Wonthaggi Primary School News

Community News

BASS COAST MUSIC FESTIVAL
Music concerts will be held at the school. Details can be found on our website.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT GIPPSLAND
Community Support Gippsland provides care on site support for young children. We are a locally run partnership with support workers who have received training from our local communities. Both Paul and Stacey have experience in the disability sector, and together with their support workers, they offer a wide range of services including five days per week, evenings, school holidays, and weekends.

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From the Principal

Remembrance Day
Today our school recognized a very significant part of our history by commemorating Remembrance Day. I was very proud to accompany our grade 6 children to the Cenotaph in Wonthaggi as they attended the service. They did a wonderful job representing our school within our community.

At the school the children learnt about Remembrance Day as appropriate for each age group. The grade 5 children participated in the commemorations at our Flag Poles at the front of the school.

NEW POOL PLATFORM!
As a result of the combined efforts of the Major Event and Parents and Friends group, we managed to raise enough funds $3200 to install the new platform at our swimming pool. Congratulations to all involved, this is a wonderful improvement to the facilities for our children. With the increasing air temperatures, the pool will be ready for swimming very soon.

Report Writing Day
Monday 21st November, is Report Preparation day for teachers. I would like to acknowledge the huge amount of effort and time that our teachers dedicate to your children, each and every day. As teams they prepare lessons and experiences to engage and grow your child’s knowledge, skills and attitudes as a life-long learner.

They also ensure that children are developing socially and emotionally and spend a great deal of time to build your child’s confidence in varying situations. They are monitoring and extending your child through assessments (testing) and will use these to capture a snapshot of their learning for you as parents/guardians in the form of a school report. Teachers will spend on average 10 hours to prepare reports for each grade and next Monday is a token to acknowledge the huge amount of additional time that classroom teachers spend to inform you of your child’s current learning.

Breakfast packs
Are you sometimes pushed for time to get to the supermarket? We currently have an excess of Breakfast foods and would love to give these away to families. Packs include Vita Buds, Instant Oats, Baked Beans, Tin Fruit and Milk. If you would like a pack, drop into the office. (We will have some available, if we run out, please put your name down and we will make sure that we send one home).

Welcome back Glennis our wonderful Lolly Pop Lady, it is great to see you back.

Leonie Aystey
Principal

We are now taking enrolments for 2017

For your diary

November

Friday 18th
• Daily Assistance Funding Applications Close.

Monday 21st
• Student Free Day - Report Writing Day.

Wednesday 30th
• Guitar Students Performance at Assembly beginning at 2.45pm.
• School Council Sub-Committee Meeting - Curriculum and Policy - 4.15pm.

December

Thursday 1st
• School Council Sub-Committee Meetings - Major Events - 2.30pm.
• Buildings and Grounds - 3.45pm.
• Finance - 4.15pm.

Friday 2nd
• Junior School Water Safety Program Ends.

Monday 5th - Friday 9th
• Artist in Residence with Jon Madin.

Tuesday 6th
• School Council Meeting 6.30pm in the Senior Learning Centre.

Thursday 8th
• Leap into Learning finishes.

Tuesday 6th
• DEET State Wide Transition Day for 2017 Prep and Year 7 students.

Thursday 15th
• 6th Graduation.

Friday 16th
• Final Assembly@ 9.15am

School Dismissal - 3.30pm.

Monday 19th
• Student Free Day.
• Staff Professional Day.

Tuesday 20th
• Final Day for Staff, No Educational Programs.
**CSEF—Dairy Assistance Funding**

In 2016 the Victorian Government implemented a response package to assist dairy farming families. This one-off payment of $375 per student is only available in 2016 and will be paid to the school for the eligible student. This includes assistance for Primary and Secondary students attending schools (Government and Non-Government schools) where one or both parents:

- Own an operating dairy farm.
- Are share farmers on a property primarily operating as a dairy farm.
- Hold a lease for an operating dairy farm and this is their main source of employment.

Families who were eligible for the means tested CSEF Payment are also eligible to receive the Dairy Assistance payment. However families that have previously qualified for the CSEF Drought Assistance funding are not able to also access the CSEF Dairy Assistance funding.

Parents can apply for the Dairy Assistance Funding by completing an application form which is available at the office and returning it to the school by no later than Friday 18th November. The school will then allocate the payment directly against your current charges.

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

- **00A** Aurora Q. Creativity writing narratives.
- **00B** Arlia K. Working cooperatively with fellow classmates.
- **12A** Codi D. Entertaining us as a part of his aching team.
- **12B** Oliver T. For always being eager and ready to learn.
- **12C** Taison C. For persevering when working out difference in Maths.
- **12D** Layla O. Focusing well to complete writing tasks.
- **34A** Indianna W. Setting goals, then working towards achieving them.
- **34B** Cooper S. Using his initiative to look after our school library.
- **34C** Beau R. For a wonderful start in 34C.
- **34D** Dillen A. Helping new students settle in at our school.
- **56A** Kyle Y. Working cooperatively with others.
- **56B** Cloe B. Having a growth mindset while working on her poetry book.
- **56C** Josh C. Being an active and eager participant in class activities.

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**READING AWARDS**

- **50, 100 and 200 Nights**

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**MUSIC NEWS**

Throughout the week students from across the school have been learning and memorising notes and tunes on the marimba (large wooden xylophones made by the Men’s Shed in Wonthaggi). Their skills are enhanced when they use skills of listening and co-operation and play in time with each other. Our Artist in Residence this year has written many books on playing marimba and we are learning some of his collected tunes as a lead up to his week with WPS.

Ruth Chambers  
Music Teacher

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**BIG WRITE**

This term all the students in the school are using the same ‘Big Write’ pictures as their writing inspiration each fortnight.

Here is the next stimulus picture:

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**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.

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**PARENT’S & FRIEND’S**

**MINI MUDDA RAFFLE WINNERS**

Congratulations to J Thomas & Z Sharrock as first prize winners and P Hewlett & M Crook as second prize winners. Thank you to everybody who donated items and purchased tickets.

**Major Events Committee**