Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

**FAMILY PICNIC**
Next Thursday 8th March we will be holding the annual family picnic. This event will commence at 5pm and will provide the opportunity for families and friends from school to enjoy each other’s company in an informal way outside of school hours. Families are invited to bring along their own meal to eat at the school. Please make sure that you attend this evening, as it is an important way to meet and greet others in the school community.

**NATIONAL SCHOOLS CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM**
Last year the School Council supported the proposal that the school apply for funding through the National Schools Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program. The proposal is that the two Wonthaggi Primary Schools share a chaplain who works to improve relationships between the schools and the community, and is attached to this newsletter. As part of the application, we have been asked to gain feedback from the wider school community. If you would like to provide me with your thoughts, please complete the feedback form after the Chaplaincy Guidelines information and return to the office.

**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.

**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 ready 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 a meeting would be. We will hold the first committee meeting on Thursday 15th March at 4:30 pm at the school, so please let me know if you can come. We can look at a great year of celebration and look forward to another successful 100 years.

Matt McKittrick
Principal
Appointments:
Parents wishing to speak with teachers or the principals need to make an appointment with the office.

Urgent - Prep Questionnaire
The School Nursing Program has sent questionnaires to the Prep students we are still waiting on several to be returned. Please return to the school tomorrow if you have not already done so.

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

PMP (Perceptual Motor Program)
PMP is a program which aims to develop the child’s perceptions and understandings of themselves in their world through movement and motor experiences. It aims to develop perceptions of time and space while also giving the children confidence.
Grade Prep, 1 and 2 all participate in PMP during term 1. To make this a success parent helpers are needed. If you are able to help out at all please contact Kylie Strickland. Young siblings are more than welcome to come along with you and also participate in the program.
Thank you to those parents who helped this week it would be great to see some more helpers for the program, particularly with the Prep’s and Grade 1’s.
1D- Wednesdays 9am-9.30am
1P- Wednesdays 10am-10.30am
2S- Mondays 9am-9.30am
2M- Mondays 10am-10.30am
PG- Mondays 12pm-12.30pm
PH- Thursdays 10am-10.30am

Divisional Swimming Sports
Thursday will see four of our students travel to Korumburra to compete at the Divisional level of swimming. The students who will be representing Wonthaggi North Primary School are:
50m Freestyle – Sharlimae Thomson
50m Butterfly – Leah McNish
4x50m Freestyle Relay – Sharlimae Thomson, Leah McNish, Maddy Adams and Elly Wingfield
We would like to wish the girls the very best of luck and know they will represent Wonthaggi North with pride.
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.

PFA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
The Annual General meeting of the PFA will take place in the Staff Room at 2.00pm on Thursday 15\textsuperscript{th} 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 23\textsuperscript{rd} March to allow the raffle to be drawn on Monday 26\textsuperscript{th} 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 20\textsuperscript{th}. 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.

HELIICOPTER LUNCH
On Friday March 2\textsuperscript{nd} we will be holding another Helicopter activity in the gym at 1.00pm for 25 minutes. All students with radio controlled helicopters are invited to the gym with their helicopters. For further information see Cheyenne Sharples in 4C

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

Following is the Canteen Roster for Term One of this year. Thank you to all those people who have volunteered to assist in the canteen, duty is between 11.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. approximately, Wednesday to Friday. Thank you

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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)

WONTHAGGI NETBALL ASSOCIATION
2012 Registration Day
To be held at Wonthaggi Netball Courts,
Korumburra Road, Wonthaggi

Thursday, 1st March - 4:00pm to 5:00pm
Thursday, 8th March – 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Net Set Go (5 to 7 years): $60.00
Juniors/Under 18’s: $90.00
18 years & over: $110.00
Cost (includes court fees & VNA Insurance)

• 2012 Competition commences Saturday, 21st April
• All fees and insurance must be paid on Registration Day, either 1st or 8th of March
• COACHES, UMPIRES AND NET-SET-GO HELPERS REQUIRED
• Netball shirts for sale $20 each
• If you have unused netball skirts at home, bring them along bagged with name and price to sell.

Please phone Vicki on 0417711301 if you have any queries.

FOR SALE:
4 double storey rabbit hutches in very good condition $100 each
1 eight panel animal play pen $40.00
1 6ft rabbit or guinea pig run $80.00
Phone 56721997 or 0431701111
National School Chaplaincy and Welfare Program Guidelines – Community engagement

The Wonthaggi North Primary School (WNPS) chaplain will have a focus on building relationships both within and between the local and school communities and thus improve the educational outcomes for primary school students in the Wonthaggi area.
The role will have a focus at WNPS, WPS (Billson St) and the Wonthaggi community.
The aim of the chaplaincy program will be to engage students at their schools and also in the community, and develop positive relationships with their parents and their child’s school.
The Chaplain will provide both proactive and reactive services to the School Community. The Chaplain’s role would be under the guidance of the school leadership teams and would complement the existing support structures to plan and implement programs that will build positive relationships within the school communities. These programs will develop social and emotional skills within the school community in a supportive manner. The Chaplain would also be involved in extracurricular activities at the schools (eg Chess club, sports days) that build the school community and the skills and wellbeing of the students at WNPS and WPS. The Chaplain would also build relationships between the schools and community organisations such as sporting and social groups as well as community support organisations.
The Chaplain would need to have the support of the WNPS parent representative body, being the school council. The school Council would need to support the school’s application and the selection of an appropriate Chaplain.

National School Chaplaincy and Welfare Program (NSCWP) feedback form

Please complete the following sheet and return it to the front office

Name:

Would you support the NSCSWP Chaplaincy program at WNPS?

Could you please provide reasons to support your decision.