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WANDIN NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weekly News

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
17/02	18/02	19/02	20/02	21/02	
	School Council	No Preps			
24/02	25/02	26/02	27/02	28/02	
		No Preps		Free Dress Harvest Theme Donations - Mystery Bottle Items	
				3:00pm Assembly Captain Badges Presentation	
03/03	04/03	05/03	06/03	07/03	
	Twilight Sports 5:30pm—7:30pm	No Preps			
10/03	11/03	12/03	13/03	14/03	Saturday 15/03 Sunday 16/03
Labour Day Public Holiday					Saturday - Working Bee #2 9:00am - 11:00am
					Harvest Market Set Up 12:00pm onwards
					Sunday - Harvest Market
17/03	18/03	19/03	20/03	21/03	
	School Council & AGM				
24/03	25/03	26/03	27/03	28/03	
School Photos				Free Dress	

Noteworthy:

CSEF - Applications for the 2025 Camps, Sports and Excursions fund (CSEF) are now open. We ask that completed forms (together with a copy of your current health care card) and handed in to the office no later than 28TH February, 2025.

Camps, Sports and Excursions fund eligibility: Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 - Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a mature minor of sixteen years of age or over, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one; or on the first day of Term two.
 - a. Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder; or
 - b. Be a temporary foster parent; and Submit an application to the school by the due date.
- * A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: <u>Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)</u>: Eligibility | education.vic.gov.au

Mature minors or parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and seventeen years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and eighteen years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students' attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooling, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date: For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink (see Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF): Policy | education.vic.gov.au).

Payment amounts: CSEF payment amount. The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student. The CSEF is paid directly the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child. Please refer to the policy for the current rates.

Foundation government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents, so if you are eligible, please register your interest at the school.

How to complete the application form:

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.

Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.

If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

- Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
- 3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Phone Messages: Parents are asked to check their messages if they receive a 'missed call' before contacting the school as a response is not always required.

We are aware that parents are not always able to answer the phone during the day when we try to contact them and where possible, we will leave a detailed message. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Council Nominations :

Ever wanted to see the behind scenes working of Wandin North Primary School? Well, here's your chance! Our School Council is on the lookout for proactive, passionate, creative, and curious individuals to help shape the future of our school.

Nominations for the 2025 School Council open on **Tuesday of Week 2, Term 1 (04/02/25)** –Whether you're a numbers person, a policy enthusiast, or just someone who loves seeing kids thrive, we'd love to have you on board.

What's in it for you?

- Insight: Learn what actually goes on behind the scenes.
- Impact: Make decisions that genuinely improve the school experience for all our kids.

Networking: Meet other amazing parents and staff while understanding the finer points of school policy.

Our School Council meet on the third Tuesday of every month, starting at 6pm. Our meetings take place in the staffroom and usually take an hour. Our student leadership present at our meetings and it is great to hear their insight and what areas of the school they would like to improve. Let's make 2025 an unforgettable year for Wandin North Primary. Together, we can achieve amazing things.

Nomination forms are in the office. If more nominations are received than places available, a vote will take place.

Nominations close Friday 21st February.

◆ Lunch Orders: Weekly lunch orders are supplied by the Wandin Bakery. Lunch Order Day will be each Thursday of the school term.

Order forms and ordering instructions can be found at the noticeboard near the school office.. Wandin Bakery will have a drop box on the counter for parents/students to do a quick drop off - lunch order form and correct money must be in a zip lock bag or a sealed envelope. You also have the option of paying by card, or wait for the staff to serve you if you don't have correct change. To co inside with the Wandin North's sustainability program Tomato Sauce and Soy sauce will be supplied to the school for students to use.

The juice boxes or water bottles can also be recycled in the recycle bins located in the school office building, as these are apart of the 10cent recycling project.

We thank Wandin Bakery for the opportunity to work with them, and the school is grateful to be supporting a local business.

Any queries you can call the bakery 59644734.

◆ Compass: Late Arrivals & Early Departures: All students must be signed in and out by parents at the office using the Compass 'Kiosk' (iPad). This will automatically update class rolls. Late students need to obtain a 'Late Pass' upon arrival. Students being collected early will be called to the office by staff where they will be collected by parents/carers.

Parents are not to go directly to the classroom unless requested by staff.

♦ Working Bee #2 : Saturday 15th March 9:00am—11:00am

Families rostered on: Kayla Leslie (School Council Representative), Andrew, Bray-Ryan, Burgess, Clement, Cook, Cunningham, Gaylor, Graham (Jett), Godaly, Harrison, Hart, Lammertsma, Leitch, McLean, Pen, Redgewell, Reed, Rosser, Ryan (Brodie), Sargeant (Hugh), Schultz, Tabone, Tatt, Tilley, and Watkins.

OH&S: To ensure the safety of our volunteers, an OH&S briefing is conducted at each working bee. Please read the "Volunteer Induction Handbook". Further information can be found in WNPS Volunteer Policy which can be found on the school's website. https://www.wandinnorthps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Volunteer-Induction-Handbook.pdf

Harvest Market :

Roster - Version 2 of the Harvest Market Roster is attached to the Compass post. We are still seeking assistance in some areas. Please check for the latest information and advise us of how you can help.

Business Donation Letters - Stall coordinators seeking letters to businesses requesting donations are advised to contact Lyn in the office by Monday 3rd March. Please provide the correct the business name, contact name, mailing address, phone number and email address.

Raffle Tickets - Please return you sold ticket stubs and money to the office as soon as possible. More raffle books are available form the office foyer.

Colouring Competition - Reminder to hand in your amazing pictures into the office.



Mystery Bottles: We are gathering donations for mystery bottles stall for our annual Harvest Market. There are a few stores you can visit Kmart, Woolworths and Coles; have a look in the party section for mini / small toys, fidgets etc. We will spilt the toys up to make

a bag of mystery. We are trying to keep lollies and chocolates to a minimum please.

Here are some ideas of donations we are looking for the mystery bottles:

Tubes of slimes, playdough / Bop it's /

Bouncy balls, down balls / Sensory toys / Hairclips / Matchbox cars / Figurines / Ooshies Thank you for your support.

◆ TheirCare OSHC at Wandin North Primary School

Enrol in Out of Hours School Care – Enrolling is quick and easy! Simply set up your own account online via www.theircare.com.au or call 1300 072 410.

