Wonthaggi Primary School News

Parent Opinion Surveys due back.

- **TUESDAY 4th**
  - Parents and Friends Meeting in the Staff Room at 9:15am.
  - Change of day due to Parent Teacher Interviews.
  - Parent Teacher Interviews: 2:30pm - 5:50pm.

- **TUESDAY 21st**
  - School Council Meeting.
  - School Council Sub-Committee Meetings.

As our winter weather continues it is really important that we try to make sure we are eating healthy food choices. Healthy eating has a long-lasting and positive impact on a child’s growth, development and health. The food eaten at school considerably influence their eating habits, growth patterns, energy, concentration levels and ability to learn. As parents/carers you have an important role to play in helping to ensure your child eats well and stays active.

Healthy school lunch ideas include:

- sandwiches or pita bread with cheese, lean meat or salad
- cheese slices, crackers with spread and fresh fruit
- washed and cut-up raw vegetables or fresh fruits.

Highly processed, sugary, fatty and salty foods should only make up a very small part of your child’s diet. Foods to only have occasionally in school lunches include:

- processed meats such as salami and pressed chicken
- chips, sweet biscuits, muesli/breakfast bars
- fruit bars and fruit straps
- cordials, juices containing sugar and soft drinks

Please make sure that if you let our school office know if your child is allergic to particular foods.

Parent Opinion Survey

Last week, a selection (40 families) were randomly selected to participate in a Parent Opinion Survey. This is a really important survey. The Survey’s are collected to be reviewed at Head Office and the outcomes are channelled back to us then discussed by school council to see what we are doing well and to inform possible next steps for our school and the learning for our children. If you received a survey, we ask that they are returned to the office no later than the 31st July (Tomorrow).

School Uniform Review

At our next School Council Meeting we will be starting to review our school uniform choices. We welcome parent/community feedback to start a discussion as part of the review. The Sub-Committee will be putting together a survey that will be sent out after the next School Council Meeting which will then be collated and discussed at the upcoming policy Sub-Committee and School Council Meetings. We will also be seeking advice from our Student Representative council.

Our Chickens

Sadly overnight last night we had a fox get into the chicken enclosure and we lost some chicks. Any remaining chickens have been rehomed. To support our children, through discussion, they have come up with a few great ideas to help make the enclosure more fox proof.

Grade 6 Urban Camp

Congratulations to our Grade 6 children who had a very successful Urban Camp. I would like to thank the staff who attended the camp (Ms Thomas, Ms Elliot, Mr Price [student teacher] and parent/music teacher Leilla Condron). They have put their family lives on hold to ensure that our children have this very important life experience. During the camp I received an email from the Principal of Garfield Primary School, (who was also using Urban Camp as their school base), he wanted to let me know how well behaved and beautifully mannered our children were during their stay. It is once again with great pride, that we have such great ambassadors and student leaders at our school.

Principal

Leonie Anstey

30th July, 2015

FOR YOUR DIARY

**FRIDAY 31st**
- Parent Opinion Surveys due back.
- Book Club Orders due back.

**AUGUST**
- Online Bookings for Parent Teacher Interviews close.

**TUESDAY 4th**
- Parent's and Friends Meeting in the Staff Room at 9:15am.

**WEDNESDAY 5th**
- School Council - Curriculum and Policy: 4.15pm.
  - Major Events: 2:30pm.
  - Change of day due to Parent Teacher Interview.

**THURSDAY 6th**
- Parent Teacher Interviews.
  - 2:30pm - 5:50pm.
- School Council Sub-Committee Meetings.
  - Major Events: 2:30pm.
  - Buildings & Grounds: 3:45pm.
  - Finance: 4:15pm.

**TUESDAY 11th**
- UNSW/ICAS - Mathematics.

**THURSDAY 13th**
- School Council Meeting.
  - 6:30pm in the Senior Learning Centre.

**TUESDAY 18th**
- Leap into Learning Pre-Prep Program Commences.

**THURSDAY 20th**
- School Review.

**TUESDAY 21st**
- Final Payment for Grade 3/4 Camp Due.

**WED 26th – FRIDAY 28th**
- Grade 3/4 Forest Lodge Camp.
**MUSIC NEWS**

In amongst learning new songs, instruments and planning assemblies, students are engaged in writing parodies this Term. These are songs with someone else’s tune, but original lyrics (words).

Classes are working together to use the themes from their ‘philosophy for children’ sessions to create songs that capture the themes to show support of their sports house, even when there are non sporting events on. The wrist bands are available for purchase from the office for $2 in your house colours. Yellow = Somerset, blue = McCracken and red = Abercrombie. Get in quick before they sell out. Thank you for your support.

**Next meeting**

Our next meeting will be held in the Staff Room on Tuesday 4th August at 9.15am. All are welcome.

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**Regional Sport**

Last Thursday 23rd July, 27 Wonthaggi Primary School Students went to Sale to compete in the Regional T-Ball Finals. It was a brilliant day for our school as both girls and boys teams played magnificently to be the respective winners on the day. All of our students had put in a great deal of work at recess and lunchtimes for the past month. They had learnt how to give advice to their peers in a helpful manner. They also refined team play and tactical awareness which ultimately put them well ahead of their opponents in Sale.

The girls played 2 games at Regional level to be the stronger team on the day. Impressively, all of the girls scored (made it around all of the bases) when batting. Their constant hitting practice at lunchtimes really paid off when it mattered!

The boys played 5 matches with the hardest of them being against Lindenow Primary School. Our school’s strength in the field was evident throughout the day. The boys were alert to the opposition’s tactics and were always quick to act! Again, like the girls, all boys made it around the bases when batting, which is rare. Well done!

A big thank you to Michelle Mobilia who kindly offered to take students to Sale. Without this generosity we would not have been able to take so many students. Also, to Wendy Allen who was the team manager for the girls team on the day. Ros Whiteman (boy’s coach) and myself really appreciated the help from Michelle and Wendy such a long way away from our school.

State Finals will be held on Wednesday 9th September. I will be organising a small bus to and from Jells Park, Glen Waverly. If you intend on driving down to watch the students play you could assist with taking students, please see me. Permission notes will go home in a few weeks.

**District Basketball**

This Friday, our grade 3/4 students will play against St Josephs and Wonthaggi North PS in a District Basketball Carnival. The competition will run a bit differently to previous years in that the emphasis on the day will be on maximum participation and enjoyment. We want our students who don’t play basketball outside of school to get involved with the local basketball association. As such, our school will be fielding 3 boys and 3 girls teams. Students will be on a regular rotation on and off the court. Thanks to those parents who are supervising teams. Without your help these types of days just couldn’t work.

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**Canteen News**

For those who have been waiting for a new canteen list, please note that the canteen list will remain the same for Term 3 as it was in Term 2. No changes have been necessary for this Term.

Louise

Canteen Manager

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**Book School Interviews Online**

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held at 2:30pm - 5:50pm on Thursday 6th August, 2015. You can now book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au use the booking code HQ64M and follow the instructions.

All Parent Teacher interviews will be conducted in the Senior Learning Centre.

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**CSEF FUNDING**

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PARENTS HAS BEEN EXTENDED**

**DONT MISS OUT**

**APPLY BEFORE 18th September 2015.**

For Parents/Carers who have missed applying for this funding in Term 2, there is a second round available.

If you have a Concession Card that is valid on the first day of Term 2 (13th April 2015) or Term 3 (13 July 2015) you could be eligible for funding of $125.00 for Primary and $225.00 for Secondary Students, which will be sent to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses.

Application Forms are available at the Office.