



Wembley Primary School

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From the Principals

ANZAC Commemoration Ceremony

An ANZAC ceremony to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli will be held this Friday 24 April (the day before ANZAC Day-25 April). Parents are invited to attend this ceremony at 9.00am. As a result of this assembly there will be no afternoon Student of the Week presentation this week.

Parent Information Evening

There will be an information evening on Wednesday 6 May from 6.00pm – 7.00pm to inform parents about the work we have been developing as a Professional Learning Community. The focus will be on the three big ideas of a Professional Learning Community. They are:

- a. That the fundamental purpose of our school is to ensure that **ALL** students learn at high levels. Collaborative Teams work together to clarify the following questions:
 - What is it we want our students to learn?
 - How will we know if our students are learning?
 - How will we respond when students do not learn?
 - How will we enrich and extend the learning of students who are proficient?
- b. If we are to help all students learn at high levels there must be a culture of collaboration. Teachers work in Collaborative Teams to plan for student learning.

Upcoming dates:

Tue 14 Apr - Fri 24 Apr:
Year 2 Swimming Program

Fri 24 Apr:
Special Assembly to commemorate ANZAC Day at 9:00am

Fri 1 May:
District Cross Country

Wed 6 May:
Parent Information Evening 6-7pm

Thu 7 May & Fri 8 May:
Mothers Day Stall

Tue 12 May - Thu 14 May:
NAPLAN for Years 3 & 5

Wed 20 May:
Pupil Free Day

Wed 27 May & Thu 28 May:
School Photographs

Pupil Free Day

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- c. In order to know if students are learning and to respond to their needs, teachers must focus on results. They do this by developing SMART Goals and focussing on student achievement data.

At the information evening parents will hear about:

- The Essential Learnings – the curriculum that the teachers have developed for each year level and curriculum area. The Essential Learnings are written in student friendly language and include:
 - The Essential Learning – What is that the students are to learn?
 - Rigour – What does proficient student work look like?
 - Prior skills required – What prior knowledge, skills and/or vocabulary are needed to master this Essential Learning?
 - Common Assessment – What assessments will be used to measure student mastery?
 - When taught – When will this Essential Learning be taught?
 - Extensions Skills – What will we do when students have mastered the Essential Learning?
- Intervention Program – how we are supporting students in each year level to master the Essential Learnings and enrich their learning.
- Reporting to Parents – how we plan to report student progress in relation to the Essential Learnings.

We encourage all parents to attend this very important information evening. Further details will be sent home in the near future.

We hope to see you there!

Mr K at Wembley in Week 3

Next week we will welcome Jim Kinniburgh, our Literacy Consultant, into all classrooms as he once again visits Wembley for staff professional development and student coaching. Jim will also be taking his Writing Enrichment Groups next week. Jim will also be working with his Publishing team, who do a wonderful job publishing student books.

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NAPLAN

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from Tuesday 12 May to Thursday 14 May for all students in Years 3 and 5. The testing timetable is:

- Tuesday 12 May - Language Conventions and Writing
- Wednesday 13 May - Reading
- Thursday 14 May - Mathematics

A letter providing additional details for the NAPLAN process was sent to each family with students in Years 3 and 5. If parents have any questions please contact Vassie Vatsilas-D’Arcangelo.

District Cross Country

The Yarraville District Cross Country will be held Friday week, May 1, at the Yarraville Gardens. The Cross Country Team, which consists of sixty students from Years 3-6, has commenced a rigorous training program during lunch recess. Benson Steere, Physical Education teacher is coaching the team. congratulations to the Cross Country Captains: James Anthony and Mia Anglelini, who were presented with their badges at assembly on Monday morning.

Mother's Day Stall

The wonderful Wembley Action Group have been busy selecting and ordering a range of beautiful gifts for this year's Mother's Day Stall. The stall will be held at school on Thursday 7 and Friday 8 May. Further information will be provided in the newsletter next week.

School Photos

Advance notice of a date to add to your busy family calendars!

Creative Exposures, our school photographers will be at school on **Wednesday 27 May** and **Thursday 28 May** to take all class, individual and family group photographs. All photograph orders must be pre paid. Envelopes will be sent home in early in May and these should be returned to school with the correct payment or credit card details prior to the photograph day.

Entertainment Books 2015-16

The new Entertainment Books have arrived at school and can be purchased (or collected for pre-paid orders) from the office. They are still only \$65 and have many local attractions and offers for dining and activities. They represent great value and add to our fundraising efforts for the year. If you would like to have a look at copy there is a sample at the school office.

Child Psychology at The Yarraville Health Group

Dr. Kate Enderby is a Clinical Psychologist who has joined the team at The Yarraville Health Group. Kate works with children and adolescents, from birth to 18 years of age. She helps children and adolescents who present with a wide range of problems including anxiety, depression, behaviour problems, parent-child relationship difficulties, school refusal, attention problems, grief and loss, social skills difficulties, and problems with bullying and friendships. If you feel that your child could benefit from seeing a Psychologist please call the clinic on 9689-7901. Further information about this service is available on the website at www.yarravillehealth.com.au. Medicare rebate available with a GP referral.

Host Families Needed For New Exchange Students in 2015

Many girls and boys aged between 15 and 18 from exciting countries like Italy, France, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, Brazil, Norway, Sweden, Japan, Finland, Canada and Austria are hoping to come here to study for 3, 5 or 10 months from July this year and stay with a volunteer family that is willing to host and welcome them and can afford another member at the family table. If you feel you could do this for them for the length of their stay or even some of it, please contact Klaus Schumann on (03) 97584279 and let me know of your interest.

WEMBLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

LOL COMEDY NIGHT



MC:RUSTY
BERTHER

COLIN
LANE

JEFF
GREEN

JOSH
ERLE

COMEDY NIGHT @ WEMBLEY!

SATURDAY 23RD MAY, 2015

DRESS - "CREATIVE" BLACK TIE

DOORS OPEN - 7PM

\$30 ENTRY - TICKETS AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL OFFICE

BAR PROVIDED - BYO SUPPER

MORE INFORMATION - WWW.WEMBLEYPS.VIC.EDU.AU



Wembley Annual Major Family Holiday Raffle

This year our amazing holiday is eight nights in Thailand for up to 6 people in two rooms.

Some inclusions are breakfast every day, 16 x 30 minute massages, VIP airport pickup & \$1600 toward airfares. One book of 20 tickets will come home to each Wembley family in a couple of weeks.

As a member of WAG each family at Wembley needs to do their absolute best to buy, and/or sell only 20 tickets for each family.

Remember that when you support a WAG event you are helping to provide a safe, stimulating and progressive school for all our kids.

Wembley Action Group, 2015 Calendar

Beginning of Term 2:	Parent Class Representatives appointed
Thurs 7th & Fri 8th May:	Mothers Day Stall
Saturday 23rd May:	Comedy Night @ Wembley with Rusty Berther, Colin Lane, Josh Earl, & Jeff Green.
	All details on School website
Thurs 3rd & Fri 4th Sept:	Fathers Day Stall
Term 2:	Major Family Holiday Raffle to Thailand!!
Term 3 Date TBC:	Trivia Night with Rusty Berther
Saturday, November 14th	Wembley Family Fun Day, WFFD
Every Friday morning @ 9am	K team publishing Children's writing in the BER building.

All welcome every week.

Many opportunities to help this year.

Stay in touch with your Class Rep for more details.

April is Autism Awareness month.

Autism awareness is about understanding that there are kids who don't fit the traditional 'norm' in society. Acceptance comes from embracing and accepting their differences.

Autism spectrum disorder (asd) is a complex neurobiological developmental disorder that affects how a person communicates with, and relates to other people. It also affects how they make sense of the world around them. It is a lifelong condition and there is no 'cure'. Many people with asd have unusual ways of learning, paying attention and reacting to situations.

An estimated one in 100 people has autism; that's almost 250,000 Australians! It is so important that we raise a generation of kids that are accepting of the differences of other children and as parents we can lead them by example.

As parents of kids with asd, we don't want to see pity, or fear in the eyes of other parents. We don't want to hear about how your friends' uncles' cousins' son, has autism, and how our child can't be anywhere near as bad as that. Ignore all of the negative stereotypes you may have heard and be aware that most children with asd aren't geniuses, or savants; nor are they rocking in the corner, dribbling. No, my son will not grow up to be like Rain Man.

It takes parents a lot of courage to disclose the fact that their child is autistic to other parents and most of that is due to the often negative or offensive responses they receive. Here are some examples from parents of the things they have heard and what they do not like to hear:

"People these days want a label to excuse bad behaviour."

Our kids aren't behaving badly, they are just overwhelmed. Everyday situations can be uncomfortable, frightening and confusing for kids on the spectrum and their reactions can be completely unexpected.

"It's overly diagnosed nowadays"

These days, specialists are better educated and are able to accurately assess children. It is usually a long and difficult process. It can take many years and assessments from various medical specialists before a diagnosis is confirmed. It is completely insulting to hear that our child's diagnosis was given casually.

"But he looks so normal!"

Yes our children do look "normal". Autism doesn't have a 'look', and there are no distinctive physical features. But after spending a bit of time with an autistic child you will notice that their behaviour is not 'typical' of other children their age.

"All kids behave like that sometimes"

It's one of the most common comments parents of autistic children hear and one of the most frustrating. Often people will say it to try and make us feel better, but in reality it makes us feel worse, as it is almost like we are being accused of making it up. Yes our kids do behave like all kids sometimes, but being autistic is a combination of behaviours, emotions and sensory issues.

"Oh you poor thing, that is terrible! I'm sorry to hear that!"

Why? A diagnosis is helpful. We can understand why our kids are the way they are and support them in the right way. We can be advocates for our children and help others to understand them too.

So how can you help?

Here are some **positive** comments that parents with asd kids would love to hear, instead.

"Children with asd often have amazing interests and talents... tell me about your child."

"I'd love to know more about what that diagnosis means for you and your child"

"Is there anything we can do that will make life easier for you or your child?"

"Would you like to have a play date with us?"

"How can I teach my kids about your child so they can be more inclusive?"

"I was happy to have him over before he was diagnosed and I still am, he's still the same child – some things just make a bit more sense now"

"This is something I know little about but am happy to learn more about it for you and your child"

"What are some important things I should know and look out for so I can help you?"

"What does that mean? Should I treat him differently?"

The name, 'autism spectrum' isn't a label, but a diagnosis to help with guidance and understanding of our kids, and also to help our kids understand themselves better.

The First Step ASD Parent Support Group.

Sports Snippets

Golf

Congratulations to Oliver Ngo in Year 5 on his golfing achievement in the last week of Term 1. Oliver won his first tournament for the year, which is an exceptional achievement considering it is only April and one of the first tournaments. Good luck to Oliver in his future tournaments hopefully he can win a few more this year.

Swimming

Last week on Wednesday we had nine swimmers represent our school at the State finals for swimming at MSAC. To have made the state finals is an incredible achievement and all swimmers should be extremely proud of their efforts. We had the following representing our school

Daniel Americo 12-13 year old 50 metres Freestyle

I would just like to say congratulations to Daniel as he placed third which meant he went home with the bronze medal. Third fastest in Freestyle in the state, an enormous achievement for Daniel.

Samuel Owens Mixed 9-13 year old 200 metres Medley Relay

Rina-Jade Cooper

Daniel Americo

Cooper Cavallo

Team finished 5th overall

Ryan Bleakley Boys 11 year old 200 metres Freestyle relay

Josh Attard

Kobe Cikala

Cooper Cavallo

Team finished 7th overall

Samuel Owens Boys 12 year old 200 metres Freestyle relay

Damon Bennett

Cooper Brown

Daniel Americo

Team finished 6th overall

All our relay swimmers competed exceptionally well at the top level in the state. Thanks to all the parents for the early morning trainings and multiple swimming carnivals they have attended, their help and support is greatly appreciated.

Benson Steere and Matt Symmons

PE Co-ordinators

Student of the Week - 17 Apr

PREP A	Mya Speedie-for always being motivated and always putting in a great effort!
PREP B	Poppy Laidlaw-for being so happy during our morning routine and coming to the floor independently. Kian Dougherty-for working hard at home and in class to learn the name of many letters of the alphabet.
PREP C	Orlando Vallegra-for his fantastic effort to learn letter names and sounds. Congratulations!
PREP D	Eman El Hage-for being a helpful and supportive classmate and for always putting in her best effort.
PREP E	Aiden Bateman-for using the reading strategies when reading.
PREP F	Georgie Jacobs-for a great effort and positive attitude toward her learning all week.
1A	Macey Seidel-for putting an increased amount of effort into her work.
1B	Elizabeth Kokolios-for writing some great 'Right There' questions.
1C	Louis Sofoclis-for using the questioning strategy in Reading.
1D	Grace Hemsley-Wooley-for her fantastic efforts in writing her holiday recount.
1E	Cooper Hibbard-for writing a detailed introduction to 'Why exercise is important'. Well done!
2A	Eddy Dong-for resolving conflict with cooperation and respect.
2B	Bella Ooi-for respecting her classmates by sharing the 5L's.
2C	Jenna Burgoyne-for her outstanding effort in all of her work, even after long days at swimming.
2D	Angus Young-for fabulous use of his 'have a go' book when spelling.

Student of the Week - 17 Apr

3A	Thomas McGuire-for improved efforts to complete and take pride in his work.
3B	Rose Golding-for her kind and compassionate nature and ensuring other students feel included at recess & lunch.
3C	Joshua Rudd-for being a role model in class and always showing respect to his classmates and teachers.
3D	Chris Shinas-for his incredible use of figurative language in his narrative writing.
3/4A	Poppy Patzwald-for demonstrating greater organisational skills with her personal and school belongings. Great start to the term.
4A	Stylianios Voutianitis-for excellent effort in and out of the classroom.
4B	
4C	Christian Merriman-for persistently working towards his goals, which is evident in his detailed reflections.
5A	Cooper Eaton-for showing fabulous interest in our “colonial” concept by producing a family tree.
5B	Kobe Cikala-for outstanding all round efforts. Excellent PB at swimming and values in class!
5C	Liam Charge-for his fantastic focus and effort this week. Keep it up Liam!
6A	Nathan Fitzpatrick-for showing amazing resilience & persistence in the cross country.
6B	Lottie Smith-for a wonderfully engaging recount about Canberra Camp filled with great insights and ‘voice’. Well done!!
6C	Jamison Duggan-for being a superb role model to her peers and Prep Buddies! Great effort Jam!



All New Enrolments Get a Free Tennis Racquet!



KIDS CLASSES

Free Trial Lesson!

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Cost: \$9.00 a session



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1300 22 33 86 ACEFUNTENNISCHOOL.COM

Seagull Family Unite!



Sunday, April 26

**Williamstown
v
Sandringham**

Show your support for our first home game of the season

Free Activities for Kids 12-4pm

Jumping
Castle

Face
Painting

Handball
Target

Goal
Kicking

Balloonists

Burbank Oval

1 Morris St, Williamstown



Seniors - 2pm
Development - 11am

Adults - \$10
Kids Under 12 - FREE

Memberships on Sale

Free Passes can be collected from the Office.

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Must Register by 11 May!

Trial the Kumon English or Maths Programme over two weeks, from 18-31 May 2015.

Find out how we can develop in your child:

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- concentration
- a daily study and reading habit
- the confidence to learn independently.

Call today to secure your child's place in the Free Trial!

Please see the back of this flyer for details.

KUMON

Register your child for the Free Trial by 11 May!

Kumon English or Maths Programme

Just follow these four easy steps:

1. Call your Kumon Instructor by 11 May to register for an upcoming information session.
2. Have your child assessed for the Kumon English or Maths Programme and discuss a study plan.
3. Arrange for your child to attend four class sessions during the period of 18-31 May.
4. Meet with your instructor to discuss your child's Kumon experience.

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Instructor: THI NGA TRUONG

tel: 0409 350 874 / 9315 6163

Call now to register for the Free Trial

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Places are limited and acceptance for the Free Trial is on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Attendance at an information session is mandatory prior to your child participating in the Kumon Free Trial. Please register for this by 11 May.
- The Free Trial consists of four sessions at a Kumon Education Centre over two weeks, during the period of 18-31 May.
- Worksheets are provided for non-visit days during the two weeks.
- Late registration may result in fewer study sessions.
- Class days operating hours and available sessions vary across Kumon Centres.
- The Free Trial is available for one subject only (either English or Maths).
- There is no obligation to enrol after the Free Trial.



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