

Wandering Primary School

2 Watts Street
WANDERING WA 6308

“Cold temperatures, warm hearts”

Email: Wandering.PS@education.wa.edu.au

Website: www.wanderingps.wa.edu.au

Facebook: [WANDERING PS](https://www.facebook.com/WANDERING.PS)

Principal: Jenn Dunn

Manager Corporate Services: Lisa Demeza

Fax: 9884 1026

Phone: 9884 1014

Newsletter No 12

Friday, 24 August 2018

Coming Events

Mon 27 Aug	Book Parade
Mon 27 Aug	Book Fair
Tues 28 Aug	Book Fair
Tues 28 Aug	School Council 3 pm
Wed 5 Sept	Assembly
Sat 8 Sept	Wandering Fair
Fri 14 Sept	Athletics Carnival
Fri 21 Sept	Junior Assembly
Fri 21 Sept	Last Day of Term 3

Principal's Chat

Dear Parents,

The Department of Education in 2016 made it mandatory for every school to distribute a National School Survey to parents, staff, and students twice a year.

The primary goal of the survey is to collect and understand the school community's opinions, perspectives, attitudes, and perceptions towards the school, and education in general in order to improve the learning environment for the students.

This survey has been distributed through our Facebook page. If you require a paper copy please ask at the office.

If you are having difficulty with the wording of the questions or unsure about the questions please come in and talk to me.

The survey on the Facebook is for parents only. I will be creating a student and staff survey that has different questions.

Principal's Award



Congratulations Cooper!

STARS OF THE WEEK



Congratulations Joel, Rhian, Melanie and Caleb!

Senior Class



This morning we learnt about our favourite toys and wrote about them.



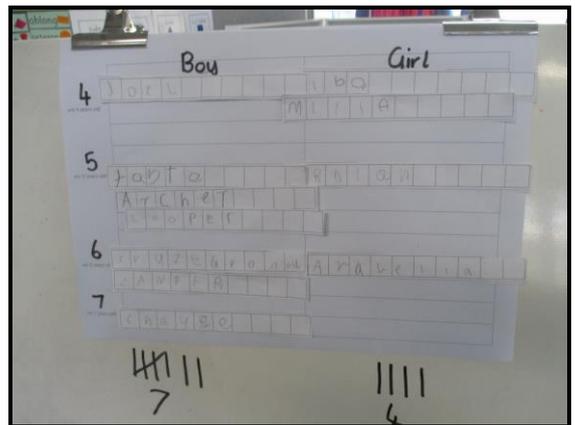
This term we made catapults out of popsticks, tape and clips. We went outside to see how far the catapult could flick a small object like a dice.

Junior Room News



By Rhian and Cooper

In maths we drew a picture of ourselves with the length of our hair. We then had to put it onto the matching plate of the length of our hair. Rhian's hair went under long and Cooper's went under short. We had fun drawing our faces.



By Zander and Tayte

Also in maths we had to write our name in each box. Then we had to put it next to our age. Mrs Schorer and the class then did a tally. The tally told us that there were more boys in our class.

Bushfire Zone Register

The Department of Education (the Department) is committed to maximising the safety of its students and staff. Wandering Primary School has been added to the Bushfire Zone Register. Inclusion on this register means that the school may be required to invoke a pre-emptive closure on a day for which a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating (FDR) has been declared for the Wandering Shire. A Catastrophic FDR means that if a fire starts, it is likely to be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving.

What does this mean for our school?

When given advance warning by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) that a Catastrophic FDR has been forecast for a given day, the Deputy Director General, Schools may direct the pre-emptive closure of Wandering Primary. If the school receives such a directive, you will be informed of the possible planned closure by a letter sent home with your child. Parents of students absent on the day this letter is sent home will be contacted by telephone, so please ensure the school has up to date contact details for you.

In the intervening period between the declaration of the pre-emptive closure and the day of planned closure, DFES will keep the Department informed of any change to the FDR forecast for the declared day. The final decision to pre-emptively close the school will be confirmed with the principal no later than 4.30pm on the day before the planned closure. If the forecast changes after that deadline, the closure will stand, regardless of improvements to the weather conditions later in the afternoon of the day before the planned closure or overnight. The intention is to limit confusion or uncertainty for parents and to allow you ample time to make alternative child care arrangements.

Parents will be advised of the confirmation of closure, or its reversal, by a note sent home with your child on the day before the planned closure. Again, parents of students absent on this day will be contacted by telephone.

How will I know when the school is reopening?

It is anticipated that the school will typically only be required to close for a single day at a time; however this will depend on the weather. You will receive a phone call, Facebook message or SMS to advise you whether the school will reopen the day after the planned closure, or whether it will remain closed.

I ask that you monitor local media sources for current information about fire danger ratings and notification of schools reopening. Staying tuned to ABC Local Radio in your locality is advisable. You can also check with DFES on 13 DFES (13 33 37) and the www.dfes.wa.gov.au and the www.emergency.wa.gov.au website: www.emergency.wa.gov.au. Alternatively you can call me on 0439 411 557 or Northam Regional Education Office on 9622 0200. If any of the options listed above for finding out when to send your child back to school are problematic, please contact the principal to arrange for us to phone you to advise you when the school will reopen.

Questions?

Please contact the school on 9884 1014 if you have any questions about planned closures during the bushfire season.

Jenn Dunn
Principal

FACEBOOK

Wandering Primary School has its own Facebook group. Parents are welcome to join the group to keep up to date with what is happening at our school. Find us at **WANDERING PS**



Colds

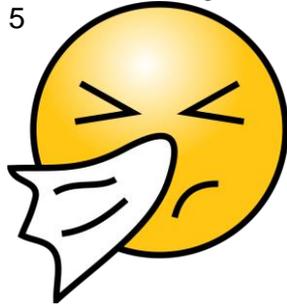
Upper respiratory tract infections or colds are everywhere, especially in winter, so it is almost impossible to stop children from catching them. Here are some tips that may help:

- Teach your child to cover his/her nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, and to wash hands straight afterwards.
- Hands should be washed after blowing noses and before eating.
- Use tissues once and then throw them in the bin. (Avoid using handkerchiefs.)
- Keep your child home from school if he/she has a cold/cough/fever/pain.
- Make sure that your children eat a balanced diet of plenty of healthy foods.
- Keep children away from smoke – it irritates their eyes and nasal passages, making it more likely that they will catch a cold.

Differences between colds and influenza ('the flu'):

- Symptoms of a cold usually include a runny or stuffy nose, a sore throat and a moist cough.
- With influenza, the virus is more debilitating and the symptoms last longer than with a cold. Common symptoms of influenza include headache, body aches and pains, fatigue, weakness, and a dry or moist cough.

- A runny or stuffy nose and a sore throat are less common than with a cold. The flu can lead to serious complications, which can be fatal.
- You can help prevent influenza by getting your child vaccinated each year. Vaccinations are free for children aged 6 months to less than 5 years of age.



Quick Tip

What to do if your child gets a cold:

No treatment will cure a cold or make it go away more quickly, but you can help your child feel more comfortable:

- Rest: This need not be in bed.
- Provide extra drinks: If your child doesn't want to drink much, try giving lots of small sips of water, milk or juice, or for older children, ice blocks to suck.

If your child has symptoms of the flu or you have concerns about their health, please contact your GP, or ring healthdirect on 1800 022 222 for further advice www.healthdirect.gov.au.

For further information visit:
<http://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Health-conditions/Cold-and-flu>

Wandering Primary School has had a lot of students and staff away the first part of Term 3 due to illness.

One student had an analysis done on her sore throat and they found she had Human Metapneumovirus. It is a respiratory virus. It can cause lower respiratory tract disease, particularly in infants and young children. The disease may be asymptomatic, mild, or severe, including bronchiolitis and pneumonia.

The symptoms are fever, runny nose, sore throat and cough. It can also trigger asthma for those that are prone to asthma.

All the students have now returned to school and are looking healthy and happy.

Thank you for your support during this time of sickness.

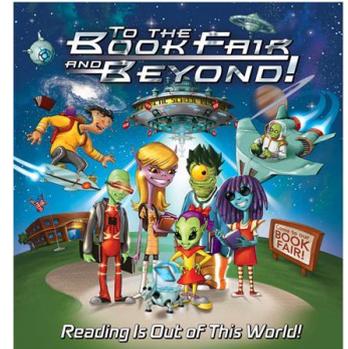


The Library Lowdown

BOOK FAIR NEXT WEEK!

After an unfortunate delay, our annual Book Fair will be held **NEXT WEEK – on MONDAY 27TH & TUESDAY 28TH August!** The Fair will be open 8.30am – 3.30pm on both days, so there's lots of time to come and have a browse and buy some awesome books! Spread the word far and wide, the more books we sell during the Fair, the more fantastic resources we get to pick for our school! And don't forget to come dressed as your **FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER** for our parade on Monday 27th August!

Leanne Rose – Library Officer



"Children read more when they see other people reading."

Narrogin Amateur Swimming Club: REGISTRATION DAY

Monday 3rd September 2018
4.00pm – 5.00 pm at the Rec Centre

New members welcome. No age limit but new swimmers need to have passed Stage 6.

The new season starts on September 17th, by which time existing members should have re-registered with Swimming WA (membership is \$125 pp).

FEES 2018-2019 SEASON to Narrogin Amateur Swimming Club:

First swimmer

\$100

Second swimmer and subsequent swimmers from that family: \$80

For more information please contact Eliza Dowling on 0488575095 or t.w.dowling@bigpond.com