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**PARENTS/CARERS OF PREP STUDENTS**

At the beginning of the year a Confidential School Wishing Program Information and Questionnaire Pack was sent home to be completed. The questionnaire enables you to raise any concerns you may have regarding your child’s health and development. Please complete and return these forms, in the envelope provided, to the school as soon as possible.

**Junior Quadrangle is looking great!**

A big thank you to Ben Leversha, from Ben’s Dingo Services who volunteered his time on Saturday morning to rearrange the Junior Quadrangle garden beds. A job that would have taken many hours was a breeze as he zipped around the beds and furniture on his Dingo. His card is on the back of this newsletter. This has made room for the big games that are to be laid on the surface of the middle of the quadrangle in the coming weeks. It’s going to look amazing!

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

12A
Reign F.
Always respecting the rights of others.

12B
Pippa E.
For bringing a positive and respectful attitude to the classroom.

12C
Eva R.
For being a lovely bucket filler.

12D
Asha D.
For always respecting the learning of others.

12E
Lewis M.
For settling well into our school.

13A
Sienna M.
For settling well into our school.

13B
Logan W.
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34A
Oliver F.
A wonderful attitude to learning.

34B
Milly J.
For being an organised student and an effective learner.

34C
Leroy L.
110% effort at the Bulldogs Footy Clinic.

34D
Ellie T.
For displaying an open mind in Maths.

56A
Jett O.
For willingly going into the learning pit during Maths.

56B
Dakota W.
Having a growth mindset when working in class.

56C
Riley G.
Making an excellent start to the year.

56D
Ryan G.
For consistently striving for excellence and always being willing to meet a challenge.

56E
Noah A.
For displaying good manners and having an enthusiastic attitude.

**A Big Thankyou!**

To Cameron Fraser Roofing

For repairing the broken tiles and the fascia on the red brick building at the front of the school above the Principal’s Office.

No More Leeks!

**IN SPORT**

Wetsuits and Flippers

Our school is always appreciative of any wetsuits or flippers that families are willing to donate to the school. They are used in our pool swimming program, various beach days and in water activities on school camps to further enhance our Water Safety Program.

**District Swimming**

Next Wednesday 22nd February, 23 students from our school will take part in District Swimming at Cowes PS. Permission notes have gone home today. Good luck to all students!

Will Rankin
Sports Teacher

**2017 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS**

As part of our commitment to fostering academic excellence, the staff at Wonthaggi Primary School encourages eligible students to enter this year’s 2017 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. This year’s program is:

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The tests provide opportunity for all students from many countries to gain a measure of their achievement in an external assessment situation. Parents can monitor the progress of their children against the very best students from other schools. Each year our students achieve quite outstanding results.

Each student who participates will receive a certificate and a detailed results letter indicating which questions they answered correctly, as well as the average mark for Victorian students. The results certificate would be a valuable inclusion in a student portfolio. The majority of our students who gained entry into the P.A.L. or S.E.A.L. program at the Wonthaggi Secondary College previously achieved excellent results in these tests.

While any eligible child can enter one or all of these tests, parents should know that the tests are challenging. We would encourage all children, especially those who like a challenge or have a special interest in these subjects, to enter the 2017 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (I.C.A.S.).

For more information you can visit the competition website at www.eas.unsw.edu.au.

A note will go home shortly to enable you to register your child.

Marc Ibrahim
D/DA/Music Teacher

**CSF - Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund**

The CSF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- **Primary school student rate:** $125.00 per year (per student for individual student only)
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The CSF is paid directly to your child’s school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

An application form is available from the school office and applications close on 30th June 2017.

To be eligible you must hold a concession card which is successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (30th January 2017) or term two (18th April, 2017).

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