Japanese Language Session
Last week, we welcomed back Toko Gross our amazing Japanese Language teacher. Our Grade 5 children also enjoyed a Japanese learning session with Riho and Jessica Bretherton from Wonthaggi Secondary College. I have noticed that our children have fun discovering new and ways of expressing themselves, they also exercise and strengthen their brains. The best time to start learning a language is early in life, so all Government schools are expected to provide languages education for Prep students. At Wonthaggi Primary School, School Council extended this to include all children in Grades Prep to Two and for grade 6 children in preparation for Secondary School. Learning another language helps develop essential areas of children’s brains. It also helps them to think more creatively, connect ideas and solve problems more easily.

Wonthaggi Citizen Band Visit
Our Grade 5&6 children enjoyed a concert and information session with the Wonthaggi Citizen Band. This is a great local group and they offer an opportunity for children (and older people) to learn a brass instrument. Children were given an expression of interest form and these can be returned to the office.

Grants for our School
I am pleased to announce that we have been successful in four submissions for grants for our school. The first is a building grant to update some of the wooden building. I, along with Robyn Spargo, our Business Manager will be attending a briefing in coming weeks. The second grant is for ramps for improved access to some classrooms and the office. The third grant is to complete the trees maintenance (30 trees). The final grant forms part of the Bass Coast/South Gippsland youth project. Our children in grades 3-6 will participate in a survey and forum to identify the needs and dreams of children across our community and they will have the opportunity to be part of action projects. This project is part of a National Approach for Youth, and is developed by Andrew Fuller, who is an international expert on children and parenting. There will be more information about the project in coming weeks and months. To know more about Andrew Fuller, you can visit his website at www.andrewfuller.com.au.

For more about the project you can visit the Facebook page www.facebook.com/ResilientYouthAustralia

Principal
Leonie Anstey
**BUS TRAVEL**

**Bus Roll - Notifying the school about your child's travel.**

If your child travels on the school bus, it is imperative that you notify us if they will not be travelling on the bus for a particular day. If we are not aware of this, much time can be taken and anxiety caused trying to find a child we believe may be missing from the bus. If your child is away from school on a particular day we will know they are not travelling on the bus, otherwise we will consider that your child should be on the bus.

**Bus Travel Notices sent home to indicate which days your child travels on the bus must be complete and returned as soon as possible.**

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**ATTENTION**

**SCHOOL BUS TRAVELLERS**

Please note that there will be NO school bus operating on:

**FRIDAY 14th AUGUST 2015**

Although the bus service is unavailable, children are still expected to attend school as per normal.

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**ARTROOM NEWS**

All grade 3, 4, 5, 6’s have produced a “Google Doodle”. These are the special looking logos that sometimes come up on the screen when the Google search engine is used. They are usually for celebrating special moments or anniversaries of events and discoveries.

The theme of the competition is “If I could go back in time I would . . . . . . “ so there have been lots of discussions around historic events, inventions and moments in time. We have been using the ipads in the Artroom to aid student research.

The main prize for this competition is to have the winning work displayed on the Google Australia homepage for 24 hours.

To enter this competition students need to produce a Google Doodle fitting the theme, write an artist statement that supports what they have drawn.

**To enter this competition students must return the parent/guardian permission forms need to be returned to Ms Chapman before this Monday 17th of August.**

If you would like more information about this competition you can either go to the website [www.google.com.au/doodle4google](http://www.google.com.au/doodle4google) or come and talk to Ms Chapman.

Pirili Chapman
Art Teacher

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

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<td>00A</td>
<td>Lily G.</td>
<td>Persevering with her blending of words. Well done.</td>
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<td>00B</td>
<td>Cassidy S.</td>
<td>Excellent concentration on learning to write.</td>
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<td>12A</td>
<td>James R.</td>
<td>For trying really hard with his work.</td>
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<td>Millie S.</td>
<td>Fantastic progress while reading.</td>
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<td>12C</td>
<td>Natasha A.</td>
<td>For outstanding improvement in reading.</td>
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<td>Zhe H.</td>
<td>Welcome to our school.</td>
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<td>Tori A.</td>
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<td>34B</td>
<td>Shaun B.</td>
<td>Working hard on all areas of his learning.</td>
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<td>34C</td>
<td>Mya M.</td>
<td>For being a terrific friend to many.</td>
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<td>Amber O.</td>
<td>For her valuable contributions to P4C.</td>
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<td>Catherine M.</td>
<td>For her enthusiasm during our ‘Crazy Animals’ Maths investigation.</td>
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<td>Gabriel M.</td>
<td>For accepting challenges during Maths to extend his understanding.</td>
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<td>56C</td>
<td>Tess B.</td>
<td>Creating an excellent piece of rocket writing.</td>
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<td>56D</td>
<td>Brodie M.</td>
<td>For his fantastic mathematical thinking.</td>
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Due to a technical glitch there is no Student of the Week Picture for this week. A new picture will be taken and will appear in next week's newsletter. We do apologise.
On the 4th September this term, Parents and Friends will be holding a Skip-a-thon. We are raising funds to help pay for solar power for our pool. The aim is to make the pool warmer so our children can enjoy the pool for longer periods in term 1 and term 4 each year. 10% of funds raised will be donated to the Heart Foundation.

There will be great prizes to win:
- Each student who raises money gets one entry in their class draw to receive a prize (one per class). (sponsorship forms have been sent home with this newsletter)
- A prize will also be awarded to the child who raises the most money for the school
- The class that raises the most money will be treated to a very special prize.

Please return sponsorship forms and money by 4th September so your child/ren can be included in the prize draws. More sponsorship forms are available at office. So get practicing and get ready for some fun and let’s get active!

Parents and Friends

**MUSIC NEWS**

On Tuesday, Mrs Leversha, Ms Bruhn, the Preps and I enjoyed a Music session together singing, keeping the beat, using props, actions and boom whackers (tuned percussion instruments). Students demonstrated fantastic listening skills as they participated enthusiastically.

Our Song of the Week at assembly was the grade 1/2 parody (an original song to someone else’s tune) based on their philosophy for children topic ‘Are your clothes different because of your culture?’ Students from 3/4 formed the band to accompany this whole school song and we were also treated to some musical leadership from students from 5/6. Such an item is evidence of skills in cooperation, willingness and cross age participation. Well done!

**Billson Street Singers** is a fun extra-curricula activity welcoming any student in Grades 2 – 6. We will be learning songs that are different from our classroom music songs. Mrs Rowe & Ms Chambers will be running the group. Staff and parents are also welcome to attend. The first week can be used as a taster, but then after that we will be asking for a commitment for the rest of the term. This is because we are planning on teaching parts and repertoire which will require a consistent group.

Mondays in the Music Room at 2pm. A reminder announcement will be made.

Ruth Chambers
Music Teacher

**URBAN CAMP REVIEW**

“Gabriel”, “Here”, “Jessica”, “Here”, “Dustan”, “Yes”, “Shay”, ‘Here”…… “YEAH!!! Ok, let’s go”. The Grade 6 students are on their way to the most wonderful camp ever; Urban Camp in Parkville, Melbourne.

The first stop was Scienceworks. We visited the amazing Planetarium and learned about the changing seasons, and watched the night sky on the huge dome ceiling. We were happy to get off the bus at Urban Camp, where we unpacked our luggage and set up our beds. Kelli, from Metro, gave us a few safety tips about travelling on public transport. This information was extremely useful because we travelled on trains and trams for the next two days. Our first dinner was delicious and gave us the energy we needed for our water adventures at MSAC.

On Tuesday morning, (after a late night), we caught the train to the city for an interesting and exciting Docklands experience. We sat in the coach’s box and on the interchanges benches on the ground at Etihad Stadium. Then we were off to the Melbourne Star. Cars and people looked like ants from the scary 120m highest point. After an enjoyable lunch of delightful sandwiches, we crossed the road to Medibank Icehouse. Some of us took to the ice like pros and some of us should have worn body amour/padding. There were lots of happy faces and bruised bodies by the time we headed back into the city for dinner.

We dined at the Universal Pizza Restaurant in Lygon Street and filled up on pizza, pasta and lots of soft drink. Another tram ride took us to Southbank and the Eureka Sky Tower. A 9 meter per second lift ride took us to the 88th floor where the view was extraordinary. We had a 360 degree view of the city lights. Some of us were very brave and went ‘On the Edge’.

On Wednesday, at the Melbourne Zoo, Jess gave us an informative talk about endangered animals and we discussed ways we could help them. After a quick lunch back at camp, we loaded the bus and headed back to school. This amazing whirl wind three day adventure, allowed us to experience some of Melbourne’s major attractions and culture.

From the Grade 6 Students
Wonthaggi Primary School News

Community News

VAN GEEST GUITARS - CAPE PATTERSON

SERVICES

- 20 YEARS QUALIFIED EXPERIENCE
- IN REPAIRS, SETUPS AND
- RESTORATION OF GUITARS,
- LIUZHEES AND STRINGED
- INSTRUMENTS

SALES

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- 125% Bonus by Dr. Dibbisk, Headphones
- 300% $50 McDonald's Gift Certificate

Help us to win for your school library!

We're offering schools participating in the School Savings program a chance to win an extra set of children's books for their school library (total of $50)

For more information, visit combank.com.au/sponsportal

The Reading Hour 2015

Bedtime stories by the fireplace.

Wonthaggi Library

Tuesday 18 August

7 - 8pm

Come and share stories curled up by our fully safety compliant digital fireplace. A special evening for children and their families.

Bookings are essential. Phone 5672 1875 for assistance.

For more information:

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or visit www.wagc.vic.gov.au