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## Parent Information

### Morning

Tuesday 9th December 9:30-10:30am

This morning meeting will provide an opportunity for parents to meet with the Principal - Wes Holloway, Junior School Co-ordinator, and members of the School Council and parent groups.

During the morning, an Information Booklet, detailing aspects of the most important first year at school, will be distributed.

## PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS

School Council endeavours to keep all levies and payments as low as possible. In 2008, the Parent Contribution for curriculum materials was \$100 per child per year. School Council will aim to keep the contribution at approximately this level for 2009. Details about payment will be issued with 2009 booklists early in term 1, 2009.

**Parents eligible for Educational Maintenance Allowance** are advised that the EMA payment to the school is used to provide program materials for their children and, as such, can offset the parent contribution. Contact the office if unsure of your eligibility.

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## EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (E.M.A.)

Parents with a current Commonwealth Health Care Card or Pension Card will be eligible to apply for the Allowance of \$215 per child per year (2008 E.M.A. amount).

This allowance is made by the Government to assist parents with school expenses - clothing, books and materials, camps and excursions, etc - and is paid in two half yearly instalments. HALF payment is made directly payable to the school and HALF goes directly to parents. Parents will be informed via the Newsletter when they can apply. Forms will then be available from the office.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Parents will be able to view and order school uniform items at the Parent Information Session or on enrolment.

Price Lists will also be available.

School Uniform articles can also be purchased from our school uniform shop.

**School Uniform is compulsory.**

Sunsmart hats are to be worn by all children in term 1 and term 4.

*Welcome to Wonthaggi Primary School. Thank you for placing your trust in us to provide your child's primary school education. I urge all parents to participate wherever possible in our educational programs and school activities. Please do not hesitate to see me should you ever have any concerns at any time.*

*Wes Holloway  
Principal*

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## WONTHAGGI PRIMARY SCHOOL



### **Pre School Prep Enrolment and Transition Program 2009**

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## ENROLMENT PROCEDURES

\* Preliminary Enrolment of children starting school in 2009 can be made any week day between 9:00am and 3:30pm at the main office.  
\* Parents are requested to call at the office and leave the following information:

**Name and Address**

**Telephone Number**

**Date of Birth**

**Preschool Attended**

**No formal paperwork is required for preliminary enrolment. We ask all parents to ensure preliminary enrolments are completed by Friday 24th October to ensure your child's place.**


\* When formal enrolment is taken, it is essential that parents bring with them:

**1. Immunisation Certificate.** This indicates if children are immunised or not and is available from The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (phone 1800 653 809). Please Note - no other form of immunisation status can be accepted.

**2. Birth Certificate or a Passport.** This will provide proof of date of birth. Only sighted originals can be accepted as proof.

**PARENTS ARE REMINDED THAT  
CHILDREN MUST TURN  
5 YEARS OF AGE BY  
30 APRIL 2009,  
TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR  
ENROLMENT.**

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## TIMETABLE OF TRANSITION ACTIVITIES

School visits by individual appointment will continue in November and December.

### *Term 3*

**1. Wednesday, August 6th 9:30 ~ 10:30am**

Join this year's Prep students for "Fun Time" activities in Room 9.

**2. Wednesday, September 10th 9:30 ~ 10:30am**

Meet at Room 9 for songs, stories and games. Parents are most welcome to stay.

### *Term 4*

**1. Wednesday, October 15th 11:45am ~ 1:00pm**

Craft and literacy activities in Room 9.

**2. Tuesday, December 9th 9:30am ~ 2:30pm**

*Children:* Craft, numeracy and literacy activities.  
Lunch & play outside.


*Parents 9:30 ~ 10:30am:* Parent information session:

Principal and Junior School Co-ordinator to address parents about school routines and expectations.

### **SCHOOL NURSE:**

Our School Nurse, Judy Bright, will be in attendance at this parent information session to answer parents' queries and provide information on the school nursing service.

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## SCHOOL PROFILE

Wonthaggi Primary School provides a well balanced curriculum for all pupils. We are proud of our standards of achievement in academic and social skills.

The school places **strong emphasis on -**

- Personal academic excellence, particularly in **English and Mathematics.**
- A safe, caring learning environment which is achieved through a consistent whole school approach to **Discipline and Welfare** and the development of appropriate **Social Skills.**

The school offers programs in all subject areas. Additional programs aimed at broadening the curriculum include Perceptual Motor Program, Swimming and Outdoor Education Programs and a wide range of school based special events throughout the year. Camps and excursions also form an important part of the school curriculum. Other programs offered include Christian Religious Education, Reading Recovery (Year 1) and Special Assistance programs for children experiencing difficulty in Reading.

Parent participation in all school programs is actively encouraged.

Student welfare is a high priority at Wonthaggi Primary School. Our school is recognised as a leading school in student welfare and anti-bullying programs and was a pilot school in the recent **Social Competencies** program initiative of the Education Department .

The School Council takes pride in maintaining the grounds and gardens and is continually working towards improving and upgrading the school.

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