Dear students, parents and friends,

Everyone's patience and resilience have certainly been tested over the last few days with widespread power outages meaning that school, along with most houses, was without power for all Monday and therefore no lighting, heating or internet access. Despite being a slightly frustrated and a little chilly, the school teaching and learning programs continued smoothly and with minimal interruption, although we did continue to have issues with our computer networks and internet access well into the week, hence the lateness of this week's newsletter. I hope your family wasn't too badly impacted by the wild weather and resulting power failures.

Well done to our students who competed at the divisional finals last Thursday. Whilst none of our students were successful in progressing through to the Regional finals, many students reported improvements in their personal best and all enjoyed the experience. Congratulations to Thomas W, Will R, Alannah Mc, Joel P and Branden F once again for your personal achievements.

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help out at the Field Days event this Friday and Saturday. If you've never helped out before, there will be plenty of others around to tell you what to do and you're sure to have a great time getting to know other school families, whilst helping to raise funds for our school. Mornings and afternoons are when we really need your help.

Don't forget to order you tickets for the school concert next Wednesday. All classes are very busy preparing props and rehearsing lines. From the snippets of rehearsal I have watched it's sure to be a great night once again and an opportunity for our students to shine. This year's performance is inspired by the works of author Roald Dahl and students and teachers have worked very hard to come up with a creative performance for you all to enjoy. Please be aware of the change of venue this year to Mt Lilydale Mercy College in Anderson Street, Lilydale.

Trevor Vass
Principal

Date for your diary - On the 12th November the Seville Fire Brigade will be celebrating their 75th anniversary with a police escorted parade down Warburton Hwy to the Seville Sports ground to start the Seville Spring Festival. They have invited local community organisations including our school to march with them. Wandin Yallock will be represented and we would love lots of students and their families to join us. The March starts at 12.30 and will take approximately half an hour. Please let the school know if you can walk with us.

Creativity, Achievement, Respect, Integrity, Nurture, Growth

Last week's award recipients

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OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

JUSTIN B. 4/5M
Justin has started term 4 with all cylinders firing and looks set to finish his grade 5 year on a high note! He is focused, attentive and very organised, which he needed to be during our very busy swimming week. He approached every swimming lesson with a fantastic attitude and always gave his best effort. Justin’s recount about the swimming program was full of personal voice and captured his positive approach to learning and always doing your best. Justin continued his ‘can do’ attitude during Maths lessons, where he applied strategies learned in Quicksmart to solving number problems. Justin, keep up this fabulous, positive approach to learning. It’s really paying off for you.

JAKE L. 5/6H
Jake, what can I say? You have grown so much this year and you should be truly proud. You are beginning to show your creative side more in class and it’s helping you achieve in all aspects of your schooling. At swimming, you tried all the activities with excitement and enthusiasm showing and this level of motivation has followed into the classroom. If this motivation continues throughout this term I have full faith that year 7 will be a successful one. Well done.

THOMAS W. 5/6H
Tom should be congratulated for his tremendous start to term 4. He has come to school every single day to school with a smile on his face and ready to learn which has been a breath of fresh air. On top of this, he has been calm and willing to take risks in swimming, maths and even writing, resulting in many achievements in which he should be proud. Tom has been beyond helpful in the classroom by assisting Miss Harvey set up and get ready for the day, along with constructively helping other students who are struggling with their work. Thomas, if this is a glimpse of the type of grade 6 leader you are going to be, I am so excited to watch you grown even more. Well done.

Wandin Yallock PS 2016 Annual School Production

‘100 years of Roald Dahl’
Wednesday 19th October 2016, Mt Lilydale Mercy College
6.30pm for a 7pm start
Tickets available from the office.

PARENTING SEMINARS

2016 DATES:
DISCIPLINE VS PUNISHMENT
Wednesday October 19
What is discipline? Why doesn’t punishment work?

BEHAVIOUR
Wednesday October 26
Why do kids behave the way they do? What is normal behaviour? What is misbehaviour?

RULES AND CONSEQUENCES
Wednesday November 2
What are positive rules? How do you make them work?

DEALING WITH FEELINGS
Wednesday November 9
Are you wanting to build your child’s emotional intelligence? What about their anger?

RESILIENCE
Wednesday November 16
What is resilience? Can we teach our children how to handle the tough stuff in life?

TIME: 7pm to 9pm
WHERE: Wandin Pre School, 10 Union Road, Wandin North
CONTACT: Helena Laveze Anglicare Parentzone 9735 6134 or 0488 591 204
COST: FREE (bookings essential)