Creativity, Achievement, Respect, Integrity, Nurture, Growth

Dear students, parents and friends,

What fabulous weather we’ve been having lately. The warm sunny weather has meant our landscaper has been able to work without interruption and has now finished all the new planting around the school. With the builder’s site fencing all gone it’s great to have access to our whole school once more. The new garden and pathways at the front of the school certainly make an attractive entrance for visitors to the school.

At our assembly on Monday we said farewell to two highly regarded Wandin Yallock teachers. With approximately 40 years of service to Wandin Yallock between them, Mrs Thompson and Mrs Barker have certainly made a huge contribution to the lives of many students who attended the school. We wish both of them all the very best during this next stage of their lives.

Following on from assembly, we invited Mrs Thompson and Mrs Barker to do the honours of planting a descendent of our Tree of Knowledge. The Tree of Knowledge was one of the many cypress pines planted in remembrance of the fallen ex Wandin Yallock students from WW1. It is great that we can continue this link to the past for many future generations of Wandin Yallock students.

Tuesday was our open morning with many parents and grandparents spending time with their children and participating in their learning. Students always love having their parents and grandparents in class with them and have a sense of pride when showing them around the school. We always encourage families to be an active part in their child’s learning both at home and at school and you are welcome at school at any time.

This Friday is the National Walk Safely to School Day. We encourage all families to meet the teachers at the Wandin oval from 8.10am so we can walk together. The last group to leave will be at 8.25am. Upon arrival at school we will all be having breakfast together in the multi purpose room. Parents are most welcome to walk as well. For those who can’t meet us at the Wandin oval or who walk to school anyway, Mrs Marshall will be at school to meet students and will walk with them around our oval.

Life Education begins this week, with the P-4 students attending sessions of Friday and the 3/6 classes next Tuesday. All parents are invited to an Information session at 9am on Friday (after you have walked to school!) to find out about what is being discussed in your child’s sessions. Being aware of the content and language used is really helpful for parents to reinforce the messages in a consistent way between home and school.

Finally, we recently received some wonderful feedback for our school which I couldn’t resist sharing with our community. We all know how great our MDL student leadership program is and how marvellous our students represent themselves and our school, but it is so affirming when other schools recognise it as well. Below is an excerpt from an email received from a teacher who recently took her students to MDL.

“Just a really quick email to say that we all had a fantastic day at Mont De Lancey yesterday. There was just so much to do and see. The volunteers were sensational and are obviously so passionate about their connection to Mont De Lancey. The children from your school were also great. What a wonderful leadership program for them.”

Wendy V, Teacher, St Patrick’s Primary School.

Have a great week.

Trevor Vass
Principal

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

KIANA M. 3/4K
Kiana, your cheerful nature and happy smile brighten up our room every day. You approach every learning activity with enthusiasm, a positive attitude and the will to succeed. It has been fantastic to see you putting in the extra effort to improve your skills as a learner and to achieve your best. The extra reading, spelling and times table practice that you do is reaping rewards, with you now achieving so much success in your learning. Kiana, your happy, kind and helpful ways are appreciated by all. Keep up the great work, Kiana.
KEIARA M. 5/6M
Wow! What a star this girl is in the art-room! Keiara is an artistic and creative girl who loves her art time and who works hard to produce her masterpieces. Keiara missed a lesson on weaving, but when she came to the next class she caught up with her class mates in a flash with an amazing display of weaving skills! Keiara was so quick that her teacher was afraid it wouldn't work out, but Keiara's work was outstanding! Keiara, we love your enthusiasm and your cheerful outlook ... I'm sure a creative future lies ahead for you! Well done!

TARYN W. 5/6M
What a magnificent effort Taryn is making with her learning this year! She has learned how to set goals for herself and to put in the hard work to achieve those goals ... and what fabulous progress she is making as a result! Taryn your spelling has improved enormously, and you can be very proud of the reading you are doing at home. Taryn is also becoming a more confident mathematician who is developing a positive and determined attitude to all our maths activities. Taryn is always a delightfully kind and friendly girl who is a real asset to our school. Congratulations Taryn!

BLAKE L. 5/6S
Blake, I think you should change your middle name to 'Determined' as the determination you have shown recently to achieve the SMART goals you set at the end of term one have been nothing short of incredible. The determination and commitment to improving your handwriting skills has seen the quality of your writing progress dramatically which I know you are proud of. You also set a goal to improve your focus and avoid distractions which has seen the quality of your work also improve dramatically. Blake, you really should be proud of the hard work you have put in and you are proof that hard work does pay off. Keep up the hard work and who knows what you can achieve!

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• Small glass jars, preferably washed with labels removed. Please send to Mrs McC's room. Thankyou

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