Dear students, parents and friends,
Welcome back to another exciting term at Wandin Yallock. I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter break and managed to relax a little over the holidays. The term will certainly kick off with a bang this Saturday with the return of the Family Fun Fair sure to be a wonderful community event. Make sure you bring along family, friends, neighbours and anyone else you know as it will be a great opportunity to show-case our school. The more people we have the better the day will be. Of course to make the day successful, we also need lots of helpers on the day. Thanks to those families who have already committed to helping. If you haven’t put your name down on a roster please call in at the office to see how you can help. We need all families – parents and children- to commit an hour or two helping to ensure the smooth operation of each event, stall and activity.

Thanks to the parents who participated in the parent forums as part of last term’s review with Emma Richardson. Emma will be presenting her review report to both staff and school council next Monday. The findings on the report will help us develop our strategic plan for the next 4 years and will be made publicly available via our website later in the term.

New Victorian Smoking Laws
From 13 April 2015, smoking has been banned by law within four metres of an entrance to all primary and secondary schools in Victoria, and within the school grounds, under an amendment to the Tobacco Act 1987. A similar ban applying to the entrances and grounds of Victorian childcare centres and kindergartens will be introduced at the same time.

While smoking was banned on the grounds of all Victorian Government schools by the Minister for Education in 2009 via a Ministerial Ban Order, the new bans are enshrined in legislation and will also apply to Catholic and independent schools in Victoria, thereby ensuring a consistent approach across the government and non-government sectors.

As our school has multiple entries along Quayle Road, parents are not to smoke outside the school anywhere along Quayle Road.

Earlier this week we sent out some information about our Chaplain service which included a permission form. Michelle Watson, our Chaplain, provides wonderful support to our school community. Michelle works for Access Ministries but is not associated with the Special Religious Instruction program they provide in schools. This is something very separate. Michelle provides wellbeing support for our students and families, not religious instruction. As part of changes to the way the Chaplaincy Program is supported, we are now required to have written consent for Michelle to work with any student. Could I please ask all families to sign and return the permission slip as soon as possible. Extra forms are available from the office or website. Wellbeing support often includes group work with select students but may also include your child as part of a friendship support group. It is for this type of scenario that we require all families to provide permission for allowing Michelle to work with all of our students. If you would like more information on Michelle’s role, please ask.

I look forward to seeing you at the fun fair on Saturday.

Trevor Vass
This Week’s Maths Challenge

Well done to Grace and her family who answered the last maths challenge correctly, and in the process, showed there is often more than one way to correctly interpret and solve a problem. This week’s challenge:

What is the next number in each sequence?
1, 2, 4, 7, 11, 16, ?
1, 3, 7, 15, 31, ?
0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, ?
1, 2, 5, 14, 41, ?

Parent Payments

Thank you to all those families who have paid their Booklist Money for 2015. A reminder that the Parent Payment of $170 per student is now due. Any families experiencing financial hardship, please see Veronica or Trevor to make arrangements for the year.

FAMILY FUN FAIR

Saturday 18th April 2015

Our fair is only about 2 days away and there are a few last minute items needed.

- You should receive today a plastic/paper plate with 2 labels and a notice and instructions asking for cookies/slices. If you could bring your plates along on Saturday morning for Grade 5/6 MS Stall.
- Plastic shopping bags are urgently needed for Saturday. Please bring to the office.
- More volunteers for the BBQ stall. Please contact office.

Thank you to all our wonderful families for all your kind donations and time - it all helps to have a successful day for hopefully our biggest fundraiser of the year! See you all Saturday!!!!