FAMILY MATHS NIGHT 2016
On behalf of the Numeracy team and the staff of Wedge Park Primary School, we’d like to say thank you to all the Wedge Park families who came and enjoyed a wonderful night of Mathematics at our first annual Family Maths Night.
There were seven rooms set up with lots of fun activities for the whole family to do. It was wonderful seeing the excitement and enjoyment in the faces of children as they played games and completed the fun activities with their family. We were particularly proud of our Junior School Council students who gave up time on the night to welcome and give information to our families. Well done on your efforts.
Congratulations to our winners of the five LOWES vouchers. They were:
Maddison 3W
Mitchell 2P
Ella 1B
Jake 2L
Jordyn PT
Another congratulations goes out to the winner of the Jelly Bean Guessing Competition. With a total of 7881 jelly beans, the winner of this monstrous prize was Chloe from 3K.
Whether you made it to each room or only a few, we want to thank you for coming and making this a big hit!
Melissa Lake
Thank you to everyone who attended our Family Maths Nights. We had a terrific number of families attend and it was lovely to see families enjoying Maths activities together and taking time to discuss mathematical concepts. I would like to sincerely thank Melissa Lake and the Numeracy SIT team for coordinating the event and to all the staff for their enthusiasm and organisation during the evening. Thank you to the Family & Friends’ Association for setting up a stall to sell drinks, lollies and cakes. I was so proud of our school community in the way it supported this event and celebrated the learning of all students. Paul Schwartz
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT
I would like to formally welcome Anthony Spiteri as our School Council President. Anthony has been involved in our school community for 15+ years and has a really good understanding of Wedge Park PS. Thank you to Anthony for making this contribution to the school. We sincerely thank Elizabeth Schneider for her leadership of School Council over the last 6 years and participation during the last 10 years.
The following are parent members of this year’s School Council:
Debbie Slegers - Vice President
Melissa Patullo
Kristy Lawrence
John Govic
Brendan McLean
Marianne Monea
Leonie Callaway
Julie Davies - Family & Friends’ Rep

REPORTS
Report writing has begun at Wedge Park PS. When you receive your child’s report this year they will look exactly the same and have the same amount of detail, however, we have made a small change to the way the information is presented. Reports will contain dot points that explicitly detail what your child is able to do in all of the subjects. As always you will be able to discuss your child’s report at the student led conferences with the classroom teacher or specialist teachers.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES
Information was sent home last week about our Student Led Conferences. To book an appointment please enter the details below:
Type the school event code: tpzm3 and follow the instructions on screen.

SHARED DEVICES and BYOD
As previously communicated with you last year and again at the beginning of this year, if you do not intend for your child to ‘Bring Your Own Device’ then you would be required to pay $100 for your child to have access to a digital device at school. Presently we are beginning to reduce the time and number of devices available to the students whose family has not made any contribution towards the device. If you are having difficulty making the payment by this date, please contact the school to organise a payment plan.

OPEN AFTERNOON – Digital Technology
Wednesday 8th June is our 2nd open afternoon for the year starting at 2:20pm. The focus for this afternoon is digital technologies and how we use this in the classroom. This will look different from year level to year level. In the P-2 classrooms, there are less devices and different teaching practice with technology; whilst in the Grade 3-6 classrooms students have the option of BYOD or School Shared device and the technology is used in different ways.

ENROLMENTS FOR PREP 2017
It’s that time of the year where enrolments are open for students commencing school in 2017. Students will need to turn five years of age by the 30 April, 2017 to be eligible for enrolment next year. If you have a child who will be coming to school for the first time in 2017 please complete an enrolment form (available from the office) at your earliest convenience. It would also be appreciated
if parents would let other families in the community know that we are currently accepting enrolments for next year. New parents to the school are encouraged to attend a tour of the school.

**SHADE SAILS**
The shade sails are complete and look amazing. They have really added a touch of colour to our school grounds. More importantly we have extended the amount of shade for our students whilst they play.

**STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS**
A reminder to all parents that teachers are on yard duty from 8:40am in the morning, and then again until 3:20pm after school. Students should not arrive at school unsupervised prior to that time as this creates a safety issue for the child. If you are unable to pick up your child at 3:05pm, please organise alternative arrangements. This may mean contacting OSH Club to book them in for after school care or arranging for an emergency contact to pick them up.

**NAPLAN TESTING**
I would like to thank the parents of students in Years 3 and 5 for the support and encouragement that you gave your child who sat 3 days of NAPLAN Testing in Literacy and Numeracy. It can be a stressful time for students, but I know that a lot of work is done at school assisting students to understand and prepare for sitting and working through an assessment booklet. Well done to all the students who sat the test and all that could be asked of you was that you tried to do your best on the day, which I am sure you did. The school, parents and students will not know the results of these tests until September.

**SCHOOL REVIEW**
Every four years School Council contributes to the broad vision and direction for the school through evaluating and diagnosing the school’s performance. This is framed through strategic planning which is the process of reflecting on past performance, establishing future directions and deciding what will constitute success. In other words, it involves the school community considering the following questions:

- Where have we been?
- Where do we want to go?
- How will we get there?
- How will we know if we have been successful?

Following consultation with the school community - including students, parents / guardians and staff, School Council will develop a four year school strategic plan that outlines goals, key improvement
strategies and expected outcomes based on data and aligned to Department of Education and Training priorities. The school is inviting your input through:

- Responding to the four questions above in writing, or,
- Volunteering to become a part of a focus group which will work together to answer the above questions.

If you are interested in becoming part of a focus group please email, telephone, or call at the office and see Lyndal at the front desk.

**JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Junior School Council are organising an Everyday Heroes Day on Friday 17th June 2016. We are asking that all students come dressed up as their ‘everyday superhero.’ This is someone who inspires them to be a better person each day, such as; teacher, parent, community service person, basketball coach, elite sportsman, extended family members etc.

The reason why we are holding this day is to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) in Australia so please bring along a gold coin donation on the day to support this organisation. For further details about JDRF or if you would like to find out more about Type 1 Diabetes go to [http://www.jdrf.org.au](http://www.jdrf.org.au)

**WORLD VISION**

Wedge Park Primary School has sponsored several children in the World Vision Program for many years. Our previous sponsored child, Astou Diakhite, has been reunited with her family, who live outside the area where World Vision is working, so she is no longer able to participate in the program. World Vision have chosen another child for us to sponsor - Seyndina Ousmane Camara from the Netteboulou Project in Senegal. Seyndina is 11 years old and he lives with his parents and his 4 brothers and 1 sister. His father is an agriculture labourer and his mother is a housewife. He enjoys playing with toys and runs errands to help out at home. Seyndina attends school and is in Grade 2. His favourite subject is reading. We hope our sponsorship will give Seyndina the support he needs.

**PMI - STAR MUSICAL ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Melecia - Level 4 - Junior Soundsmith
- Lauren - Level 4 - Junior Soundsmith
- Dillon - Level 5 - Junior Entertainer
- Ariel - Level 7 - Junior Maestro
- James - Level 7 - Junior Maestro
- Ethan - Level 5 - Junior Entertainer
- Chloe - Level 3 - Junior Performer
- Montana - Level 4 - Junior Soundsmith
- Madison - Level 5 - Junior Entertainer
- Riley - Level 3 - Junior Performer
- Nabiha - Level 3 - Junior Performer
- Anaya - Level 2 - Junior Instrumentalist
- Vasudha - Level 3 - Junior Performer, Level 4 - Junior Soundsmith
- Devantaey - Level 2 - Junior Instrumentalist
- Matilda - Level 2 - Junior Instrumentalist
- Kylee - Level 2 - Junior Instrumentalist
SECRET GARDEN UPDATE

It was great seeing students getting involved and wearing something yellow last Thursday bringing awareness to Cancer, such a horrible disease that affects so many in our local community. The Secret Garden hosted The Biggest Morning tea in the staff room and an amount of $200.00 was raised and sent off to the Cancer Council to be used for research and project development. Unfortunately the weather was not on our side on the day and the fun activity we had planned had to be postponed to later this week. Once again, we thank the students for participating.
In the Secret Garden we have had many different age groups come together in a calm and peaceful area and enjoy some activities. We have had some great creations using the Lego and using great social skills sharing the doll house. New games have been introduced and some freshening up of our small herb garden.

Over the next couple of weeks we will be playing some new card games, board games and doing some relaxation activities too. If your child feels bored or alone out in the school yard, encourage them to visit us in the Secret Garden and participate in the activities. There is always someone that could do with some company.

MANDARIN CORNER

NIHAO! Do you know when the happiest day is for Chinese children? It is the first day of June. This day is also called liù yī ér tóng jié (Chinese Children's Day). It is a day to highlight children's need for love, care and respect. Schools usually do something special with children on the day or organize a special event to celebrate such as, concert or camping trips. Children also get gifts from their parents.

Let us take a look at the following photos from China of how schools are celebrating this special day.

OSHCLUB NEWS

Dear Parents and Students,

Have you enrolled to come to OSHClub? Do you need your child to attend Before or After School Care? Does your child want to play with his or her friends after school in a safe, warm and friendly environment? If you answered yes, the solution is simple - go to www.oshclub.com.au and you will be able to enrol to use the program and make a booking any time you need. If you need to make a casual booking you can contact me anytime at the program on 0411 800 431.

We offer a wide range of different activities and resources for your child to have access to during our Before and After School Care Programs and even our wonderful School Holiday Programs. During our Before and After School Care Program the children are offered breakfast and afternoon tea which includes a serving of fresh fruit and vegetables daily. Our activities range from arts and crafts, including painting and creating, to cooking, science activities and sports and games. We have full access to the school gym and the play grounds which we use as often as we can!

Our School Holiday Program operates each School Holidays and offers children a wide range of activities including incursions and excursions each week. We would love to see you at any of our programs so please ensure you complete the enrolment form (which is free to create!) to ensure your child/ren can be booked into use our wonderful programs.
To celebrate the children and all of the wonderful things that happen at our program through art works, photographs, notes etc. a weekly Reflective Journal is created. You are more than welcome to come to the program and have a look through our Reflective Journals to see all of the fantastic things we get up to at the program.

We look forward to seeing you soon 😊 Please come in any time to visit the program 😊

Luke Lambert, Wedge Park Primary School OSHClub Coordinator.

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OSHc program phone: 0419 178 976
Coordinator: Luke Lambert
 Assistants: Zoe Kouzoumis, Ayse Alanci, David Dowd
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember enrolment is Free!! Please create an account online at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au) all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.