Dear students, parents and friends,

The end of the year is rapidly approaching; a little too quickly for my liking! There is only a little over 4 weeks left of the school year but there are so many learning activities and celebrations still to occur. Today the P-3 students have gone to Taskworks for some cooperative problem solving activities and tomorrow the 4/5s are participating in a wellbeing day with Mrs Watson and the team from 3D Arts. Also on Friday, the final Practice Prep session will be occurring for next year’s new preppies.

Other events that are planned before the end of the year include: P-2 sports, 4-6 Market Day, orientation day for our soon to be year 7’s, grade 1/2 BBQ and grade 2 sleep over, P/1S working bee, 3D Arts working with year 6 and interested dancers, the Family Christmas picnic, and year 6 graduation. It’s going to be a very busy four weeks!

A year ago during November we started our initiative to reduce the amount of rubbish brought to school. We encouraged families to pack lunches that didn’t require rubbish packaging and to use reusable containers instead. A year later it’s pleasing to see that this has become the standard practice for most of our families. This initiative has led to significantly less rubbish in our yard and bins which is great for our school but of course for our environment in general. We continue to strongly encourage families to bring rubbish free lunches to school not only to help keep our school looking great but to also save you a dollar or two. You might recall 5/6M’s investigation earlier this year that clearly demonstrated it’s cheaper and creates less waste to buy in bulk and then portion out amounts into lunch boxes rather than to buy individually wrapped items such as bags of biscuits or chips.

You will soon be receiving a letter requesting payment of the parent contributions fees for 2016. While the delivery of the standard curriculum is considered free, the many essential items associated with delivering that curriculum is a cost that schools are allowed to require payment for.

Generally, the fees that are charged to families to support the delivery of the curriculum cover items or services that the students take possession of or have access to at school and home. Wandin Yallock Council has worked hard to keep these costs to a minimum for all families and our parent payment fees remain one of the lowest around, equating to only $4 per week if you take advantage of the discount available for payment this year.

The end of year is rapidly approaching which means our annual end of year Family Christmas Picnic on the school oval is almost here. This year it will be on Friday 11th December from 6pm. This is a great chance for families to come together for a relaxed evening celebrating the wonderful year we have had together at Wandin Yallock.

Students will be performing and of course the man in red will be here too. I hope to see you and your family there. Have a great weekend.

Trevor Vass

**IMPORTANT FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION**

Once gain our school is on the DET’s Bushfire At Risk Register (BARR). This means that on any day that is declared a Code Red Fire Danger Day, the school **WILL BE CLOSED** and no students, teachers, other staff or visitors are to attend the school. You will be informed in writing of possible Code Red days and again to confirm days of closure. All families are urged to have an up to date Fire Safety Plan for the upcoming fire season.
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

CHASE H.  P/1S
Chase, I have been thoroughly impressed with your determined nature in attempting to reach learning goals that we have set together. You are now more regularly maintaining your focus which is seeing you produce more work which I know you are proud of. This, combined with your caring nature of helping others (including helping your teacher to clean the room) without the need for acknowledgment or a reward but just because you’re a thoughtful boy, makes you a joy to teach. Keep up the hard work Chase!

COOPER K.  P/1S
It has been obvious to all involved with Prep/1 S the determined learner that you are developing into, Cooper. You listen closely to instructions, maintain wonderful eye-contact and then your hard working nature quickly springs into action as you get to work. We now see this on a regular basis which is seeing you reach your best. Your development into a more conscientious student and your kindness and ability to look out for others will ensure that you will be an excellent grade 1 leader next year.

ALLY M.  4/5M
Ally is a quiet achiever…but that doesn’t mean that her many achievements go unnoticed! Ally really understands that making an effort and working hard make a difference to your learning outcomes! Ally puts in 100% with every class activity; she asks for teacher help when she needs it then sets to work to apply new learning. Be proud of the growth you have made in your learning Ally. Ally is a very caring girl and her love of animals is wonderful to see…any pet that Ally ever owns will be beautifully looked after! You are a very special member of our school community Ally and we greatly appreciate your many great qualities.

4/5/6 MARKET DAY
The 4/5/6 students have been focusing on Economics this term and have been very busy preparing for a market day next Wednesday. Please come along and support them. There will be snacks and drinks, games, novelties, book marks and a variety of other products for sale. All profits will be donated to charities.

When: Wednesday 25th November
Time: 2pm-3pm
Where: WYPS stadium

Wandin Sunset Festival
Friday 27th November 5pm-9pm
Wandin North Shopping Centre Car Park
Fundraising Friends are planning on holding a hot dog stall and a novelty stall so we are looking for parent helpers to run these. If we do not get enough helpers we will have to reconsider running our stall and being part of this fantastic community event.

We are also asking for some older children (Grade 4-6) to help on the novelty stall.

If you can help in any way please fill out the form and return by Monday 23rd November, so we can organise this event. If you have any questions please contact school.

Fundraising Friends Committee

Wandin Sunset Festival
Yes I Can Help out at the Wandin Sunset Festival

☐ 3.30pm - 5pm Set Up ☐ 7pm - 8.30pm
☐ 5pm - 6.30pm ☐ 8pm - Pack Up
☐ 6pm - 7.30pm

Name: ____________________________
Phone: ____________________________