



# Wandin Yallock News



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**TERM 3**

**THEME: Forces**

**30<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

**No. 22**

## TERM PLANNER

### July

Fri. 31<sup>st</sup> School Tree Planting Day  
Concert Committee Meeting 3.45pm

### August

Tues. 4<sup>th</sup> Finance Meeting 7pm/Education Meeting 8pm  
Wed. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 5/6 Melbourne Museum Excursion  
Tues. 11<sup>th</sup> Mont De Lancey Visitors 5/6M  
Facilities Meeting 7pm/School Council 8pm  
Wed. 12<sup>th</sup> Grade 5/6 Excursion Lilydale High School Production  
Fri. 14<sup>th</sup> Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport  
Mont De Lancey Visitors  
Mon. 17<sup>th</sup> Parents & Friends Hot Dog Day  
Tues. 18<sup>th</sup> Mont De Lancey Visitors

### Notices Sent Out

CSIRO "Lab on Legs" Incursion  
Grade 5/6 Excursion LHS production

### Notices Due Back

Family Recipes For Recipe Book  
EMA Second Semester Application Forms  
2010 Grade 6 Windcheater  
Grade 5/6 Melbourne Museum Excursion  
CSIRO "Lab on Legs" Incursion  
Grade 5/6 Excursion LHS Production

## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

### Thank you

Naomi and Dean Chapman (parents of Aaron and Renee) have generously donated blueberry canes which will be planted in the Sustainability Farm. It's lovely to see the farm reflecting a little bit of the local community landscape.

### Teaching and Learning

Connections began this week on Tuesday in Prep to grade 2 and Wednesday in grade 3 to 6. Kate Jenkins has been teaching French every week of the term. The Prep to 2 program continues with the same topics and teachers, allowing us to draw upon special areas of expertise.

The teaching team continues to refine Connections. In order to extract best value from available teaching time, the 3/4 team will focus on science with Paul Onley integrating music and sound. Annette King and Leonie McCoy will concentrate on forces and energy. All grades will continue with their French studies. Other topics covered in Connections will be integrated into the class curriculum with their own teacher.

The 5/6 team will also maintain a focus on French. Therese Myring will continue to teach keyboard to smaller groups to allow more intensive progress. Jo McCracken will also concentrate on smaller groups as we continue to develop the Sustainability Farm with the support of Farmer Graham.

### Surveys

Please keep those surveys coming in. I have now received more than 90 surveys about Connections and appreciate the feedback. Some responses suggest the need for follow-up. If you want to share any thoughts in person, please see me or a teacher.

Thanks also to all our prep parents who took the time to let us know your thoughts about your child's school entry. Again, if there are issues that you want us to follow up, please share with any of the team. Even think about someone being spokesperson for you.

I have had only a few survey responses from new families. Are there any more parents of new families who would like to return surveys to help us review our transition processes?

### Enrolments for 2010

I encourage you to make a start on planning prep enrolments for next year. Enrolment forms are available from the office. Monday or Friday mornings are usually the best time to see classes in action during the literacy block. If you would like to make an appointment for a tour and to ask questions, please call or drop by to arrange a suitable time.

### Martial Arts Therapy

The MAT group met with Mel and Joe on Friday and began their journey of using martial arts skills to learn life skills.

Liam said, "The tag game was hard and I learned that I need to be patient. Mel is a black belt and even beats Joe sometimes, but Joe normally wins. The group is starting to get to know each other."

"MAT is really worth doing. It's fun and a way to become stronger and fitter and break through barriers in your life." Monique

"You can learn life skills like self-defence and make friends with new people. When you break through barriers the people in your group help you and understand what it's like for you. I've already become less shy which is my goal. I want to be less shy but still be true to myself. I will learn from Mel and she will probably learn from us. Even Joe, who is very experienced, probably learns something from every group he teaches." Sharn

"Joe and Mel teach us how to work with a group. It helps you get along with others and become better friends." Jordan

"I felt excited about doing the MAT program. Our goal setting session helped me get ready by encouraging me and helping me to be proud of myself." Leticia

Conference

Last week I attended our network leadership conference where we continued an intensive ongoing conversation about instructional leadership. In the past, principal duties were about management and administration. These duties continue to be important but my passion lies with promoting growth in student learning. This is the school's core business and my top priority. Instructional leadership also involves a focus on adult learning and our team models this as we work together to acquire new skills and knowledge.

We also investigated E5, a model for considering purposeful teaching and ways to improve learning. We dug deep and shared ideas about supporting teachers to *engage, explore, explain, elaborate* and *evaluate*.

I missed being at school but believe that it is essential to head out into the wider world of education as a Wandin Yallock ambassador and bring back valuable ideas and resources.

Bridges

'Bridges' is a comprehensive training program and literacy package for students in the early years of schooling who require additional assistance. [www.bridgesliteracy.com.au](http://www.bridgesliteracy.com.au)

The program is based on the belief that:

- All students should have the opportunity to become proficient readers, writers and spellers in the early years.
- Bridges provides an effective, simple and flexible program for those students in the Junior years unable to access Reading Recovery.
- A child's whole success in life will be determined by their success in early language development. Struggling children need that edge.

Wandin Yallock will be hosting a Bridges training program in term 3 and we are keen to include parents who would be willing to become a Bridges coach for one of our students.

The registered Bridges trainer will provide manuals, DVD and or CD and certificates for all participants. Please let Bren know as soon as possible if you would like to join in.

After School

We want all children to have consistent messages about after school rules. Please remind children to wait for collection only at the waiting area where they will be supervised by a teacher. At 3.45 they will be brought up to the Tree of Knowledge for pick-up. The only other departure point for children making their own way to church car parks or all the way home is near the crossing. I know that you will appreciate that these rules are all about safety.


Positive Parents Forum


We are holding a series of Positive Parent forums with the first one presented by Helena Deagan of Parentzone this Tuesday July 28th. Helena spoke about effective discipline and family values and beliefs. She promised tips on encouraging children to be ready for school early, to complete homework without reminders and no back-chat.


The consensus was that Helena delivered on her promise. The forum was rewarding and fun and I warmly invite you to join other parents at the next forums on August 18<sup>th</sup> and September 8<sup>th</sup> at 2.00 in the multi-purpose room. Please see me or Vonnie if you would like to know about future programs.


*Christine Shiel*  
*Principal*



**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS**

	<p><b><u>LUCY B.</u></b> <span style="float: right;"><b><u>1T</u></b></span></p> <p>Congratulations to you Lucy - you are working so very well! We are all thrilled with her efforts. Lucy is one of the kindest and most caring people you could ever meet. She is ever thoughtful and co-operative - she always has an eye out to help. I love the way Lucy is a focussed student and will sit at her table and work enthusiastically. She concentrates well and produces excellent results. Lucy's reading skills are very pleasing. Her word knowledge is improving each day - as are her story writing skills. Lucy - maintain your interest in learning. You are a star. We think the world of you!</p>
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	<p><b><u>AARON C.</u></b> <span style="float: right;"><b><u>3/4DM</u></b></span></p> <p>From creating a magnificent project to helping the grade with brochures there isn't anything too big (or small) that Aaron isn't prepared to do to learn. His enthusiasm, effort and sense of fun helps our grade to be just that little bit better. Aaron is a true citizen and he cannot help but be noticed for his kindness and inclusiveness. You can see and hear him in action in our grade anytime - just visit. Good on you Aaron!</p>
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	<p><b><u>JEMMA W.</u></b> <span style="float: right;"><b><u>3/4K</u></b></span></p> <p>What an absolute "GEM" Gemma is to have in our room! Her happy smile and positive nature really brighten our day. Gemma is always so kind and helpful, and has many great ideas that she loves to share. She is constantly offering to help and we know that whatever job Gemma does, will be done in a mature and responsible way. She did a wonderful job of organizing Mr. Digit's Math's Box, decorating it beautifully and making sure everyone gets a turn with it. Gemma also spent hours downloading music for our Concert. What a treasure you are Gemma. Congratulations!!</p>
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	<p><b><u>RILEY M.</u></b> <span style="float: right;"><b><u>5/6M</u></b></span></p> <p>Riley is having a fantastic grade 6 year that just keeps getting better! Riley impresses us with his time management skills, his organisation and the fabulous work he's completing. Riley - you are such a quiet achiever, but you are always noticed; helping others, tidying up and offering to help. You are so dependable, polite and thoughtful. What a wonderful person to have in our class and school. Keep up the great work!</p>
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	<p><b>Can You Help???? Wanted for the Art Room</b></p> <p>Any plastic bottle tops. Any size/colour/shape. Wool and Plastic Containers</p> <p>Please send to the Office.</p>	
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## Education Maintenance Allowance (E.M.A.)

We are now taking applications for Semester 2. Parents who successfully applied for the first instalment DO NOT have to reapply for the second instalment.

If you are the holder of a new current Pensioner Concession Card or Health /Benefit Card you are able to claim for EMA. If you qualify, please call into the office for an application form. The form MUST be returned to the office NO LATER than 7<sup>th</sup> August 2009. (You will need to produce your Health Care/Benefit Card at the office for verifying.) Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate in contacting Brenda in the office.

## CANTEEN NEWS

Have you tried the new CRUIZER PIE yet?? Mrs Mac has come out with a cheese and beef pie with only 4.6 grams of saturated fat. It is part of their Good Eating range and they are Heart Tick Approved. They provide a healthier choice compared to other similar products and are virtually trans fat free. This is great news and even greater is the TASTE!!! So come on, try a Beef and Cheese CRUIZER PIE!!!

The following people are on duty: **Friday July 31st**

8.45am - 10.15am	11.00am - 1.45pm	11.30am - 1.45pm	12.15pm - 1.15pm
Georgie Johnson	Georgie Johnson		Kathy Radmanic
Cathy Hollingworth	Cathy Hollingworth		

A BIG thank you to Christine Cellante (Joel's mum from PM) who volunteered her time in the canteen on Friday.

If you can help or have any queries regarding the Canteen or can help in any way please contact me on 5964 2453 or 0408 550 633. Cheryl Bruggeman.

## Vonnie's View

Have a Go

This week I've heard about a couple of students who participated in state level sport and really 'had a go'. They did not expect to come first, but still participated against many other students, gave it their best shot and felt really good about their involvement. I firmly believe you don't have to come first to be a winner - simply participating, getting involved and having a go reaps all kinds of rewards, including healthy attitudes and self-esteem. We can compete against our personal best, see how we're improving and sometimes we can discover a whole new area of interest or ability simply by trying something new.

Whenever you spot the opportunity, encourage your children to have a go, and in so doing you'll train them to live successful lives.

All the best, Vonnie

## *MONT DE LANCEY*

*A big thank you to all those who helped at Mont De Lancey on Tuesday - Our young leaders from 3/4DM, Charley, Jessica, Tegan, Harrison, James and Reuben; our volunteers, Danielle, Pat and Angus and last but not least Mr Duffy in the School House. A great day was had by all.*

## SCHOOL CONCERT

The Annual School Concert will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September at the Careforce Church in Mt. Evelyn. The next meeting will be held on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July at 3.45pm in the staffroom. Notices will be coming home shortly asking for helpers within the classes. Please look out for these and please consider coming to the meetings.

## *FUNDRAISING NEWS*

*We are looking for a screen printing company for doing our logo on our Aprons. Do you work for or do you know of a screen printing company which may be able to help us?? Please contact Brenda in the office if you can help.*

## *Wandin Yallock Family Recipe Book*

*We are now starting to look at putting this Recipe Book together so don't forget to get your recipes in now. Thank you to the families who have taken the time to return some great recipes however we are in need of more, especially recipes for entrees, soups & mains.*

*If you have already returned yours don't be shy, we would love more....*

*You can email to school ([wandin.yallock.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:wandin.yallock.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)) if more convenient.*

*Hurry.....only a few weeks to go before final entries..... YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS OUT.....*



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## McDonalds Junior Hoop Time 3/4

What great fun we had on Friday, July 24 at the annual McDonalds Basketball Hoop time tournament.

Our teams consisted of:

All Stars: Cody, Macauley, Lewis, James and Joel. Coach: Cathryn Rewse

Warriors: Tegan, Kayla, Brianna, Jessica, Andres and Cale. Coach: Christina Barker

Wildcats: Carson, Brooke, Jackson, Charley, Maddy, Isabella and Ella. Coach: Leanne Ford

Games were played against Yarra Road, Croydon West, Ruskin Park and Gladesville Primary.

We were all so proud of our Wandin Yallock Basketballers who were all well behaved and incredibly focused on their game. The All Stars and Warriors had some fantastic games and wins, but the Wildcats last game was most memorable. Congratulations to all the players, you all deserve to be proud of your efforts.

Thank you to all the coaches, team managers, Mr Rosendale, and parents for cheering and supporting the teams on.

Yarra Road Primary were the Champions on the day and we wish them well in the Hoop Time Finals.

Heather Stockton

### FOR SALE

4 litre tubs of vanilla ice cream for sale \$4.00. Please see Brenda at the office.

### FREE TO GOOD HOME

Chihuahua x Shitzu    Male 4 years old    Suit elderly person    Ring Mandy 59642526  
Please call into office to see photo.

### FOR SALE

Extendable oval hardwood timber table with 6 chairs. Very good condition. \$600 Please call 0407 649 559

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## PARENT AND FRIENDS UPCOMING EVENTS:

*Please mark these dates in your Diary.*

☺ Monday August 17: Hot Dog Day

☺ Thursday September 3: Father's Day Stall

(Father's Day breakfast/Dinner was cancelled due to Concert being held on September 1)

☺ Sunday October 25: Mornington Market Day and Lunch

(Notice will be out shortly, great for all your Christmas shopping)

☺ Sunday November 8: Mystery Tour (Another Great Location)

☺ Friday December 11: Christmas Barn Dance.

Next Meeting Monday August 24: 9.15am P and F Meeting

If you have any questions, or would like to share your ideas call Michaela on 0437 753 399, or come along to our meeting  
we love to see some new faces.

Thanks

Parents and Friends

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## FATHER'S DAY STALL Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Each child will be asked to bring a maximum of \$5 to purchase a gift for their dad.

Please keep an eye out for notices, which will come home in the next couple of weeks asking for helpers on the day and to help wrap.

Thank you

### PUPPIES FOR SALE

French Mastiff x Bullmastiff x Neomastiff x American Bulldog.

1 Female Brindle colour    1 Male Black and Brindle colour    8 weeks old.

Vet checked at Wandin Vet. Vaccination and Working Record.

\$400 Phone 0434 359 161

Photos at Office

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