



Wandin Yallock News



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TERM 1

19th March 2020

No.4

MARCH	TERM PLANNER	NOTICES SENT OUT	DUE BACK
Fri. 20 th	Year 6 Young Leaders Day CANCELLED	Parent Payments 2020	27/3/20
Sat. 21 st -Sun.22 nd	Wandin Park Horse Trials Catering Event CANCELLED	Student Information Forms	NOW
Mon. 23 rd	School Photos Day	Farm Fundraiser Bulb Orders	23/3/20
	Last Day for Bulb Fundraiser	Harmony Day Lunch Order	23/3/20
Wed. 25 th	Year 5/6 YVFM Visit CANCELLED	CSEF Applications	24/3/20
Thurs. 26 th	Harmony Day and Special Lunch Order day		
Fri. 27 th	End of Term 1 (2.30pm dismissal) NO ASSEMBLY		
APRIL			
Fri. 10 th - Mon. 13 th	Easter		
Tues. 14 th	Start of Term 2		
Wed. 15 th	School Council Meeting		

Creativity, Achievement, Respect, Integrity, Nurture, Growth

Dear students, parents and friends,

As you are well aware COVID-19 is having far reaching implications across our communities, with the situation evolving daily. Whilst it is important we acknowledge what is occurring at school we are trying to maintain calm and a sense of normality and routine for our students. In uncertain times, routine and calm adults are comforting for children. As per advice from DHHS and DET, students should continue to come to school unless they are unwell. Unless a student or staff member is confirmed as having COVID-19 or they have direct close contact with a confirmed case, the school will remain open.

The Department of Education has asked all schools to begin preparing for potential school closures. This includes making arrangements for student learn at home as well as ensuring methods of communication with students and families are in place. As previously communicated our plan is that we will use the Seesaw app (F-6) and Google Classroom (2-6) for this purpose. Over the last few days, students have been shown how they can access and use these platforms. **It is vital that at least one parent from each family (or both parents if families are separated) have connected to Seesaw Family using the codes that have been sent home.** We will not be able to effectively communicate with you should the school close if this is not in place. If you have not seen the access QR codes sent home recently please contact the school asap. Please also be aware that students have been given their own Seesaw Class QR code. This will enable students to access work from their teacher, communicate with their teacher and return any completed work. The parent seesaw access is mainly two way for communication between families and schools. In order for us to effectively plan for continuity of learning for students we need to understand what level of access students have to computers at home. Thanks to the families who have responded to the seesaw message sent toady. If you haven't responded, please advise the school asap if you do not have access to an internet enabled computer, laptop or tablet.

Despite everything that is going on around the world, school has been continuing as normally as possible. Today our F-4 students participated in an online webinar with Kids Helpline, learning about being safe and where to go for help. The students really engaged with learning in this way and gained lots of useful tips. The week started beautifully with a wonderful musical presentation by the F/1 students who have been learning about percussion instruments and rhythm. Next week we will be holding our Harmony Day activities.

Unfortunately, we had to postpone the Young Leaders day for year 6s and the Discovery Day at Yarra Hills. Yarra Valley FM, Mont de Lancey and interschool sporting activities have all been postponed indefinitely. In line with the new restrictions on the size of gatherings of large groups of people, we will not have whole school assemblies until further

Last Week's Award Recipients



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notice. This includes our end of term assembly next week. Students will be dismissed straight from their classrooms at 2.30pm.

You have probably seen the construction fence around the Jubilee Gates. Thanks to the support of the Wandin Seville Community Bank, they are finally getting a much needed make over as part of our 150th celebrations. The first stage is to straighten the leaning pillars before removing the actual gates and re-rendering the arch way and pillars. The gates will be cleaned, resprayed and rehung. Thanks to Wandin Rotary for also facilitating this project.

Thanks to the families who had volunteered their time to help at the now cancelled horse trial event at Wandin Park. We appreciate your support of our school's fundraising efforts and look forward to your help later in the year should it be rescheduled.

Don't forget to order your bulbs before next Monday. We are trying to fundraise for a new hothouse for our farm program so the more you order the closer we get to purchasing one.

Please don't hesitate to call the school if you have any concerns about the current situation.

Have a great weekend,

Trevor Vass

Principal.

A Message from Mrs Watson – Our School Chaplain

So, your child will have heard about the Corona Virus and, if not, they are bound to at school ... and they are quite likely to be responding in one of two ways:

There's the flippant 'that won't happen to us' kid ... and the catastrophising 'panic-mode' kid.

Firstly, if you yourself are experiencing any worry or grief – about this virus or about anything – I am here to offer a listening ear, prayer if you'd like it, practical support ... Just let Vron, Trevor or your child's class teacher know and I'll happily get back to you.

Ok, if you have a more relaxed child: Great! – in many ways. Please though be clear and firm about their responsibility to keep healthy habits:

- * Wash hands a lot – with soap – for 20 seconds (that's 'Happy Birthday' and 'If you're happy and you know it') and dry them.
- * Cough or sneeze into elbows
- * Avoid sharing stuff – especially food.

And for the potential panic-er:

- * Ask your child what they know about the virus.
- * Listen. Just listen. Then simply fill in any gaps or correct misinformation. (It is likely that younger kids may worry more about what might happen to family members whilst older children may have more whole-world concerns.)
- * Ask if they have any further questions and hear any concerns respectfully.
- * Remind them of what they can do to help stop things getting worse. (See healthy habits above.)
- * Expect to give a little extra in patience and time and bedtime and school drop-off. Make sure your child knows that even if someone does get the virus, things don't drastically change suddenly and, for example, the plan to see them in the morning or after school remains the same.
- * Reassure them that if there's any new news on the corona virus, you will let them know and that you will keep listening to them. Usually difficult-to-hear news is easier to handle than confusion and uncertainty. And just being able to talk about things and feeling respectfully heard lightens the worry-load.

Again, if you or your child would like further support, let me know or there's always Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800.

Take care, Michelle.

FARM NEWS

We welcomed 4 new chickens to our farm and students named them last week. Thank you the Morton family for their support and donation to our Farm.

Our School Chickens

Rocky

Breed: Plymouth Rock



Egghead (Eggy)

Breed: Silver Laced Wyandotte



Silkie

Breed: Silkie Bantam



Pom Pom

Breed: Silkie Bantam



Arrived at our school on 6th March 2020. At 2 years of age. Names were voted by students 13th March

Feber Gus Tunnel Picnic Table School Bus Activity Gym

Team Walker

Lego Soft Giant Building Blocks

Parachute

Giant top

Roller Coaster

Monster feet stilts (set of 6)

Hoppers (set of 6)

Planing a party?
Mt Evelyn Community Toy Library has all you need.

Egg & Spoon Race

Bubble Wands

Sack Racers

Sports Stadium

Giant hopscotch & giant snakes & ladders

Jumping Castle

Choose from a great range of Party Toys, Jumping Castle, Inflatable Sports Stadium & Childrens tables & chairs set.

For bookings call 0402 533 897 www.mtevelyncommunitytoylibrary.org.au

Bendigo PiggySaver

If your child doesn't already have their own PiggySaver account, feel free to visit our Branch in Wandin North and one of our friendly staff can open one for you!

School Banking

Bring your money on Thursdays!

Good for
AND your
community

Wandin Seville
Community Bank Branch

Bendigo Bank

School Crossings Victoria Inc.

Is your Lollipop person the sweetest?

Nominate your Lollipop person for the 2019/2020 School Crossing Supervisor of the year award.

Jump online and complete a nomination at
www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au.

Your support of this program will help ensure your School Crossing Supervisor is shown the appreciation they deserve for their commitment to the ongoing safety of our children.

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One of our Year 1 students is participating in the "Walk for Autism". Please click on the link below if you can help support him to reach his fundraising goal.
<https://www.walkforautism.org.au/fundraisers/simonayling>



after the
BELL
GROWING CURIOUS MINDS

Wandij Yallock OSHC Newsletter

EXCITING PROGRAM AHEAD

- Monday- Today we are creating Easter baskets.
- Tuesday- How fast can you be? as we play "rob the nest".
- Wednesday- Today we are creating Easter sun catchers.
- Thursday- Come and create an Easter bonnet or mask.
- Friday- Easter egg hunt. How many eggs can you find?

COOKING CLUB



We will be making
Music Note Cookies

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Q: Why doesn't the Grinch like knock, knock jokes?
A: Because there's always Who's there

JUNIOR LEADER GOES TO

Kaylee
She was elected for taking a risk in her learning.
Well Done!

HIGHLIGHTS

JOIN THE FUN OF OSHC

Registration is FREE all you need to do is visit our website at www.afterthebell.com.au and complete the online Registration Form. Please feel free to contact our head office as we are happy to help you out with the process.

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