We wish to inform the school community that our Assistant Principal, Vin Hally has to take extended sick leave commencing from Monday 23rd February. At this stage his expected return to work is July 2016. As a community we wish Vin a speedy recovery and respect his privacy at this time. I will update the community in consultation with Vin over the coming months. During this period, Wendy Bradley will be Acting Assistant Principal. We are very fortunate at Wonthaggi Primary School to have access to wonderful staff. As such, grade 1/2C will be team taught by Karen Thomas and Sue Burraga. Karen is our Mathematics/Science Junior School Specialist. She is a member of School Council, leads our Policy and Curriculum for the school. Sue Burraga has extensive experience and has taught grade 1/2 for 8 years. During those 8 years she was a Team Leader, Professional Learning Leader and a member of her previous school’s Leadership Team. Further information about the teaching change for grade 1/2C has been distributed to each child in the class.

Parent Teacher discussions are a very important event in the school’s calendar. Please make the time come along and share information about your child with their teachers. The booking forms have been sent home, if you have any difficulty making the appointments online contact the office. The updated code is UVHAN.

At our school, we actively teach social skills. “Getting along with others” is one of the most important skills for life and is a core value for our school. Over the past few weeks, your children may have been coming home talking about the concept of “bucket filling”. Here are some of the concepts relating to our approach.

**What is Bucket Filling?**

Principal

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**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: ‘KIDS IN THE KITCHEN’**

This After School Program designed to teach children aged 8-13 basic cooking skills in a fun and happy atmosphere is being offered at Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House, 6 Murray Street Wonthaggi. Children will share a nutritious meal at the end of each session and make an Easter present on the final day. This is a six week program run by trained staff, a Primary School Teacher and aide. Children will need to be dropped off and collected from the Centre. Program starts Thursday 11th February. 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Cost: M$24.00; NM: $36.00. To book call 5672 3731.

**Wonthaggi United Soccer Club**

**Season 2016**

**Get a head start on your football season Brown & Makepeace Coaching**

**YMCA Bass Coast**

**Expressions of Interest Social Netball Competition**

**Wonthaggi District Netball Association**

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**YOUR WEEKEND ACTIVITIES**

**FRIDAY 18th**

- Beach Water Safety Day

**WEDNESDAY 17th**

- Beach Water Safety Day

**THURSDAY 18th**

- Parent Teacher Discussion/Interviews

**TUESDAY 23rd**

- Labour Day Public Holiday

**FRIDAY 26th**

- Easter Break

**THURSDAY 24th**

- Grade 3/4 Beach Water Safety Day

**MONDAY 29th – THURS 3rd MARCH**

- Grade Prep/1/2 Beach Water Safety Day

**FRIDAY 18th**

- Grade Prep/1/2 Beach Water Safety Day

**MONDAY 11th**

- Good Friday

**SUNDAY 13th**

- Easter Sunday

**SATURDAY 12th**

- Easter Saturday

**SATURDAY 26th – MONDAY 28th**

- Easter Break

**APRIL**

**MONDAY 11th**

- Term 2 Starts

**WEDNESDAYS - No Prep**

Children do not attend school on Wednesday for the whole of Term 1.

**April**

**MARCH**

**MONDAY 14th**

- Labour Day Public Holiday

**FRIDAY 18th**

- House Swimming Sports

**THURSDAY 24th**

- LAST DAY OF TERM 1 - Dismissal at 3.30pm

**FRIDAY 25th**

- Good Friday

**SATURDAY 26th – MONDAY 28th**

- Easter Break

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**MAJOR EVENTS**
The Major events team are joining with “Kids on Track” to help with their registration process. We are looking for a team of parents to join us to help out on March 12th (Sunday) from 6:30am to 9:30am. If you are able to help out, please contact the office to leave your name for us to follow up.

If you would like to enter the event visit this webpage for more details: [http://www.ikot.org/news/](http://www.ikot.org/news/)

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS**

**New Members**
What is Parents and Friends? We are the mothers/father’s day stalls, the pie drives and sports bbq’s and much more! Parents and Friends is a friendly group that work alongside the school with raising funds for the things that the students need to help gain more out of their schooling experience. If you like helping, meeting new people/friends and want to be more involved in the school, you want to come join in the fun. Anyone can join. Just keep an eye on the newsletter for details of our next meeting, which is our AGM.

We look forward to seeing more new faces. Thank you for your support.

**Lost property**
We have noticed there is a lot of lost property. If your child is missing something, please come to the office to arrange checking the lost property room. Also please remember to name your child’s belongings to avoid them going missing.

Parents and Friends

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

12A Nathan W. Working co-operatively with others at all times.
12B Mo S. For being a kind and caring member of our class.
12C Olivia R. For being a great co-operative class member.
12D Elise T. Being Courteous and helping others.
34A Eli S. Getting along with others.
34B Jarvis H. Regularly showing initiative.
34D Georgia G. For making an excellent start in 34D.
56B Eve L. Displaying a positive attitude to her own learning.
56C Heidi P Developing some excellent persuasive arguments.

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**Conveyancing Allowance Program (CAP)**
The conveyance allowance is a form of financial assistance to help families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school/campus. The conveyance allowance is available to eligible students travelling by public transport, private car and private bus. The conveyance allowance is also available to eligible students whose nearest school is not serviced by a free school bus. Please contact the office for more information.

**Music News**
We’ve had a fabulous week in the Music Room, with students playing chords to accompany our song of the week, ‘The Swimming Song.’ Classes have been learning about the difference between notes (individual sounds) and chords (combinations of notes). We have been playing these with percussion instruments to combine beat, rhythm, song lyrics, movement and chords! Many of us are in the learning pit during class, although it’s pleasing that students are persevering and encouraging each other. Well done to all assembly helpers (so far we’ve had about 20 students and a couple of teachers joining in) and also to instrument borrowers (19 this week!).

Ruth Chambers
Music Teacher

**Breakfast Club**
Our Breakfast Program will start up again this Friday 12th February in the Art Room commencing at approximately 8.15am and will run each Friday morning.

**SCHOOL BANKING**
School Banking has begun. Bank books should be handed in to class teachers each THURSDAY.

**ICAS Competition**
The ICAS Competition is on again for 2016! Students from grades 3-6 at Wonthaggi Primary School are invited to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools.

These competitions are a great way to practice for NAPLAN and also to gain extra certificates for your portfolio. Students from Wonthaggi P.S. previously involved in the competition said this about the competitions:

Alicia in Grade 6 was involved in Reading and Writing—"It was a bit like NAPLAN. It was fun!"
Jasmin—Grade 5 participated in Numeracy, Reading and Writing—"I learnt new things from it!"
Ania Grade 5 participated in Numeracy and Writing—"I wasn’t sure at the start but after the test I felt happy."

Soon a note will be coming home outlining the programs on offer and the costing.

Marc Ibrhaim
Grade 1/2 Teacher