



WANDIN NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

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From the Principal

Our annual Twilight Sports is on this evening, 4th March starting at 5:30pm. For new families, Twilight Sports is a great event that is led by our House Captains. The children participate in fun sporting events in their house teams. Children are encouraged to come to the event in their house colours and have fun. Being so close to Harvest Market, it is BYO picnic dinner. We look forward to an enjoyable night.

It was a pleasure to have our State Member for Evelyn, Bridget Vallence, attend our assembly last Friday to present our school captain badges. Bridget has been a terrific advocate for Wandin North Primary School, working hard behind the scenes and mentioning the school in parliament. Our captains have been terrific leaders within our school community, leading our assemblies, reading awards, opening the sports shed for borrowing and supporting with lunch clubs during our recesses.

We strongly encourage parents parking in the gravel area at the corner of Warburton Highway and Victoria Road to park in a safe manner and to be respectful of parking signs, road markings and property access. It has been brought to our attention that there have been a couple of near misses with students and cars recently and ask parents to walk their children across Victoria Road. This is a very busy intersection used by commercial vehicles. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 4th March
Twilight Sports 5:30pm—
7:30pm BYO Picnic Dinner

Wednesday 5th March
No Preps

Monday 10th March
Labour Day Public Holiday

Saturday 15th March
Working Bee #2 9:00am—
11:00am
Harvest Market Set Up
12:00pm onwards

Sunday 16th March
Harvest Market Day

Tuesday 18th March
School Council AGM

Monday 24th March
School Photos

Friday 28th March
Free Dress

Friday 4th April
Free Drees - Easter Hat
Parade
Last Day Term 1
2:30pm Dismissal

Tuesday 22nd April
First Day Term 2

Paul Bailey ~ Principal

A Community of Learners, Achieving Together

Order forms will be sent home this week. Each student has their own order form containing a unique ID number. Early Bird orders with FREE DELIVERY to your school CLOSE 5 WORKING DAYS after your photography session. A postage fee will apply for orders placed after this date.

Sibling orders must be placed prior to 8:00am on Monday 24th March

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Child Safe

Wandin North Primary School is committed to creating and maintaining a child safe organisation where children and young people are safe and feel safe. Our Code Of Conduct and Child Safe policies can be found on the school's website.



Working With Children Checks & Code Of Conduct

All volunteers helping in our school require a valid Working With Children Check.

If you have recently received your WWCC card, remember to bring it to the office for registration.

Should you already hold a WWCC card for another organisation you will not be required to apply for a new card, however you will need to advise the Department of Justice that you are now a volunteer at Wandin North Primary School. Please provide a copy of your card to the school office.

This year, many existing WWCC's will be due for renewal. The expiry date is clearly marked on the front and back of your card. A renewal form will be posted to you by the Department of Justice approximately eight weeks before your card expires. Applications must be made online at

<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/applications/>

We also require you to complete a 'Code Of Conduct' form before you are able to assist with activities. If you have not yet done so, please collect a form from the office staff.

Harvest Market

Harvest Market is fast approaching, and based on the number of jars, baskets, toys, raffle tickets and cake containers which are filling the Administration building, preparations are going well. Our Harvest Market committee is working hard behind the scenes, and we are very grateful for the time they can contribute to us. An updated parent roster will be sent out towards the end of this week. Many parents have donated significant amounts of goods & services to assist us reaching the goal of raising \$38,000 again this year. We are however, still in desperate need of items to fill lucky jars, raffle tickets to be returned, marquees, tables and silent auction donations.

Our produce boxes have been a hit and we have had families pre ordering their box on Fridays at our assembly. The produce boxes are great value for money and have a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables in them. Order forms are available at the office.

Yesterday, all families received a plate for our cake stall. The baked goods can be placed in the staffroom on Friday and Saturday of Harvest Market (no earlier). There will be helpers at school to package up the items. All items must be logged into the register that will be on the staffroom table.

The funds raised from Harvest Market will go directly to updating our top basketball court. School Council are currently looking at several different ideas to resurface the area to bring it back to life. We are so grateful for the ongoing support for our Harvest Market, without the support of parents, our event is unable to go ahead.

FREE ENTRY

FREE ENTERTAINMENT

WANDIN NORTH 100 PRIMARY SCHOOL

HARVEST MARKET

220 Warburton Hwy, Wandin North 3139

16th March 2025
9AM - 2PM

LIVE & SILENT AUCTION RAFFLES

FRESH PRODUCE HOT & COLD FOOD

QUALITY CRAFT KIDS ACTIVITIES

STALL HOLDERS WELCOME
Phone Megan Gibbons 0408 226 001

Working Bee #2

Saturday 15th March
9:00am - 11:00am

School Council :

Kayla Leslie

Families :

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

Watkins



Dear Parents and Carers,

Mental Health and Wellbeing will continue to be a strong focus for 2025 at Wandin North Primary School. My role as the MHWL at Wandin North Primary School is to build the capability of the whole school about mental health and wellbeing (identification, promotion and prevention), provide support to staff to better identify and support students with mental health needs, establish clear pathways for referral for students requiring assessment and intervention, and monitor and evaluate student progress. If you have any concerns for your child, please make time to see your classroom teacher, Paul our Principal, Leigh our vice Principal or myself Teresa Salvitti the Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader.

Teresa Salvitti



Wandin North Primary School is proudly continuing in it's third year of **The Resilience Project's (TRP)** wellbeing curriculum in 2025. It is a fantastic program that seeks to teach positive mental health strategies to help our kids become happier, and be equipped for resilience and good mental health outcomes throughout their life.

Students are engaged in activities and videos to develop the key principles of: **Gratitude, Mindfulness and Empathy** (or GEM) as well as developing **Emotional Literacy** to understand and express themselves confidently.

See the attached flyer for more details on **WHY** we work with our students on building wellbeing.

Over the coming weeks this page will have information about how to introduce these concepts at home and continue the learning from the classroom. Families also have access to the Inspire Parent/Carer Hub.

The Inspire Parent/Carer Hub includes information about the key principles of **Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness and Emotional Literacy**, along with the benefits of regularly practising these. Additionally, it offers activities that families can practise at home to support their wellbeing.

Accessing the Hub: The Hub can be accessed via the secure link below, with no account setup or login required: <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/2025-parent-carer-hub-inspire-3/>

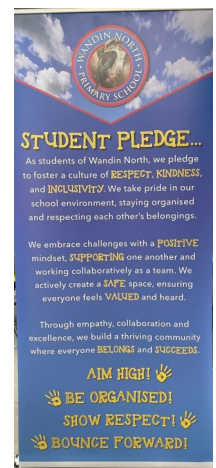


For new and returning families, you would've noticed our Student Pledge that stands in our office. This pledge is a demonstration of our school's commitment to Respectful Relationships and was co-constructed in 2023 with Mr. Langley and the Junior School Council. The key message of the pledge was driven by the students, understanding the expectations our school community has of each other at Wandin North and aligning it with our school values.

Students will be completing the Respectful Relationships curriculum content in Terms 1-3 as part of the Resilience Project and then resuming Topics 7 & 8 in Term 4.

Any more information about the program can be accessed here:

<https://arc.educationapps.vic.gov.au/learning/sites/respectful-relationships/1785/Respectful-Relationships-resources>



Welcome to Prep!

It has been so exciting getting to know all the wonderful children in our class as they share their unique personalities and talents. It's heartwarming to see them forming friendships, learning to collaborate, and creating a positive, supportive environment where everyone feels valued. The beginning weeks of this year have been nothing short of amazing, with the children embracing new challenges with enthusiasm and joy. They have made great strides in developing their literacy and numeracy skills, and it's been a delight to witness their curiosity and excitement for learning. We're thrilled with the progress they've made so far and the way they have settled into the school routine so quickly! What a wonderful year it is going to be in Prep!

Literacy

The children have been exploring syllables and rhyming words, which are not only fun but also help build strong reading and writing skills. By clapping out syllables and recognising rhymes, they're learning to break down words, helping them become confident readers. We've also started early writing activities, and the children are excited to write letters and Magic Words. It's wonderful to see their creativity as they begin putting pencil to paper!

Numeracy

What a blast the Prep's had creating and recognising amazing patterns using colours, shapes and sizes! We've also been exploring positional and directional language, using phrases like "next to," "under," and "beside" in exciting activities both inside and outside the classroom! These hands-on experiences are setting the stage for even more thrilling math discoveries ahead!



Important Dates

Friday 28th February

Free Dress Day—Harvest Market Theme

Tuesday 4th March

Twilight Sports 5:30—7:30pm
BYO Picnic Dinner 5:00pm
Wear House Colours

Monday 10th March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Saturday 15th March

Harvest Market Set Up

Sunday 16th March

Harvest Market

Monday 24th March

School Photos

Please ensure your child

Friendly Reminders

brings their Take Home Folder to school every day.

Encourage children to unpack their own bag each morning (Take Home Folder, lunchbox and drink bottle)

Please read your child's reader with them each night and record it in their yellow Reading Journal as well as practise their Magic Words with them as often as possible.

Teachers: Tayla Eisele, Isabella Woodlock, Steph Burnage & Jamie Sansom

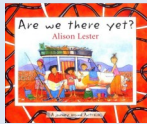
LITERACY

We've been learning...

Grade 1/2's have started off the year learning all about the readers and writers workshop. We have set expectations for the year and have made a great start to the term already.

We've been reading...

Are we there yet? By Alison Lester.



We've been writing...

Memoirs! We loved our fantastic, fun water fight experience early this term. This experience gave us all an exciting shared memory to write about.

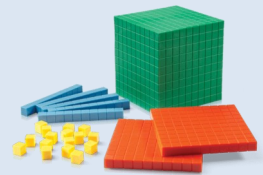


NUMERACY

We've been learning...

This year has begun with a big focus on numbers and place value. The grade 1/2's have built on their knowledge of numbers using concrete materials. We have investigated how numbers can be flexible through rearranging/regrouping, as well as creating numbers with MAB and bundling sticks.

Moving onto addition and subtraction, we are building our known facts through strategies such as counting on/counting back, efficient counting strategies, and bridging to 10.



INQUIRY / THE RESILIENCE PROJECT

To begin our year, we completed a series of lessons about 'The Wandin North Way'. Students learnt about topics such as gratitude, goal setting, and our school values. We have successfully set up our classroom and school expectations for the year.

Our Inquiry unit this term is about different relationships and understanding how people have different ideas. Building skills to be able to work with others. Including what is right/wrong and how to behave with others.



REMINDERS

Students will have completed their Magic Word retention tests. Once your child passes their retention set/s, they will commence Magic words again. Please chat to your child's teacher if you have any questions about this process and we would be happy to help.

Students should change their take home reader/good fit books each day at school to complete nightly reading.

Upcoming Dates:

- Fri 28th Feb - Harvest Theme Free Dress
- Tues 4th March - Twilight Sports
- Mon 10th March - Labour Day P/H
- Sun 16th March - Harvest Market
- Mon 24th March - School Photos
- Fri 28th March - Free Dress
- Fri 5th April - Easter Hat Parade

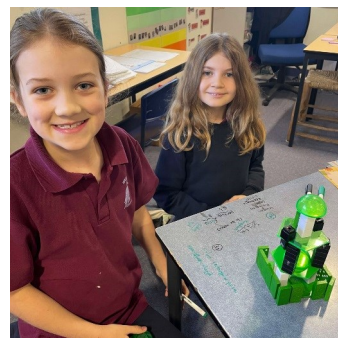
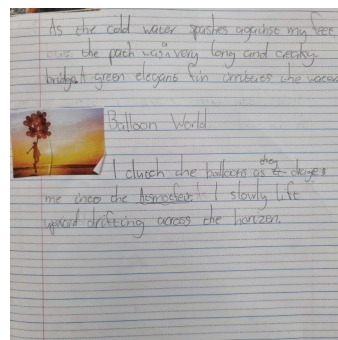
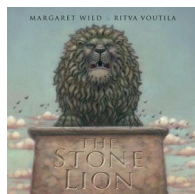
Teachers: Kiera Rankin, Carly Bell, Emma Hoehne

Welcome to Grade 3/4 2025!

All grades and students have made an awesome start to the school year. The students have settled into classroom routines, are working well independently and in collaborative work, showing us what amazing learners they are.

Literacy

We began Term 1 by establishing high expectations and revising Readers Workshop. Using the incredible mentor text, *The Stone Lion* by Margaret Wild & Ritva Voutilta. Students have deepened their understanding of texts, using thinking stems alongside the reading strategies of metacognition, inferring and analysing. In our writing tasks we have focused on the Narrative genre. Building up our skills by exploring different ideas, creating different plans and writing rich and descriptive quick writes and snapshot writing pieces.



Numeracy

We revised the operations of Addition and Subtraction. Students were encouraged to show their understanding using a variety of different visual methods. Our next unit was Shape. The students thoroughly enjoyed recreating 2D and 3D shapes, exploring and comparing their features and matching a shape to its net. Getting hands on making, modelling, discussing and hunting for shapes.

Integrated Studies

We started by looking at and establishing classroom and school expectations. Exploring ideas of growth mindset, positive self talk, team work, and emotions. We are now diving into our Integrated topic *Me and My Community*. Where we will discover rules, laws, and local councils. Learning about fairness & equality for everyone in our community.

Dates Coming Up

TERM 1

Tuesday 4th March—Twilight Sports

Monday 10th March -Labour Day– Pupil Free Day

12th March NAPLAN—Writing

18th March NAPLAN—Reading

19th March NAPLAN—Language Conventions

20th March NAPLAN—Numeracy

Sunday 16th March– W.N.P.S Harvest Market

Tuesday 19th March—School Photos

Wednesday 20th and 21st March—NAPLAN

Monday 24th March—School Photos

Friday 28th March – Free Dress– Gold Coin Donation

Friday April 4th—Easter Hat Parade & Last day of Term 12:30 dismissal

TERM 2

Tuesday 22nd April – 1st day of Term 2

Friday 25th April- ANZAC DAY– Pupil Free day

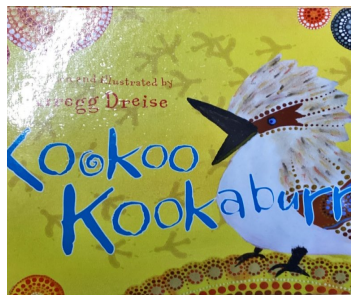
Thursday 15th May - WNPS Open Night

Teachers : Kirsten Burrows, Georgia DeKoning, Natalie Johnson and Kristy Kennedy

Reading

In Reading, the students have been exploring, *Kookoo Kookaburra*, a rich Indigenous text by Gregg Dreise. Using this text as a guide, students have worked on summarising, including their ability to retell the story clearly, identify the underlying topic and message, as well as creating 'spicy' journal entries, with the assistance of their thinking stems.

Students also completed their first reading portfolio, based around Kookoo.



Buddies

The Grade 6's have shown such maturity in their role as buddies to the Preps. They have taken care for and supported their buddy, during their first few weeks of school. They thoroughly enjoyed their first buddy activity, creating whales together.

Writing

In Writing, over the past few weeks, students have been learning about key narrative features. Utilising these features, students worked on creating their own narratives, providing them the opportunity to be creative and imaginative in their writing.

Students have also completed their first moderated writing piece, creating a narrative based around the stimulus of 'Magic'.



The Resilience Project

Each class has delved into The Resilience Project lessons, which are aimed at helping students to be able to identify and label emotions, focusing on promoting positive mental health. These lessons are aimed to build students resilience and happiness.



Maths

To start off the year in Maths, we have been working on all things related to Number and Place Value. This has included partitioning, factors, multiples, prime and composite numbers, decimals, fractions, square numbers, addition and subtraction, using vertical algorithms, jump strategy and regrouping.

The students have also participated in a problem solving lesson, which involved them identifying a range of strategies and being able to articulate their thinking.



Teachers: Mrs Kemp, Mrs Grisold, Mr Langley and Mrs Cooper

What's On in HEROES

Water watchers NOT wasters!

Our focus in 2025 is to **reduce our water use at Wandin North Primary School!** Whilst we are conserving water, we are going to learn all about water– from the water cycle, to water pollution to healthy waterways!

We have a new **Sustainability Squad** here at school who have already started some water saving initiatives at school. We now have buckets under every drinking tap and watering cans available to re-use the collected water.

Each newsletter and 'Kookaburra Connection' podcast we will be giving you some water saving tips for your home! See this months here →

Water Saving

- ✓ **Shower shorter, save water**
Cutting just one minute off your shower time can save 8 litres of water on average. *Reduce your shower time to 4 minutes and you can save an average of \$200 a year on water and energy bills.*
- ✓ **Fix leaky taps and pipes-**
A dripping tap can waste up to 4 litres of water a day. Fixing leaks early saves money in the long run.



What a start to 2025!

SUSTAINABILITY SQUAD RESPONSIBILITIES

INFORMATION FOR NEW FAMILIES/REMINDERS FOR EXISTING FAMILIES:

Wandin North waste warriors

Students who bring 2 pieces of rubbish or less in their lunchboxes each day will receive a bonus housepoint!

Things that **DO NOT** count as rubbish...

- Muffin/Patty Pans
- Compostable packaging
- Recyclable packaging (such as foil, yoghurt tubs and paper wrappers)

Our Classroom HEROES Leaders will collect the housepoints during eating time.

Waste Warrior' points!
New for 2025, if children bring 2 or less pieces of non-compostable or recyclable packaging to school in their lunchbox, they will receive a point for their **YEAR LEVEL**. The winning year level of the term will get an extra 15 minutes of play on the last week of each term!

WE NEED YOUR 10c CONTAINERS

Find the special bins in the office building! OR DONATE at your local CDS Collection Point

ALL MONEY GOES TO HEROES

Please place your 10c containers in either the bin outside the HEROES classroom or in the admin building.

Check out the Recycling Hub on the HEROES deck!

WNPS Recycling Hub

What we accept:

- CDS cans, bottles etc. for our program
- Hard Soap for 'Soap Aid'
- Batteries
- Bread tags for wheelchairs
- Bottlecaps for 'Lids for Kids'
- Mobile phones for 'Mobile Muster'
- Broken pens/textas for 'Officeworks'

Teachers: Laura Attrill & Leigh Hallett

What's On in Global Studies

Global Studies

Welcome back to Global Studies, 2025! We hope you had a wonderful break with your families.

The students have settled in well and have enjoyed getting set up for the year in Global Studies.

This term, we are studying 'Landmarks'. Each week we set off to explore a new natural or man-made landmark from around the world. So far we have studied 'The Great Wall of China', 'Pyramids of Egypt', 'The Colosseum' and 'The Taj Mahal'. The students have enjoyed creating fact files, travel brochures, directed drawings and online scavenger hunts for each landmark!

Important Dates in March

- 1st March– Shrove Tuesday
- 1st March– St David's Day
- 8th March– International Women's Day
- 17th March– St Patrick's Day
- 18th March– Holi Festival



Students in grades 3-6, will soon begin their portfolio task for Semester One. They will select two of the landmarks studied so far and create a poster or PowerPoint to demonstrate their knowledge. We have been enjoying playing 'Blooket' at the end of each lesson, with students racing against each other in a quiz style competition!



The Junior students have been busy creating a collection of Landmark pieces, using step by step instructions to draw their very own Colosseum and Pyramid of Giza!

Teachers: Steph Clarke and Donna Bucklow



What's On in ART

March 2025

Elements of Art/ Principles of Design - Printmaking

Welcome back to the Art Room! This term, our amazing Art students have been learning about the Elements of Art and the Principles of Design through Printmaking. Exploring the world of printmakers and printmaking techniques, students have been experimenting with different types of relief printing and mark making. Our new Prep and other students have settled in well to the routines and creative fun in the Art Room. Students are now building skills and preparing to create their Art Show pieces.

Prep - Students enjoyed our nature printing, experimenting with colour and texture. They loved creating messy fold over butterflies and now they're working on a handprint/fingerprint tree.



Grade 1 & 2 Students enjoyed our nature printing, experimenting with colour and texture. This week they were busy creating amazing animals and habitats from their handprint.



Grade 3/4: Students used found objects to experiment with mark making, texture and colour. They were also busy creating collagraphs and printing their designs, experimenting with colour and balance.



Grade 5/6 Students used found objects to experiment with mark making, texture and colour. They have been analysing and critiquing printmakers work during our Artist Talk sessions. Now they have prepared backgrounds for their relief prints using foam board.



Upcoming Dates

Art Show - Open Night Thursday 15th May

Reminders

Art pieces are beginning to pop up in the office. Please come and have a look at our artists wonderful work.



Teachers: Melanie Smith & Kaitlin Saynor



Hello everyone!

Over the term so far: Week 1- We made our yearly banner for the wall. We played different games. We were just getting to know all the children again and the new preps.

Week 2- The children made amazing creations out of recycle materials. We had robots, helmets, houses etc. It was great to see what the children came up with.

Week 3- Valentine's day/special person week. The children made amazing rose hand prints, beautiful magnetic for someone special, valentines day cards and so much more.

Week 4- Pokémon week. We made 3D Pokémon, crosswords, wordsearches, fidget, bookmarks and pokeballs.

The children choose all the themes of each week.

I have found each week there is a national holiday of different foods. Each week, on that day we will be having special foods. So far we have had choc mint ice cream, tortillas; each week; it is a surprise for the children.

If you have any toys for the Harvest Market please bring them to me at the room. That would be amazing. Harvest Market is going to be a blast.

Holiday program flyer is out now is anyone wants to check it out.

If anyone has any questions give me a call or come and



Details

Pupil Free Days/ Vacation care:

6:30am to 6:00pm

Before School Care:

6:30 - 8:45am

After School Care:

3:30 - 6:00pm

Charity Project TI

Woman and child in need-
If anyone has any second hand clothes, books, toys at home for woman and child. I am collecting items for woman and child of domestic violence.

There is a bin at the front of our room to place the items in.

We appreciate any donations! Thank you!

Please bring by the end of term

Coordinator: Amy Kennedy