

Wasps Weekly



Wantirna South
Primary School

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Coming Events

Friday 7th

Saturday 8th

Thursday 13th

Monday 17th

Wednesday 19th

Monday 24th

Friday 28th

Saturday 29th

September

Tuesday 1st

Friday 4th

Friday 18th

October

Monday 5th

Vision Portraits

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Fundraising Meeting – 9am in Staffroom

Fete Meeting – 7.30pm in Staffroom

Parent's Club Meeting – 9.15am

School Council Meeting – 7.30pm

Subway Lunch Day

Aussie of the Month Assembly

Reading Challenge concludes

Shopping Tour

Father's Day Breakfast

Father's Day Stall

Footy Day/Hot Dog Lunch

Last Day Term 3 – 2.30pm dismissal

First Day Term 4

Weekly CROSSword

Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to Bella who was the recipient of this Award for July. Bella is seen here receiving the award from our guest presenter, Dominique Heyen from Flamingo Preschool.

Artists of the Month

Congratulations also to Jack and Patrick for winning the Artist's Award for July.

New Look Courtyard

If you have been at school this week you will certainly have noticed the striking appearance of the courtyard. The new synthetic turf has provided a great lift visually and is a far more 'user friendly' surface for the children to play on. We are very lucky to have the funds for this type of grounds improvement and again thank the Federal Government and their Economic Stimulus Package that has financed these works.

Major Building Upgrade

This week we have also begun the serious planning to utilise the \$2M we have received under the second stage of this funding. I have met with Project Managers and Architects who will draw up preliminary sketches for presentation to School Council next week. Once these are approved, the drawings will be displayed in the Office foyer for your interest and feedback.

Basically, we are planning to renovate and reconfigure the classrooms in the main building (Level 3 classes). We also plan to extend and renovate the five classrooms on the south side of the courtyard (Levels 4 & 2).

When I have advice from the Architects, and School Council approval, I will report in more detail about these proposed improvements to WASPS. This is a very exciting time for our

school as we look forward to the prospect of brand new facilities both inside and out.

WASPS Competition Results

At last Friday's Assembly I presented the 2009 results for the University of New South Wales Computer and Science Competitions. These are national competitions and we had a number of children from Yr 3-6 who chose to enter. In this competition, children complete an exam style test paper during a supervised one hour session at school.

We would like to acknowledge and celebrate the following high achieving students who received special recognition certificates;

Science -

Distinction (top 10%)

Yr 4 - Kevin

Yr 5 – Jason

Credit (top 30%)

Yr 3 – Trent

Yr 6 – Shannon

Computer -

Distinction (top 10%)

Yr 3 – Daniel

Yr 4 - Kevin

Yr 5 – Jack

Yr 6 – Shannon

Credit (top 30%)

Yr 3 – Jessica

Yr 4 – Hayden, Nathan, Belinda, Dara

Yr 5 – Brad, Jason

Poetry in 3/40

I joined the children in 3/40 this week for their literacy lesson. My task was to assist a group in brainstorming words for a poem with an Aussie theme. We had a great discussion about whether poetry needed to rhyme or not? The outcome was I decided to write two poems on 'chickens', one rhyming and one not, to illustrate what we were talking about. Unfortunately there is not enough room in this week's

newsletter to publish my masterpieces! 😊 I also learnt some Tongan phrases as the children are sharing languages used by the different cultures represented in the room. Thanks to Melinda Onley for the enthusiastic way she engages the children and for the meaningful learning experiences she is providing.

`Alu ā (Tongan for Goodbye)

Andrew Crossett – Principal

Assistant Principal's Report

Netball Zone Final

Congratulations to our netball girls for making it through to the Zone Netball Finals again this year. It was made more difficult with the number of injuries (including broken arms) from girls in both teams during the season and during the game itself. The team that played consisted of a combination of the Netball A and Netball B teams and did WASPS proud with the way they fought out the game, eventually being defeated by only 3 goals. Well done to Kayla, Lauren, Brittany, Alisha, Chloe, Tess, Casey, Emma, Milly and Chelsea. Thanks also to the numerous parents (and a grandfather) who stepped in to coach, score, support and transport the girls during the season as well as this game.

Next Monday a team is representing WASPS at the Netball Victorian School Championships so we wish them luck and an injury-free day.

Helping your child

Following are a few more tips that Judy Gray presented at the 'Promoting Thinking' Parent Forum in Term 2 from the Eau Claire Public Schools.

- Let your child in on something that happened to you and request an opinion. This helps to develop your child's logical

thinking and expressive language skills and your relationship with them.

- Establish a time in your busy life when your child knows that you will be available to them. This could be 10 minutes whilst dinner is cooking.
- Sit with them during television shows so that you can be on hand to discuss content and help them to realise that they can't believe everything that they see. It's also helpful so that they understand that they can't speak or behave the way that they see on television.
- Make positive comments that explain eg Instead of 'Be quiet' say "The noise you're making is distracting me. Can you do that somewhere else please?"

Sick children

There are a few bugs going around at the moment. Please keep your child at home if they are unwell but try to get them back as soon as possible so that they don't miss valuable learning time.

Keep smiling everyone.

Cheryl Holdsworth

Assistant Principal

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

Instalment Two

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due from mid August onwards for those parent/guardians who have chosen the EFT payment option on their application form at the start of the year.

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Any parent/guardian wishing to change from a cheque

payment to an EFT payment will need to submit a new application form to the school for processing. **Applications close on Friday 7th August 2009.**

Parents/guardians who have chosen the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August/early September.

Further information can be obtained from the school office or from –

www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm

Fundraising Report

CADBURY CHOCOLATE DRIVE

ALL MONIES AND UNSOLD CHOCOLATES ARE DUE BACK NOW! PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

BAGS A BARGAIN SHOPPING TOUR - Saturday 29th August.

Let's Shop Till We Drop! A day full of shopping!

The cost is \$50.00 per head which includes hostess, coach & driver, lunch and light refreshments during the day. Just bring yourself, your cash/credit cards & shopping bags. You can also invite your family and friends to join us as well. A notice has been sent home containing all the details of the fun filled shopping tour. If you are interested in joining us please return reply slip and payment by the 10th August. Additional forms are available from the office.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS - Cost \$65.00 (\$13 goes to the school)

LAST DAY TO PURCHASE ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS WILL BE TOMORROW, FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST 2009.

Next Fundraising Meeting- Thursday 13th August 9.00am in the staffroom.

Next Fete Meeting - Monday 17th August 7.30pm in the

staffroom.

Thank You

Kathy Lantouris & Fundraising Committee

Parent's Club

Coming Events For Term 3:

Vision Family Portraits – This Friday and Saturday

Subway Lunch – Monday 24th August

Father's Day Breakfast – Tuesday 1st September

Father's Day Stall – Friday 4th September

Footy Day/Hot Dog Lunch – Friday 18th September

Next Parent's Club Meeting – Wednesday 19th August at 9.15 a.m.

Raelene Trichias

Parent's Club

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 7th Debbie Vermeend/Karen Marshall

Monday 10th Karen Parker/Jenny Chan

Tuesday 11th Jane Austen/Shellie Elliott

Wed. 12th Samantha Pollard/Donna McDonald

Thursday 13th Mardi Alatini/Donna Stevens

WASPS NEST – WEEKEND ROSTER



Saturday 8th August

Brett Family (5/6K)

Sunday 9th August

Milligan Family (3/4T)

FRESH FRUIT TUESDAY



Tuesday 11th Bridget Smith/Melinda Mitchell
Tuesday 18th Annette Dodson/Michelle Reeves
Tuesday 25th Candy Fung/Maree Stoffels



GARDEN ROSTER

SUNDAY 9th August 2009

CAPTAIN: Peter Hall

Dr. & Mrs Marshall
Mr. & Mrs McDonald
Mr. & Mrs McDowell
Mr. & Mrs McIndoe
Mr. & Mrs Meemaduma
Mr. & Mrs Mikkor
Mr. & Mrs Milligan
Mr. & Ms. Morrissey
Ms. Mattahedin
Mrs Mynott & Mr. Pender
Mr. & Mrs Newell
Mr. & Mrs Nicolaou
Mr. & Mrs Nichols
Mr. & Mrs A. Nikolaou

SCHOOL BANKING



We already have 60 entries to win a TV for the school via school banking. Banking is on Wednesdays but bankbooks can be left at the office any day. If you want to open an account for your child, application forms are at the office and the school receives \$5 for each account opened through the school. Competition closes 18th September 2009. So get your bankbooks in now and let's win a TV for the school. Happy saving,

Deb Mikkor – Banking Co-ordinator

LOST

Tuncay in 1/2S has lost his named windcheater. Please return to Tuncay or the office if found.

Happy Birthday



7th Jack 11th Elise, James 12th Brooke 13th Michael, Bethany, Christy

PARENTS' CLUB UMBRELLAS FOR SALE
\$10.00 EACH



PARENT'S NAME

CHILD'S NAME

QUANTITY

CHILD'S CLASS.....

AMOUNT \$