

Information Update No: 12 Wednesday 14th Dec 2016

VALUES – ALL VALUES

Message from the Junior Campus Principal

It is hard to believe that the year is almost over. I would like to thank all the staff at the Junior Campus of Wanniassa School for their dedication to their work. The front office staff, Sandy and Kirsten, work diligently and professionally as do the teacher assistants Carolyn J, Carolyn C and Hayley. The Executive Team Jenny, Michelle and Jodi continue to lead the learning in their respective teams, providing support, skills and knowledge as well as celebrating their team's successes. Thank you to the teachers at Wanniassa for your tireless commitment to teaching and learning and your determined focus to ensure that every student experiences success. Thank you to Dave, our BSO for keeping the school so well maintained.

We would like to confirm the number of students not returning to Wanniassa School in 2017 so that we can move forward with organising classes for next year. If your child will not be returning in 2017, please contact the office so that we are aware of your plans. Also, if you know of any families intending to enrol, please direct the family to our office.

As each school year draws to a close we find everyone turning their mind to which teachers and classmates will work together in the new year. Our class structures and sizes are determined as a result of the Department of Education staffing allocation given to the school. Our class structures will be quite similar to this year. We anticipate from the information given to us at this time that our enrolments next year will be higher than in 2016. I am happy to report that almost all our preschool students are continuing on to Kindergarten at Wanniassa so our Kindergarten numbers are up!

We will be farewelling a number of teachers this year. Mr Justan Fuller, Mr Greg Pickering, Mrs Jenny Tatham, Miss Helen Wilson, Miss Ashley Coutts and Ms Cindy Somenek are all moving on to other ACT schools to work their magic with a new cohort of students. We wish them the best of luck in their next professional career challenge. Wanniassa will be welcoming Mr David Livingstone from Gordon Primary School, Mr Haydn Dobson from Gilmore Primary School, Ms Isabelle Ludovici from Torrens Primary School, Mr Nick Bond back from the Senior Campus and Mr Dominic Nixon also coming from the Senior Campus. Ms Tori Smullen will join the Executive Team and we are delighted to say that Amy Green will be staying at Wanniassa next year. We will also farewell Hayley Eaton for a short time as she goes on maternity leave in 2017. Good luck Hayley!

Please find below the breakdown of classes for 2017:

Unit	Class	Teacher	Team Leader
Rainbow	Preschool	Ms Virginia Fanning & Ms Kylie Jess	Mrs Jodi DeLigt
Red Unit	KGJ KG	Miss Sally Gore-Johnson Ms Isabelle Ludovici	
Blue Unit	1/2D 1/2G 1/2GR	Mr Haydn Dobson Mrs Vicki Gough Miss Amy Green	Mrs Elizabeth Courtois
Green Unit	3B 3L	Mrs Christina Bowman Mr David Livingstone	Mrs Michelle Lord
Yellow Unit	4B 4N	Mrs Jessica Booth Mr Dominic Nixon	
Orange Unit	5H	Mrs Tracey Hanson	Ms Tori Smullen
Purple Unit	6B	Mr Nick Bond	

A lot of time and thought is given to forming our classes to ensure that individuals are catered for both socially and academically, whilst finding the best fit across the school for teaching and learning. The teachers have been busy placing students in classes and this information will be communicated to all families on day 1 of 2017.

It has been a pleasure to be a part of the Wanniassa School Community this year and I am really looking forward to 2017.

I wish all of you a happy and safe Christmas break and an enjoyable and restful time with your families.

Regards

Elizabeth Courtois

Congratulations!

Well done to the recipients of awards at the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony this week.



Student of Excellence
Citizenship Award
Sporting Excellence Award
Jo Adams/Performing Arts Award

Cailin Muir & Thomas Dunlop
Emily Spaven & Sam Crowther
Amber Heslop
Angus Manton



Congratulations also to the following students who received awards at the End of Year Assembly. These awards were given to students for consistent Academic, Citizenship and Outstanding Effort.

Academic Excellence Awards

KG Riley Geerdink
KGJ Lachlan Tuckerman
1C Lachlan Lush
1E Emily Goeldner
2/3B Hima Pynadath
2/3LS James Johnstone
2/3W Jerome Huynh/Damon Lush
4B Margaret Levika
4/5P Shayla Young
5/6F Shahd Hamed

Citizenship Awards

KG Logan Cadona
KGJ Eddie Lester
1C Lilly Williams
1E Bayley Morton
2/3B Kaleb Gibbs-Noy
2/3LS Jesse Williamson
2/3W Kailee Chipchase-Matthews
4B Catherine Attallah
4/5P Joey Leuii
5/6F Cody Rogers

Outstanding Effort Awards

KG Samuel Kuol
KGJ Tori Corsini
1C Daniel Morales
1E Hallie Wilson
2/3B Claire Clancy-Ivill
2/3LS Sandra Attia
2/3W Oliver Lowe
4B Sally Wickson
4/5P Blake Piromalli
5/6F Gemma Davies

Important Notes

Reports will be sent home to all students tomorrow.

School resumes for new students (Preschool and Kinder) on Monday 30th January and for all other students on Tuesday 31st January.

To maximise learning time during our morning Literacy block, in 2017 the bell for lines will ring at 8.55am. Lessons will begin at 9am.

K – 6 Graduation Disco ** Wednesday 14th December **

Time: 7pm – 8.30pm Venue: Junior Campus Hall Cost: \$5 per student \$10 per family
Free entry for year 6 students Lucky Door Prizes to be won!!!

Any parent who can assist with selling food and drink in the canteen would be most welcome.

Students should arrive no earlier than 6.50pm and be collected by an adult at 9pm. The canteen will be open during the disco event. Younger children may be picked up earlier to avoid becoming overtired. A reminder to parents that this disco is for Wanniasa School Junior Campus students only.



P & C News

Wanniasa School P-10 has been selected by Bunnings Tuggeranong to host a fundraising BBQ on Saturday 17th December and we are expecting it to be a busy one!

This is a great opportunity to give our fundraising efforts a real boost for the New Year. But we need your help, and any assistance would be greatly appreciated :)

Please consider donating some of your time to help out at the BBQ on the day.

We're using SignUp.com to organise this event. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/1gTMzB>

2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.

3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact us at wannivolunteers@gmail.com and we can sign you up manually.

Thanks for your help.

2016 Yearbook

The 2016 yearbook is available for purchase from the front office for \$13. Please purchase your copy as soon as possible as there will be no extra copies printed.

Wanniassa P-10 School is on Facebook!



If you would like important school updates and success stories, please find Wanniassa P-10 School (the page with the Wanniassa logo and the white background) and 'like' the page.

School Banking



Thank you to everyone who has participated in the school banking program this year. It's great to see our student banking numbers increasing. School banking will recommence Week 1, Term 1, 2017.

The Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth

The Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY) has been engaged by the Education Directorate to develop parent engagement resources for teachers, parents and carers of students with complex needs and challenging behaviour.

ARACY is inviting parents and carers of ACT primary and secondary students to participate in small group discussions focusing on how families and schools work together to support the learning of students who experience particular learning challenges. Participants will be asked questions to explore their experiences of what works well and what doesn't work well, and perspectives about the quality of the connection between home and school.

The discussion groups will take 60 - 90 minutes. Interviews will also be available for individual participants, where preferred. These will last approximately 60 minutes.

Participants will receive a \$50 Coles-Myer gift voucher as reimbursement for time and input into the research.

Interested parents and carers can contact Barbara at ARACY via phone 6248 2400 or email barbara.barker@aracy.org.au

Police Appeal for Vigilance Over School Holidays



ACT Police 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, allowing our children to get the education they deserve.



Wanniassa School Song – Tea Towel

P&C Fundraiser

Available for purchase from the JC front office
or at this year's Christmas Assembly

Friday 9th December

\$12.00 each or three for \$30.00

Great souvenir or Christmas present for parents and grandparents

Wanniassa School



One but many are we, all different and unique
On Ngunnawal land, this Ngunnawal land
Our values we display, working hard each day
Learning as we grow, we're learning as we grow
Read and Write

Get along together, that's right
We're Wanniassa School and we
know the future's bright
Blue, Yellow, Green and Red
Team Spirit, drive, respect
We push ourselves to strive
We push ourselves to thrive
Partners in all we do

Talking, working things through
No problem too big,
No problem too small
Read and Write

Get along together, that's right
We're Wanniassa School and we
know the future's bright

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2017 Term Dates

- Term 1 Monday 30 January to Friday 7 April
- Term 2 Wednesday 26 April to Friday 30 June
- Term 3 Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September
- Term 4 Monday 9 October to Friday 15 December

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Tuggeranong Early Years Enrichment

FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER

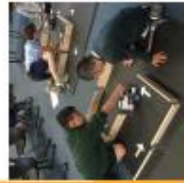
TUGGERANONG NETWORK

SCHOOLS INVOLVED

- Isabella Plaza Early Childhood School
- Charlie Conder PS
- Gordon PS
- Housah PS
- Bonython PS
- Goswami PS
- Gilmore PS
- Fadden PS
- Theodore PS
- Carroll Chisholm School
- Wannassa School
- Namadgi School

Year 2

The focus of the year 2 enrichment day was to explore and discover the qualities of and difference between drones, robots and droids. The children worked with the Robogals volunteers using EV3 robots. They experimented with simple, step-by-step procedures to explore the programmable devices and instruct them to move in a planned manner. The children learnt through a series of workshops and experiences that programming instructions is a precise science. Through participating in the range of science experiments and procedures the children learnt the skills of making predications, collaborating, observing, presenting ideas and manipulating materials.



Science Enrichment

On Friday 25 November 12 Tuggeranong ACT Public Schools hosted another Early Years Enrichment workshop, the term 4 focus was on science. Each year level had a specific focus which was explored and developed at a host school. Bonython PS hosted the preschool children, Charles Conder PS hosted the kindergarten children, Namadgi School hosted the year 1 children and Theodore PS hosted the year 2 children.



Year 1



Kindergarten

The focus of the year 1 enrichment day was on the field of Earth Science. Children actively investigated the role of and importance of water and soil in everyday life. At Namadgi School the children had access to a wonderful garden area which allowed them to be fully immersed in the natural environment. They participated in making a seed bomb, learning about ratio of sand and clay to ensure the best conditions for plants to successfully grow.

The focus of the kindergarten enrichment day was on scientific enquiry. The children were involved in a range of experiments that allowed them to formulate questions, hypothesise and make detailed observations. As well as making their own slime the children created a balloon rocket. After releasing the rocket the children were asked to think about how could you change the balloon rocket, make it go faster, further, what would happen if the balloon as bigger etc. Throughout the day the children broadened their scientific vocabulary and developed the skills and the language to articulate their theories, predictions and observations.



Preschool



The focus of the preschool enrichment day was "Good Vibrations" helping children to understand that vibrations are responsible for the sounds we hear. The children were immersed in a range of experiments using their senses. They felt the vibrations in their throat as they hummed and played kazoo's. They saw the vibrations as they watched rice dance and bounce on the surface of a drum. Finally they used their sense of hearing to explore the effectiveness of a range of solids to transmit sound vibrations. The pre-schoolers enjoyed meeting new friends and learning with educators from a range of schools. We are very proud of their willingness to have a go and their ability to think and act like a scientist!