

Information Update No: 6 Wednesday 28th June 2017

Message from the Junior Campus Principal

I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work with our Wanniassa Junior Campus students this term.

Even though I have only been at Wanniassa Junior Campus for three weeks, I have had the absolute pleasure of observing and participating in classes across the campus. Students demonstrated the Wanniassa School values by openly and enthusiastically discussing their learning.

As mentioned the past few weeks have been incredibly busy. In week 8, Blue unit enjoyed a trip to the Recycling Education Centre, where they learned about the process of recycling or 'what happens after the bin'. During week 9, Year 5/6 students participated in the 2nd round of the Sullivan Shield. They played well and showed a strong sense of teamwork and sportsmanship. Good luck to these students and their coach, Mr Bond as they participate in the finals on Wednesday! It was a joy to see Red and Blue units present their assembly in week 9. Students showcased their learning, including a re-enactment of the three little pigs, mini city models, and a musical performance. Congratulations again to all the students who received awards during the assembly as well.

Midyear Reports

Teachers have been working solidly at preparing our midyear reports. Lengthy professional discussions have taken place around the moderation process.

This process is undertaken with the greatest care and attention and involves many hours of team work amongst teachers. After assessment has been concluded teachers meet to moderate work samples to ensure that the A to E grades that your child receives are consistent with our students in the same grade in other classes. This ensures that an A grade in one class looks like an A grade in another. It is important to remember that these grades have a different meaning than what they did when we went to school. Every state and territory in Australia uses a five point scale to award grades to students and it is closely linked to our achievement standards in our curriculum.

Today a 'C' grade is what we expect students in a year group to achieve at the end of the year. It is an end of year outcome. A 'C' result is a good result. Obviously the other grades have different meanings.



- ❖ A - If your child receives an A grade result it means that they are working well above the anticipated level for their cohort. At this level they would be provided with extension activities in class. An 'A' is an outstanding result.
- ❖ B - Accordingly a 'B' grade means they are working above their cohort at a level higher than is expected for their year group. At this level students would also be given extension activities in class.
- ❖ D - Accordingly the award of a 'D' grade means that your child is not yet working at their expected year level. They may require assistance to consolidate their understanding or skills. In older students it can sometimes mean that they are not applying themselves to their studies and that very little work is being produced for teachers to assess.
- ❖ E - When a student receives an 'E' grade it means that they are just beginning to develop their skills and understanding in an area. Students at 'E' level require extra assistance to make academic gain.

My key message to you at this time of reporting is that a 'C' is a good result - especially for a midyear report. Please ensure you make an appointment with your child's teacher during interview week where any questions or concerns can be answered. I would encourage you to celebrate your child's success and gains in whatever areas they are achieving. Kindergarten students do not receive an 'A-E' report but a written school report and PIPs reports in February and November.

I would like to finish with a big thank you to our wonderful P&C members for the time and effort they have put into the two special lunches and the school disco. The students danced up a storm and revived some 'old school' dance moves like the Macarena.

Have a restful break and I look forward to see you all on Monday 17th July for another busy term.

Regards

Estelle Gillingham

(A/g Junior Campus Principal)

Term 2 Dates to Remember

Wed 27 June – Thursday 29 June	JC Parent Teacher Meetings
Friday 30 June	Walkathon Prize Assembly 2pm
Friday 30 June	Term 2 Ends
Monday 17 July	Term 3 Begins
Monday 7 August	Wakakirri Heat – Canberra Theatre (Last chance Ticket Order form on back page)

Wakakirri Tickets

If you missed the deadline for ordering tickets, you have one last chance to secure a ticket to watch your child perform at Wakakirri on Monday 7th August. For more details please see ticket order form on the back of this update.

Pencil case refills

During school holidays it is an ideal time to check your child's pencil case and replace any items for the beginning of the new term. Pencils, glue sticks and other items will have been well utilised by now and may need replacing.

Our thoughts on fidget spinners

The latest craze, the fidget spinner is a toy, and we therefore discourage students from bringing them to school and we don't allow them in class.

Throughout our school we have a few children who benefit from the use of a "fiddle gadget" to help them concentrate or relieve anxiety. This is generally part of an individual learning plan strategy which is agreed upon by parents and teachers. None of these children have a fidget spinner.

Please encourage your child to leave fidget spinners at home.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Preschool Enrolments for 2018

Preschool enrolments have commenced for 2018, online enrolments are being accepted for placement consideration this term. Birth certificates and immunisation records will need to be sighted/copied as supporting documents to your application for enrolment. Proof of residency is also required for all enrolments in and out of area. All students who live in the priority enrolment area or have siblings already attending this school are guaranteed a placement whilst there are available places.

Walkathon/Bikathon



Well done to our students on their commendable behaviour and the terrific effort they exerted during the walkathon/bikeathon, either walking or riding. Please return your sponsorship forms and money by Thursday 29th June to ensure your tickets are included in the amazing prize draw at the walkathon/bikeathon prize assembly on Friday 30th June.

School Uniforms

Thank you for your assistance in our quest to have **ALL STUDENTS** wearing school uniform including the correct colour code. It is great to see a sea of blue at lines each morning. Keep it up!! Wanniasa School's colour code on the Junior Campus is sky blue and navy blue. Please consider this when purchasing clothing eg. hoodies, jackets, sweatshirts and beanies. Some students have been wearing black and white checked dresses. These are NOT the Wanniasa School uniform.

Second Hand Uniforms

Access to the second hand clothing room is via the front office. Please ask at the counter if you wish to go to the clothing room. Clothes range in sizes from 4 - 16, including sports skirts, skorts, shorts and hats.

First Aid and Sick Bay



At this time of year there are a number of children with coughs, colds and stomach bugs etc. If you suspect your child is sick in the morning please do not send them to school as they spread the virus to staff and other students. Our sick bay is not able to cope with overwhelming numbers of children who need to rest or sleep, this area is allocated for first aid only.

Parents are reminded that Panadol or similar pain relief cannot be administered to children unless sent into school with an authorisation note from a parent or a form is filled in at school when the medication is brought in. The school does not hold children's Panadol for general use.

P & C News

Wanniasa School P&C meeting dates for 2017 are:

- Term 3 – 8 August & 5 September
- Term 4 – 28 November

The meetings are always on a Tuesday, held in the Senior Campus staffroom and commence at 6.30pm (following the School Board meeting). All are welcome and we would love to see as many parents involved as possible

Action Tae Kwon Do



Wanniassa School Junior Campus Hall Every Thursday Afternoon 3.15pm – 4.00pm

For more information call Ben on 0498 638274 or visit www.actiontaekwondo.com.au

2 Free Lessons (Classes are for children only)

Police Appeal For Vigilance Over School Holidays



AFP
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

ACT Policing will be increasing pro-active patrols around schools during the holidays, but we are also asking you, the community, to assist us in ensuring our schools remain secure. Anyone who observes anti-social behaviour or suspicious activity around schools is urged to report this to police immediately on **131444**.



This includes suspicious persons or vehicles seen at odd hours of the night, and any signs of potential criminal activity such as the sound of breaking glass, spray cans or electrical equipment being used at odd hours. By working together with police you can help to ensure that our schools remain secure over the holidays.

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"	Student "B"	Student "C"
reads 20 minutes each day	reads 5 minutes each day	reads 1 minute each day
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

282,000 words



50th percentile

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)



CANBERRA AFL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
TUESDAY 11TH JULY - 8:00AM - 5:00PM

HARRISON SCHOOL
BOYS & GIRLS 4 - 10

\$50 INCLUDES AUSKICK PACK

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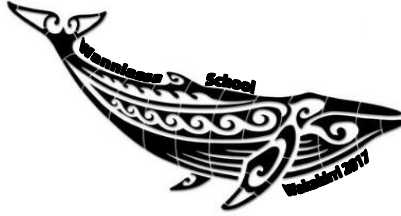
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Tickets – Last chance orders

Dear Parent/Carer

If you missed the deadline for ordering tickets, you have one last chance to secure a ticket to watch your child perform at Wakakiri on Monday 7th August. Canberra Ticketing has made available a limited amount of tickets for parents/families to purchase. **Please note that these tickets will not be allocated in the same section of the Theatre as the other Wanniassa tickets** which were ordered previously. It is important to note that anyone who wishes to come and view the show at The Canberra Theatre needs to purchase a ticket.

The due date for ticket orders is Friday 30th June at 10am. Orders are to go the front office at The Junior Campus and full payment of \$35 per ticket must accompany order. **No late orders can be accepted.**

Throughout the Wakakirri process we have endeavoured to keep costs to a minimum for students, however, the price of tickets is something we cannot control. **Your child does not need a ticket to perform, but they do need to be dropped off at The Canberra Theatre on Monday 7th August at 6.00pm.**

Regards,
The Wanniassa Wakakirri Team

Please return this form with payment to the front office by Friday 30th June – 10am

PARENT ORDER DETAILS (Parent to complete)

Parent Name: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Student Name: _____ Student Class: _____

Number of tickets required @\$35 each: _____

- Quick Web (Visit the school website** Click on the payment tab which will take you to a secure Westpac Website to complete the payment.)
- Cash** **Credit Card** **Cheque** **Direct Deposit (See account details below.)**

EFT: Westpac Bank

Wanniassa School Management Account
BSB: 032 777
Account number: 001869

Customer ref: Student Surname Supplies
Example: JSmith Wakakirri Contribution

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS Please fill out the following details;

CHILD'S NAME: _____ CLASS: _____

VISA MASTERCARD ____ / ____ / ____ / ____

NAME ON CARD: _____

EXPIRY DATE: ____ / ____ AMOUNT: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

CCV: _____