



Newsletter # 7

STEM NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who attended our Family STEM night.

We had a terrific number of families attend and it was lovely to see families enjoying STEM activities together and taking time to discuss a variety of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths concepts. I would like to sincerely thank all the staff for their enthusiasm and organisation during the evening. I was so proud of our school community in the way it supported this event and celebrated the learning of all students

ACTIVE PATHS LAUNCH

Congratulations to all of our amazing students, who walked, scooted or rode to school last Thursday. The number of families who changed their way of getting to school certainly made a difference around the school parking areas. We were lucky enough to have Ride 2 School come out and support the launch of the paths. A very big thank you to Ms Kinder and Junior School Council for organising the launch day, which also included Crazy Sock day.

REPORTS

Report writing has begun. 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 Parent / Teacher interviews with the classroom teacher or specialist teachers. As part of the Wedge Park Assessment and Reporting Policy, we will be conducting Parent Teacher Interviews on Thursday 28th June, 12pm-6.45pm. This year it will be for parents only. No children are required at school or at the appointment. This meeting will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress and report.

This year we are continuing with an online booking system, which will open on **Monday 4th June**. A note will be sent home separately.

If you have a child on the PSD Program, you will be booked in for a normal SSG by the school. Lyndal will send home individual times and dates. During this time, we will discuss their Individual Learning Plan and their school report. You do not need to book an online interview.

Important Dates / Reminders

31/5/2018

**WEDNESDAY 6TH JUNE
ASSEMBLY**

**MONDAY 11TH JUNE
QUEENS BIRTHDAY
HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL**

**BOOKCLUB ISSUE 4
CLOSES TUESDAY 12TH
JUNE**

**THURSDAY 28TH JUNE
CURRICULUM DAY (NO
SCHOOL)**

**THURSDAY 28TH JUNE
PARENT/TEACHER
INTERVIEWS 12PM-
6.45PM**

**FRIDAY 29TH JUNE LAST
DAY TERM2 2.05PM
FINISH**

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**



SAME DAY NOTIFICATION OF UNEXPLAINED STUDENT ABSENCE

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible **ON THE DAY OF ABSENCE** using one of the following methods:

1. Online: log the absence directly using our Flexibuzz App
2. Telephone: the school office and let the staff know your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.
3. Written Note or Diary Note: with your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

Why do I need to notify the school if my child is absent?

Schools need to know when and why a child is absent and you need to know if your child isn't at school. From the end of Term 2, all Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

OUR NEW PROCESS

Beginning at the end of this term, Wedge Park Primary School will notify you of an unexplained absence in relation to your child as soon as practicable on the same day. We will let you know by SMS.

What is your responsibility?

Let the school know in advance of any upcoming absences or let us know in the morning if your child won't be at school. In order for WPPS to implement the same day notification requirement, it is essential that you provide the school with your most up-to-date contact details.

BYOD IPADS - IF YOUR CHILD BRINGS THEIR OWN IPAD PLEASE READ THIS.

As the year has progressed, we have noticed that there are a number of students with BYOD devices adding inappropriate applications to their iPad. Classroom teachers have discussed with their students and identified some of the applications student may need to remove. This will include any social media, first person shooting games and other applications designed for individuals 13 and over.

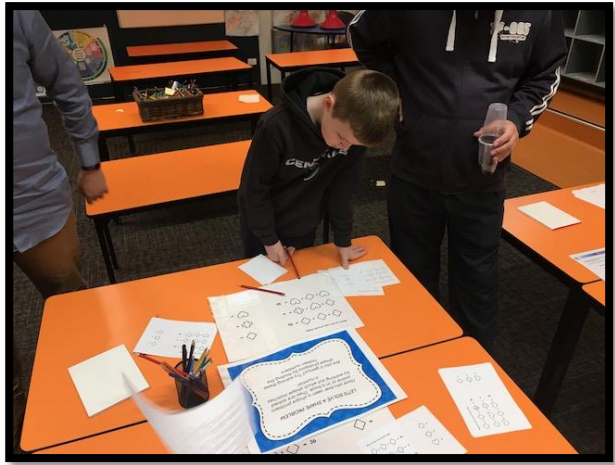
Can all parent with students who participate in the BYOD program review and discuss the applications currently installed on their iPad. It is also a great time to year to review the amount of time students are spending on their device and locations within the home they are utilising them, remembering it should be within a shared space and the device should not be in their bedroom overnight.

WPPS ICT committee.



STEM NIGHT PHOTOS







CONGRATULATIONS 50 DOJO POINTS CERTIFICATE AND WRIST BAND



OSHCLUB NEWS

Hello Families,

Last week our theme was mystical creatures, suggested by a couple of children. This week some of our activities were pipe cleaner dragons, split pin unicorns, balloon monsters, Chinese dragon craft and making mermaids. The children also discovered our elastics and began to engage in the old songs such as Jingle, Jangle and England, Ireland to jump to.

This week we plan to get lost in space. Activities will include creating aliens, making spaceships, orbiting planets model and making a glittery galaxy. We have also had suggestions to have a paper plane racing competition we will participate in this week. **Important Reminders:**

If you have not yet transferred over to the new parent portal and/or updated your payment details, please speak to the staff ASAP as we can help you organise this. Your payments will not come out of your account if this is not completed.

In the last three weeks attached to your payment statements there has been a notification that medical certificates are no longer accepted for any absences. You are now able to cancel sessions with no penalty 24 hours prior to the session commencing without it contributing to 42 allowable absences per financial year. Any applicable CCB/CCR will still apply to the absence and you will only pay your normal gap fee on the missed sessions. Any queries regarding this, please phone 1300 395 735 and speak to the billing team. Have a great week! Allison and Zoe.

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As part of the Wedge Park Assessment and Reporting Policy, we will be conducting **Parent Teacher Interviews** on Thursday 28th June 2018, 12:00pm-6:45pm. **Students are not required at school on this day. This is for parents/guardians only.** This meeting will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress and report.

This year we are continuing with an online booking system, which will be available from **Monday 4th June**. You will be guided through three simple steps, and a few moments later, you will get an email confirming your interview time. (It can be completed using most electronic devices with internet access).

Specialist teachers are also available for appointments:

Physical Education (Mr. Wilson and Ms. Vaughan),
Visual Arts (Mrs. Champness, Ms. McRae),
Science (Ms. Briscoe)
LOTE (Ms. Hortle)

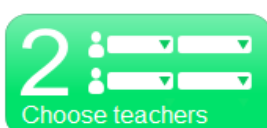
Music (Mrs. Velja),
Reading Intervention (Ms. Sternberg,)
Digital Technology (Ms. Leetham)

The instructions:

1. Enter web address: <http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/book>
2. Type the school event code: **ede3y**



3. Complete the steps on the screen.



When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.
You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close (Wednesday 27th June at 3:00pm)