Wonthaggi Primary School News

**From the Principal**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MAJOR EVENTS COMMITTEE ON A SENSATIONAL KIDZ MINI MUDDA EVENT!

Last Saturday, our whole community came together to embark on a new journey of fun and laughter (and mud) for our inaugural MUDA EVENT. We registered over 300 children in our action packed obstacle course. I would personally like to thank our organizing committee, led by Wendy Allen, Simone Brit, Pat Moutafis, Michelle Smith, Tracey Verboon and their team. A special thank you to our parents and friends and club who worked tirelessly to make egg and bacon rolls (absolutely delicious) Fairy Floss, Pop Corn and guess for the lucky jar, donated by Catherine Ryan. Also thank you to Tim Moutafis and friends who coordinated the AWESOME 'sous-vide' (my personal favourite meal), Connel Bakers and coffee completed the culinary delights. Aimee Foster did a great job in providing music and atmosphere, she was sponsored by the Caledonian Hotel. This is a call-out to thank all our sponsors and local community organisations, by working together we achieve great things. (Please see the back of the newsletter for a list of the sponsors). I felt so proud (and wet and muddy) to be part of such an amazing event. We will be able to celebrate the fundraising totals in the weeks to follow. This will certainly make a difference towards funding our solar heating for the pool.

**SCHOOL VALUES:**

On Monday as many of our families were recovering from the MUDA, the staff were joined by the following children, parents and community representatives to help us define our Care Values for the next four years. I would like to sincerely thank them for responding to our call out in the newsletter a few weeks ago to be part of the action. The volunteers for the day included: Tim Moutafis, Tracey Verboon, Simone Brit, Michelle Smith, Michelle Maibila, Claudia Murray-White, Ross Stanford, Dustin B, Tess B, Brodie M, Zac M, Joel P, Gabi M, Catherine M, Lois M, Alixia S. The core values that were voted for were: RELATIONSHIPS, RESPECT, COMMUNITY, GROWTH MINDSET, and BELONGING. In the coming months (or into early next year) there will be an opportunity for parents and community to help us put our values into action. The following link explains our ‘target for growth mindset’

https://www.ted.com/talks/cara_dweck_the_power_of_believing_that_you_can_improve

We also worked on the results of our School Review to identify the new targets and priorities for the coming 4 years. A copy of the report is available from the office for parents to read. An extract from the review explained "A number of factors contributed to the school’s success. Teachers have worked collaboratively to improve their use of data and evidence to inform their practice and provide feedback to students and teach to the point of need. All staff have participated in peer observation and coaching to refine their practice and in-service expertise has been utilised to lead the adoption of agreed approaches such as the Big 6 reading strategies and the ASK Instructional Model (Attitude, Skills, Knowledge) and Philosophy for Children (P4C).

Teacher feedback is that these whole-school approaches have given rise to a common language with which students can articulate their learning and identify their challenges so they are when they are in the Learning Pit. Philosophy for Children has been instrumental in developing oral language and higher order thinking skills, particularly when used concurrently with thinking maps. The school has strong and supportive wellbeing approaches that are fundamental to the calm and safe environment that is evident in the yard and in classes. Clear and consistent behaviour management practices, the development of a Respect Matrix that explicitly identifies acceptable behaviour, individual behaviour management plans that are collaboratively with students and parents, all contribute to the learning environment. Continued........

**FRIDAY 6th**

- Deposit $50 due for Grade 5 Wilsons Promontory 2016 Camp.
- T20 Blast Cricket (8's) Grade 5/6 - Wonthaggi Recreational Reserve.

**THURSDAY 12th**

- School Council Meeting - Senior Learning Centre.

**FRIDAY 13th**

- Junior Water Safety Program starts and runs until Friday 5th December.

**MONDAY 18th**

- Report Writing Day - students not required at school.

**DECENTBER**

**Artist in Residence Week**

Monday 7th - Friday 11th December

Annual Family Picnic Friday

**Friday 11th from 4:30 - 5:45pm Annual Artist in Residence Concert**

- Friday 11th at 6:00pm School Council Meeting 6:30pm - Senior Learning Centre.

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**BILLSON STREET SINGERS**
- Every Monday - 200pm in the Music Room

**LEAP INTO LEARNING - Weekly**
- TUESDAY - 9:30am-12:00PM
- WEDNESDAY - 9:30am-12:00PM
- THURSDAY - 9:30am-12:00PM
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Student Leadership is valued and is evident in programs such as the Dolphin Groups Program where student leaders design activities for cross age P-6 groups that reinforce the School’s Values. These groups also ensure that younger students have role models and mentors across the school.

Digital Technologies:
The staff continued the day with training on the new/updated Victorian Curriculum that will be fully implemented over 2016. There was great excitement as the staff gained the necessary skills and knowledge about key apps (Explain Everything and Creative bookmaker), a new learning platform called Code Studio and the use of programming robots to focus on key learning including, oral language and problem solving.

Congratulations to DUSTAN BRITT. Dustin represented our school at the ROTARY PUBLIC SPEAKING competition last Friday night. The judges commented on his confidence and use of descriptive language.

Principal
Leonie Anstey

IN SPORT
Junior School Water Safety Program (JSWSP)
Wonthaggi Primary School will be starting its JSWSP on Friday 13th November at the YMCA Wonthaggi. The program aims to introduce the various aspects associated with being safe in a pool setting as well as building student confidence through enjoyment.

The Junior School Water Safety Program is for students in Grade Prep and One. Teachers will take an active role in this program but to ensure it is successful we need parents and friends of our school who are willing to get in the pool as well (no swimming经验 is necessary).

Please see me if you are available or know of someone who might be. A current Working with Children’s Check is required.

Will Rankin
Sports Teacher

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
12A Malachi O. Great sharing of ideas with the class.
12B Arieta F. Maintaining focus when working independently.
Ryley S. From last week - bringing his reader.
12D Laci G. For using excellent maths words when describing shapes.
34A Bailey H. For making great choices during maths.
34C Elia S. Always presenting entertaining performances.

READING AWARDS

Parents and Friends

Parents and Friend would like to thank everyone who helped make the Kidz Mini Mudda a great success. We would like to thank the Major Events Committee for their hard work and dedication with making this event a great success. We would also like to thank the extra volunteers who helped run our stalls, without parents help many of these activities may not run, so a huge thank you to everyone. We would like to thank Woolworths for there donations of rolls, and Mr Rankin and Mandy Lamers for there donations of eggs. The egg and bacon rolls were fantastic… Also a huge thank you to Brandon smith for the use of the fairy floss, pop corn and snow cones machines. It was a great day of mud and smiles and we hope to see you all at next years Kidz Mini Mudda.

Raffle winners
The mudda raffle was drawn during Wednesday’s Assembly. We are happy to announce the following winners. Congratulations to:
Olivia R from 1/2c who raised the most money for selling the most raffle tickets.
$50 Petrol Vouchers to Joyce Newton and Jake M
$40 Coffee Collective to Lucas P
Foams Voucher to the Murray –White Family
$100 Caledonian Meal Voucher to L McRae
$100 ACE Airport Parking Voucher to Archie M
3 Month Voyage Pass to Robyn S

The raffle raised $597 towards Solar Heating for our Pool.
Well done to everyone !
Parents and Friends

MUSIC NEWS
Alongside our Asia focus in the Music Room, we are completing our song book of parodies, based on “Philosophy for Children” (p4c) class work and discussions. These have been performed at assembly, with only a couple of classes yet to present their songs. They are a very real example of the links between Literacy and Music, with each class song about to be available as a reading resource in each classroom.

Ruth Chambers
Music Teacher

2015 KIDS MINI MUDDA