



# Wandin Yallock News



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TERM 3

21<sup>st</sup> July 2016

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TERM PLANNER		Notices Sent Out	Due Back
<b>JULY</b>			
Wed. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Practice Prep Session 2.30-3.30pm	Book Club Flyers	29/7/16
Fri. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 1/2 Hooptime	Grade 1/2 Hooptime	26/7/16
<b>AUGUST</b>			
Fri. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 3/4 Hooptime	Grade 6 Butterfly Body	28/7/16
Tues. 9 <sup>th</sup>	YVFM	Confidence Leadership Session	
Wed. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Mini Olympics		
	Meetings: Finance 5.30pm/Education 5.30pm/ School Council 6.30pm		
Fri. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 5/6 Hooptime		
Wed.17 <sup>th</sup> -Tues.23 <sup>rd</sup>	Book Fair		
Wed. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6 Butterfly Body Confidence Leadership Session		

## Creativity, Achievement, Respect, Integrity, Nurture, Growth

Dear students, parents and friends,

At our Monday assembly this week, we had a surprise presentation from Jan Ockwell from the Wandin Seville Community Bank, who presented the school with a cheque for \$5000 for the ongoing operation of our Farm over the next 3 years. All our students love the Farm and the unique opportunity it provides them to learn about food production and sustainable gardening practices. The invaluable support of the Wandin Seville Community Bank is greatly appreciated by everyone at the school. I look forward to seeing the 'fruits' of this grant continue to grow over the next three years. Thank you to Farmer Rob for all your hard work in applying for the grant.

Last Friday, our senior students played their final round of interschool sport for the year. Unfortunately our sporting teams haven't had much success this year but I have been thoroughly impressed all year with the positive attitude and sportsmanship that all teams have displayed. Participating for enjoyment rather than only to win, and trying new sports has been evident amongst the students. Whilst talking about team work, I was fortunate enough to spend some time in the farm with the 4/5 and F/1 classes last week where I witnessed some very impressive hard work and co-operation. All of the students happily helped each other out to complete their jobs around the farm and were eager to take on any new job I could find them. Many of our community time activities focus on building team work and co-operation skills with in the class as this is an essential life skill. When working in a team it is important to remember we all have a common goal and therefore need to ensure we support and encourage each other in our endeavours to meet the goal. I have been supporting teachers to run community time and thoroughly enjoy working with the classes on these team based challenges.

Next Wednesday is the first of our Foundation transition sessions. All 2017 Foundation (Prep) students are invited to come along for a fun afternoon with Mr Shaw and some of our Year 5 students. The sessions start at 2.30 and go for an hour. Parents are welcome to stay in the classroom if they wish or come to the office for some afternoon tea and meet with other new parents. Please encourage your friends with children due to start school next year to come along as well. We want everyone to know about our wonderful school.

Next week some families will receive a Parent Opinion Survey from the school. We really value parental feedback about the school and this survey provides us with an annual measure of our success in trying to improve student outcomes. If you are one of those families, please take the time to honestly fill it in and return it to school. We look very carefully at the collated data and use it to inform future improvement at the school. We randomly select families to receive a survey so if you do not receive one but would like to have your say, please contact the office as we have some spares.

Have a great weekend,

**Trevor Vass**  
Principal

### Last week's award recipients



## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS



### ANTHONY C.

Anthony has started Term 3 with an awesome attitude and a fabulous work ethic. He has made sure to sit in a good learning spot and is listening with such respect and concentration. In Maths, Anthony has been working really hard and his multiplication work has been impressive. He is reading regularly at home and finished his Book Club novel well before it was due. On top of this, Anthony continues to be a true and loyal friend who cares for everyone's feelings and puts others before himself. He is an outstanding example of every one of our school CARING values. Congratulations Anthony.

**4/5M**



The Enviro Squad with Farmer Rob, Jan from the Wandin Seville Community Bank and Mr Vass receiving the grant for \$5000.

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**Bendigo Bank**



The whole school say thank you to the Wandin Seville Community Bank for their support of our Farm.

### FARM REPORT

A very special thank you must be made this week on behalf of all of us and The Farm. We were successful in again obtaining \$5,000 funding from Wandin Seville Financial Services, Bendigo Bank and The Youth Foundation. This grant will enable The Farm program to run for three more years - 2016 to the end of 2018.

And the person who really drove this application on our behalf was **Jan Ockwell**, Chairperson of Wandin Seville Financial Services. Jan helped me re-jig our application and got me to "please explain" several times through this process. So a very big thank you Jan for your incredible insights and invaluable assistance.

This money enables us to purchase all the materials used on the farm; from plants, seedlings, trees, shrubs, soil, stones, mulch, paint, art materials, hardware, timber, hand and garden tools, gloves, incentive awards and items needed for special projects. The grant is based on 'growing' The Farm Program. Our aim is to make The Farm even more relevant and a resource for the entire school community.

For example, in our fundraising/catering initiatives we really want to grow more of the vegetables we use, such as lettuce, parsley, tomatoes, onions, carrots etc.

We would like to regularly sell or make available some of our produce for gold coin donations each Friday and encourage the community to **use** the garden. It is jointly ours. Please feel free to help yourself to veggies or herbs. At present the weather has been miserable and we have been waiting for our funding, so planting has been limited, but this is an on-going offer. There are veggies on-the-grow. At present we have Italian and Afro parsley, some chives, maybe a lettuce or two and bay leaves ready to go. We only ask that family meal sized portions be taken; no truck loads to the Vic Market! We will have eggs for sale again soon as we now have some new chooks.

Some of our plans include a permanent water feature, more raised garden beds, more recycled seating, tables and shade areas. Also we are looking for ever more great ideas from the kids on projects for The Farm via a Farm Suggestion Box.

Another plan is to try to source and highlight/promote as many local businesses for our supplies as possible; it may cost a little bit more, but the goodwill and community investment are truly fabulous. For example we have received many, many packets of free seeds and some seedlings from the extensive **Wandin Valley Plants Plus Nursery** at 236 Warburton Highway, Wandin North (just over Stringybark Creek.) It really is a great place to shop for your garden needs.

Another thank you to a lovely lady called Rose from Mooroolbark who donated in excess of \$600 worth of plants, trees, shrubs, succulents and cuttings for our school last term. These included Himalayan Strawberry trees, Ornamental Pears and numerous fruit trees. These have already been planted and are doing very well.

So we do not rest on our laurels. We scrounge, recycle, re-use and are open for donations of all sorts of things. Just let me know if you have some potential goodies.

We have also had a recent and ongoing offer of plants from **Mr. & Mrs. Larkman, (Birchwood Wholesale Nursery)**, which we are only too thankful and grateful to honour.

Last Friday on The Farm P/1S, 2/3M and 4/5M all worked very hard on mulching around the seating area along the western boundary of the farm. Lots of weeding, pruning and composting was done. Not pretty work; pretty hard work, but not one child used the dreaded 'B' word, and judging by the sea of smiles, our kids at Wandin Yallock P.S. are a team to be proud of.

### FARM AWARDS

Our very worthy winners for the May /June Farm Awards were **Blayne M.** and **Thomas D.** And our second ever winner of our new **RAK OFF** (Random Acts Of Kindness to Our Farm Friends) Award was **Alannah B.** All three of these wonderful winners are to be commended on their work ethic, their friendliness to others and their ability to be self-starters; those who see a task to do and... "When the going gets tough, the tough get going". Well done you magnificent three!  
Farmer Rob

### Bright Star Kids

Fundraiser [www.brightstarkids.com.au](http://www.brightstarkids.com.au) Don't forget to jump online and order labels for your child's belongings. **BE SURE TO NOMINATE WANDIN YALLOCK PS IN THE PAYMENT AREA WHEN YOU CHECKOUT**, so we can raise funds for our school.

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