**Coming Events**

**February**

**Friday 19th**
- District Swimming Competition (Swimming Squad)
- Lunch Orders Commence
- School Council Nominations Close

**Wednesday 24th**
- Student Banking Day
- Somers Camp Students Return

**Thursday 25th**
- Parents Association Meeting – 9am in Staffroom

**Friday 26th**
- Grade 5/6 Sports Top Orders Due
- Aussie Assembly 2.45pm

**Monday 29th**

**Monday 29th - Friday 4th March**

**March**

**Tuesday 8th**

**Friday 11th**
- Pupil Free Day

**Monday 14th**
- Labour Day Public Holiday

**Wednesday 16th**
- Student Banking Day

**Thursday 24th**
- Twilight Sports 5pm-7pm (Whole School)
- Grade 3/4 Camp Payment Due
- Final Day Term 1 – 2.30pm dismissal
Somers Camp
Last Tuesday twelve very excited students headed off to Somers camp for nine days for what will no doubt be an experience of a life time. We were very lucky to secure two more spots as a result of a number of students from other schools not attending. So all up we have fourteen students along with Mr Teys and Mr. McBain down at Somers. The students will be engaged in lots of leadership and team bonding activities throughout the week. Parents have the opportunity to visit their children at Somers on Sunday.

We look forward to hearing from Amy, Poppy, Kai, Kaelin, Indi, Hannah, Gracie, Ethan, Elizabeth, Dylan, Bailey, Sione, Hayden and Linda about all their adventures when they return next Wednesday.

Parent’s Association Meeting
Our Parent’s Association Annual General Meeting will be held next Thursday 25th February in the Staffroom at 9.00a.m. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Sally Keam and Bridget Smith who this year are stepping down from the Parent’s Association due to work commitments. Both Sally and Bridget have done an enormous amount of work in organising many and varied fundraising activities to support our students over many years. Our school is a far better place for having had Bridget and Sally steer and guide our wonderful group of parents who work to raise much needed funds to improve the learning opportunities for our children.

On behalf of the entire school community thank you so much Sally and Bridget.

We are therefore seeking parents who would be able to support the continued success of the PA in the school community. If you have some time available we would welcome you to come along to our PA meeting next Thursday. I look forward to seeing everyone next Thursday at 9.00a.m.
Prep Family Picnic
Many thanks to all the parents and students who attended the Prep Family Picnic last Friday. The children had a ball playing together in the courtyard whilst parents and teachers had the opportunity to get to know one another.

Staff Carpark
The Staff Carpark is out of bounds to all parents before and after school. Children arriving and leaving school should always use the crossing when coming and going to school. For the safety of all of our children, please do not use the Staff Carpark and have your children always enter and leave the school via the front gate.

School Council
The School Council is the governing body of the school and plays a key role in developing a vision for the school in collaboration with all members of the school community and is actively involved in the development of and endorsement of our strategic plan. This year we have a number of parent positions available on School Council. Parents can either be nominated or self-nominate for School Council. School Council meets once a month and meetings begin at 7.30p.m. and are generally over by 8.30p.m.-9.00p.m. We have a great working School Council who are determined to continue to improve all aspects of our great school. If you would like to join our School Council or would like more information please don’t hesitate to contact me at school or drop in for a chat.

Nominations for school council close on Friday 26th February. Forms are available from the school office.

Swimming Sports
Good luck to our swimming team who tomorrow compete in the District Swimming Sports at Croydon Pool. It is a great achievement to make the school swim team and we wish all our super swimmers well.
Assembly
School assemblies will again be held each Friday but this year they will begin at 3.00p.m. in the Multi-purpose Room. The format of assemblies will change slightly this year. One week we will have a performance assembly where individual grades and various performing groups will perform and on alternate weeks we will give out student achievement awards where we recognise student performance. We will still have an Aussie of the Month assembly each month. We look forward to seeing everyone at assemblies throughout the course of the year.

Aussie Assembly
Tomorrow we announce our Aussie of the Month along with Sports Star, Artist and Performing Artist of the Month. I look forward to seeing everyone at assembly.

Canteen
Our canteen is open tomorrow Friday 19th February and will be open every Friday for lunch orders.

Have a great weekend,
Wayne Macdonald
Principal

STUDENT BANKING PROGRAM
Banking day is each Wednesday of term and the Program has now commenced for 2016.
Sports Top Orders
Please note that orders for Grade 5/6 Sports Tops will close Friday 26th February. Please have your order and payment to the office by that date. *No late orders will be accepted.*

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) 2016
The CSEF is available again for 2016.

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

Primary school student rate: $125 per year.

If you hold a current healthcare/concession card you may be eligible to receive this funding for your child. Application forms are available at the office.

The school will lodge your application for you. *Applications close for the 2016 year on the 29th February 2016.* Please come and see us at the office if you have any questions.

Grade 3/4 Camp Payment
A reminder that the 3/4 Camp payment is due on the final day of Term 1, Thursday 24th March.

Lyndall & Deb
On Monday we made straw sculptures! Indi came up with the idea of creating a giant straw to drink out of. All the other kids got in on it and before we knew it, everyone had gone straw crazy with giant straws!

On Tuesday morning everyone had their creative caps on with Abby making presents and William making a praying mantis! The afternoon was spent in the multi playing games!

On Wednesday we went into the multipurpose room again and played a new game called ‘Dusty Museum’ everyone had fun learning and playing the new game.

On Monday we’ll be putting on our creative caps and getting in the art room to create some beautiful Lanterns to celebrate the Chinese Lantern Festival. We’ll also be going outside on the little kids playground.

On Tuesday we’ll get moving because we’re heading down to the hard courts for a game of Octopus! We’ll also have some free play on the playground and oval.

On Wednesday we’re washing our hands and working together to bake something yummy to eat. We’ll be working together to make some tasty Cheesy Muffins the Hive kitchen.

On Thursday we’re getting our Vitamin D! We’ll head outside, taking a vote on whether we go to the big or little kids playground for our free play!

On Friday it is kids choice day! We’ll take a vote and see who wants to get outside for some group games or free play, do some cooking or get into the art room to create something special.

For more information on the Hive OSHC Program please call, text, email us

New phone no: 0421 250 881
Email: osch@wantirnasouthps.vic.edu.au
Wantirna South Primary School
Vacation Care - April 2016

The Hive’s April School Holiday Program is now available! The program includes an excursion to Village Cinemas and to Maroondah Adventure Park Mini Golf, as well as fun days around the Hive, such as The Hive’s Great Circus Spectacular and a Wild Action Incursion.

Please download the full program from Tiqbiz for further details. For further information or to book in please visit the staff in the Hive or feel free to call or email us with your enquiry.

Phone: 9887 1824       Email: oshc@wantirnaasthps.vic.edu.au
We have been using exercise in 1/2B to help us learn. We have discovered that if we get our wiggles out during huff and puff we can be more productive in learning time and we get fit and healthy at the same time. The students have been enjoying running around the oval or courtyard and completing just dance or exercises from the brain break dice.
Parent’s Association

Parent’s Association AGM – 
Thursday 25th February

Next Thursday the Parent’s Association are holding their AGM meeting at 9.00am in the staffroom.

Come along and see how you can make a valuable difference to our wonderful school.

We have many parents who have contributed to the Parent’s Association over many years who are stepping down in 2016, so we need lots of new faces! All help is valuable and welcome!

I would also like to say a special thanks to last year’s wonderful Parent’s Association members, who worked hard and contributed so much to a successful year of fundraising. Awesome job everyone!

Bunnings BBQ – 28th February

We are still looking for volunteers, particularly for the busy 12-2pm slot. Please contact Stephen Keam on sap.stepkeam@gmail.com if you can assist.

Parent Helper sign-up sheets

Parent Helper sheets will be going home which list most of our fundraisers in 2016 that you can help with. Please put your name down on one or more activities and return to the office. Remember: many hands make light work!!!!

Thanks!
Sally Keam – outgoing Coordinator for the Parent’s Association
Thinking of Joining the Parent’s Association?

Being a new parent to a new school and to the school's dynamics it can become daunting to consider joining any committee, especially when you have no experience or understanding of what is involved and the prospect of being perceived as unfamiliar.

1. Will I be able to help with anything?
   Yes!

   - There are big fundraisers that we organize throughout the year, and smaller ones that don’t need as much work.
   - Sharing ideas, thoughts and providing feedback from another perspective in a positive manner is very important and helpful!
   - Our goal is to support the children and school the best we can.

2. We have General Members on the committee, what does this mean?

   - These are members who don’t take on an executive position – for example Coordinator, or Secretary. We call upon these members especially when we need an extra hand at major events.
   - May or may not choose to oversee a fundraising project of their own.
   - Attending meetings when possible though not required, just bring your ideas and feedback.

3. Am I going to be thrown in the deep end without any help/guidelines?
   Not at all!

   - Most fundraisers have happened before and as a result a folder has been created full of information to guide you through easily.
   - No one is pressured into assisting with something they feel uncomfortable with, even a small amount of help is appreciated.
   - If required you can be teamed up with someone more experienced while you find your feet.
4. Will it take up a lot of my time? I've only heard bad things about committees!

- Obviously the more members we have the more we can distribute the workload.
- Asking for assistance is always an option and our aim is to help each other. We all are parents and juggle work life balances. Even the smallest amount of commitment is greatly appreciated.
- Our aim is to support the children through supporting the school and helping to raise money for those extra things that aren't budgeted with government funding.
- Respecting everyone's opinions and personality ensures we work as a team.

5. How officially is the Parent’s Association run? Do I need to know how a committee runs?

No!

- We are all parents, some with more experience than others. We all learn as we go with friendly assistance.
- The Parent’s Association is run by parents not professionals, we all make errors from time to time. But as a team any problems are quickly resolved with everyone’s help.
- A helping hand and any ideas are always welcomed. The rest all looks after itself.

6. What executive positions are in the committee?

- Co-ordinator – chairs meetings and helps delegate the work.
- Assistant Co-ordinator – assists the Co-ordinator.
- Secretary – collects mail, sets meeting agenda.
- Minutes Secretary – takes meeting minutes.
- Newsletter Co-ordinator – provides a report for the weekly newsletter.
Many thanks to those who have volunteered to assist with the running of the Canteen this year. Lunch Orders will be available this Friday, 19th February. Menu and Price Lists are contained in this newsletter.

If you would still like to offer some time, please complete the form sent home earlier this term and return it to the office.

**Roster**
Monday 22nd Lisa Vanin-Smith & Yan Nian
Wednesday 24th Caroline Murray & Melinda Turner

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**CANTEEN SNACKS PRICE LIST**

These snacks are available Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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CANTEEN PRICE LIST

Our Canteen provides lunch each Friday. Please write NAME and CLASS on paper bag (enclose correct money if possible). **LUNCH ORDERS TO BE HANDED IN FRIDAYS TO THE CLASSROOM TEACHER.** Please note that snack items are not to be ordered with lunches.

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District Swimming Carnival
Our Swimming team is looking forward to the District Swimming Competition to be held tomorrow at Croydon Memorial Pool. Good luck to Bailey and Phoenix who will Captain the Team.
Good luck to the following students-
Chloe, Zoe, Talan, Max, Maddie, Phoenix, Scarlett, Ruari, Jordan, Hayden, Bailey, Makayla, Zak, Charlie, Stephie and Zoe (emergency).

Hockey Clinics
Special thanks to James from Hockey Victoria and Megan from the Knox Hockey Club for attending our School last Wednesday to run Hockey clinics throughout the day. The Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience. For more information on Hockey, please refer to www.hookin2hockey.hockey.org.au. There is also a come and try Hockey night at The Knox School, 220 Burwood Hwy, Wantirna on Thursday 18th February at 6pm for 5 – 12 year olds. For further information on this, please call Laden Whittaker on 0433 333 804.

Twilight Sports
Our annual Twilight Sports event will be held on Tuesday 8th March. Events will begin promptly at 5pm, so be sure to arrive in plenty of time. This will be the first opportunity for our Sports, House and School Captains to show their leadership skills, guiding activities and assisting with running the night. I am sure they will do a wonderful job.

Sports dates for 2016
19th Feb – District Swimming (Croydon pool)
29th Feb – 4th March – Grade 5/6 Water Safety Program
8th March – Twilight Sports, 5 – 7pm (Whole School)
15th April – School Cross Country 11.30 – 1.30pm
27th April – District Athletics (Knox Aths Track)
20th May – District Cross Country
7th, 14th, 21st June Grade 3-6 Melbourne Victory Soccer Clinics
16th August - Hooptime Grade 5/6

Nicola Tuohey – PE & Sport
CE DANCE CLUB

My name is Clare Cornell and I run "CE DANCE CLUB" at Wantirna South Primary School. I have over 40 years dance experience in jazz, tap, ballet, hip hop, funk, contemporary, lyrical and Broadway styles and I also teach gymbaroo, gymnastics and acrobatics.

I have been teaching jazz, funk, hip hop and ballet here at WASPS for the last 7 years and I also choreograph the WASPS school productions.

CE DANCE CLUB has performed at many events, including WASPS Open Nights, Performance Nights, Grandparents Shows, School Productions, Christmas Carols Shows and various school assemblies. We have also represented WASPS at the School Fete and at the Wantirna Retirement Village Shows.

Classes are held during lunchtimes in the MP Room on Mondays or Tuesdays.

Cost is $14 per 45 minute class, and a term fee is required on enrolment.

School uniform is worn during class and bare feet.

A costume is provided to all members when performing.

CE DANCE CLUB is for both girls AND boys!

Any new students who would like to join are welcome to come along anytime for a free trial class - but a parent must contact me first.

Please contact Clare for details first on - 0417 031 233

or via email on - cedanceclub@hotmail.com
OUTSIDE THE SQUARE PSYCHOLOGY

Bi-monthly practical parent and professional workshops in ASD/disability run at Outside the Square Psychology in Burwood.

There are 10 workshops including anxiety, puberty, social skills, eating, sleeping, toilet training, bullying, school issues and sharing the ASD diagnosis.

For further information, please contact Kirsty Kerr, Psychologist on
www.outsidethesquarepsychology.com.au
Knox Schools Expo 2016

The Knox Schools Expo is an annual information night for parents/guardians of Years 5 & 6 children changing to secondary school in 2017/18, or for those with younger children who like to plan ahead. The evening allows attendees to have conversations with representatives from Knox Secondary Schools and Community Organisations, before formal proceedings start at 7pm. The Q and A panel session will provide the audience with an opportunity to explore considerations when selecting a secondary school, after which there will be another opportunity to visit stalls.

When:    Thursday 17 March 2016
Where:   Knox Civic Centre 511 Burwood Hwy Wantirna South 3152
Time:    5.45-8.45pm

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For more information about the Knox Schools Expo contact Knox City Council Youth Services via Angela Thurbon on t: 9298 8533 or e: angela.thurbon@knox.vic.gov.au or Megan Parker on t: 9298 8308 or e: megan.parker@knox.vic.gov.au or visit


Bookings are not required
Family information evening
Setting our Children up for Success

Presented by Kathy Walker OAM one of Australia's leading parenting and education experts, this presentation considers the complexities of life and what contributes to success.

It asks the question; “what is success?” and unpacks many features of what may constitute a successful and rewarding life that goes far beyond reciting the alphabet and counting and being 'bright'.

Practical ideas and strategies are provided which include, the importance of self expression, reaching out when you need to, taking on challenges, meaningful relationships and effective communication. This session highlights the importance of viewing life and success in a holistic way that is not measured simply by money or career but by opportunities, choices and positive self esteem.

Date: Thursday 25 February 2016
Time: 7:30pm to 9:00pm
Cost: FREE
Venue: Knox City Council Civic Centre, Rooms 3 & 4, 511 Burwood Highway, Wantirna South

To register online for this event, visit Knox City Council Events Booking events.booking.knox.vic.gov.au

Alternatively for phone bookings or for further information, contact Linda Williams 9298 8571
IT’S PERSONAL TRAINING
Shape Up, Get Fit, Burn Fat!

Wantirna South PS
MP Room
Tuesday & Thursday - 5.45am
Monday and Wednesday - 6pm

Places Limited

Contact Elizabeth Kalabakas
(Accredited Fitness Trainer
Metabolic Precision Certified)
0413 482 862

YOGA CLASSES

WANTIRNA SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
THURSDAY 7.30PM TO 9PM

Call Raylene Salter
0418 386 744
soulsharmonyinfo@gmail.com
February
Mitchell, Logan, Max, Josh, Ken, Lee, Jia Xi, Hannah, Bailey, Lucy, Charlotte, Koby, Kai, Mia and Jordan.

UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform Shop is open each Tuesday of term from 3.15pm to 3.45pm.

New Hive Phone Number
0421 250 881

2016 TERM DATES
Term 1  27/1/16 - 24/3/16
Term 2  11/4/16 – 24/6/16
Term 3  11/7/16 – 16/9/16
Term 4  3/10/16 – 20/12/16

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If you need any assistance with your Tiqbiz App, please contact Tiqbiz directly on 9800 1489.