



Newsletter # 5

WELCOME BACK

I would like to welcome everyone back for Term 2. I hope everyone had a great Easter break and enjoyed the wonderful weather that was on offer. This term promises to be another busy term with lots of exciting events as well as many learning opportunities for your children. We have lots planned including an exciting Family Maths Night, ANZAC Day celebration, Premier's Reading Challenge, excursions, incursions and many more events.

CROSS COUNTRY

We are looking forward to our annual School Cross Country on tomorrow, the weather looks perfect. We would love to have as many parents as possible to observe/ help out on the day. The event starts at 11:30am and should be finished by 1:00pm. Please remind students to bring a drink bottle, shorts will be a good option to run in.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL REMINDER

Mother's Day is fast approaching and at Wedge Park we will be holding our annual mother's day stall on Tuesday 8th May. Notices went out at the end of last term and are due back by Friday 27th April.

ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY

We will be holding a special ANZAC day assembly next Tuesday 24th April at 2:15pm, to commemorate all Australians and New Zealanders who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. We encourage and invite parents to come along and recognise this special occasion with us. The normal proceedings of our monthly assembly will take place after this.

2019 ENROLMENT

We have started our 2019 enrolment process. Can I please ask all existing parents who have a child of school age next year to collect an enrolment pack from our office and complete and return it to the school office as soon as possible. If you know of prospective parents who want to enrol their child at our school in 2019, please encourage them to call the office to find out about enrolments, alternatively you can check out the details about enrolments and school tours on our new website.

CURRICULUM DAY

A reminder that our next Curriculum day is on Friday 11th May, children are not required at school on this day.

Important Dates / Reminders

19/04/2018

**WED 25TH APRIL ANZAC DAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY NO
SCHOOL**

**FRI 27TH APRIL MOTHERS
DAY STALL MONEY DUE**

**MON 7TH MAY YR 4
MARVELLOUS MELBOURNE
EXCURSION, MONEY DUE
FRI 27TH APRIL**

**MON 7TH MAY BOOKCLUB
ISSUE 3 CLOSES**

**TUES 22ND MAY YR 1
YARRABEE YESTERDDAYS
WORLD EXC, MONEY DUE
TUES 15TH MAY**

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**



ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY

The 2018 Attitudes to Schools Survey - We want our students to tell us what they think

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training. The survey assists schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school between Monday 7th May to Thursday 10th May. The survey only takes 20 -30 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time. Students from Year 4 to 6 at our school will participate in the survey. Your child will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool.

The survey results will be reported back to the school in Term 3 and shared through School Council and the newsletter.

STUDENT CLOTHING

Please ensure that your child's clothing is clearly labelled with their name and class. This will ensure that, if they accidentally leave a jacket or hat in the playground, it will be returned to them and not end up in the lost property cupboard. Parents are also asked to regularly check the clothing that is brought home, to ensure it does in fact belong to your child and has not been mistakenly taken.

STUDENT FEES

The Booklist Charge of \$150 is **now overdue**. Thank you to those families who have already paid this fee. If you are having difficulty paying your Family Account there are a couple of options. The first one is BPay and Centrepay. If you would like more information or assistance on setting up a payment plan please feel free to come and see Mrs Rust at the Office for a confidential chat.

NAPLAN

This year the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing for Years 3 and 5 students will be held on Tuesday 15th May, Wednesday 16th May and Thursday 17th May. The three days of testing focus on Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

NAPLAN is not a pass or fail style of test, but rather it shows how individual student's Numeracy and Literacy skills are progressing, against national standards for all Australian children. The results of this testing provides information for students, parents and teachers, which is used to improve student achievement. If you have any concerns about your student completing the NAPLAN assessments please speak to your child's classroom teacher.

More information is available at www.naplan.edu.au

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN tests are just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance. NAPLAN tests also provide schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australian's are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

ROAD SAFETY

We are constantly seeing unsafe incidents and practices around our school both by parents and students. Roads and vehicles are an everyday part of life for all of us. Either as a driver, a passenger, or as a pedestrian, we all must negotiate the road traffic environment on a daily basis.

- Children are especially vulnerable around vehicles and roads due to their size and capabilities.
- Be aware of the opportunities to teach children to become safer road-users.
- When walking with your children make sure you are using the school or pedestrian crossings rather than taking potentially unsafe shortcuts.
- Talk about the importance of wearing seat belts and insist that everyone in the vehicle wears appropriate restraints for their age and size.
- Point out rules of the road when driving
- Always demonstrate responsible and safe behaviours when driving, as a passenger or while walking anywhere around vehicles and roads.

Remember children learn good habits by modelling behaviour from adults.

FAMILY STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) NIGHT

This year we are running a whole school Family STEM Night. On the night families will be exploring the school and completing a range of fun activities. Further information will be available in the coming weeks.

Save the date - Wednesday 23rd May (4:30pm - 6:30pm)

OSHCLUB NEWS

Hello Families,

Welcome back to Term 2! Throughout term 1 we re-created our space bringing in natural and neutral furniture into the environment and purchased many new games and resources for the program. During this term, we have developed some goals for the program including creating a herb and vegetable garden in the Osh room for your children to take care of, providing opportunities for our families to become further involved in our program and focusing on positive and encouraging behaviour from all children when participating in games and activities. This week we are inviting you to our theme Movie week, activities will include emoji faces, minion rolls, popcorn craft, celebrity heads, a movie quiz and much, much, more. Next week is Anzac day so we will participate in Army week.

Reminders:

Next week the service is closed on Wednesday 25th April, as it is Anzac Day (public holiday).

If there are any families that could donate recycled plastic bottles, we would love to incorporate these in our herb and veggie garden.

Enrolling your child is easy and free. All you need to do is complete an enrolment form online at 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.



SOVEREIGN HILL EXCURSION

When we first arrived and got off the bus, seeing Sovereign Hill was amazing. When we went in, our eyes popped with excitement. We got in our groups and went to our first activity. Our first activity was the classroom. We got into two lines a boy line and a girl line. The boys had to bow to the girls, the girls walked in first and the boys followed. As soon as we walked in we could see that it was very different to what we have now in 2018 at Wedge Park. We learnt what people wore in the 1850's. Two kids got dressed up, one in a dress and the other in a suit. If you were a boy, you would have to use walking stick no matter how old you were. Then we did handwriting. It was extremely hard because we had to write in copperplate alphabet. Then the teacher showed us the cane, it was a long stick of wood with a broken end.

Sovereign Hill was a great experience to learn about Australia's history during the gold rush, and we are all excited to go again. By Monika and Jayde 5DK

