Dear students, parents and friends,
Welcome back for another exciting term at Wandin Yallock. I hope that everyone enjoyed the break and managed some quality family time together whilst your children were at home. It was really pleasing to talk to the students as they arrived at school on Monday morning and be greeted with lots of smiles and enthusiasm about being back at school.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome two new students and their families to the Wandin Yallock community; Isaac in 5/6M and Sophie in 3/4K. We look forward to getting to know both families and are sure you will love your time here at Wandin Yallock.

We have certainly hit the ground running this term with lots of exciting things happening already. The 5/6s were treated to a footy clinic first thing on Monday morning with two Essendon champions, Dustin Fletcher and Brent Stanton. The children were thrilled to be coached by such experienced players, because when footy clubs visit schools, they tend to send more junior players and rookies. And to be honest I was a little star struck as well! Both players were impressed with our school colours as well as the effort and enthusiasm the students demonstrated during the clinic.

Also on Monday, the 2s, 3s and 4s began their weekly sessions with the 3D Arts group, who will be working with these classes throughout the term. The group will be using the medium of
dance and drama to explore ideas around our school CARING values. The first session went very well with all students thoroughly engaged and entertained by Collette and Cale, the two presenters.

With Bastille Day being celebrated earlier this week, Madame Marshall took the opportunity to have a guest speaker come to her French classes to talk a bit about the day and French culture in general.

The 5/6’s have interschool sport this Friday, playing away at Wandin North. At next Monday’s assembly, we have a presenter from the MS Foundation to talk to students about multiple sclerosis. This coincides with the beginning of the MS Readathon which all students are encouraged to participate in. See Mrs McCracken for more information. Also on Monday, each grade will participate in a 1st Aid lesson delivered by St Johns Ambulance.

As you can see, the term is already shaping up to be another fabulous one at Wandin Yallock. I look forward to continuing the learning journey together with your children over the term.

Have a great week.

Trevor Vass
Principal
**Working Bee**
Mark in your diaries the next working bee which will be on **Sunday 27th July**. The jobs planned are to clean out the big shed and to clean up the garden behind the admin building.

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**FUNDRAISING FRIENDS NEWS**

**OUR SCHOOL RAFFLE**
We are once again running the ‘Our School Raffle’. Tickets have now been sent home. Please return any money, ticket stubs and any unsold tickets by Friday 15th August.

**Entertainment Books**
Entertainment books have been selling quite quickly this year. We only have a few left so make sure you get in quick. They are only $65 each.

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**TIN FOOD FOR THE HOMELESS**
Anchor is an independent community based organisation which provides services to the homeless, foster carers and many other needy people.

We are going to be collecting packaged/tin food for the homeless. Please bring any donations to the office and it will be taken to Anchor in Lilydale at the end of each month. Please consider helping others who are less fortunate.

If you would like any information on the services they provide please click on the link below or see Naomi Wilcox.


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**Catch the savings bug**

**Bendigo School Banking**
School Banking days will be held every Thursday, enabling your child to make regular deposits into his or her account.

When you choose to be a bendigo Bank customer, you not only make a decision that benefits you, you also make one that benefits the Wandin Yallock Primary School.

Wandin Seville Community Bank* will reward your School by contributing funds, via our Club Rewards Program, for each new product opened by Students or their families - Please see attached Club Rewards Flyer for more information.

So the next time you do the school run, shop or pay your bills why not do it with the Wandin Seville Community Bank* the more Wandin Yallock Primary School benefits.

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**Discipline vs Punishment**

What is discipline?
Why doesn’t punishment work?
What works and what doesn’t?

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**Understanding Self Injury in your Teenager**

- What is self – injury?
- Who does it?
- Why do teens self – injure?
- How to respond if your teen is self injuring

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