

Wandering News

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Coming Events

Monday 6 March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Thursday 9 March

Swimming Carnival

Principal's Pen

Our weeks are flying past really quickly and we are now at the end of week four. The students enjoyed their week of swimming and managed to progress further in their abilities.

Our swimming carnival is on the 9th March at Wickepin Pool. You will need to be at arrive by 10.00am for a 10.30 start time as the students will need to be placed into their factions for the day. We will be having one of our staff members in each of the bays. Just a reminder if you a buying lunch to get your lunch order into the front office by the 1st March so the food can be ordered. We are unsure of what the weather is going to be like on the day so pack for cooler weather and for the hot weather. Remember to wear school hats and bring along water and recess.

In week 7, the year 3 and 5 students will be sitting NAPLAN. Prior to sitting the NAPLAN test they will have a practice test so that they are familiar in how to use the tools, especially in Numeracy. The student results will come back quicker and as a staff we will collaborate to find any learning gaps and introduce the correct resources to support our students learning.

This week we held a FAZZ mini assembly and focused on our value of Respect. We had just under half of the school receive a FAZZ certificate which is absolutely fantastic to see so many students receiving a FAZZ award.

The students have to gain a certain number of stickers by week 5 to achieve a reward day. Students have to brainstorm ideas for the reward day and vote to make a decision.

We recently held our P & C meeting and had some great outcomes in office bearers. It would be absolutely fantastic to see more parents and community members involved as many hands make light work. I do understand that it can be hard due to work but even helping out behind the scenes in selling raffle tickets, helping with the Easter Hampers and Father's Day raffle would be fantastic. The money raised by the P&C is for every child in the school and it supports educational programs we need for the student to teach them to become successful life long learners. Thank you to those who have joined our P&C and to those who will be joining at the next meeting.

Our School Council requires an outside community member to join the team. If you know of anyone who would like to participate in our one hour meeting which are held after 3pm please nominate them to the school. We would also like to see a few more parents being nominated to the council. Being a member of the School Council is not scary, your main job is to support the school and to promote the school to the community and the outer community. There is a small bit of training involved, however it is in place to teach you your role as a member on the School Council and is provided during the meetings.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Regards

Merrill Ridgley





What does a YouthCARE Chaplain do?

A YouthCARE Chaplain works as part of a schools' student services and wellbeing team, providing pastoral care and support for students, staff and families.

Our chaplains deal with a range of social, emotional, mental health, personal and relationship issues as well as facilitating various programs and activities within the school community. These include:

- Social & emotional learning programs
- Mentoring & role modelling
- Funerals & memorial services
- Breakfast club programs
- Community development events & activities
- Education support programs
- Grief & loss programs
- Spiritual support programs

Our Wandering Primary School Chaplain Christine Smith will be attending the CRC each Wednesday from 2.30pm to 3.00pm as part of our commitment to the Wandering community .

If you would like to visit with Christine during this time to have a chat, she would love to meet you.



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Junior Room

This fortnight the students have been busy with swimming lessons. They should be commended for the consistent effort they showed during their lessons. By the end of the week their swimming instructor was extremely impressed with their improvements!



Back in the classroom, we worked on recount writing and began our spelling & reading group rotations. In History we focused on the Past, Present and Future. Many students have been diligent in showing our school values.



WANTED

We are looking for donations of:

- Clean empty drink bottles, milk bottles / cartons
- Small to medium boxes
- Wood offcuts (wood and branches)
- Retic pipe / poly pipe offcuts
- Empty 1kg Hummus / Yoghurt containers



Also:

Vacuum cleaners,
toasters, bread
makers, small

electrical appliances that no longer work that the students can use on our 'tinker table' (please cut the electrical cord off).

All donations can be delivered to the office at the

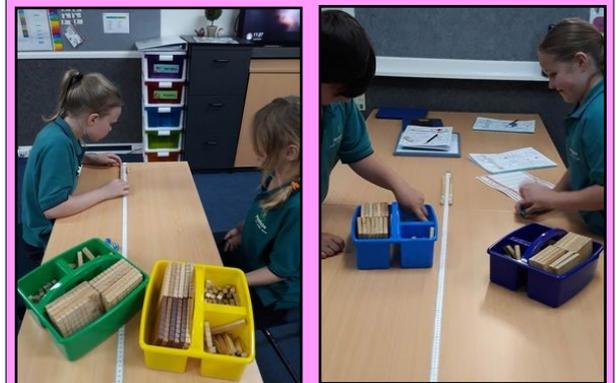


Senior Class News

The Seniors have had an extremely active fortnight. Last week we had our school swimming lessons in Wickepin. Our bus behaviour was excellent with most of the students satisfied with time to chat, while others used the opportunity to read a good book. When we arrived at Wickepin, we had time for a quick Crunch and Sip and digestion time before lessons. It was impressive to see how organised everyone was to keep their clothes together and packing up after themselves. The teachers were so proud of our students, who played nicely in between lesson times and left a clean grassed area behind. The improvement in everyone's swimming skills was very noticeable. All of the students were able to swim the 25m length of the pool with confidence. All of the students were awarded lots of Phascy stickers to reward their amazing performances.

This week we have launched our Guided Reading and Spelling Mastery programs. The students were assessed earlier in the term to determine their developmental level and which small group they would work in. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the students will rotate between Miss Lowrie and Mrs Bailey to receive explicit instruction in Reading and Spelling.

In Mathematics we are continuing to build our knowledge of Place Value. The Top Ten programme recommends teaching concepts in blocks, uninterrupted by switching or rushing until the content is mastered. Our place value focus will be partitioning numbers for efficient counting, addition and subtraction using place values, rounding numbers, skip counting and decimal numbers. Some of our activities have been recorded on See Saw.





Chocolate & Coconut Bliss Balls

Ingredients

- 1 cup instant oats
- 12 pitted dates, chopped
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 2 tbsp cocoa
- ¼ cup raisins
- 2-5 tbsp warm water

Method

Place all ingredients except the water and 2 tablespoons of the coconut in a food processor. Slowly add water starting with 2 tablespoons and process until smooth. Add more water if required. Roll into balls and then roll in the remaining coconut.

Place on a lined tray in the fridge for 1 hour to set. Store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 2 weeks or freeze for up to 2 months.

Caps don't cut it!

Overexposure to UV radiation and sunburn as a child may lead to skin cancer later in life, with each sunburn increasing the risk. Embedding sun protection practices in schools and educating students and staff about protecting their skin to reduce their UV exposure will have a major impact on the future incidence of skin cancer in Australia.

Not all hats provide the same protection from harmful UV radiation. Broad brimmed, bucket and legionnaires hats provide the best protection to ears, neck, nose, face and crown of the head, as well as providing some protection to the eyes. Caps do not provide adequate protection as the ears, cheeks and neck are still exposed – these are common sites for skin cancers.

Ditching the cap and wearing a sun protective hat makes sense – for adults and kids.



A visual example showing that caps do not provide adequate sun protection to the ears, side of face and back of the neck.



FOCUS VALUE



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS VALUE

Respect

Look after the feelings and rights
of others.

- We respect the privacy of others.
- We engage with the people we speak to and consider their opinions.
- We use our manners.
- We maintain personal space of others.
- We always greet others when we see them.
- We use equipment and technology appropriately.



FAZZ Award Winners

Congratulations to the FAZZ Award recipients for this fortnight! Ida, Joel R x2, Rhian, Zuke, Emma, Hannah & Cliff - Well done, keep up the good work!



School Council



Our School Council are looking for a community member to join them.

Being a member of a School Council is an important and rewarding role that contributes greatly to the success of a school. Members from the wider community can lend their skills and expertise to the school to assist in its success.

Nominations are open now for a community member to join our council. If you are interested, please contact the school on 9884 2950 or via email: wandering.ps@education.wa.edu.au

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The Library Lowdown

We've had a couple of visits from the students to the library over the first few weeks back to school, and we are looking forward to reading lots of wonderful stories and sharing our love of reading this year.

The first issue of Scholastic Book Club has come and gone. Remember that our school library directly benefits from every dollar spent!

There will be a competition run between the classrooms (Remember to Pop Your Books Back) with the winning classroom (being the one with the most students returning their books on time) receiving a special award at the end of the semester. So please encourage your children to remember to return their books (as well as their library bags!) each **MONDAY**.

Leanne Rose – Library Officer

“A child who carries a book with a bookmark in it, is in two places at the same time.” – Tony Abbott

SENSE OF BELONGING
HARMONY DAY



We invite student to wear orange to school on Tuesday 21 March and we will engage in Harmony Day activities during the school day!

Harmony Week is a time to celebrate Australian Multiculturalism and the successful integration of migrants into our community.

Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it.

Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.



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SWIMMING LESSONS 2023



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P&C News!

Our P&C AGM was held on Wed 15 February 2023. Your 2023 executive members are:

President Jemma Caldwell

Treasurer Rikki-Lee Reid

Secretary Kerry Lobb

Uniform Kerry Lobb

Our first fundraiser is our annual Easter Raffle and we are requesting donations to assist in putting together the hampers.

Our next meeting is being held on Wednesday 17 May @ 2.30 –3.00pm in the Staff Room.

P&C Easter Raffle

We are requesting donations of Easter items for our upcoming Easter raffle - e.g. Easter Eggs, decorations, easter bonnets, toys, etc.

All donations can be delivered to the front office at Wandering PS and will be collected on Friday 17 March 2023.

Raffle tickets will go on sale on Monday 20 March and then it will be drawn on Thursday 30 March at the Assembly (8.45pm).

Thank you for your support.



Wandering Primary School Term Planner



Term 1 2023							Wandering	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SAT	SUN	
0	23 January	24	25	26 Australia Day	27	28	29	
1	30 SDD	31 SDD	1 February Stud	2	3	4	5	
2	6	7	NOTE! ASSEMBLY HAS BEEN MOVED TO THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2023!		9	10	11	12
3	13	14			15	16	17	18
SWIMMING LESSONS (NO KINDY DAYS THIS WEEK)								
4	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
			P&C Meeting 3pm	School Council Meeting 3pm				
5	27	28	1 March	2	3	4	5	
6	6 Labour Day	7	8	9	10	11	12	
				SWIMMING CARNIVAL				
7	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
			← NAPLAN →					
8	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
		HARMONY DAY						
9	27	28	29	30	31	1 April	2	
				ASSEMBLY				
10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
				STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL MON 24 APRIL 2023	Good Friday		Easter Sunday	
	10 Easter Monday	11	12	13	14	15	16	

School Hours
8.45 am - 3.00pm
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
Early close Thursday @ 2.30pm

Positive Behaviour Support
Achievement / Integrity / Respect / Care



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