

THE NORTHERN BULLETIN

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Term 1



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We value:

- ~ Positive Relationships ~
- ~ High Expectations ~
- ~ Excellent Behaviour ~

From the Principal ...

Dear Parents and Guardians,

ATTENDANCE LETTERS

It is a legal requirement that our school records the attendance of all students enrolled. It is therefore important that this is done so accurately. If your child is unwell or has an appointment to attend, please make sure you inform the school either through Compass or by phoning the school. We are sending letters home to families regarding any unexplained absences which we will use to update our records. So if you receive a letter please fill it out and return it to the office.

ANNUAL PICNIC: CANCELLED

Due to the potential for heavy rain and thunderstorms this afternoon the decision has been made to **cancel our picnic**. I know we had many students who were really looking forward to this and I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our District swimming carnival is on this Friday 21st February at Cowes. We have a small team heading over that I am sure will represent themselves, their families and our school with distinction. Staff attending on the day include Ms Sally Dunn, Mrs Lenore O'Neill and myself.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

School Council is a wonderful way to be involved in your child's education at Wonthaggi North Primary School. It is an opportunity to share your expertise, viewpoints and skills to support learning at our school.

For the new prep parents who worked tirelessly on the Kinder committee, please be aware that School Council is not the same, it not just fundraising. It is a great way to meet other parents, see what is happening across the whole school and be part of our school community. If you are interested or would like to find out more please see myself or check out the website: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/community/Pages/schoolcouncils.aspx>

This year there will be 3 parent/community vacancies. Two for a two year term, while the other one is a 12 month vacancy.

A notice of this year's election and a call for nominations will begin on Wednesday 19th February. Nomination forms can be collected from the office. The closing date for nominations will be Wednesday 4th March 2020, at 4pm.

I encourage you to be a part of our School Council and nominate, we would love to have you!

ILLNESS

While regular attendance is vital to ensure our students are engaged in their learning we do understand that at times people are ill. If your child is unwell it is best for them personally and the other members of their class for them to stay at home and recover. This will help the individual student to recover quickly and reduce the spread of illness across our classes and the school. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Regards,
Andrew Strickland
PRINCIPAL

2020 CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- Tues 18 WNPS Family Picnic 5pm to 6.30pm - **CANCELLED**
- Fri 21 District swimming for selected students at Cowes
- Mon 24 Responsible Pet Ownership Gr Prep-2
- Wed 26 Gr 3/4 Cranbourne Botanic Garden excursion
- Fri 28 Divisional Swimming for selected students

MARCH

- Mon 2 Grade 5/6 swimming lesson
- Fri 6 Curriculum Day - (**no students at school this day**).
- Mon 9 Labour Day - (**no students at school this day**).
- Tues 10 Parent Teacher Interviews 3.50 - 6.30pm
- Wed 11 Parent Teacher Interviews 3.50 - 6.00pm
- Thurs 19 School Photos
- Fri 20 WNPS House Athletic Sports
- Thurs 26 Gr 3-6 swimming carnival

APRIL

- Mon 13 Easter Monday - (**no students at school this day**).
- Tues 14 Term 2 commences
- Mon 20 -
- Wed 22 Life Ed Van

Assembly Item - 34A

24th February

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Monday 2.50pm

TUESDAY IS NUDE FOOD DAY
Please bring a rubbish free lunch

BREAKFAST CLUB
Tuesday & Wednesday 8.15am to 8.45am

SCHOOL BANKING
Wednesday

SUSHI 2019 - \$3.00 each
Wednesday-orders to office by 9.00am

CANTEEN
Thursday & Friday

2020 TERM DATES

Term 1 29 January - 27 March
Term 2 14 April - 26 June
Term 3 13 July - 18 September
Term 4 5 October - 18 December

Office Hours: 8.30am - 4.00pm

PREP STUDENTS

We welcome our new Prep students and their families to the school. A reminder that Prep students will attend school from 9.00 am until 3.25 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday until the week beginning Monday 9th March. Well done for an excellent start Grade Prep.

SWIMMING GRADES 3 TO 6

Swimming for Grades 3 to 6 will continue this Thursday. Students need to bring their bathers, a towel and a bag for their swimming gear.

- 3/4A 9.15 am - 10.00 am
- 3/4B 10.00 am - 10.45 am
- 3/4C 10.45 am - 11.30 am
- 5/6A 11.45 am - 12.30 pm
- 5/6B 12.30 pm - 1.15 pm



**SWIMMING GRADES 5 AND 6 -
MAKE UP LESSON -
MONDAY 2ND MARCH**

Please note: Swimming will continue as normal for all grades as of Thursday 20th February.



SPORTS CORNER




We would like to thank all the students who tried out at the swimming trials recently. Everyone did a great job. 14 students have been chosen to go on to the District Swimming at Cowes this Friday. Congratulations to these students. This is a great chance to have fun and compete against other schools in our area. We know you will make the school proud and wish you luck for the day.

Permission and payment are due back by Wednesday 19th February.


Sally Dunn
PE Teacher

STUDENT AWARDS BEING PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY ON MONDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

1A	KAIN VAN DEELEN
2A	ANGEL MOO
34A	SIENNA BRADLEY
34C	BRAX MATTHEWS
56B	HAILEY TOBIN
MUSIC	JARVIS RIGBY
SCIENCE	LINCOLN STOKKER




**BREAKFAST CLUB
HELPERS REQUIRED ON
TUESDAY &
WEDNESDAY FOR
BREAKFAST CLUB**



SCHOOL BANKING

Wednesday is our School Banking day in 2020, where students can bring in their weekly deposit. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Wonthaggi North Primary School.



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CRANBOURNE BOTANIC GARDENS

**A REMINDER THAT CONSENT AND PAYMENT ARE DUE BY
FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY**

SENIOR BOOK CLUB

Every Tuesday at lunchtime we meet at the library. This month's book is, *The Truth Cookie* by Fiona Dunbar. It is about Lulu, the daughter of Mike and her mean stepmother.

So far it's hooked us in.
So... if you love reading,
Come along and
check us out!

"100% I will vote 4 stars. Pretty good!"-Kiara

"I vote 4/5 stars"-Hailey

"It really hooked me in."-Taliah



REMINDER TO PARENTS

To try and prevent germs spreading, if your child is unwell please do not send them to school.

A reminder also, if your child is absent, can you please notify the school via:

- ~ Compass
- ~ Phoning the school in the morning
- ~ Sending a note to the classroom teacher

Thank you.



CANTEEN ROSTER - 2020

Children always love to see their parents, grandparents or friends helping at school and our canteen cannot operate without volunteer help. The hours are from 12:00pm until 2:00pm on Thursday and Friday. No prior canteen experience is necessary, just a willingness to help. Canteen duty involves placing food and drinks in the classroom crates, serving children if you wish to and some washing of the dishes and sweeping the floor. If you wish to help in the canteen in 2020, please fill in the details below and return this section to the school office.

Thank you

Heather Wintle
CANTEEN MANAGER

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

I am available to assist on the following days.
(Please circle)

DAY		HOW OFTEN	
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	FORTNIGHTLY	MONTHLY



SEASON 2020

Come and join our fun, affordable, family friendly club for the 2020 season, all current and new junior players welcomed. Playing and non-playing memberships are available with discounts and special draws weekly in our club rooms.

Dalyston football netball club offer:

- Auskick- Ash Chetland: 0417293760
- Junior football 10's- TBC
- 12's - Dave Battye: 0438090177
- 14's - Scott Shelton: 0408001033
- Youth Girls - Deb Griffin: 0419743611
- Net-set-go Jenny McRae: 0439749272
- Junior netball 11's & 13's Jenny McRae: 0439749272
- 15's Oona Shepherd: 0421953188
- 17's Hannah Carew: 0477478400
- Under 16's - Brad Connell: 0487122130
- Under 18's - Derek Krause 0422607008
- Senior Netball C, B and A grade
- Senior Football

With a possible D Grade netball starting in 2020!

All pre-season training is on so now is the time to contact your coach

For more information contact our club president Andy Thomas: 0409577204
Email us at: dalystonfc@hotmail.com Or find us on facebook

DALYSTON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB BUILDING OUR FUTURE



CANTEEN 2020

THE CANTEEN URGENTLY NEEDS HELPERS FOR 2020.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER IN THE CANTEEN,
PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.**



Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

Factsheet for schools and early learning centres

Last updated 2 February 2020

An outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) was detected in Wuhan, China in late December 2019. Cases have been reported predominantly in mainland China, as well as some other countries, including confirmed cases in Victoria, Australia.

What is this virus?

Coronaviruses can make humans and animals sick. Some coronaviruses can cause illness similar to the common cold and others can cause more serious diseases, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS).

The virus seen in mainland China is called 'novel' because it is new. It has not been detected before this outbreak. Most people infected live in, or travelled to, mainland China. It is likely that the virus originally came from an animal, and there is now evidence that it can spread from person-to-person.

What are the symptoms?

Symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath. Symptoms can take up to 14 days to develop.

What if I have a student or staff member who has been to mainland China in the past 14 days?

The following staff, students and children should self-isolate and are advised to stay at home and avoid public settings, including attendance at schools and early childhood education services:

- People who were in Hubei Province until 14 days after they were last in Hubei Province;
- People who were in mainland China on or after 1 February 2020 until 14 days after they were last in mainland China;
- Close contacts of confirmed cases until 14 days after last close contact with the confirmed case.

Children and staff who are well and have travelled to any other countries where there have been reported cases, are NOT recommended to be excluded from schools and early childhood education services unless the following applies:

- The person is a confirmed case of novel coronavirus
- The person is a close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus in the past 14 days

If you think a child, student or staff member may meet one of the above criteria please call the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to discuss further actions on 1300 651 160.

How can we help prevent the spread of 2019-nCoV?

Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence.

Encourage all children, students and staff to:

- wash hands often with soap and water
- cough and sneeze into your elbow

Where can I get more information?

For Victorian updates to the current incident, go to: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/novelcoronavirus>

For Department of Education and Training updates: <https://education.vic.gov.au/about/departments/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

For national updates: <https://www.health.gov.au/news/latest-information-about-novel-coronavirus>

For international updates: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/novel-coronavirus>

WHO resources <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>



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Step 4 Register your children

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If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

