Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

**CASUAL REPLACEMENT TEACHERS**

Last week I was required to teach in Grade 1 for the whole day as a replacement teacher. I enjoyed the challenge that this presented to me and the students, and I felt that we were able to have a successful day. As the staff member responsible for organising the school on a daily basis, Mrs Jamieson works hard to employ replacement staff, but on some occasions, such as last week, alternative arrangements needs to be made due to staff availability. These arrangements can include splitting classes and sending students to other grades with work. This is our least preferred option and we would prefer to keep grades together. Please be assured that we recognise that students will perform at a higher level with the least interruptions and that splitting classes is only used as a last resort.

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Parent teacher interviews will be held on the last Thursday afternoon and Friday of term 1, 29th and 30th March. They are only two weeks away and will be following the old format from 4pm on Thursday and then during the day Friday. As a result there will be no students at school on Friday. The school will be utilising a new on-line program to book interviews and details are following in the newsletter with a guide also attached. The new program will allow parents to book times that suit them on-line and teachers to see their list on-line as well. Hopefully this will reduce the large amounts of organisation as well as any confusion. Please be respectful of other parents’ interviews and remember that the interviews run for **10 minutes** with time made for the change over.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT REPRESENTATIVE VACANCY**

There is a vacancy for a parent representative on school council that needs to be filled. If you would like to be involved in the school as a member of the School Council, please talk to a school councillor or see me for a nomination form. School Council plays a very important role in the success of the school so please consider this vacancy seriously. Our Annual Meeting for School Council to elect office bearers will be next Monday at 5:00pm and will be followed by a General Meeting.

**100 YEAR CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**

Wonthaggi North Primary School will be celebrating 100 years this year. We will be forming a committee to organise the celebrations with many ideas already to put into action. If you would like to be on the committee, please see me or let me know when the best time to hold meeting would be. We will hold the first committee meeting **tomorrow, Thursday 15th March at 4:30 pm in the library**, so please RSVP to the office to let me know you are coming. We can look at a great year of celebration and look forward to another successful 100 years.
Finally, it was great to catch up with new and familiar faces at the Family Picnic last Thursday. I certainly enjoyed chatting with students, staff and parents in a less formal setting.

Matt McKittrick
Principal

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held from 4.00pm – 8.30pm on Thursday 29th March and from 8.30am – 1.00pm on Friday 30th March (Student Free Day).
Ms Campbell will not be available after 6.00pm on Thursday evening, however, as an alternative will be available from 4.00pm to 5.00pm on Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th March.
We have changed our parent/teacher booking procedures and you can now book interviews online at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST.
Instructions on how to book an interview have been sent home with children today (white form with green/blue headings).
Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use “NCAYS” as the School Event Code and follow the three simple steps:
   1) Enter your details
   2) Choose teachers
   3) Choose times
When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically.

BOOKINGS OPEN TODAY (WEDNESDAY, 14th of MARCH)
BOOKINGS CLOSE MONDAY 26th of MARCH at 9.00am

For parents who do not have internet access, bookings may be made by:
   • Phoning the school office on 56 724 697
   • Calling into the school office during office hours
   • Sending a note with your child stating the day/approximate time you would like an interview

SWIMMING PROGRAM

Our grades 3, 4, 5 and 6’s have begun participating in their swimming program. This is on a Thursday and will continue to 22nd March. The senior house swimming sports will be held on Thursday 29th March. Students need to remember to return their permission forms to their teacher if they have not done so. Until the permission form is returned students will not be allowed to swim. Students need to remember every Thursday to bring their bathers and towel. Please ensure that all students’ belongings are named.
The times for each of the groups are as follows:
9.10am - 3P
9.50am - 3R
10.30am – 4C
11.10am – 4W
12.05pm – 6B
12.45pm – 6D
1.25pm – 5K
2.05pm – 5D
HEALTHY LUNCH RAFFLE
Students can currently earn raffle tickets that will go into the draw to win a school labelled drink bottle donated by the Parents and Friends every Monday. Students can earn a raffle ticket by bringing a healthy lunch. Some examples of healthy lunch box contents may include sandwiches, wraps, variety of fresh pieces of fruit, biscuits and cheese, dip, fruit or vegetable sticks, yoghurt, grain waves, rice snacks, plain popcorn (or healthy options of chips), even homemade muffins or little cakes are ok. We are trying to get students to think about what they put into their lunchbox and think about healthy options rather than foods that are high is sugar and salt. Students are encouraged to bring a drink bottle to school that should be filled with water and not the sugar drinks.

ATHLETICS
At present our grade 3’s to 6’s have been practising their athletic skills in PE getting ready for the school house athletic sports on Friday 20th April (first Friday term 2). As something new for Wonthaggi North Primary we will also be having the junior school athletics on the same day. The junior students will be participating in some modified activities. To help the day run successfully we do need helpers for each grade on the day to rotate around the stations with the students and assist the teachers at the stations. If you have any questions or are able to assist in any way please contact Kylie Strickland at the school.

PUSH CARTS
We have entered 4 teams into the local push carts competition that will be held next Friday 23rd March. The students who have chosen to taken part will have a permission note to take home this week. The students have been training hard at lunchtimes and learning to control the push carts, pull them apart and above all learning to work as a team and enjoy themselves.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL
Junior School Council are supporting the Harmony Day held on 23rd March. We would like to encourage everyone to wear a touch of orange. This may be an orange hair tie, orange socks, orange t-shirt etc. We would like you to still be in uniform while wearing your “touch of orange”.

KISS A PIG
We now have enough money for Mr McKittrick to kiss a pig. We would really like to see Mrs Gillies, Mr Webb, Miss Kavanagh and Miss Campbell to also kiss a pig. Please bring your coins into school as soon as possible.

ATTENTION GRADE 5 STUDENTS
A girls wallet has been found at Tidal River, possibly belonging to one of our students. If you misplaced your wallet on camp please contact the office.

BOOKLIST REMINDER
Booklist payments are due 30th March, 2012. If you would like to organize a payment plan please contact Lisa in the school office.

VISITING AUTHOR - ELIZABETH HONEY
Elizabeth Honey will be visiting our school on Tuesday 20th March. Please see the attached order form if you wish to purchase any of her books. Money and order forms need to be sent to the office.

PFA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
The Annual General meeting of the PFA will take place in the Staff Room at 2.00pm on Thursday 15th March, new members are very welcome.
**PFA: EASTER RAFFLE:** The PFA would like each family to donate an egg or chocolates for the Easter Raffle. Donations can be left at the school office. Raffle tickets have been sent home and need to be returned by **Friday 23rd March** to allow the raffle to be drawn on **Monday 26th March**.

Students who sell raffle tickets or donate an egg will be issued a raffle ticket in their grade raffle.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**
All students have been issued with an envelope for the school photos, please return to the school prior to **March 20th**. If you require family photos of students, sibling envelopes are available from the office. **Please do not place the sibling envelope in the student envelope, they must be handed in separately.**

**STUDENT BANKING**
Student banking takes place on a Tuesday through the Commonwealth Bank. If you wish your child to participate in school banking please collect an application from the school office.

**HEAD LICE**
Please be vigilant in checking your child’s hair for head lice. Unfortunately this is a problem we share and we must support each other in this matter. From experience head lice can be very distressing for families and vigilance at home is the best way to address the problem.

**PAUL’S COLLECT A CAP** We are still collecting the caps, please send any that you have collected over the holidays to school to enable us to cash in some more caps.

**Canteen Roster - Term 1, 2012**

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**ANZAC DAY COMPETITION - SPONSORED BY THE WONTHAGGI RSL**

The competition is split into 3 sections:

- Poem or true story (500 words maximum) telling of the Anzac’s.
- Painting depicting the Anzac’s.
- Craft work Collage/Tapestry etc, depicting the Anzac’s.

1. This year it is open to all grades (Age will be taken into account).
2. Please make sure that each child has their full name, class and school on their work.
3. The closing date will be Friday 13th at 3.30pm.
4. A gift voucher to value of $25 will be awarded to one winner from each school.
5. The winners or a nominated representative will be presented with the prize at the ANZAC Day Service on 25th April at 10am at the Cenotaph in Wonthaggi. (Note: this is on a school holiday).

Please place your work in the box provided in the school office.

**GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL:** The Uncle Bobs Club is again organizing this year’s Good Friday Appeal for the Royal Children’s Hospital on Friday 6th April. The appeal headquarters will be based at the Wonthaggi Fire Brigade in Watt Street, Wonthaggi and the door-knock will commence at 9am. The Appeal telephone number is 0439442678. Several children from our school and their parents have assisted with this door-knock in the past and have contributed greatly to the effort of this community to support the wonderful work done at the Children’s Hospital. Donations are tax deductible and receipts issued on request. If any students and parents would like to help with this collection please arrive at the Fire station by 8.45am.

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITY PROGRAM - COACHING COURSE**

Thursday 5th April 2012
9.30am – 4.00pm
Inverloch Recreation Reserve
Sandy Mount Avenue
Inverloch
Contact: Mark Lindsay - 0437 700 428
R.S.V.P March 30th 2012
SAVER PLUS
Would you like $500 to spend on next year’s back to school costs.

- Do you have a Health Care Card or a Pensioner Concession Card?
- Do you or your partner have some regular work? If you answered yes to these questions you could be eligible for the Saver Plus Program, which matches your savings dollar for dollar, up to $500.

To find out more phone your local Saver Plus worker – Greg Patterson on 03 5662 6551
Saver Plus - money for education and education about money.

Wonthaggi Power Football Club
Under 11 & Under 13’s Training
Wednesday nights: 4:30 to 5:45pm
(Commencing: Wed, 7th March 2012)

Coaches: Darren Beesey (Under 13’s)
Brett Forsyth & Darren Brown (Under 11’s)

New members most welcome!
For further details please phone: Darren Beesey on 0432 716 243 (U13)
Brett on 0409 962 747 or Darren on 0418 379 301 (U11)

FOR SALE
Trampoline with net - $50.00
Double off road camping mat, self inflating - $60.00
AGV motorbike helmet - $60.00
Playstation 2 and 15 games, 2 controls, all wiring - $100.00
Convection cooker - $15.00
Chicken cooker - $15.00
Black TV cabinet - $150.00

Phone: 03 5672 4886 or 0412 309 538

FOR SALE
Fox Terrier cross Jack Russell Pups.
7 weeks old
1 Female, 2 Males.
$150.00
Phone: 03 5672 2935 or 03 5672 4339