kids did a fantastic job of collecting gold coin donations on the gate, too! Thank you for your support for our major school fundraiser.

Thank you to **Total Ctrl** for their sponsorship of the jumping castle for the April market.

Next market – Saturday May 25

Both Prep and Grade 6 families are allocated to help with this market.

IS YOUR BUSINESS INTERESTED IN BEING NEXT MONTH'S SPONSOR?

If you or your business would like to sponsor a petting zoo for the May market, please contact Jenny – wongaparkfm@gmail.com

CONTACT DETAILS AND LINKS

MARKET COORDINATOR Jenny Kelly EMAIL wongaparkfm@gmail.com

MARKET WEBPAGE <https://www.wongapark.vic.edu.au/wonga-park-farmers-market/>

MARKET FACEBOOK PAGE <https://www.facebook.com/wongaparkfarmersmarket/>

MARKET INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT <https://www.instagram.com/wongaparkfarmersmarket/>

MARKET HELPER ROSTER <http://signup.com/go/18Uk3t>

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN CLASSES

Classes for Term 2 will start next week. Classes will begin with garden classes on Wednesday May 8 for Grade 4's and on Thursday May 9 for Grade 3's.

A notice and Flexibuzz will be sent home next week.



Around the School...

Performing Arts News



Choir Performance at the WPPS Farmers' Market – another big congratulations to those choir members who performed at the Farmers' Market last weekend. I have received so much positive feedback about the choir and how great they sound. Well done to all those students who regularly attend our weekly 8.00am rehearsals and for practising the material at home as well. All your hard work dedication to this group is definitely paying off. Here are some photos from the Farmers Market.



Choir Performance at the Mothers' Day Breakfast on Wednesday 8th of May

Yes, the choir had another gig!! On Wednesday morning they will be singing for the mums at our annual Mothers' Day Breakfast. The performance will be at 8:30am and there will be a choir rehearsal as usual at 8.00am for those who can make it. We have a very special song that we would like to sing to our very special mums.

WPPS School Production - Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th of September

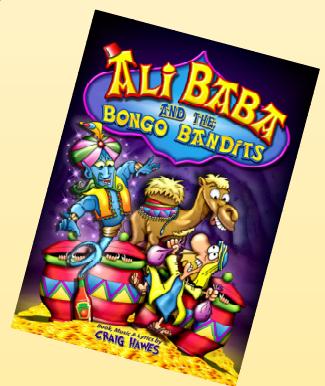
This years' senior production is..... 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits'. Grade 5 and 6 students will be given the opportunity to audition for a main role next Wednesday the 8th of May and if successful will be given a script soon after that to take home and start learning their lines. Students who don't have a main role will still be on stage and in one or more of the choruses.

The grade 3 and 4 students will also be on stage for one or two chorus songs on one of the two nights.

More information to come later regarding the Junior and Prep productions, but keep these dates in your diary because the Preps will be doing a mini musical on one of these nights and the Juniors will do a different mini-musical on the alternate night.

In the meantime, here is a rundown of the story of 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits':

Open sesame and discover a treasure-trove of fun and laughter as witty writer Craig Hawes gives the timeless tale a twist in this mystical musical comedy! So slip on your sandals for some sandy silliness as we take a thrilling carpet ride with Ali Baba and his crazy camel on an amazing Arabian adventure! The ancient city of Old Baghdad is in chaos. Whilst the bustling bazaar is overrun with ruthless robbers, up in the palace Sultan Pepper's precious princess and Royal Ruby have vanished! To make matters worse, it seems the poor Sultan cannot trust his own Vizier, Mustapha Widdle, nor his mischievous monkey Booboo. So when Ali Baba discovers the hidden Cave Of Wonders, secret hideout of Balthazar Bongo and his bumbling bandits, it's down to him to save the day! But when his ravenous, tap-dancing camel Humphrey bites off more than he can chew and Ali is accused of royal robbery, his fate seems as sealed as the Cave Of Wonders itself! With the sands of time rapidly running out, will Ali escape the clutches of the evil Vizier? Will he find and free the imprisoned princess? And what's in store when Ali and Bongo finally meet... fez to fez? These mysteries and many more are revealed as we follow Ali across the dusty desert dunes to face forty filthy thieves, rescue a runaway princess, fly a magic carpet and release a genie from a bottle of ketchup!



This hysterical show is filled with mystical mayhem and a swag-bag of laughs to provide an Arabian night you'll never forget! With colourful characters, a side-splitting script, an enchanting score of show-stopping songs and a sprinkle of sparkle from a genius genie, this magical musical is everything you could wish for!

Around the School ...

WHO DOES IT IN WONGA PARK?

2019 / 2020 EDITION



DO you have a local business?

DO you want to advertise to residents in the
Wonga Park Community and wider community?

Wonga Park Primary School is publishing the 2019 / 2020 Edition of our
“Who Does It in Wonga Park” booklet — a businesses directory for the local
community and we want you to be a part of it.

**This is a fantastic fundraiser for the school and helps
support our local community!**

For details please either complete the form below and return it to school or email
wdiwp2015@gmail.com or contact Alan on 0416 066 616.

Name : _____ Contact No. : _____

Name of Business : _____ Type of Business : _____





Dear Parents,

Our school is again participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn initiative.

From the 1st of May, Woolworths stores will give you 1 sticker for every \$10 that you spend in-store. Please stick your stickers onto the sticker sheet provided.

When you have completed your sticker sheet please drop it into the collection box in the office or at the Chirnside Park Woolworths store.

There are extra sticker sheets in the office for keen collectors.

All money from this year's Earn and Learn will be going towards coding and the ICT program.

Please collect as many stickers as you can before the 25th of June.

Also remember that anyone in your family can collect earn and learn stickers for our school.

Please help us to improve our school and education for the future.

Thanks

Lucas, Zac and Josh - ICT captains

Around the School ...



April 2019

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is up and running again!

The Reading Challenge is now in its 15th year and provides, *not a competition*, but rather a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by **1st September 2019**. The programme hopes to promote a love of reading and issue a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

Since it began in 2005, the Challenge has inspired more than 2.8 million young Victorians to read more than 48 million books and Wonga Park Primary School is proud to be part of this initiative.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers and those from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read and register 15 books before 1st September 2019.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier.

Rules for students

- 1) You must register as a Challenger and use your personal username and password to keep a record of your reading on this website <https://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/Challenger/WebLogin.aspx>
- 2) You must have all of your books entered online before **Sunday, 1st September 2019**
- 3) A minimum number of books are to be selected from the booklist on the website, the rest may be the student's own personal choice <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/booklist.aspx#link74>
- 4) If you are in Prep, Year 1 or Year 2 you can read books by yourself or with someone else, for example, a parent, teacher, brother or sister, classmate, buddy or friend. They can help you or read the book to you if you are just learning to read
- 5) Your online books will be verified by a coordinator in your school before the end of the Challenge
- 6) All your information must be completed online **before Sunday, 1st September 2019**

Grades:	Total books:	From the Challenge Book list:	Personal Choice
Prep – G2	30 books	20 or more	10
Year 3 – G6	15 books	10 or more	5

If you would like your child to participate in the VPRC, please sign this form and return it to your school
I would like my child to participate in the 2019 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge:

Name of child..... Class:

Parent Signature.....

Your child's username and password will be sent home soon and then he / she can begin to enter their books online. In the meantime, happy reading!

Many thanks,
Rosemary Storey

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their Birthdays over past and upcoming holiday break:

Lily B, Elodie G, Daniel R,
Aleila B-S, Ava B, Ariella H,
Jesse G, Tamika H, Charlotte
J, Georgia J, Thomas R,
Sarah M, Caleb P, Sam F,
Elvie B, Rylee M, Joel G,
Hudson G, Sophie G, Holly S,
Jacob F, Oli D-B, Nathan C,
Josh B, Carter D, Reagan P,
Mackenzie K, Maddison McI,
William B & Imogen W.

Around The School...

Uniform Shop

REGULAR TRADING HOURS ARE:-

Tuesday to Friday : 9.00am—5.00pm

Saturday : 10.00am—1.00pm

Saturday : 9.00am—2.00pm

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School Banking

Our School Banking continues every **Wednesday** morning with Bendigo Bank.



New accounts are welcome at any time.
You can apply online or collect a new account form from the office.



Around the School ...

Canteen Duty Roster



TERM 2

MAY

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| Friday 10th | - Marnye Lockwood, Brooke James |
| Thursday 16th | - Libby Ferrall |
| Friday 17th | - Nardene Horvath |
| Thursday 23rd | - Andrea Lowe |
| Friday 24th | - Katrina Garrett, Deb Couzens |
| Thursday 30th | - Katie Proctor |
| Friday 31st | - Rennae Rackley, Jules Phelan |

First Aid Room Sick Bay Linen Roster

TERM 2

MAY

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| Friday 10th | - Sally Newton |
| Friday 17th | - Kristy Dinnison |
| Friday 24th | - Cindy Stanes |
| Friday 31st | - Lisa List |



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Wonga Park Primary School

Choosing a School for Your Child



Open Night

Parents are warmly invited to attend our Open Night celebrating Teaching & Learning at Wonga Park.

Tuesday 4th June 2019, 6.00pm - 8.00pm

All Welcome



BOOK FAIR



Monday 3rd June, 2019 — Friday 7th June, 2019

You are invited to visit our Book Fair to experience a celebration of reading.
There are hundreds of fun, engaging, affordable books to discover.

Monday 3rd June - 8.30am – 9.00am and 3.00pm – 4.00pm

Tuesday 4th June - 8.30am – 9.00am (Open Night) 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Wednesday 5th June - 8.30am – 9.00am and 3.00pm – 4.00pm

Thursday 6th June - 8.30am – 9.00am and 3.00pm – 4.00pm

Friday 7th June - 8.30am – 9.00am and 3.00pm – 4.00pm

Eftpos facilities available. Hope to see you there! Parent Helpers Required.

[See over for dates and details about our Transition programs.](#)



Bright Beginnings - Transition Program for Four Year Olds

The dates and times are as follows –

Session 1

Wednesday 7th August, 2019 9.00 am – 11.00 am (Bring play lunch)

Session 2

Wednesday 4th September, 2019 9.00 am – 11.00 am (Bring play lunch)

Session 3

Wednesday 16th October, 2019 9.00 am – 11.00 am (Bring play lunch)

Session 4

Wednesday 27th November, 2019 9.00 am – 1.00 pm (Bring Playlunch & Lunch)

Children do not need to be enrolled at our school to attend the first transition session. Children need to bring along a snack and drink for morning tea in named containers. For the duration of the transition sessions, we ask that you not provide your child with dairy or nut products for their snack.

Parents are not required to stay for the session.



Our School Community...

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CROSS COUNTRY

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U6 - U16 BOYS & GIRLS
Cross Country Season: April - July
Various Eastern Suburbs locations

WHEN:
Sunday 9.30am - 11am (approx)

COST:
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belindajones79@gmail.com



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