From the Principal…

This week we have celebrated our swimming program with a wonderful day of House Swimming Sports. The program has a strong focus on children having a go at a number of different novelty events. It was great to hear children encouraging each other and really wanting others to also be their best. The house captains did an amazing job in motivating and ensuring that all students were involved in the day. I would like to thank the Parents and Friends club who provided drinks on the day for the adults and children. Also to the large number of parent volunteers who helped with the judging and organisation of the children. I would also like to congratulate Mr Rankin who did an amazing job in preparing the children and the event.

The large number of skills that the children have learnt about swimming has been amazing. More importantly, I have seen a tremendous growth in a number of children in their water confidence, their willingness to try new techniques and most importantly developing the thinking; that with effort we can all learn. The upgrade to our swimming pool has meant that children have had a sustained program averaging 25 lessons for the term. They have also had the opportunity for 6 lunchtime swims over the term. The great news for the children and the community is that the pool will be able to be utilised in Term 4.

As I have observed the children learn this week, I have been reminded that “learning is a process, not the outcome”. This means that when we are teaching children something new, we need to take the time to help them to “LEARN HOW TO LEARN”. For example; if you are teaching a child to ride a bike, talk before and after about the attitudes (such as concentration, having a go and perseverance) that they will need to be able to ride a bike. The other way that you can help your child is to point out factors such as practice, accepting advice and taking risks to try a new part of the technique.

Tomorrow morning, we will be holding our Annual Meeting for our Parents and Friends group. I would like to encourage all parents/community members to consider being part of the group. I look forward to seeing you there.

Reminders:
- Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting—Friday 20th March.
- School Assembly/Easter Raffle Draws—Wednesday 25th March.
- End of Term Dismissal @ 2:30pm—Friday 27th March.

Principal

Leonie Anstey

Wonthaggi Primary School
IN SPORT

House Swimming

Wonthaggi Primary conducted its House Swimming carnival on Wednesday 18th March. Ideal weather conditions made for an enjoyable competition. The carnival was part of our schools Water Safety Program that runs for Term 1 with venues ranging from our pool to beaches at Inverloch, Wilson’s Prom and Cape Patterson. The aim of the program is to encourage water confidence in students, making safe decisions and to promote life-long enjoyment of the water.

The House Swimming event was well supported by parents and friends of our school and the emphasis on the day was on ‘doing your best and having fun’.

Results of the day were:
1st McCracken
2nd Somerset
3rd Abercrombie

Open medley champions
Girls – Zara
Boys – Brodie M

Thank you to our parents and friends for helping to make the day such a success!

Will Rankin
Sports Teacher

MUSIC NEWS

Emma from Denmark has been a guest in Music classes this week, with students taking the opportunity to perform songs of their choice. Oral introductions explaining song content have been impressive, along with instrumental parts and diction. Well done students!

Our song of the week came from Asia, once again celebrating our geographic sense of place within the world. Each class has also identified what they are learning in Music. These are displayed on the Music room window. Family members are welcome to come and have a look on Wednesday afternoons during instrument borrowing time, 3:30-3:40.

Ruth Chambers
Music Teacher

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Easter raffle

We are still taking donations of Easter eggs for our Annual Raffle. Every child who donates Easter egg/s gets a free entry into their Class Raffle. Don’t forget that raffle tickets for the major prizes are due back by Tuesday 24th March. If you need more tickets there are spare book available at the office. Tickets are 50 cents each or 3 for $1. There will also be a prize for the child who sells the most tickets.

Easter raffle

House Swimming Sports

What a great day! And what a great turn out of parents and friends in the community to watch and support the children and the school. Overall winners of the day were McCracken. Well done. A Great day was had by all. We sold over 120 drinks and raised $210 of much needed funds for the school. A big thanks to all involved.

Our next meeting

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FRIDAY 20TH MARCH, 9.15am IN STAFF ROOM. EVERYONE WELCOME.

Parents and Friends

GRADE 3/4 CAMP

The Grade 3/4 Camp will be held in Term 3 from 26th August to 28th August.

To give everyone a bit of notice the cost of the camp will be approximately $200 depending on numbers etc. If you wish to you can come to the office to start a payment plan.

More information will follow later next Term.

Andrew Inglis
Grade 3/4 Teacher

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

No Student of the Week this week as there was no Assembly due to House Swimming Sports.

FROM THE SRC

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OUR WALL MURAL

As you know the wall out the front of the school near the Basketball Courts has been getting a make-over thanks to Pirili Chapman our Art Teacher.

Her hard work is paying off and the picture is becoming clearer every day. Can you guess what it is?

Earth hour school DAY!
Friday 27th March
FREE DRESS!

How long can you make your trail?

Bring a $1 or $2. Bring as many coins as you can.

The class with the longest coin trail wins a PRIZE!