Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

**FAMILY PICNIC**
The annual family picnic will be held tomorrow, Thursday 8th March at 5pm. The school grounds are looking fresh and the picnic 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 no alcohol on the school grounds. Please make sure that you attend this evening, as we have many new families and it is an important way to meet and greet others in the school community.

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**
Parent teacher interviews will be held on the last Thursday afternoon and Friday of term 1, 29th and 30th March. They 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 trialling a new on-line program to book interviews and we will release details of this later in the term. It 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.

**WELL DONE HOUSE CAPTAINS**
I would like to congratulate all of our House Captains for making a positive start to leading the school. An example of this was last Wednesday, when two Captains ran a very successful pushcart session. They were well organised and set high expectations for themselves and all participants. I would like to encourage all Captains to keep up the good work and well done to Brittney and Kurt.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**
Doreen Wester recently wrote to me to thank all the students for their support of Operation Christmas Child last year. Our shoe boxes were part of 54231 boxes sent from Victoria to support families in Thailand and Fiji and she wanted me to pass on her thanks.

**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 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 on Thursday 15th March at 4:30 pm at 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.

LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY MONDAY 12TH MARCH
Just a reminder that next Monday is a public holiday and thus the school will be closed.

REMINDER
Please remember that any student who arrives at school late or leaves school early needs to be signed out at the office by an adult. Please take note of this and follow the simple processes so that Wonthaggi North can provide a safe and secure environment for all.

THIS WEEK’S PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

| Prep G | Katie Fisher |
| Prep H | Mohamed Mohamed |
| 1D    | Dakota Verboon |
| 1P    | Paige Talbot  |
| 2M    | Luke Bramley  |
| 2S    | Rosie Carter  |
| 3P    | Boyd West     |
| 3R    | Tanzin Thomas |
| 4C    | Cassidy Gooch |
| 4W    | Noah Anderson |
| 5D    | Cooper Bolding |
| 5K    | Tiara Thomas  |
| 6B    | Luke Hardy    |
| 6D    | Layla Williamson |

Matt McKittrick
Principal

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.

KORUMBURRA DIVISIONAL SWIMMING SPORTS
Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Korumburra Divisional Swimming Sports.
4th Sharlimae Thomson – 50m Freestyle
6th Leah McNish – 50m Butterfly
4th Freestyle Relay – Sharlimae Thomson, Leah McNish, Elly Wingfield & Maddy Adams
**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**

**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

**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 in 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 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.

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**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)

**INVERLOCH LIBRARY**

Inverloch Library invites you to come and meet award winning author

**BARRY HEARD**

Friday 30th March 2012

5.30 – 7.00pm at the Inverloch Library

Cost: $5.00 payable at the door

Includes wine, cheese, non-alcoholic drinks

RSVP: Libby 03 5674 2157 or Wendy 03 5674 3819
Wonthaggi Netball Association

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

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.

YMCA Wonthaggi

YMCA Wonthaggi Childcare has now opened.
Session Times: Monday to Friday 9.15am-10.45am. Taking bookings now!
Please contact YMCA Wonthaggi for more information on 03 5672 4194

FOR SALE

- Pooh Bear Hanger $5.00
- Pooh Bear Pram $50.00
- Porta cot with carry bag $50.00
- Folding High Chair $20.00
- Child Safety Gate $5.00
- Jolly Jumper $5.00
Phone: 0356 72 4886
0412 309 538