

From the Principal

Welcome to 2018.

I am very excited to begin this new year as Principal! I have worked in education for 26 years, the past 10 years here at Wonthaggi Primary. I am extremely fortunate and humbled, to lead such a dedicated staff and together, we are passionate about making our school the best school it can be. I'm looking forward to working with you all in building a great future for WPS.

As part of our continued efforts to improve what we do at WPS, the teaching staff will be working with Challenging Learning over the next three years. **Challenging Learning** aims to assist teachers and students to make outstanding progress in learning. To begin this process, teachers will be working with George Telford on **Monday 12th February**. As such, there will be **no school for students on this day**.

Our **new preps** had a wonderful first day on Tuesday, looking very confident within the school environment. It was great to catch up with **existing students** and meet all of our new students. I would like to commend everyone for looking very smart in their **school uniforms**. Great work families preparing your children for school!

Welcome to our two new teachers, Emma Wilkinson (1/2D) and Christie Smith (1/2E). We are thrilled to have them on board at WPS.



Past Student, Maya Fraser, recently wrote to Bass Coast Shire expressing her concern about the speed of cars around the crossing at Rose Lodge and asking for the speed limit to be lowered. While Maya's wish couldn't be granted, the Shire has suggested that they install pedestrian lights at the crossing. What a fantastic outcome, well done Maya! We are all very impressed and proud of your concern for your local community.



Congratulations to our parent Brendan Smith, on being awarded the 2018, Bass Coast Citizen of the Year. Brendan works tirelessly supporting our local community, including being a member of our School Council. A well deserved recognition of your ongoing work Brendan!



Warm regards,

Wendy Bradley

Principal.



FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

Thursday 1st

- Swimming for Grade 1—6 commenced today. Please return swimming forms.

Thursday 8th

- School Banking begins each Thursday.

Friday 9th

- Breakfast Club Starts from 8:15am in the Art room.

Monday 12th

- School Closure Day - no classes operating.**

Wednesday 14th

- School Council Sub-Committee Meetings
 - Buildings & Grounds - 9:30am
 - Finance - 3:45pm
 - Policy & Curriculum - 4:15pm

Tuesday 20th

- School Council Meeting - 6:30pm in the SLC.

Tuesday 27th

- District Swimming - Cowes

MARCH

Friday 2nd

- Division Swimming Sports - Korumburra.

Wednesday 7th—Friday 9th

- Grade 6 Urban Camp.

Monday 12th

- Labour Day Public Holiday**

Tuesday 13th—Friday 16th

- Grade 5 Camp to Wilsons Promontory.

Thursday 29th

- Last Day of Term 1 dismissal at 2:30pm.**




School Hats must be worn until the end of April

Remember No Hats—No Play.

If your child needs a hat or has lost their hat, a new hat can be purchased at the office, broad brimmed hats are \$8.00 and bucket hats are \$10.00

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SCHOOL BANKING

School banking will start next Thursday 8th February.

Prep children will be receiving an information pack shortly. If you would like your child to start school banking please contact the office for an information pack.

Wonthaggi Primary School is now a FarmGate!

FarmGate Online is a healthy way to Fundraise while also supporting local farmers and producers. By ordering your fruit and veggies online and collecting them from Wonthaggi Primary School, 10% of the value of your order goes to the school as fundraising.

So how does it work:

- Go to www.farmgate.online and click Sign In. You'll be asked to provide some essential information to join up to the site.
- Join the Wonthaggi Primary School FarmGate. **OUR KEY CODE IS - FG2147**
- Browse and select from our range of produce boxes or choose the fruit and veg your family like best.
- Place your order each **Monday night by 8pm** and pay online using PayPal or Bank Deposit.
- We pack your order and deliver it to Wonthaggi Primary School for collection **Thursdays at 3:30pm from outside the Art Room.**
- 10% of the value of the orders picked up from school is then paid to the school's fundraising account.

Wherever possible, our produce comes from local farmers. If we can't source a product from the local area, we source as locally as we can. We only purchase Australian produce!

We keep packaging to a minimum and ask our customers to return the delivery boxes for collection from the school so we can reuse and eventually recycle the packaging.

Any questions please see Ailsa Goding, Room 13 (Next to Art Room)

