National Ride to School Day. See Pg. 3 for more details.

School Council Sub-Committee Meeting

SEALS Program at Inverloch Main Beach.

School Council Sub-Committee Meetings

School Council Meeting

Parent Teacher Interviews.

Regional Swimming - Sale.

House Swimming Sports.

Annual Easter Raffle drawn at Assembly.

LAST DAY OF TERM 1 - Dismissal at 2:30pm.

WEDNESDAYS - No Preps

6:30pm in the Senior Learning Centre.

THURSDAY 3rd

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THURSDAY 11th

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THURSDAY 17th

WEDNESDAY 16th

THURSDAY 17th

WEDNESDAY 23rd

THURSDAY 24th

MONDAY 11th

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WEDNESDAY 16th

TUESDAY 3rd May

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Wonthaggi Primary News

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From the Principal

It has been another week of extraordinary learning and development for all members of our school community. Last week our Prep, Grade 1&2 children were involved in our beach day at Inverloch. It was wonderful to have many parents, grandparents and carers supporting our children to enjoy the local environment. Our students were developing the skills of team work, persistence and patience. They were making connections in the environment with their learning in the classroom, and over the coming weeks they will be discussing their shared experiences. The beach day program for our grade 3&4 children focussed on developing a strong water safety understanding in their unique environment. I would like to acknowledge the huge effort that all staff have contributed to this important key curriculum by developing student knowledge, skills and attitudes to make them a learner in all environments. I would also like to thank Will Rankin whose dedication to the development and ongoing improvements to this program shows an amazing dedication to all our children. His work behind the scenes to ensure that all safety matters are exemplary is very impressive. I thank him on behalf of our community.

Water Safety

Our grade 6 children have continued their water safety program with a SEALS Surfing Program with Wonthaggi Secondary College. The buzz from all the children upon their return is a testament to their engagement and enjoyment of this transition program for our children.

Grade 5 Camp

Our Grade 5 children have had an amazing camping outdoor education program at Wilson’s Promontory this week. Their behaviour has been fantastic and has made this a ‘trip of a lifetime’ for these children.

FACEBOOK

Most of the school community would be aware that we host a Facebook group for the school. This has been very popular and is used widely by all the staff at the school to inform everyone of what is happening at the school and even on camps and excursions. Reminders, awards, and all kinds of information is shared out via our Facebook group to that the newsletter can be read and downloaded. Feedback from families has been very positive and many people find it a useful and helpful tool to keep up to date with school events and happenings.

If you do not have a Facebook account, you can follow our Facebook newfeed at our school website at http://www.wonthaggips.vic.edu.au and click on the news link.

School Council Nominations

We currently have nominations available for the 2016 School Council. If you are interested in being part of our dynamic team, please collect a nomination form from the office. We will be extending the nomination period to Monday 7th March.

Measles/Immunisation

There has been a recent outbreak of measles in Brunswick (Melbourne). This is a timely reminder that as a school we require immunisation status certificates for all our children. I kindly request that if you have not already done so, please provide a copy of your child’s immunisation status certificate to the school. A reminder letter will be sent home to families for any children that do not have an immunisation certificate on our current file.

Principal

Leonie Anstey

ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

Please be aware that there will be an increase police presence around schools monitoring driver safety particularly when dropping off and picking up students. They will be booking people for double parking and speeding so please be reminded to be drive and park safely at all times.

School Zone

8 - 9.30am 2% - 4pm School Days
PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Our combined Meeting and (AGM) Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th March at 2.30pm in the Staff Room. Please bring a plate to enjoy with everyone for afternoon tea. We will be voting on the following positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. We are always looking for new members to become involved in this wonderful group.

What is Parents and Friends? We organise the Easter/Christmas raffle, Mothers/Father’s Day Stalls, Sports BBQ’s and much more. Parents and Friends are a friendly group that works alongside the school to raise funds for much needed items to enhance the whole school experience. We all meet once a month on WEDNESDAYS at 2.30pm in staff room for afternoon tea, meeting and a chat. If you like helping, meeting new people, and want to be more involved in the school, you want to come and join the fun. We look forward to seeing more new faces.

$2 Sports Day Wristbands
Wristband fund raiser is still going! The kids love wearing them and support their team. Get in early $2 Sports Day Wristbands before they sell out. You can purchase these from the office $2 in your child’s house colour. Yellow = Somerset, Blue = McCracken and Red = Abercrombie. Don’t forget that the House Swimming Sports will be held on Friday 18th March.

Annual Easter Raffle
It’s that time of year again. We are holding our Annual Easter Raffle to be drawn at Assembly on Wednesday 23rd March. Tickets for the raffle have been attached to this week’s newsletter and are selling for 50c each or 3 for $1.00. There are 3 Prize Categories:

1. Each child that brings in a donation of chocolate will get one entry into the class draw to win a prize/s. There is 1 prize (one for each grade).
2. The student who sells the most tickets and raises the most money will win a basket of chocolates. This child/s (sometimes its really close) will win a basket of chocolates.
3. The major raffles. Drawn at Assembly on Wednesday 23rd March.

Last year we raised a total of $1700 and we hope to beat that this year and we are sure that with your support we can. Any donations for the hampers are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off to your class teacher so your child gets their entry into the class draw. We thank you for your support.

Parents and Friends

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

12A Laci G. For working respectfully with her classmates at all times.
12B Archie J. For his awesome writing about Beach Day.
12C Jack S. For making good use of his silent reading time.
12D Toby S. Helping others, being a bucket filler.
34A Jayden B. Working his way out of the Learning Pit.
34B Billie O. Allowing her mindset to grow.
34C Zac S. Always giving his work a ‘Red Hot Go’.
34D Brave F. For making an effort to get his homework in on time.

MUSIC NEWS

We have continued playing chords and notes this week to accompany our song of the week “Hello to you.” We can already sing it in English and Spanish and are now learning to sing it in Japanese! When combined with actions, the lyrics are remembered more easily. Singing and chanting really assists your child’s oral language skills. It’s terrific to hear so many children telling me that they sing the songs from school at home, teaching their family members at the same time. Well done!
Next week at assembly the Grade 6’s will perform a song of their choice. As usual, families are welcome to attend and support this kind of special event.

Ruth Chambers
Music Teacher

ARTROOM NEWS

You may have noticed the tank around the back of the school near the Gym has been decorated with some beautiful artwork. This project was undertaken by our Grade 5 Students last year and has now been completed. The Children’s names have been hidden around the tank, and it looks amazing.

Borrowing Art Packs
Also a reminder that students can borrow a selection of art packs on a Thursday afternoon after school. These need to be signed out by the student, and signed back in on the Monday morning. These are popular and they are loaned out on a first come, first served basis.

Pirili Chapman
Art Teacher

The Drumbeat Program is coming to the Library in Wonthaggi!

When? Wednesday 4.30pm - 5.30pm
9th March until 25th May, 2016 (12 week program)

Why? The drumbeat program is a fun, highly successful music program that is great for both boys and girls, the program has been designed to build resilience in young people, increase social skills, self confidence and reduce alienation. The program focuses on team work and enables participants to express themselves. It’s great for both boys and girls.

Contact the town library for more details: Jon, Don, Stephen and Lucy 56721875.

There are brochures available outside the Music room at school, or see Ruth Chambers.