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Bass Coast, 27 January 2017

Summer break over for school zones

The summer school holidays are almost over for another year, with students returning to school on Tuesday, 31 January.

So along with washing school uniforms and packing lunchboxes, school zones are also back in force and Bass Coast Shire Council is asking all motorists to observe 40km/h speed limits around the Shire.

Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Pamela Rothfield, said after a six week break, it is vital for all motorists to start slowing down around schools again.

"There will be lots of new students and new families using the crossings at schools, especially our new Preps, so please be considerate and patient," Cr Rothfield said.

"Please also observe parking restrictions around schools to help keep visibility clear and pedestrians safe. Some of our school children are only small, which means they can be difficult to see when walking out from behind parked cars."

Council's Community Safety Rangers and Victoria Police Officers will be present at various school crossings across Bass Coast to reinforce the importance of school safety and making sure motorists are doing the right thing.

Cr Rothfield also encouraged parents and student to, where they can, walk to school.

"Walking to school is not only a great way to stay active and teach your children how to walk along footpaths and cross roads safely, but also means less cars parked around schools and driving through school crossings in the mornings and afternoons," Cr Rothfield said.

"With many students across Bass Coast already choosing to walk to school, we're also reminding motorists to keep an eye out for children crossing roads throughout towns as well – not only at school crossings."

Things to remember when driving around school zones are to:

- Be patient. Leaving home five minutes earlier can avoid unnecessary speeding and frustrations around 40km school zones.
- Take extra caution in wet weather, allowing plenty of time to stop at a crossing
- Don't be distracted whilst driving, especially using a mobile phone
- Look out for children entering and exiting parked cars around schools
- Observe parking restrictions and time limits around schools



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From the Principal

Welcome Back

It has been fantastic to see our students return to school in good health, refreshed and with a big smile on their faces. The students have hit the ground running and have been busily learning more about the school's behavioural expectations and values. Much of the teachers' communication with the students over the next few weeks will focus on developing a better understanding of each child's learning, emotional and behavioural needs and establishing routines in the classroom. Connecting with the students in an authentic manner and establishing a classroom environment which is predictable, safe and caring is paramount. Creating the right conditions early will support our students endeavours to become the best they can be.

Staffing Update

Mrs Anstey communicated to the school community towards the end of the 2016 school year that there were some teaching appointments which needed to be finalised over the holidays. We are pleased to announce that Mrs Kylie Horton and Mrs Beth Walker will be teaching 3/4B this year. Mrs Horton already has a strong bond with our school with her teaching experience in both the catholic and government education settings. Mr Chris Terlich's role will also be slightly changed and will now include teaching in 3/4D on Fridays. We welcome a number of other staff to our teaching team this year: Mrs Cassie Van Swol in 1/2D, Ms Fiona McKellar in 1/2C, Miss Alanna Besley 3/4C, Ms Cassie Pearce 5/6 A and Mrs Shelley Rose 5/6D. We also welcome Mrs Jess Feather who is replacing Di Johnson, who is on Long Service Leave, as an Educational Support Staff Members.

Building Works

There was extensive building activity over the holidays, with major works in the Senior Learning Centre, the Art room and the lintels over the two entry and exit points being replaced on the southern end of the red brick building. The team from TS Construction and Linge Consulting were very diligent and efficient in their work to ensure our school was ready for action for the students' first day back.

Dedicated Staff

I'd like to acknowledge the efforts of our staff over the holidays to ensure they were prepared for the new school year. Much behind the scene work played out during the staff's time off to ensure the classrooms were ready and learning experiences were prepared. We are very fortunate to have professional and dedicated teachers at WPS.

Kind Regards

Mark Chandler
Acting Principal

FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

FRIDAY 10th

- Grade 5 Prom Camp
Deposit due back.

WEDNESDAY 22nd

- District Swimming.

MARCH

MONDAY 13th

- PUBLIC HOLIDAY ★
LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND.

TUESDAY 14th-FRIDAY 17th

- Grade 5 Wilsons
Promontory Camp.

FRIDAY 31st

- LAST DAY TERM 1 ★
2:30pm Dismissal.

GRADE 1 - 6 SWIMMING PROGRAM HAS BEGUN



SCHOOL PHOTOS
Wednesday 3rd May



Our School Core Values: RESPECT RELATIONSHIPS BELONGING COMMUNITY GROWTH MINDSET

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST—VIOLIN LESSONS

We have the opportunity to have an Instrumental Music Teacher for Violin in 2017. Barbara Robic is also a qualified Primary School Teacher. Lessons start at \$10 for a 15 minute lesson up to \$25 for a 60 minutes lesson depending on the age of the student and if the session is a one on one or group (3 students per group). Students age groups are from 3 - 5, 5 - 10 and 10 – Adult. If you are interested for your child being placed on a list for lessons in 2017, please complete the slip below, cut it out and return it to the office as soon as possible.

I would like my Child: Grade:

To be placed on the list for Violin Lessons in 2017.

Parents Name: Contact No. Signature:

Date:

VIOLIN LESSONS INFORMATION SESSION

There will be an Information Session for Parents held next Thursday 9th February at 3:30pm. This will give any parents who are interested in their child starting Violin Lessons a chance to meet Barbara Robic to discuss lessons and to have any questions they may have addressed. Please meet outside the Assistant Principals Office.



Road Safety

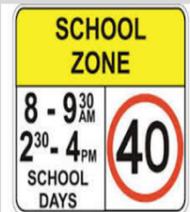
We are always reminding our students of the importance of being safe in and around school. With the start of the 2017 school year we urge you to be aware of safety not only while driving or picking up and dropping off your children but while walking them to and from school.

Please obey road, speed and parking signs, and always use designated crossings.

Double parking when dropping off or picking up your children is not permitted and is illegal. Police regularly patrol the area around the school and offenders can be fined.

Planning and practicing the safest ways to cross unsupervised streets, is an active way that you can remind your school children of what it means to 'be safe'.

At Wonthaggi Primary School, we want to see everyone arrive and depart school safely.



NEW UNIFORM ORDERS 2017

As you may be aware our Uniforms are supplied and ordered from TWW Totally Workwear, 11 Murray St, Wonthaggi. Orders can be place in store at Totally Workwear, or an order from is available from the school office and can also be downloaded from our school website at <http://www.wonthaggips.vic.edu.au>. Simply follow the link on the left hand side of the home page. There is approximately a 10 day turn around on orders.



Please note that hats and bags are available at the school office.

2017 UNIFORM CLEARANCE SALE !

NOT MUCH STOCK LEFT

- Windcheaters (Crew Neck) Size 4—\$16.50
- Polar Fleece Jumpers Half Zip Size 4—\$26.00
- Polar Fleece Jumpers Full Zip Size 4—\$26.00
- Hooded Windcheater Size 4—\$26.50
- Tracksuit Pants Sizes 4,6,8,10,14 & 16—\$19.00
- Short Sleeved Polo Shirts Bottle Green
Sizes 4,6,10,12—\$16.50
- Long Sleeved Polo Shirts Bottle Green
Sizes 4,6,10, & 12—\$18.50
- Green & White Checked (A-Line) Dress
Sizes 4, and 18—\$17.50
- Green Skort (Skirt & Short Cross)
Sizes 4,6,8, & 10—\$21.00
- Bottle Green Pleated skirt
Sizes 6,8,&10—\$20.50
- Rugby Knit Shorts Sizes 4,6,8,10,12, 16—\$15.00

Also available at the office are School Bags \$40.80 and School Hats. Bucket \$9.00 and Broad Brimmed \$8.30

CANTEEN

Hi everyone,
It's great to be back and I am looking forward to another wonderful year.

A new Canteen Menu has been included with the Newsletter. A few prices have change and there are a couple of additions to the menu.

If you did not receive menu please contact the office for a copy.

Louise Irving
Canteen Manager

BE SUNSMART

WEAR YOUR SCHOOL HAT



If you have lost your hat, a new hat can be purchased at the office, broad brimmed hats are \$8.30 and bucket hats are \$9.00.

Remember
No Hats—No Play.

PLEASE NOTE

Due to the high number of sales in the first days of schools, stocks have been depleted. We do have some broad brimmed hats left, but no bucket hats.

An order has been placed and should arrive late next week

LAST YEAR'S CHRISTMAS

RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following :-

First Prize—Richard Williams

Second Prize—M. Fraser

Third Prize—Roth Family