



## CONGRATULATIONS

Term 1 is nearly at a close; gee didn't that go very quickly! Students at Wedge Park have settled in well and we have welcomed many new families to our school. It's been a hard working term for our students and teachers with routines being established, assessments being completed and teaching programs being designed for the students. We have also had a few incursions, excursions and inter school sport activities.

Enjoy the school holidays and the Easter break with your families.

School finishes next **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 2:05pm**. We begin back on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 8:50am**

## Communication

At Wedge Park Primary School, we understand the importance of communication with all members of the school community. This is achieved in a range of ways, including:

- Sending notes home regarding information and key events with students. Parents, please make sure that you are looking in your child's bag each day for relevant notes.
- Our School newsletter, which is a fantastic visual celebration of the activities, events and information that is happening throughout the School.
- FlexiBuzz is a smart phone application that sends through reminders, information and notes to parents (this is the same as the paper information being sent home with students).
- Wedge Park Primary School (new) website that contains our policies and key information about our school  
<http://www.wedgepark.vic.edu.au/>

We value communication with our families and encourage parents to make contact with us if you are ever unsure about information or have any questions.

### Important Dates / Reminders

**NUMBER 4 22/03/2018**

**THURS 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH LAST DAY  
TERM 1 - 2.05PM FINISH**

**MON 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL FIRST DAY  
TERM 2 - 8.50AM START**

**FRI 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL MOTHERS DAY  
MONEY DUE**

**MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY YR 4  
MARVELLOUS MELBOURNE  
EXCURSION MONEY DUE FRI  
27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

### REMINDERS

**SCHOOL ABSENCE LINE  
9743 7595  
8.50AM – 3.05PM**

**NO LATE PAYMENTS FOR  
EXCURSIONS/INCURSIONS  
WILL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS  
ARRANGMENTS HAVE BEEN  
MADE WITH THE OFFICE  
PRIOR TO THE DUE DATE**

**SCHOOL BANKING EVERY  
TUESDAY**

**UPDATE CHANGE OF  
ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER  
ETC AT THE OFFICE**

## DET Parentline

DET Parentline is a confidential and anonymous phone counselling service for parents and carers of children and teenagers in Victoria. The service offers counselling, information and support around a range of parenting issues.

Professional counsellors are available to discuss child behaviour, living with adolescents, family violence, family breakdown and parental stress. Parentline can be accessed 7 days a week from 8am to midnight every day of the year on 132289 or [www.parentline.vic.gov.au](http://www.parentline.vic.gov.au)

## NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

We are very excited and proud to announce the launch of our new website here at Wedge Park Primary School.

Our main aim was to improve accessibility to offer key information and news for parents and carers. We also want the website to be a useful source of news ranging from curriculum information, camp dates and information, latest news and events at the school. We feel the new site offers a much improved experience for all users and we look forward to developing it further to suit everyone's needs. We hope that you find it useful and enjoy browsing it. We welcome everyone's feedback via our email address [wedge.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:wedge.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) so that you may offer your thoughts, suggestions and comments.

## SPORTS NEWS

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March, the Wedge Park Cricket, Volleyball and Hot Shots teams competed in the Lightning Premiership against seven other Melton District schools. It was a fantastic day with excellent sportsmanship shown from all students. Everyone represented Wedge Park with pride and should feel very proud of their efforts. Thank you to all family and friends that came to support. Well done to the Hot Shots team for coming in runners up and well done to the boys and girls cricket teams who both won and continue through to the next round!



## PREMIER'S ACTIVE APRIL CONSENT FORM

Premier's Active April is a Victorian Government initiative that encourages Victorians to participate in 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April.

To accompany this form, we recommend you visit [www.activeapril.vic.gov.au/schools](http://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au/schools) to download our *Information for Parents* flyer that explains the health and wellbeing benefits of joining Premier's Active April and outlines the great incentives and prizes you can win by registering. This year, our school will be participating in Premier's Active April and we are asking students to join their school or class team and get more active and join the fun.

There are three options below showing you how to register and join our school team. Please contact the school if you need further information. **Registration and Team Details** Log in / Register  
[activeapril.vic.gov.au](http://activeapril.vic.gov.au)

Team ID: [wedge-park-primary-school](#)

Team Name: [Wedge Park Primary School](#)

- Once registered, students will have the option to join multiple teams. We encourage you to register your whole family and create a family team as well, enabling you to share the experience and keep each other motivated.

### How to join our school team:

#### 1) If your family are already registered:

1. Log in to the Active April web or mobile app using the student's username and password
2. Go to the *Teams* page and select "Request to join a Team".
3. Enter the Team ID (see above) and click "Send Request"
4. A notification will be sent to the teacher who created the team. After the teacher accepts the request, the student will see the team details when they next log in.

#### 2) If your family are not registered

1. Register at [activeapril.vic.gov.au](http://activeapril.vic.gov.au) - register yourself first, then register family members.
2. Once registered, your child can use their unique username and password to access the Activity Tracker and program incentives.
3. In the top right navigation, change "Logged in as:" to the relevant child's name. You'll now be viewing the Activity Tracker app as though you are logged in as this user. NB: you may need to refresh the page to see this.
4. Go to the *Teams* page and select "Request to join a Team".
5. Enter the Team ID (see above) and click "Send Request".
6. A notification will be sent to the teacher who created the team. When the teacher accepts the request, the student will see the details when they next log in.



## SECRET GARDEN NEWS

Wedge Park Primary School received the Harness Racing Victoria / Tabcorp Park \$5000 grant at the Presentation night on 15/3/18. This is very exciting news for our school as we continue our partnership with the I Can Network (Autism). The Imagination Club begins next term 27/4/18 Friday fortnightly.



## GOING FOR SCHOOL CAPTAIN

Going for school captain was definitely a challenge. I knew it was going to be a rough process to get through, but in the end, with all my hard work into putting my speech together, I finally was able to become W.P.P.S School Captain for 2018. Which was a huge surprise for me! Speaking in front of at least 100 people, including the important staff of the school, was pretty scary I have got to admit. But I couldn't do this challenge without my awesome dad. He really helped me with building up my confidence, so it's all thanks to him.

By Nabiha Salehin

### School Captain

When I was going for school-vice captain I felt nervous. My friends helped me believe in myself so that's how I just stood up and said what I needed to say.

But I'm going to be focusing on the positives and what a great year we are going have. When I spoke in front of Mr. Schwartz it was exciting and scary at the same time, but I just got it done and in the end I was Wedge Park Primary School, school-vice captain.

By Keyan Ferris



## OSHCLUB NEWS

Hello Families,

Over the past two week's the children have participated in an Autumn and Video Games theme suggested by the educators and students. Craft activities included autumn painting, squirrel and acorn diorama, window scenes, Super Mario posters, Minecraft creepers, etc. Physical activities included musical chairs, Minecraft hunter, block soccer, fruit salad and much more.

A reminder to all parents that if your child has been diagnosed with Asthma, Allergies or Anaphylaxis, we require a copy of the **medical plans and any medication** that is necessary for that condition at the program. If the plans or medication are going out of date you will be asked to update these **immediately** to avoid suspension from the program as it is your child's safety that is our number one focus.

At the beginning of term 2, we are looking at creating a herb and vegetable garden in our Osh room. If there are any families that could donate the service with any recycled plastic bottles to use within this space we would really appreciate it.

Bookings are now open for the upcoming holiday program. We have brochures at the service if you are interested on what exciting themes, incursions and excursions we will be experiencing.

Enrolling your child is easy and free. All you need to do is complete an enrolment form online at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au). I believe this to be beneficial for all families, as once your child is enrolled you have the comfort of knowing the service is available to you anytime. If you have any questions please feel free to see our friendly staff at the program or phone us on **0419 178 976**.

Have a great week!

Allison and Zoe.



**FEMALE  
FOOTBALL  
PLAYERS  
REQUIRED**



## ATTENTION GIRLS

If you want to take the step from Auskicker or spectator to player then this is your chance!!

Our teams are filling fast but we are still looking for girls to join our Under 13 and Under 15 female football teams.

Please contact Donna on for further information on 0415 562 427



**RECRUITING:**  
Players for our Under 13 and Under 15 Female Football Teams





## CANTEEN

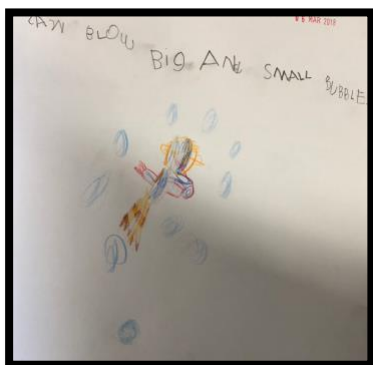
Would parents please double check the money that is being sent to the canteen for lunch orders. The canteen cannot accept payment for lunches with foreign money, car wash tokens or children's plastic play money. The incidences of this occurring is increasing, so please check that you are sending in acceptable currency to avoid your child being disappointed when they do not receive the items they have ordered.

## Language Experience in Prep CL

Over the last month Prep CL have been enjoying different experiences with their classmates. These include blowing bubbles, playing on the playground, reading and writing, as well as visiting the chickens. These experiences gave us inspiration for our writing and illustrations.



Written and illustrated by Audrey



Written and illustrated by William H.

We have been focusing on having a go at writing and forming letters and words. Everyone has also worked really hard to have a go at writing their own sentences about their experiences.