Creativity, Achievement, Respect, Integrity, Nurture, Growth

Dear students, parents and friends,

Welcome back. 2016 looks set to be another fantastic year at Wandin Yallock PS. It was great to see everyone’s smiling faces last Friday and hear all about their holiday adventures. I have been very impressed with how everyone has already settled into their new classes, ready to continue where they left off last year. It has been especially pleasing to see how well our new foundation students have begun their primary school journey.

Mr Shaw has been delighted at how enthusiastic his new students are and how easily they are learning the routines of school life. Welcome also to our new foundation families that have joined us this year. We look forward to getting to know you and your children over the next 7 years!

I would also like to welcome our two new staff members to the Wandin Yallock community; Madame Mathers, our new French teacher and Miss Harvey, our new 5/6 class teacher. Both have already demonstrated what wonderful assets they will be to our school.

As you know this year we implemented some new changes to our school day. Our earlier 8.50am start and Community Time initiative has been running smoothly with classes participating in a variety of activities designed to get to know each other and build relationships between students and teachers. We feel strongly about the value of this initiative and are pleased that students are here on time and ready to participate. Hopefully, your children are adapting to the later lunch time this year and there hasn’t been too many grumbling tummies. If your child reports being too hungry before lunch, encourage them to bring along some fresh fruit or veggies to eat in class or give them a more substantial morning tea.

At Wandin Yallock we welcome open communication between families and the school. We encourage parents to talk to teachers regularly. You are welcome to arrange a time to chat with teachers or myself as often as you like, just call the school or speak to your teacher to arrange a time as often teachers are busy preparing before and after school. We will be holding the first of our 3-way conferences on Wednesday 24th February. These early meetings are designed to begin the home school partnership and allow students, parents and teachers to discuss the year’s learning ahead for students. Booking information will come home soon.

If you are interested in playing an important part in your child’s education but are unable to attend during school time, then you may like to consider joining the school council. There are a number of opportunities to join the school council as either an elected member or a member of the Sub Committees. Sub Committees develop ideas for school improvement in the areas of Education, Facilities, Finance, Fund Raising and Publicity, which they propose to the school council as motions. It is the school council’s role to consider these motions and implement actions where approved. We will be having elections for several vacant positions later this term. If you’re interested in contributing to your school in this way please see me for further information.

The start of the year is a timely opportunity to remind parents about not arriving too early at school. Our teachers are very dedicated and always at school early. However, officially student supervision does not begin until 8.40am. Parents should be aware that students arriving before this time may not necessarily be allowed in classrooms or supervised in the yard. The other reminder is about the morning parking procedures at the front of the school. When dropping off your children, please follow the yellow line, parking parallel to the footpath to allow children to get out close to the footpath. Parents should not park in this area in the morning. If you wish to park and walk in with your children please use the visitor car park at the bottom of the oval. This system is designed to ease congestion and make drop offs safer for your children.

Next week, I have the pleasure of accompanying our year 6 students on the tour of Canberra. They are all very excited about this camp and learning all about our system of government in Australia. It is also a perfect opportunity to set up the year ahead by getting to know each other on a more personal basis as happens on camp and developing greater levels of self-reliance and responsibility. As in previous years it’s going to be a wonderful experience.

There has been a lot in the media recently about schools having to evacuate due to hoax bomb scares. Fortunately, we have not been caught up in this. As a school we do rehearse evacuation and lockdown drills to ensure that we can deal with a crisis if it should ever arise. We do have an evacuation drill scheduled for early this term that will include our foundation students. This will ensure that everybody is prepared to deal with an emergency situation in the unlikely event of one occurring. We will give all our students advance warning so that they are aware of what is happening and don’t get too frightened.

Once again, welcome and welcome back to another wonderful year of caring and excellence in education.

Have a great week,

Trevor Vass, Principal
Music Lessons. (Instrumental music extension program)

The intake of 2016 music students is being planned now. Those wanting more information should express their interest by emailing ismusic@bigpond.com

This elective, extension music program is a fee for service program provided by Andrew McAlister and a team of specialist musicians from In Schools music. Lessons are in school time. Information sessions including a "What Instrument Suits Me?" program are available to assist parents and students before starting formal lessons on a range of different instruments. Identifying the right instrument for your child plays a major role in their musical success.

Bonjour les parents!
Le département français serait le plus reconnaissant si vous pouviez apporter, une construction réutilisable pour les élèves de la Prép/1.

Merci énormément,
Madame Mathers

Attn: Wandin Yallock Community

Apple has determined that, in very rare cases, the two prong Apple AC wall plug adapters (Apple wall adapters) designed for use in Australia may break and create a risk of electrical shock if touched. These Apple wall adapters shipped with Mac and certain iOS devices (iPad, iPhone, iPod) purchased from 2003 to 2015.

For further details: www.apple.com/au/support/ac-wallplug-adapter

The affected Apple wall adapters (as shown in the red box) are usually connected to an iPod/iPhone/iPad or MacBook power adaptor like this...

Once removed from the power adaptor, the affected Apple wall adapters are round and look like this (with 4, 5 or zero characters on the inside slot as shown)...

Studytech is a local Apple Authorised Service Provider (located in Bayswater Vic) and to assist schools/businesses nearby, we are offering to streamline the replacement process by providing a bulk exchange service...where affected Apple wall adapters will be collected and exchanged (one-for-one) at no-charge.

Our bulk exchange service is only available for a limited time.
During the bulk exchange period, you will not need to obtain the serial number of the Apple device...just bring the affected Apple wall adapters.
To take part:
talk to your family/friends/neighbours and get theirs too...the more the merrier. You will need to bring all the affected Apple wall adapters to School on a date to be determined after Canberra Camp. We will send out a note when we know what the date will be so they can be brought to school.

For more info contact: Veronica Gamble
service@studytech.com.au

Thanks :)

Seville Netball Club Inc.

Seville Netball Club are currently recruiting players of all ages - under 9's thru to Open - for their winter season

New Players Most Welcome
Season commences on Saturday 5th March with all games to be played at Pinks Reserve Netball Complex, Kilsyth
Training Wednesday nights at the Seville Netball Courts
Registrations close Saturday 6th February
Please contact Sue Lennie if you have any queries - Ph: 0438 709 772 or 5964 3514
Or email sevillec@outlook.com

Sunday 14th February 2016
Wandin Football Oval/Clubrooms
Clegg Road, Wandin North
10.00 - 12.00 noon

Registration Fees
One Player = $150
Two= $250 Three = $300
Age groups
U9, U10, U12, U14, U16
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Payment will be accepted in the form of Cash, Cheque or EFTpos facilities will be available. Payment plans can be discussed.

Merchandise - Orders will be taken for named/nicknamed player game day bags and these will need to be pre-paid for on the day approx. $40 per bag. Shorts, socks, hoodies etc. will also be available for purchase.

Dressed team stands friends breakfasts for under 9's a game. Order forms for pre-game pack at training. Anyone who has old boots they wish to donate or sell bring them up on the day (obviously as early as possible). Please come along to renew your membership or to become a new member of our fantastic club.

If you would like to join but can't make it to registration, phone registration officer Kerrie Farr 0419 338 110 or email wandjf@bigpond.com for any further information queries.

Go Doggies!