Wandiligong Primary School News

February 15th
Call for Council nominations
26th 2/3 swimming
March
4th prep/1 swimming
10th Parent pizza night
11th prep/1 swimming
18th prep/1 swimming
18th Star 6 year 6
21st Harmony Day
22nd Annual School Council meeting
24th Last day of term 1
April
11th First day term 2
15th 2/3 swimming
22nd prep/1 swimming
29th prep/1 swimming
May
6th 2/3 swimming
13th 2/3 swimming
20th 4/5/6 swimming
27th 4/5/6 swimming
June
3rd 4/5/6 swimming
6th - 10th Fifteen Mile Creek
17th 4/5/6 swimming
24th 4/5/6 swimming
24th Last day term 2

WEEK’s REMINDERS

❖ Parent Teacher interviews are being held again this week.
❖ Grades 2/3 will be swimming again this week. Last session for this term.
❖ School council nominations called and close Monday 22nd 4.00 PM.
❖ We have lots of lost property from Last Year. Please check if anything belongs to your child.

STAR PERFORMERS

Our quiet achievers: Stella, Isaac and Eliza.

What happened this week?
❖ Art was cancelled because of our Harrietville trip
❖ We spent the day at Harrietville
❖ Adrian is nearly finished working in the Parent room
❖ Ms Fenn was here on Friday

Prep /ones start their first session of swimming on Friday March 4th.

School Council Elections.

The annual school council elections are due to be held in March. Nominations are called for the three positions resulting from the tenure of three councilors ending. These three members will be re nominating for their positions, however other community members are also invited to nominate. Nomination forms will be available from me at the office on Monday.

Call for nominations Monday 15th February 2016
Closing date for nomination Mon 22nd Feb
Date that nominations will be displayed Wed 24th Feb
Ballot papers distributed Mon March 1st
Close of ballot Tues March 8th
Vote count Wed March 10th
Declaration of ballot Fri March 12th
First school council meeting to elect office bearers
March 22nd scheduled - Annual and monthly

Parent Pizza Night
Thursday March 10th
Order forms will arrive home soon.

Providing Little kids with Big Futures

Wandiligong Primary School
119 School Road Wandiligong 3744
PO Box 591 Bright 3741
Ph 57551026
Mobile 0437 377150

Julie Smith
Principal
This week the highlight was definitely the trip to Harrietville school. On Thursday morning you could feel the excitement in the air, which was largely because we were going to travel on the big school bus. For some of our littlies who are still a bit worried about leaving mummy for a day at school this was a huge undertaking. Hopping on a bus and waving goodbye was quite a scary thing to do. It was therefore wonderful to see them relaxing and having such a good time while we were at the school and on the bus trip home. We believe that the educational program that we run here at Wandiligong enables everyone to develop independence and resilience. Our students rarely have issues transitioning to new settings because they become so self-confident and they develop excellent social skills. However, despite all that we do, it was obvious to us that we still have more work to do to further develop resilience in some of our children. We noticed that for some of our older children, it was hard work for them to relax and enjoy the new school environment for the day. One of the Harrietville children was also struggling with the anxiety of having her space overrun with new students. Therefore, while we realise that we are on the right track with these trips for the purpose of increased socialisation; there is still work to do which will be of benefit for students from both schools.

Not only do the students gain an insight into how other schools operate, there are lessons to learn for the adults as well. We work very hard to run an inclusive school environment here at Wandi; however we were still surprised by the Harrietville staff’s workload. We applaud the dedication and work being done by students, aides and teachers who are constantly alert to every opportunity to provide an inclusive environment for the student enrolled there who has significant special needs. With fewer staff, there are obviously less people to share the load, and what they manage to achieve is deserving of our professional recognition. Our children adapted quite readily to this new situation and I felt proud that they were so accepting, cooperative and willing to include this special child during their classtime and during breaks.

Thanks to Mr Pellegrini, Mrs Lodge, Mrs Reid, Ms Fenn and Mrs Barrett our aide who started the day with a large group yoga exercise session. The program for the day was extraordinarily active and I have to confess like some of the littlies I was very ready to hop on the bus for the trip home for a rest. 😊

Please note that Kristie is sending the uniform samples back to the company so this is your last chance to check sizes. Also a quick note on a solution for those children who feel the cold in winter and would like to wear something more than their short sleeved polos under their school jumpers when it gets colder. Target in Myrtleford have navy blue long sleeve tees for $4.00. They are true to size so you can trust that if your child wears an 8 they will need an 8. These Tees are definitely an undergarment and must be worn with a polo over the top. We will add a long sleeve polo to our ordering system, however at the moment it is still considered a special order item and therefore we have to order 100 at a time. This is not possible for a school this size and therefore the long sleeve tee will be a simple stop gap measure during the transition period.

Kristie has a sample in her office if you would like to check what we are recommending. Please avoid wearing skivvies under the polo shirt as that really looks untidy under a collared shirt. ( sorry skivvy lovers 😐)

Congratulations to everyone who either overcame their anxiety about going to the cluster swimming sports in Myrtleford or simply participated to the very best of their ability. Please see Teagan’s notes and info below. Parents please let me know what arrangements that you would like to make for the day.

Finishing on a positive note: our uniform is attracting attention from parents in other schools who think Wandi kids are looking great. It is apparently a really happy colour and not drab like some uniforms.

We are listening to your comments and encourage you to keep looking for the positives and tell us about them.

Thank you

Julie

---

**Except from Teagan Nugent’s e-mail to me**

The Ovens and Mitta event is on Tuesday 1st March and it is held at the Wangaratta Olympic Pool. I will be attending and am happy to be the supervising teacher for our Alpine Cluster team. The students need to pay $5 upon arrival on the day at the pool. I will be looking at numbers to see whether it is worth hiring a mini bus. If you think you will have students who will need to come on the bus please let me know, the cost will be divided by whoever is traveling on the bus. It will be the one price with the expectation that if you come on the bus you will return on the bus. It gets messy if I start trying to split it each way for individual students. If I don’t get enough interest for the bus then students will have to arrange to go with other students etc.
I will list the students below who have qualified through. If you have any queries or you think I have missed an event or a child please let me know ASAP.
Can you please check the following:
That the students listed below are wanting to go on to compete at the O&M event.
Will any of these students need to come on the bus.
If they are down for more than 2 individual events then they will need to choose their best two, as they can only enter a max of 2 individual events.

Remember there are only 50m events at the next round and there will also be a medley relay as well as the freestyle relay. Once I know the individual events I will be able to put together the relays. I will put together the relays based on 2 things: students who are already coming to the O&M to compete, and ideally it will be the 4 fastest swimmers from the individual events.

Porepunkah PS
Tessa Howden- Back,
Zara Boynton- Back, Breast, Fly
Riley McGillivray- Back, Breast, Fly
Gina Walsh- Back
Tyler Earl- Breast
Mia Buckley- breast, fly

Wandi PS
Owen Pywell- back, fly, free
Amber Walker- back
Will Melloh- Back, fly
Molly Whitty- free,

**Staff weekly summaries**

**Term 1 week 4**

**2/3/4/5/6**

Week 3 Review 2/3 & 4/5/6
This week both grades worked on their persuasive texts for publishing. I commend all students on their efforts this week and look forward to the final product. It has also been wonderful to see students looking at texts and advertising and noticing the persuasive aspects of these texts.
The 4/5/6 attended the Alpine Cluster swim sports this Friday. I congratulate all students on representing our school so well. I also was so proud to see all participate and place in many events. **Congratulations to Owen Pywell on being the age group champion for the 9/10 year old boys.** Overall our school received 398 house points, which was a great achievement for only 12 people!

Week 4 Review 2/3 & 4/5/6
This week grades 2/3 started and 4/5/6 published their persuasive texts. It was great to see all using Microsoft Word well and be able to type in a time frame. I would like to acknowledge the 2/3 class who could review their own work and add extra detail and emotive words to enhance their persuasive texts.
The 4/5/6 class has been working very hard on the topic of place value in mathematics. It has been pleasing to see everyone noticing their own learning needs and aiming to understand these mathematical concepts.

**Mrs Reid**

**Term 1 week 3**

This week Mrs Manning was away and so I was the stand in for a couple of days. The preps and I worked on initial sounds m, t, s and a. They also did some visual discrimination activities. The year 1’s worked on three letter words, reading directions and some very simple reading comprehension activities. In Maths we continued with counting and pattern and order activities. Thanks to the parents who helped with reading this week.

**Mrs Smith**

Facebook

Wandi School has a closed community Facebook page where staff post messages or parents can post questions about what is going on. Only those who are currently part of our school community can be a member of this closed Facebook page.

I have started to update our closed community Facebook page. Those new to the school, if you would like to be part of Wandiligong PS’s page, you can either ‘friend request’ or send me you Facebook name and I will invite you to join the page.

Thanks Sue

---

**This week a round of applause goes to:**

- Jackson, Hudson and Oliver’s mum and dad for the icy poles they donated that were such a big hit when we arrived home from Harrietville on Thursday
- Our gardener who is still working hard on restoring the garden beds into much better order. Hope everyone is noticing the work he is doing
- Adrian for completing the flooring in the parent room

Thank you 😊

---

**Reminders from Kristie who usually works on a Tuesday and Thursday**

Dear Parents,

I am intending to send all uniform samples back to the company. If you would like to check sizes please come in and do that by Wednesday this coming week.
Here are some great lunch box ideas to inspire you! Each lunch is prepared with foods from the five food groups, which ensures your child is receiving all the nutrients they need to grow big and strong.

As for drinks – water should always be provided! Low-fat plain milk can be consumed daily, while flavoured milk and juice should be restricted to once or twice a week.

**Your lunch box inspiration:**

- **Double decker sandwich**
- **Junior school wrap – the perfect size for a child in the younger years!**
- **Sushi bread sandwiches – made by flattening the bread and rolling it up.**
MUSIC TEACHER AVAILABLE

Composer and classical performer, Emili Rackemann, is now offering private and group lessons in piano, flute and creative writing here at the Wandiligong School and in her private studio after school hours. Having studied a Bachelor of Music in classical performance at the Queensland Conservatorium of Music, her teaching skills offer an array of opportunity for students, ranging from Australian Music Examination Board (AMEB) criteria to creative writing and music theory.

All ages and levels are welcome.

For tuition fees and further information, feel free to visit her website: www.brightpianoandmusiceducation.com

Or contact Emili on: 0402 509 873 or via email: emili@emilirackemann.com