From the Principal

I would like to personally wish our whole community a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday break. I wish our Grade 6 graduates a safe journey onward to Secondary College. We also have a few families who are relocating to new places and also wish you all the very best for your new challenges. I would like to encourage you all to keep a strong place in your heart for Wonthaggi Primary School, as we will always keep fond memories of your time at our school.

Today your children found out their teacher/s for the 2016 school year. Over the years we have all had favorite teachers as students - probably favorite teachers as parents as well. The best advice I can offer is that your children will adopt your attitude to the teacher and class with whom they are placed. So talking positively about their year ahead will help your child to adjust to any changes that are going to occur. A few things to remember for when your child comes home today to tell you about their new teacher and class:

- We are a lucky school. We have great teachers across the board, all of whom genuinely care for children. They are professional and always wanting to do the best they can.
- Your child can’t always go with their best friend. Life doesn’t work like that and it certainly won’t when they get to Secondary College, but they do need a friend and they will have at least one. We want them to feel comfortable in their learning environment.
- What your children get out of the 2016 school year will be the attitude they bring to it not whether or not they got their favorite teacher.
- Experienced teachers are great because they know a lot. Graduate teachers are great because they bring vibrancy and new ideas. By the way, older teachers can do this as well!!!

The teachers have worked very hard to make the classes fair, even and equitable for all. I commend them for their efforts. Like you, I look forward to seeing your child having a fabulous year at school in 2016! I would personally like to thank our parents/carers, for helping out throughout the year and most of all believing in your children by helping them to learn and grow across all areas of our curriculum.

Senior School Team Leaders

A few weeks ago we had the pleasure to interview (along with Mr Terlich - Senior School Team Leader) our candidates for School Captains and Student Representative Council (SRC) President for 2015. Every child spoke passionately about what makes our school a great place and how they believe they can support our school to be a wonderful place to learn and grow. The quality of their thinking was extremely impressive. The House Captains also gave their speeches to their houses and children from grade 2-5 had the opportunity to learn and grow. The quality of their thinking was extremely impressive. The House Captains also gave their speeches to their houses and children from grade 2-5 had the opportunity to vote for their leaders. The Captains and SRC president for 2016 will be announced at Friday’s Assembly. I, along with our community will congratulate whoever is successful. To those who miss out, clearly you did a wonderful job and there is lots of leadership positions still up for grabs in the early weeks of term one - so don’t be disconsolate or lose faith. There will be a number of chances to take on a meaningful leadership position in 2016.

CONGRATULATIONS on an AMAZING CONCERT

Last Friday night we celebrated our learning from our amazing ARTIST IN RESIDENCE Program. Every child shone and sparkled as they performed their Asian Dances, drumming or Puppet theatre.

A special thank you to our amazing Music Teacher Ruth Chambers who motivates our children and works tirelessly to ensure that every child experiences performing arts success. Ruth’s work throughout the year to ensure that your children all experience success is well planned and is the envy of many other schools. Also to our fantastic Art Teacher Pinni Chapman who inspires our children to visual displays, props and costumes offers opportunities to all.

At tomorrow’s assembly we will also farewell and thank a number of staff for their commitment to our students:

- Carly Wills who has taken a career change to work for Monash University.
- Helen Birell who has a position with Anglicare in Leongatha.
- Jenna Rowe who has completed her transfer year with us from Wonthaggi North Primary School.
- Alison Stewart who is undertaking a 1 year transfer to Newhaven Primary School.
- Marg Callanan who has completed a short term contract, replacing Bianca Quinn.

I would like to thank our School Council for their support during this year as Principal. I feel indeed fortunate to lead and support such a wonderful school.

Principal

Leanne Anstey

FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

THURSDAY 17th
- Grade 6 Graduation.

FRIDAY 18th
- NO BREAKFAST CLUB.
- SPECIAL ASSEMBLY - 9:00am in the School Gym.
- Last day of School for 2015 - Dismissal at 12:00pm.
- NO BUSES

JANUARY 2016

THURSDAY 28th
- School starts for Grade 1 - 6 Students.

FRIDAY 29th
- School starts for Prep Students.

(Note: Teachers commence on Wednesday 27th January)

CONGRATULATIONS TO:-

Molly Cargill a former student of Wonthaggi Primary School for achieving an ATAR score of 98.3.

Don’t have Facebook ?
See our feed anyway on the school website
We would like to thank you all for your wonderful support throughout the year. With all your help and support, the fundraising committees have raised the funds needed to install the solar heating to our pool. Well done to all.

Christmas Raffle
The Christmas Raffle is being drawn at Assembly on Friday morning. Good luck to those who have entered and we would like to thank all who have donated a prize/s.

We would like to wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing everyone in the new year.

Merry Christmas from Parents and Friends

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Canteen

Thursday 17th December was the last day for lunch orders this year. Monday 1st February will be the first day back for Canteen in 2016.

A new Menu will be sent out in the first week of Term 1 2016. Please enjoy the holiday's and I look forward to seeing you all next year.

Louise
Canteen Manager

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Community News

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Christmas Lights Tour
Horse & Carriage Ride
Wonthaggi

Children each get a FREE 7 colour battery operated candle
$160 for seating up to 7 people
($260 Christmas Eve and Christmas Day)
bookings @ horsemancarriages.com

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Term commencing from Monday
18th January, 2016.
Contact: Matthew Pocklington
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www.southgippslandteniscoaching.com.au
15th Annual Junior & Open Classic Tournament:
January 6,7,8 2016. 23 Events.
South Gippsland Tennis Coaching is now taking
term 1, 2016 enrolments.
Spaces are very limited so get in quick!
Hot Shots: Red 4-7; Orange 5-8; Green 9+;
Squads; Privates; Tournaments and more.
Venues & Days: Phillip Island: Monday;
Korumburra: Wednesday;
Leongatha: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday;
Fish Creek: Wednesday; Wonthaggi: Thursday;
*No tennis from Monday 8th February to Friday 12th February
- all coaches away at tennis tournament*