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PRIMARY SCHOOL**
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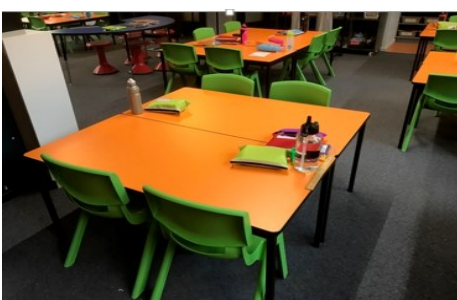
WELCOME

A very warm welcome back to what is shaping up to be another exciting and eventful year at Wedge Park Primary School. I hope that you and your family had a safe and enjoyable break and that it gave you the opportunity to share lots of love and laughter.

We welcomed over one hundred preps into the school this year and I encourage you to greet and support our new parents and their children in joining our wonderful school community.

Over the holidays our maintenance crew (Alan & Barry) worked tirelessly in getting our new classroom furniture put together and in the right place. As you can see from the pictures below, it certainly has added a touch of colour to all the classrooms.

In the coming weeks, we will be receiving a new portable to help with our ever growing numbers. This will be placed where the (old) bike education area is. We believe by using this space in the school, that this will have the least amount of impact on the play space for our students.



ISSUE 1

9TH FEB 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

◆ FRI 10TH FEB—

GR 6 COMMEMORATIVE TOPS
FINAL ORDERS

◆ THURS 16TH FEB -
FAMILY NIGHT/
MEET THE TEACHER
4PM—6.30PM

◆ FRI 17TH FEB—
BOOKCLUB ISSUE 1
CLOSES

REMINDERS

◆ SCHOOL ABSENCE
LINE 9743 - 7595

◆ SCHOOL TIMES
8.50AM—3.05PM

◆ SCHOOL BANKING
IS EVERY TUESDAY

◆ UPDATE CHANGE OF
DETAILS (ADDRESS,
PHONE ETC) AT OF-
FICE

◆ PREPS - NO SCHOOL
ON FRIDAYS IN
FEBRUARY



UNIFORM

It was great to see all the students return to school looking wonderful in their school uniform. Just a reminder that wearing the school uniform is compulsory as is wearing a hat in first and fourth term.

NO HAT NO PLAY IN TERM 1 and 4.

Hats are available from the school office or Lowes at Woodgrove Shopping Centre.

SCHOOL CROSSING AND CROSSING OF MAJOR ROADS

The start of a school year is often a good time to revisit with your children the topic of safe travel to and from school. We have supervised school crossings and it is an expectation that all students and their families use these. Can I encourage families to take the opportunity whilst the weather is nice to walk their children to school to identify the safest route to school and to revisit crossing roads safely.



INSURANCE

Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) does not hold accident insurance for students.

CLASSROOM ROUTINES

A reminder that the 8.50am music is the time when children come into our classrooms so they can organise the things we need for the day. To promote independence and resilience please encourage your child to carry their own bag in to the classroom and unpack it by themselves. Our learning time begins at 9.00am every weekday, so please ensure that you have said goodbye to your child and left the classroom by this time. Classroom teachers are available to discuss any concerns you may have before and after school by making a time with them.



STUDENT BEHAVIOUR BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL:

It has been reported to me already, that there have been some issues with some of our students before and after school within our community (Swearing and fighting at the skate park and crossing Bulmans Road dangerously) Can I remind parents that the skate park is an unsupervised area, and open for the general public, so we are unable to control who uses this space. As a school community, I encourage all families to talk to their children about these issues and hope that this is the end of these acts of silly behaviour. Students who fail to behave in an appropriate manner and continue with this type of behaviour will have consequences that include; missing out on school camps and excursions, and suspensions.

ANAPHYLAXIS

Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is potentially life threatening. The most common allergens in school aged children are peanuts, tree nuts and dairy. Sufferers can react in numerous ways, from hives and rashes, abdominal pain, vomiting or diarrhoea to airway closure causing breathing difficulties and loss of consciousness. A reaction can develop within minutes of exposure to the allergen. As this condition is severe, and can be **life threatening**, I ask that you please do not provide your child with snacks and lunches that may contain nuts. We reiterate that this is a life threatening condition and children's lives are being put at risk with exposure to these foods.

At Wedge Park Primary School we work towards being an Allergy- Aware School. We have a small number of students who are Anaphylactic or Allergic to certain kinds of foods. As a result, all staff will be completing their Anaphylaxis Refresher Training during Term 2. We ask that parents remind all students to not share food with classmates. With your help we can support all students and maintain a safe school environment for all.

Further information on anaphylaxis can be found at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/childhood/parents/health/Pages/anaphylaxis.aspx>



BIRTHDAYS

We are more than happy to help celebrate children's birthdays at school as this is often a special day for them. To ensure that this doesn't become a cumbersome process we ask that cupcakes only be provided rather than a traditional birthday cake which can be difficult to handle and share amongst a large number of children. Please ensure that there are enough cupcakes for each child in the grade and, of course, one for the teacher!

As some children will not be able to participate for dietary, medical or personal reasons cupcakes must be given to the classroom teacher to distribute.



2017 LEADERSHIP TEAM

This year we have been able to add to our leadership structure. The leadership team ensure that each area receives guidance, support and resourcing tailored to their needs. The redesign of the leadership team and its structure has been given careful consideration and thought to ensure that the positive culture we are so proud of continues to grow and flourish.

Principal—Paul Schwartz

Assistant Principal (Student Engagement & Wellbeing) - Jennifer Stevenson

Assistant Principal (Teaching & Learning) - Sara McKee

Year Level	Teaching & Learning Coach	Professional Learning Team Leader
Prep	Cassie Mason	Kathy Jungfer
Year 1	Michelle Trimboli	Rebecca O'Donnell
Year 2		Lauren Minehan
Year 3	Melissa Lake	Briegh Willcox
Year 4		Di Kinder
Year 5	Brian Slatter	Amber Kirk-Jambor
Year 6		Sam Bowman
Specialist		Jordan Kirk
Intervention		Lorraine Sternberg

MEDICATIONS

As per Department of Education and Training (DET) **all** prescription and non- prescription medications will only be administered when a Medical Authority form has been completed (available at the office). All medications **must** be supplied in a clearly labelled bag, in its original packaging and within expiry date. Children are not permitted to administer any medications themselves or keep medicine in their possession excluding Ventolin inhalers.

