



Wembley Primary School

Newsletter No. 1 – 8 February 2017

From the Principals

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the 2017 school year and a big welcome to all families new to the school. It has been a very smooth start to the school year and the students have quickly settled into a positive and productive learning environment. I'd like to thank all staff for enabling students (and parents) to make a smooth transition back to school.

Welcome to New and Returning Staff

I'm very pleased to be welcoming a number of new and returning staff to the team. They are:

- Grace Murray - Year 5
(returning from Family Leave)
- Mel Barger - Year 4
(returning from Family Leave)
- Jodie Walters - Prep
(Inverloch PS in 2016)
- Georgina Dunne - Year 2
(Deakin University 2016)
- Melanie Axelson - Year 3
(Melbourne University 2016)
- Adriana Jankulovski - Year 4
(Melbourne University 2016)
- Shane Collins - Year 6
(Victoria University 2016)
- Olivia Latrache - LOTE
(Kororoit Creek PS in 2016)

A full staff list and corresponding roles will be published on the school's website for your information.

Upcoming dates:

Thursday 9 Feb

Year 1 & 2 Hockey Clinics

Monday 13 Feb

Year 5/6 Beach Program

Tuesday 14 Feb-24 Feb

Year 3/4 Swimming Program

Wednesday 15 Feb

Meet & Greet

Thursday 16 Feb

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Wednesday 22 Feb

Curriculum Day

Student Clothing

Please ensure that your child's clothing is clearly labelled with their name and class. This will ensure that, if they accidentally leave a jacket or hat in the playground, it will get returned to them and not end up in the lost property cupboard.

Sun Smart

Wembley Primary School is a Sun Smart school and students are required to wear a broad brimmed school hat at all times whilst in the playground – this includes during recess and lunch time, as well as physical education and sports sessions.

Please ensure that your child has applied sunscreen prior to coming to school.

Children without a hat will be asked to spend their recess and lunch breaks in the shaded area near the canteen. Hats can be purchased from the office at a cost of \$14.

School Contributions and Levies

Information has been distributed to all families in relation to school contributions and levies for 2017. If you have misplaced your information please contact the Office or visit our Website to access the information for each year level.

Our preferred payment option is via our Qkr! App (please see the Wembley Primary School website <http://www.wembleyps.vic.edu.au/> for details) or payment can also be made using cash, cheque, or EFTPOS at the office.

If making your payment at the office, please bring along your completed **2017**

Parent Contribution Payment Summary Page, page 3 of this document.

Thank you to all families who have already made payment.

If required, a Payment Plan can be arranged. Please contact Mandy Pilkington, Business Manager, on 9314 7054 to discuss.

Financial Assistance (Information for Parents)

The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) forms and information is on the school's website and available from the office. Read the information and if eligible please complete the form and return it to the Office as soon as possible. Please note: the program for 2017 closes on Friday 30 June, 2017.

Student Free Days (Curriculum Days) for 2017

Each year schools receive four student free days (when student instruction does not occur) for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development and student assessment and reporting.

School Council has approved the following three student free days:

- Wednesday 22 February, 2017
- Wednesday 3 May, 2017
- Wednesday 28 June, 2017

School Council has set these dates well in advance to enable you to make appropriate arrangements for child care. These dates are also published on the school's website. OSHC Program will be operating on these days should you require childcare.

Years 5 & 6 Beach Program

The first session of the 5/6 Beach Program was held on Monday and despite the cooler weather and the rain the students had an enjoyable session on the sand practising some first aid and fitness skills. They are keen to hit the water next week with a forecast of better weather.

Years 3 & 4 Swimming

This program, which is held at the North Melbourne Pool will begin on Tuesday of next week and continue for 8 days until Friday February 24. All Year 3 and 4 students need to apply sunscreen before they come to school on their swimming days and to wear their sun smart school hat. Parents are invited to attend the pool to watch the lessons in progress.

Swimming Trials

Yesterday seventy-eight students from Years 3-6 attended the swimming trials that were held on Tuesday at Bayfit, Altona. Impressive effort was displayed by all students who attended as they tried out for the 2017 Wembley Swimming Team. Thanks to PE teacher Kelleigh Evans who organized the heats and to the many parents who volunteered to time each event and record student times. The team will be announced in the coming week and parents will be informed of the training dates and times.

School Council Election

School Council elections are held at the beginning of each school year and the process must be completed by the end of March.

School Council has three main responsibilities. They are:

1. Finance – overseeing the development of the school’s annual budget and ensuring proper records are kept of the school’s financial arrangements
2. Strategic Planning – participating in the development and monitoring of the school’s Strategic Plan
3. Policy development and review – developing, reviewing and updating policies that reflects a school’s values and supports the school’s broad direction outlined in the Strategic Plan.

Other key functions of School Council include:

- Raising funds for school related purposes
- Maintaining school grounds and facilities
- Entering into contracts i.e. school cleaning
- Reporting annually to the school community and the Department
- Representing and taking the views of the community into account
- Regulating and facilitating after-hours use of school premises and grounds
- Operating Out of School Hours Care

Currently, School Council meets on the third Monday of each month; however, days and times are always discussed and decided on at the first meeting of a newly elected School Council.

Wembley Primary School has a School Council of twelve members – eight parent members and four DET members. Half the positions become vacant each year. Parent members whose tenure ends in 2017 are:

- Simone Outteridge
- Kellie Anthony
- Matthew Bateman
- Con Lagos

Parent members whose tenure ends in 2018 are:

- Belinda Faehrmann
- Michael Umseher
- Janet Condy
- Derryn Rudd

DET members whose term ends in 2017 are:

- Angela Petridis
- Terry Lawless

DET members whose term ends in 2018 are:

- Annmaree Jones
- Kevin Chigwidden

Election Process and Timeline

Notice of Election and call for nominations	Wednesday 8 February, 2017
Closing of Nominations	Wednesday 22 February, 2017
Posting of list of candidates and nominators	Thursday 23 February, 2017
<i>If number of candidates exceeds the number of vacancies</i>	
Ballot papers to be distributed	Monday 27 February, 2017
Close of ballot	Monday 6 March, 2017
Vote count	Monday 6 March, 2017
Declaration of poll	Monday 6 March, 2017

If you are interested in being a member of School Council and need more information, please contact me 9314 7054 or speak to one of the current School Council members.

Nomination forms can be collected from the school office during school hours.

Please return completed nomination forms to me by COB (4.30pm) Wednesday 22 February, 2017.

Meet and Greet-Parent-Teacher Meetings

On Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 February, parents are invited to come to school between 3.30pm and 6.00pm and meet their child/rens 2017 class teacher.

Appointments can be made via Sentral.

<https://sentral.wembleyps.vic.edu.au/portal/login>

Bookings are now open and close Monday 13 February at 5.00pm.

The teachers look forward to meeting all parents on this day and finding out more about your child.

Introducing French to the Curriculum

It has been a long time in the making but we are very pleased to be offering French as a subject this year.

In 2017 students in Prep to Year 4 will receive French tuition both Semesters and the students in Years 5 and 6 will receive tuition in French for only one Semester. Year 6 in Semester 1 and Year 5 in Semester 2.

A part time French teacher will be recruited in 2017 so that we are able to offer a full program throughout the school in 2018.

The Year 5 and 6 Collaborative Teams have reviewed our Essential Learnings, in conjunction with the Victorian Curriculum, and have decided that Health and Physical Education, with a focus on Health be the curriculum area covered in the other semester in 2017.

I am very pleased to welcome Olivia to our teaching team and look forward to working with her as we introduce the French program in 2017.

Welcome to French at Wembley Primary School

Bonjour à tous!

My name is Olivia Latrache and I'm excited that Wembley Primary School has chosen French as the language that will be taught across the school. I am a native French speaker and studied at Melbourne University and in France to become a teacher of French as a Language Other Than English (LOTE).

This year, and in the years to come, Wembley Primary School students will develop global comprehension skills in French. This means they will develop strategies to make sense of simple spoken and written texts in French, even if they do not know every single word. This skill is central to the acquisition of a new language and will serve students in their future linguistic endeavours.

I am currently developing age appropriate programmes that are aligned with the Victorian Curriculum, for our school. Every week, students will have opportunities to experiment with the sounds and meanings of French words. In the early years, students will sing songs and play games. In the middle and upper years, students will begin to create their own spoken and written texts. Every year level will be exposed to a variety of authentic materials from French speaking countries ranging from picture books to current pop music.

One of the questions parents often ask me is how to help in their learning. If you do not speak French, this is a fantastic opportunity for your child to teach you a new language. As much as possible, support your child in their independent inquiry into French culture, on the internet, or by attending French-themed events held by many organisations in Melbourne throughout the year. You could even have a French day at home and cook some crêpes while listening to French music!








If you require any advice or pointers, please get in touch with me at school, and I will be more than happy to help.

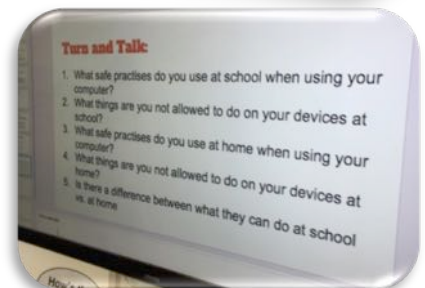
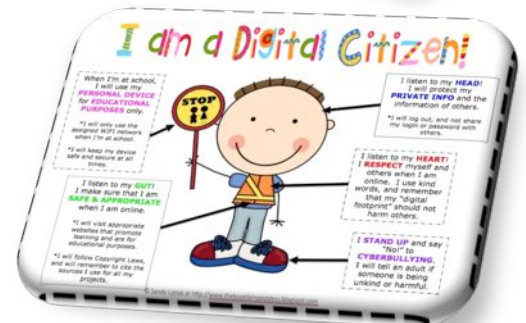
‘Safer Internet Day’ 07.02.17

Globally, Safer Internet Day is celebrated in over a hundred countries, usually in the first week of February each year. The day offers the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. It promotes the safe and responsible use of digital technologies, for children and young people.

This week, the students at Wembley PS are commencing their Cybersafety lessons as part of our learning sequence building their skills in being safe and responsible online citizens.

In this newsletter we have included some photos of students participating in their lessons as well as the Wembley Primary School Cybersafety Scope and Sequence, outlining the programs students will be exposed to each year.

Year Level	Program	Key issues addressed
Prep (videos only)	Hector's World 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeping your personal information safe Cyberbullying Computer Security
Year 1	Hector's World 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeping your personal information safe Cyberbullying Computer Security
Year 2	Zippep's Astro Circus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age appropriate websites Cyberbullying Protecting personal information Secure passwords Talking with trusted adults Positive online experiences
Year 3	Budd:e 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Securing a home computer Public vs private information Creating a safe online identify Making and using strong passwords Scanning for viruses and malware Thinking before clicking any link Checking who owns the content Looking for cybersecurity symbols Cybersafety and security for home
Year 4	Posti Network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online Safety Friendships Peer pressure & influence Ethical behavior Private and public domain Responsible digital citizenship Social media
Year 5	Cybersmart Access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe and social networking Protecting personal information Responding to cyberbullying and unwanted contact Digital reputation Responsible online and mobile use
Year 6	Game On 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cyberbullying Excessive gaming Sharing passwords Free downloads Online friends



If you require any further information, please see:

Kim Flack – Years 3-6 Digital Learning Leader

Ang Petridis – Assistant Principal, Years Prep-2 Digital Learning Leader

Wembley Parents Community Group (WPCG)



Who is WPCG.

We are a group of parents focusing on community togetherness and culture building, along with forming the fundraising arm at Wembley Primary School.

Class Representatives for 2017

WPCG is again looking for parents to become their Class Representative/s for 2017.

All WPCG Reps play an important role in facilitating the building of our school community and culture, starting from the ground up at class level.

Responsibility of a WPCG Class Rep

- Act as the main conduit between parents of your child's class and WPCG to keep them up to date with events throughout the year.
- 2017 is a Wembley Fete year. Reps will become vitally important in the overall organization of the day – timetabling volunteers, working stalls, sourcing leads for donations/sponsorship, etc.
- Encourage families to participate in events and activities. It is through engagement that our community grows.
- Most of our communication will be done via email but there will be times we will try to come together to idea share, problem solve and have a chat!
- Have heaps of fun whilst networking with other like-minded parents.

Proposed Future Events for WPCG

- Family Film Night
 - Mum's Night Out/Dad's Night Out
 - Wembley Families' Small Business Showcase
 - Wine Tasting Evening
 - Mothers and Fathers Day Stalls
 - Wembley Fete
 - Annual Raffle
 - Guest speakers ie. Cyber Safety, "Raising Children" – Steve Biddulph
- We are always looking for new and exciting ideas. Don't be shy!**

If you are keen to get involved and make a real difference, please email Ally and Rebecca on wembleycommunitygroup@gmail.com

Make sure you like our facebook page:
Wembley Parents Community Group (@WPCG4788)



TERM 1 DRAMA AT WEMBLEY

Schamozzle offer drama classes for Wembley Primary School children at the school on Friday afternoons. Term 1 classes start Friday 24th February.

Group 1: 2.25-3.15pm

Group 2: 3.15-4.15pm

Term 1 is a 5 week term open to all children from Prep-Year 6. Cost for the term is \$70.

Please contact Suzanne for enrolment details:

suzanne@schamozzle.com.au

0416 104 947

www.schamozzle.com.au

SCHOOL BANKING

Every Tuesday is school banking day at Wembley Primary School



This year there are some great new prizes when you redeem your silver / gold tokens, they are as follows.



As well as the major prize of a holiday to Disneyland in Tokyo
Please refer to the Dollarmite site for full details & also on how
to start up your Youthsaver Account

Happy Savings!

www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html



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SUNDAY 26TH FEB 2017, 9.30AM – 12PM

5KM RUN/WALK/PRAMS & 10KM RUN AROUND MARIBYRNONG RIVER
STARTS AND FINISHES AT COULSON GARDENS, THE ESPLANADE, MARIBYRNONG
\$45 adults (\$50 on the day) / \$20 kids / \$100 family / \$5 discount for locals & earlybirds (31st Dec)

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