



NEWSLETTER NO 5

Does your child know what to do if they see suspicious activity near their school?

Parents are reminded to talk to their children and educate them that if at any time they are approached or observe any activity that makes them feel uncomfortable or unsafe that they should talk to a trusted adult. This includes when they are travelling to and from school, in school premises, at the shopping centre or online. A trusted adult could be a family member, teacher or a police officer.

Police continue to work with local schools around these issues and all matters concerning the safety of students travelling to and from school, including road safety.

To report suspicious behaviour please call 000 or Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000.

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

On Tuesday the School Captains ran our ANZAC DAY ceremony under the direction of Mr Payne and Mrs Ozanne. It was a credit to the new Captains speaking in front of over 800 people. We played the bugle as part of the ceremony and discussed what ANZAC day means and why we celebrate this very special day. Each grade made an art piece and this was on show in the gym during the assembly.



Important Dates / Reminders

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

**MONDAY 7TH MAY YR 4
MARVELLOUS MELBOURNE
EXCURSION**

**FRIDAY 11TH MAY
CURRICULUM DAY (NO
SCHOOL)**

**TUESDAY 22ND MAY YR 1
YARRABEE YESTERDAY
WORLD EXCURSION, MONEY
DUE TUESDAY 15TH MAY**

**WEDNESDAY 23RD MAY
SCIENCE INCURSION YR's 4-6,
MONEY DUE TUESDAY 22ND
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**



NAPLAN TESTING

NAPLAN is approaching and we encourage this to be viewed as just another day at school where children give effort to their learning. Please ensure that your child is not late, has breakfast, a substantial snack (a sandwich or equivalent, and a piece of fruit is our mantra) and gets plenty of sleep the night before. Our students have been learning the 'genre' of test taking so that the experience is not daunting and they can do their best. Continual test taking isn't seen as an advantage to students and so we do not do this! Give your best effort everyone in Grade 3 and 5! The dates for NAPLAN are: May 12th to May 15th.

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)

WESTERN WATER GRANT

Our school was a lucky recipient of \$5000 during the recent World Water Day grants offered through Western Water. We will be using this grant money to purchase some new water bubblers to be installed behind the gym and near the Year 3/4 playground. These water bubblers will also include water bottle fillers allowing students greater access to refill their bottles during the day.



ACTIVE PATHS

Active Paths has been an initiative by the Bicycle Network where we have worked together to identify and map out the most common paths around the school that children regularly use for active travel including walking, riding and scooting to school. Wedge Park Primary School will be celebrating the launch of **ACTIVE PATHS** on Thursday 24th May.

To help us celebrate on Thursday we invite you to meet at 8:20am at the starting point of one of the 3 paths listed below. There will be a staff member at each of the starting points. We will be departing the starting points at 8:25am and making our way along the path to school.

Waiting at school for you will be stickers, giveaways and a healthy breakfast. We will be having a special assembly at 9 am to celebrate the launch.

Here are the starting points. There will also be permanent markers on the footpath indicating which way to walk to get to school.

Red Path - Corner of Scarborough Cres and Borrowdale Road

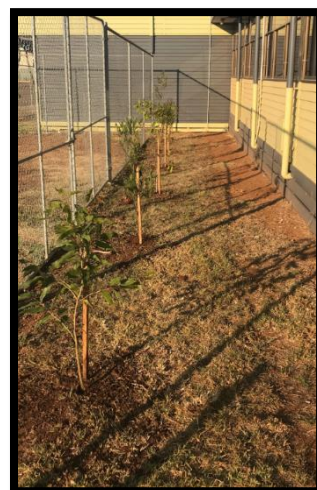
Orange Path - Corner of Westlake Drive and Sovereign Blvd

Blue Path - West Lake Drive near Meadow Glen Drive

The Junior School Council will be promoting this event over the coming weeks. Stay tuned for more information. (Map on back page)

THANK YOU

Thank you to Graham Dempsey from the Melton Valley Rotary and Melton Rotary Group for the wonderful donation of 50 trees to our school. These trees have been planted by the Rotarians near the new portables and on the oval. We appreciate the support from these groups and we look forward to these trees offering a large amount of shade for our students as well as encouraging more birdlife around our school.



OSHCLUB NEWS

Hello Families,

During week one of term the children were involved in movie week. Activities included creating movie reels, popcorn craft, emoji faces and minion rolls. The children also participated in a movie quiz that they were concerned about, however after some team work they were really surprised by their results.

Last week we participated in Anzac/army week, giving the children that attended the opportunity to connect to their community. Craft activities included making poppy's, stained glass soldier displays, Anzac medals, and recycled body armour. We engaged in a new group game called 'No man's land', the children really enjoyed learning something new and understanding the relation, it had to our Anzac theme.

This week we are inviting you to our theme Reptile week, activities will include egg carton crocodile, turtle tag, mosaic lizards and much, much, more. Next week is Mother's day so we will use this time to create some wonderful gifts for mum or someone special in our lives.

Important Reminders:

Next Monday 7th May Oshclub will be rolling out a new childcare management system allowing educators and families to sign your children in and out of the program electronically. If you generally plan to do your bookings on the weekend, could you please do this prior to the upcoming weekend as the system will be shutdown to transfer all your information from the old to the new system. We ask you to please bring your mobile phone in on your first visit to Oshclub from Monday onwards as you will need this to receive your login code to sign your children in/out. If you have any questions, the staff will be happy to help you with those.

There is an upcoming pupil free day on the 11th May, if you need care for your children on that day we advise you to book in advance, as if we do not get a certain number of bookings the program will not run on this day.

Have a great week!

Allison and Zoe.

MUSIC NEWS

Instrumental Music – Guitar Years 4, 5 & 6

Guitar students have been enjoying their weekly guitar lesson before school this year. Year 4 students are progressing very well applying and transferring many techniques and skills learnt last year in their Yr3 Ukulele program. We have had some short guitar performance at school assemblies with students awaiting another opportunity to perform and share at the next school performance opportunity.

Prep Music

Students have been exploring sounds with their singing and talking voices. They are currently enjoying the chant 'Connie, Connie'

Connie, Connie in the tub

She forgot to use the plug

Oh my goodness oh my soul

There goes Connie down the hole.

(explore high – low sounds with the voice as she (Connie) goes down the drain)

Yr1 Music

Students are currently in the process of composing a Fruit and Vegetable chant and preparing these to be recorded. Earlier in the year students composed a Classroom Chant together, incorporating tempo and dynamic expressive musical elements.

1AO Classroom Chant!

Use whole body listening

Sing together

Keep the beat

Play math games

Have lots of fun!

Yr2 Music

We have been exploring different sounds created with our voices, body percussion, tuned and untuned percussion, and sound effect instruments. These sounds and discoveries of different ways to create sounds have been used to create sound effects to accompany stories and pictures. Students have also been listening to and learning traditional Folk Songs from different places such as: the 'Tailor and the Mouse' and 'My Aunt Came Back' published by John M Feierabend. Copies of these books and others we are learning in Yr1 and Yr2 are

available for students to borrow in our school library. You can access a copy of these songs, go to www.giamusic.com/tailor for 'Tailor and the Mouse', scroll down the page to find the free mp3 download, and www.giamusic.com/myaunt for 'My Aunt Came Back'.

Yr3 Music

Congratulations to all our Yr3 students who are currently graduating and receiving their White Belts for their accomplishments on the Ukulele, they are now on their way working towards their Yellow Belt. Yr3 students are working throughout the year to develop and apply music reading skills, singing, movement, tuned and untuned percussion and Ukulele playing through the Black Belt Ukulele program by Australian composers and performers Susie and Phill Splitter. Students will soon be able to borrow and take home a copy of the music tutor 'Black Belt Ukulele' for weekly borrowing to further develop their playing on the Ukulele, for those who have a Ukulele at home.



How do you make music as a family at home?

What Instrument will your child learn to play?

I am often approached about where to access instrumental music lessons and ideas for singing at home. There are many accomplished music teachers in the Melton community and surrounds along with the P.M.I Keyboard Program running here through the school. What instrument will your child learn to play during their primary school years? Many accomplished musicians began their formal musical training on a chosen instrument from an early age. Research discoveries continue to show how important it is for a young child to learn to read music and play an instrument for its flow on effect to other areas of learning in particular literacy and numeracy skills. Will it be the piano, guitar, ukulele, cornet, trumpet, clarinet, flute or perhaps the drum kit?



VICTORIAN PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and many students from Wedge Park Primary are excited to be participating. If you haven't signed up yet, don't worry, there's still time! Talk to your teacher and they will be able to help you.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 7 September 2018.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child's name to appear on the Honour Roll, please sign the form previously sent home with your child and return it to school.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Use our Library to help you complete the Challenge

If you are participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge don't forget to use our school library to access texts. Inside the Library you will find a special section dedicated to the Premier's Reading Challenge that displays a huge range of texts from the Premier's list of great books.

The library is open before and after school every day except for Wednesdays so that you can borrow and return books as quickly as you read them!

Good Luck to all of you who have entered the challenge! Remember, if you have any questions your teacher will be able to help you.



