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Coming Events

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| 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,

I have had the great pleasure of walking around our school grounds with Robyn Anderson and Ian Price recently discussing the exciting new environmental project that Wandering Primary School is about to embark upon.

Several months ago Ian came to me with an idea of improving the bush area beside the school. It was a plan to make a walk trail through the school grounds with points of interest and native plants along the way. I agreed that the idea had merit and applied for the South 32 Grant. We received a grant of \$4300 ex GST for the project.

Over the coming months the school will work with the Wandering Shire, Landcare, local community groups, Wandering parents and the students to make this plan a reality.



Principal's Award



Congratulations Archer!

STARS OF THE WEEK



Congratulations Tayte, Matthew, Jacob and Zander!

Senior Class



By Jacob and Macey

The closest planet to earth is Mars. Astronauts hope to go there by 2035, and I think my front cover picture is not too bad.



By Caleb

I learnt to make flow charts to show what my text was about.



By Keeley and Melanie

Yesterday we learnt the Fennec fox gets water from the animal flesh it eats.

Junior Room News

Maths is Fun!



By Chayse

We were learning about first, second, third, fourth fifth, sixth, seventh, all the way to eleventh. We were standing in line. We had to get in line in the correct order.



By Archer

We did ten and ones for Maths and the Kindy kids did too! It was fun! We counted by 10's all the way to 200.



The Library Lowdown

A great big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the success of our recent Book Fair. Our school library gained over \$220 worth of new books in commission and promotions. Your support of this annual event was very much appreciated!



Leanne Rose – Library Officer

"There's no such thing as a kid who hates reading. There are kids who love reading, and kids who are reading the wrong books." – James Patterson

Athletics Carnival

Thank you to the following parents who will be supporting our students at the Athletics Sports Carnival this year.

Timer: Daniel Kenyon with Ashley Nelson

Third Place Judge: Ian Price with Jacqui Schorer

Sticker Presenter: Jodi Treasure with Jonelle Nelson

Jump Officials: Graham Treasure, Jodi Treasure, Luke Hewitt, Daniel Kenyon, Jacqui Schorer, Katherine Price, Jonelle Nelson, and Ashley Nelson.

Team games officials: Katherine Price, Luke Hewitt, Jenn Dunn, and Graham Treasure.



Your School Council

Dear Parents

My name is Ashley Nelson, and I am the Chair of the School Council.

As many of you are aware the Council Members and I work together with the school and offer advice on decisions regarding the image that the school has in our community. To allow the council to be effective in our positions, we are currently working our way through training packages that will allow our council to deliver a service that is expected by the Education Department, the School and parents. Some of these are: Roles and Decision, Effective Relationships, Setting Direction, Integrity, and Accountability. Roles and Decisions is a process of integrating a system of decision making while utilising a variety of people from our community to deliver the best outcome to the School and our Community. Effective Relationships provides the information for creating a council that can work well with other groups, such as P&C, CWA and other School's groups, while promoting the school to the wider community.

One of the subjects that we spoke about at the last meeting was how the Message You program was working towards improving the student's attendance and how the figures have showed a better way of tracking and accounting for our students.

Another subject we are reviewing is the School Motto and Logo, we discussed whether the Motto (Cold Temperatures, Warm Hearts) and Logo (Thermometer) reflects our current story, values, focus, identity, or direction of the school.

Ashley

Book Parade

Thank you to all the parents, students and staff who took the time to dress up and get into the spirit of book week. The parade was fantastic fun.

Thank you once again to Leanne Rose who did a brilliant job organizing the monster task of preparing for the day and making sure the students have such a wonderful exciting room to view the books in.

Mrs Rose sold over \$800 worth of books. The school receives 20% of this in books for our library for your children to read.

Thank you once again.



Heritage Trail Project

The junior students walked around the proposed Heritage Trail on the school grounds. We saw the old Principal's house from 1925 and the place where he kept his buggy. We saw flowers, trees and the location where the bridge will be built. This is an exciting project that will involve the whole community. Thank you Ian for the great idea and the enthusiasm.



Reminder

Please complete the National Schools Parents Survey on our Face Book Page. If you want a paper copy please notify the office. This survey is to be completed by Thursday, 20 September.

P&C

The P&C would like to thank the community of Wandering for their support of our recent wood raffle. It was kindly donated by Evan and Jess White, the new owners of Ballard's in Narrogin.



The lucky winner was Marie Wilding-Passmore.

The raffle raised \$605. All money raised will go towards helping the students with activities and equipment. Thank you for your continued support.

Survey Questions Analysis

I sent a survey out asking the three following questions:

- What do you see at Wandering PS?
- Why are you seeing this?
- What should we do about it?

From your responses to the three questions I have compiled the following answers and analyses:

What do you like about Wandering PS?

- Small tight knit community
- Smaller classes
- The potential of students to excel in academic learning due to small student numbers, high resources and a beautiful environment.
- A small well run school with well-organized and dedicated staff.
- Beautiful school.
- I see a happy child home each day so I have no issues.
- Everyone is having fun at school.
- Fun, learning and friends.
- I see joy and happiness.

What do you not like about Wandering PS?

- Transient population.
- A lot of talk and no action.
- Unfortunately not enough students.
- Parents failing to set good social examples for their children.
- Behaviour management issues in the junior room

How can we as a school improve?

- Communication books between teachers and parents.
- Removing permanency status from staff.
- Young, enthusiastic, motivated teachers and staff who want to make a difference/inspire students.

- Raise the standard, discipline and behaviour.
- We should embrace it.
- Parents need to be more aware of their behaviour, and the little eyes that are watching.

How can we promote the school?

- Relay as many benefits of belonging to small school community as possible to wider community audience.
- Community audience – involvement with Pre-School age children and Families (Playgroup)
- Advertise our school?

The areas we can work on are as follows:

- Communication books between parents and teachers.
- Behaviour management issues in the junior room.
- Staffing for 2019.
- Planning with School Council to address community concerns and promote the school.

Things we have no control over:

- Transient population
- Parent behaviour
- Student numbers
- Staff permanency

Things we already do or have planned to do:

- Lunch order via P&C
- Improve education standards by monitoring student improvement.
- Professional development for staff to upskill in their performance.
- Invite playgroup to incursions like Scitech
- More involvement in governance for School Council
- Manage student behaviour
- Performance Manage staff against the Australian Teaching Standards
- Classroom observation of teaching and learning program
- Improving classroom environment
- Beautifying the school through grants
- Make parents welcome (morning teas, discussion, special events)
- Work with other schools
- Outdoor classroom usage
- Sport two hours per week outside of classroom

I have discussed the survey with the School Council and we have already started to work towards improvement.

Thank you to all parents, staff and students who completed the survey.