Community News

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BIKE SAFETY

Cyclists need to be aware when they are out and about on their bikes. It is all too often that rushing, particularly to try and cross roads, has resulted in some near misses around town, as reported to us by the local community. Parents are reminded to educate their children on bike safety, ensure that your/child/ren wear approved protective helmets and understand road safety. For more information on bike safety visit: https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/cyclist-safety/bike-rider-safety

Statewide Transition Day

We welcomed our 2017 Prep children on Tuesday, they had a very exciting morning and their skills to be a “school kid” were amazing and reflected the great “Leap into Learning” program that we offer commencing in August. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and extended family that attended the parent information session in the Senior Learning centre. I would like to give a special thank you to Wendy Bradley who shared her wealth of experience with our families and thank our current families for supporting the session, by sharing their experience with our school.

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**MUSIC NEWS**

What an action packed week we are having! All classes have had several workshops with Jon Madin, our Artist in Residence, and have enjoyed playing echocellos, marimbas, dingboxes and musical bikes. If you don't know what these wondrous instruments are, ask your children!

We are putting together a show FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT on Friday night, commencing at 6pm and straight after the family picnic, which commences at 4:30pm. Bring your own picnic tea and rug or chairs, and join with our school community on the oval, weather permitting. (If it looks like rain, we’ll have our picnic in the SLC!)

Many children are performing extra items as singers to instrumental pieces. (If you don't know what these wondrous instruments are, ask your children!)

A big thanks to those children who have put in extra work learning new songs and being brave by standing up on stage. Finally, a big thanks to staff for flexibility and for encouraging their students to be the best that they can!

Ruth Chambers
Music Teacher

**IN ART**

In Art this week we have nearly completed our latest whole school art project. It's called the Wishing Tree and we’re trying to capture the spirit of Christmas without the material focus.

All students are contributing their work to this large scale art project which is hanging off the large gum near the main brick quadrangle doors. At the beginning of the year the students learnt about the Tanabata festival in Japanese and it is a similar concept to this.

Grade Preps have made ceramics beads, grades 1,2,3,4’s have sewn calico stars and grade 5,6’s have made beads and also contributed a wish along with the rest of the school. Wishes will be curled up and placed inside the calico stars along with 'wish powder' and stuffing. Students have been encouraged to think of a wish that is not about belongings and possessions, but might help themselves, someone they know or strangers who need help in some way. The wishes can be quite personal, students do not share their wishes, they place them inside their stars and then sew them up.

The wish powder students place inside the stars will, over the next week, create a magical effect. Keep your eyes on that tree.

Thankyou
Ms Chapman & all students

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**PARENT'S & FRIEND'S**

**Christmas Raffle**

It is that time of year again with our next Fundraiser being the Christmas Raffle. More donations are needed for the Christmas Raffle. If you would like to help, please leave your donation at the office. Raffle tickets and money are due back by Thursday 15th December with the Raffle being drawn at our last Assembly on Friday 16th December. Tickets are 50 cents each or 3 for $1. More tickets are available at the Office. We would like to thank you all for your support and help throughout the year.

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**UNIFORM CLEARANCE SALE**

- Windcheaters (Crew Neck) Size 4—$16.50
- Polar Fleece Jumpers Half Zip Size 4—$26.00
- Polar Fleece Jumpers Full Zip Size 4—$26.00
- Hooded Windcheater Size 4—$26.50
- Tracksuit Pants Sizes 4,6,8,10,14 & 16—$19.00
- Short Sleeved Polo Shirts Bottle Green Sizes 4,6,10,12—$16.50
- Long Sleeved Polo Shirts Bottle Green Sizes 4,6,10,12—$18.50
- Green & White Checked (A-Line) Dress Sizes 4, and 18—$17.50
- Green Skirt (Skirt & Short Cross) Sizes 4,6,8, & 10—$21.00
- Bottle Green Pleated skirt Sizes 6,8,10,12—$20.50
- Rugby Knit Shorts Sizes 4,6,8,10,12, 16—$15.00

Available at the office are School Bags $40.80 and School Hats. Bucket $9.00 and Broad Brimmed $8.30

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**NEW UNIFORM ORDERS**

As you may be aware our Uniforms are supplied and ordered from TWW Totally Workwear, 11 Murray St, Wonthaggi. Totally Workwear have suggested that to avoid delays on any new uniforms orders, it would be best to place orders in December for pick up in January. As they also supply uniform to other schools in the area therefore they can become quite busy, so it is best to get your orders in early, ready for next year. Order forms are available in store at Totally Workwear, from the office at school or can be downloaded from our school website at http://www.wonthaggips.vic.edu.au. Simply follow the link on the left hand side of the home page.

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**GRADE 6 PHOTO ORDERS**

The Grade 6 Photo taken by Foons Photographics is ready for ordering. There is a copy in the office for viewing. If you would like to order a copy please come to the office as soon as possible to place your name on the order sheet. An 8” x 10” copy is $18.00. Payment when ordering is required.

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**PARENT HELPERS’ / VOLUNTEER MORNING TEA**

There will be a Parent Helpers’ / Volunteer Morning Tea held to thank those people who have helped out at the school throughout 2016. If you are a Parent Helper / Volunteer please feel free to come along and join us in thanking each and every one of you.

When: Thursday 15th December
Where: School Staff Room
Time: from 11:00 am

Your help is greatly appreciated and helps to make our school “ Truly Great”.

Please contact the office to advise if you will be attending.