

Coming Events

<i>Monday, 4 March</i>	<i>Public Holiday</i>
<i>Friday, 8 March</i>	<i>Small Schools Swimming Carnival</i>
<i>Tuesday, 12 March</i>	<i>School Council Meeting 1-3pm</i>
<i>Friday, 29 March</i>	<i>Cricket Carnival</i>
<i>Friday, 5 April</i>	<i>ANZAC Service 10am</i>
<i>Mon 8 -Fri 12 April</i>	<i>Yr 4-6 School Camp</i>

Principal's Chat

NAPLAN Online

In 2018 Wandering Primary School trailed NAPLAN Online for the first time. The trial was successful and this year the Yr. 3 and Yr. 5 students will be participating in NAPLAN Online in every test except for the Yr. 3 writing.

The benefits

- Online education assessments bring many new opportunities for students and teachers. NAPLAN online provides better assessments, more precise results and a faster turnaround of information.
- A tailored test design is used where students answer an initial set of questions and are then directed to subsequent sets of questions, either more challenging or less challenging, based on the accuracy of their responses.
- Tailored testing gives teachers and schools more targeted information about students' performances.
- The use of a computer-based environment enables a wider range of question types and potentially encourages broader levels of engagement.
- NAPLAN online better meets the needs of all students, including those with disability.
- Results are available more rapidly; enabling teachers to identify learning priorities earlier and tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.
- The extension of the test window to two weeks allows schools greater flexibility in scheduling the tests to take account of the availability of devices in the school and to maximise test participation.

I will be sending a flyer home for parents of students in Yr.3 and Yr.5 to explain in more detail about NAPLAN Online.

Principals Award



Macey Treasure in recognition of her wiliness to have a go. Macey has attended every sport carnival throughout her Primary years. She participates not to win but to do her best and try her hardest. Macey is not the strongest competitor but she is the one with the biggest spirit. This has worked well for Macey as she has won medallions and ribbons at all carnivals. Her sportsmanship is unmatched as she cheers on her fellow competitors. Thank you Macey, you make the sports days' fun for all.

STARS OF THE WEEK *****



Well done Chanel for the friendly attitude you have shown, as you settle into your new school. It is great to see you add your fantastic ideas and creative talents to our class activities. You are a responsible Senior student who demonstrates kindness to others when they need help. Welcome to Wandering Primary School. We are so glad you are here

Lily welcome to Wandering Primary School. You have become a good friend to others and helpful member of our class. It is wonderful to see you exploring our Science topics with an adventurous attitude. We are so glad you are part of our school.

Well done Tayte for making a wonderful start to the school year. You have settled quickly in our class routines and I am seeing great improvements in your learning every day. Keep up the great effort Tayte

The first of the new signs are up thanks to Mr Price. The second sign is much bigger and will take longer to organize. Mr Price has to remove the old sign (near the entrance) from the poles, move the poles to a new position (facing the road), and then attach the new sign to the old poles. As you can imagine it is an enormous task. Once the sign is in position and secure all our notifications will be displayed on the new sign. The new sign is magnetic so the notifications will be more specific.



Senior Room



The Senior class have started their worm farm using recycled paper from the school that has been shredded. My understanding is that the Senior class will donate worm liquid to the school for our vegetable garden and then sell the rest. Miss Lowrie has also discovered the paper brick making machines that were used in 2008 to create paper bricks for fire starters in Winter. The Senior class are very interested in making paper bricks with the used shredded paper and selling them to the public.

Junior Room News

The Junior room have been using the Letter and Sounds phonic program. Letters and Sounds is a phonics resource published by the Department for Education and Skills in 2007. It aims to build children's speaking and listening skills in their own right as well as to prepare children for learning to read by developing their phonic knowledge and skills. It sets out a detailed and systematic program for teaching phonic skills to children. There are six overlapping phases. If you would like more information regarding Letters and Sounds please talk to Miss Chin.

Swimming Carnival



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The Swimming Carnival will be held on **Friday, 8 February**. Please ensure all permission slips have been returned. If you cannot transport your child, please let the office know and we will organize transport. Please notify the office if your child is absent on the day and the reason why. Attendance records are kept according to Department of Education policy. If you are attending and you have a Kindergarten student, please let me know and I will add their name to the novelty events and the across the pool kick board race.

There will be no disposable cups used on the day, therefore If you would like to purchase a hot drink could you please bring your own travel mug.



School Council will be holding their second meeting on **Tuesday, 12 March at 1pm in the STEM room**. At this meeting we will discuss the School Improvement Plan, Student Data from 2018, school uniform changes, the 2019 Budget, changes to the school camp, and viewing a video by Peter Hammond on change.

Concerns

Parent's if you have any concerns regarding your child please talk to your child's classroom teacher first. If the teacher is busy with someone else when you call in to see her then call the school and request a meeting. Your message will be passed on to the teacher who will organize a meeting time or will call you. The classroom teacher is always the first person you talk to



The Library Lowdown

Our first few weeks back in the library have been busy! There have been a few different book displays including Library Lovers Day (which shares Feb 14th with Valentine's Day), Love Your Pet day and Dr Seuss' Birthday!

We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our next Figgy book so we can start reading that with our Senior Room students and the Junior Room students have begun their borrowing and enjoy the library setting.

Please note that there will be no Library session next week due to the public holiday. The next borrowing day will be Monday 11 March. Leanne Rose – Library Officer