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Please consider attending the Parent Teacher Evening on Tuesday 20th at 7:00pm.

From the Principal

Remembrance Day

Yesterday 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. Our School Captains, Jesse and Zara, did an amazing job reading ‘In Flanders Field’ and ‘Taking a stand’. I would like to share a comment that was made on our school Facebook Page;

“I would like to commend Zara and Jesse who stood up at the Cenotaph in front of that large crowd this morning to read In Flanders Field and Taking a Stand. They did a FANTASTIC job. Well done. It was great to see them and the other school children at this morning’s ceremony. Well done all!”

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.

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ARTIST IN RESIDENCE WEEK - 7th - 11th December, 2015
This year we are pleased to announce ASIA RAYA (Grand Asia), with our program being led by two Artists, Aaron and Nita. They will be facilitating a week of music, puppetry and dance from Asia. Think taiko drumming; massive traditional drums from Japan! Think Indonesian dance; graceful and expressive! Think food from the region and language classes!

Our annual Artist in Residence event will commence at 9am on Monday 7th December, with a concert welcoming & meeting our Artists. Families are encouraged to attend this initial show and throughout the week when their child/ren have scheduled classes.

The week of workshops will culminate on:
Friday 11th December with the Annual Family Picnic (4:30 – 5:45pm)
and the Annual Concert (6:00 – 7:00pm)
Pre-ordered Japanese food will be available.
A weekly timetable and more information will be coming home in a separate note soon.

MUSIC NEWS
Each class created and developed a ‘Japanese Orchestra’ choosing instruments to demonstrate their knowledge about appropriate sounds. Each class learnt 5/6A and 5/6B’s parodies, supporting those classes performing at assembly. (Well done!!)

As a warm up this week, we all learnt the ‘Shearwater Dance’, viewing a You Tube teaching clip which will be included by community members in the upcoming Shearwater Festival in Cowes. Although we are not officially part of the festival, speak to Ruth for more details.

Ruth Chambers
Music Teacher

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

00A Ebony P.  Working independently on her writing.
00B Austin B.  For recognising his own learning needs.
12A Naomi M.  Writing a great story that contained tier 2 words.
12B Hayden M. For his hardworking attitude.
12C Nathan W. For making fantastic improvements in his reading.
12D Winter S.  Constructing an amazing water cycle model.
Max L.  For making interesting connections with his reading.
34A Angus C.  For sharing his dinosaur cards so that we could compare and contrast.
34C Max C.  Upholding our school core value “Just Do It”.
34D Isaac S.  Always trying his hardest.
56A Zara H.  Her ongoing excellence in all areas.
56D Julia N.  Her amazing sensory writing about the beach.

IN SPORT
State Softball Championships
This Monday 16th November, 10 grade 5/6 boys will represent our school and indeed Gippsland when they take place in the State Softball Championships at Jells Park, Glen Waverly. Jesse C, Brodie M, Bailey H, Liam S, Euan C, Braden A, Kyle Y, Matt G, Paul F and Luke O have been fantastic role models for our school through their application to training, involvement of others and an eagerness to learn. Whilst Mt Terlich, myself and Ian Hunter – ex coach of State Boys Team - have spent several lunch times with the boys, they certainly haven’t just relied upon teacher help. The school community wish them all the best against what will be very good competition.

Swimming
As the weather continues to improve, we will start to use our fabulous school swimming pool again. Students in grade 2 – 6 are encouraged to bring their swim wear to school on PE days. There may also be optional swimming classes at lunch times for students who have their swim wear at school.

Junior School Water Safety Program (JSWSP)
Just a reminder that Wonthaggi Primary School will be starting its JSWSP this 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.

Will Rankin
Sports Teacher

Surfing Titles - Story by Noah A. 34C
Foam bubbles as white as snow and a powerful whitewash greeted me. Massive blue walls pounced in front threateningly. Tons of icy water was racing at me, my legs felt like jelly with just enough stiffness to guide me through. A loud siren blasted to signal the commencement of my quest. Finally the day had arrived for me, Noah, to represent Wonthaggi Primary School at the South Gippsland Primary School Surfing Titles.

I took off on one wave, I fell, I got held under for 10 seconds, I was fine but I got shipwrecked (if you don’t know what that means, my surfboard was injured). At the end of the day I didn’t win any trophies but in my head there was a sense of participation and that is all I needed.

Noah A. 3/4C

READING AWARDS

WONTHAGGI PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM 4
SCHOOL CORE VALUE
JUST DO IT ! - CONFIDENCE

Just Do it! (Confident behaviour) means:
Being able to get on well in different social situations. Having good conversation skills.
Taking socially acceptable risks. Introducing yourself to someone new.
Coming in and asking for extra help. Volunteering to participate in a new activity.
Looking people in the eye and using a firm tone of voice.
Being able to make a presentation or performance in front of others.
Continuing to work on a difficult task where you are having trouble knowing what to do next.
Working independently on a class assignment without asking for help.
Trying to solve problems or questions when you’re not sure of the answer.
Volunteering to help other students with their work.
Spending time with another student who may not be as popular as you.

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