PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

As we close on week 2 of 2015, the staff and I have finalised many aspects of the oncoming school year and I would like to take the time in this week’s newsletter to bring to your attention some of the more relevant information for Term 1.

Goal Setting Interviews
This year we will be hosting “Goal Setting” Interviews with Parents, Students and teachers during Week 5. These interviews will be your opportunity to meet with your child and their teacher and together set some school based goals for your child and 2015.

Details of times and how to utilise our online booking system will be sent home early next week.

School Board
One parent representative position on the School Board is up for re-election this year. Elected members serve a two year term, and are eligible to renominate if they wish. Preschool parents are also welcome to nominate for a Board position if they are interested. Nominations are now open; please see details in this newsletter.

The School Board normally meets once each term, and works within the framework of the ACT Education Act 2004 and the ACT Education and Training Directorate policy framework, school policies and the school budget. It is a great opportunity to gain a greater insight into how schools operate.

If you would like to know more about School Board membership please feel free to speak to me.

Swimming Carnival
This year’s carnival will be held this in Week 4 at the Tuggeranong Leisure Centre on Tuesday 24 February. The event is open to children who have turned 8 or are turning 8 this year to 13 year olds. Of particular note this year is the carnival is a competitors only carnival and those students not entering into events will attend school as normal.

The information notes are coming home this week and I ask that the Events’ Sheet is to be filled out by you in consultation with your child and returned to the front office as soon as possible.

As always parent volunteers are warmly welcomed and if you are able to assist with the planning or running on the day please contact Michelle Cooper (michelle.cooper@ed.act.edu.au) or the front office on 6205 7466.
Camp
Camps for our years 3 – 6 are rapidly approaching and by now you should have received the information and permission forms.

I appreciate that having an early camp places demands on families and provides limited time for planning and preparation but it provides many valuable experiences and opportunities that more than compensate for the negative aspects of its timing.

An early camp allows students to come together and experience the excitement and nervousness of being away from home, often for the first time, along with the great deal of fun, and a very genuine sense of achievement that comes from outdoor pursuits. Camp activities that help build student team skills and provide personal challenges to enhance self-esteem provide an excellent foundation for the rest of the year and friendships are made, restabilised and consolidated, along with numerous unplanned benefits. If you have any questions or enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher, Jeanette Cody or myself to discuss.

Newsletter
As of Week 4 this term we will be unveiling the exciting evolution of our newsletter and its content into an eNewsletter format.

The move to this new format will enable us to communicate with you, our community across multiple channels. We believe you’ll find the enewsletter highly engaging, as it will provide us with a more efficient and effective means of connecting with you. Some of the multiple features are - the ability for you or interested family members to subscribe to calendars and feeds, the inclusion of video, photo galleries, online bookings, feedback forms, and so much more.

Bushwahzee
The children will be rehearsing their performance through the day and we ask that all families arrive at 5.30pm for a prompt beginning at 6.00pm. Just a reminder the Canteen Committee will be cooking sausages that will be ready for sale from 5.15pm. I look forward to seeing you there and I have been assured by the band that they want everyone to get up and have a dance so bring your comfy shoes.

Finally I will take this opportunity to thank all parents, students and staff for the wonderful start to the year and remind you I can be contacted to discuss any issue relating to our child or children’s needs at john.manders@ed.act.edu.au.

Yours Sincerely,
John Manders

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If you are keen to contribute to the governance of Wanniassa Hills Primary School, please consider nominating for a position on the School Board. No prior experience is necessary.

**Positions**

We have one (1) parent and citizen member and one (1) staff member position vacant. This position is for a two (2) year period commencing 1 April 2015.

**Nominations**

Nominations are now open. If you wish to nominate, please complete the form below. There will be no online or electronic nomination facility available. Nominations must be made by 11:00am Monday 23 February 2015 by placing the completed nomination form in the ballot box at the Front Office. All nominees will be required to submit a short piece about themselves for the school newsletter that will be published on Thursday 5 March 2015.

**Voting**

Voting will open at 11:00am on 6 March 2015. Voting forms will be available at the Front Office. One voting form per family will be sent home with students on Friday 6 March 2015. Completed ballot papers need to be lodged in the ballot box at the Front Office. There will be no online or electronic voting facility available.

Voting will close at 11:00am on Friday 13 March 2015.

For more information, contact Returning Officer, Greg Hall on 6205 7466.

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**WANNIASSA HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS**  
**2015 - 2016**

We nominate _______________________________________________________ for the position of  

(Please print name)  


**PROPOSER**

Name: _________________________________    Signature: ___________________________

(Please print name)

**SECONDER**

Name:  _________________________________     Signature: ___________________________

(Please print name)

**NOMINEE**

I _______________________________________ accept nomination for the position of Parent

(Please print name)

Representative on the School Board for 2015 and 2016.

Signature: ______________________________   Date: _____________________________

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**MEDICATION**

Directorate policy requires schools to ensure that:

- Any request for administering medications MUST be in writing and provided at the beginning of each Term.
- The medication must be accompanied by clear written instructions on the method of administration, timing and dosage.
HOUSE CAPTAIN & VICE CAPTAIN RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who have been selected as House Captains and Vice Captains. PLEASE NOTE that the badges will not be presented at this week’s newsletter.

BEATTY
CAPTAINS
   Alysha Jones
   Josiah Aldric

VICE CAPTAINS
   Joan Ollett
   Josh Smith

SIMPSON
CAPTAINS
   Foxy Mantinaos
   Spencer Maconachie

VICE CAPTAINS
   Amelie Gold
   Tory Henson

ROB ROY
CAPTAINS
   Olivia Seary
   Harrison Buesnel

VICE CAPTAINS
   Kennedy de Bono
   Liam Pollard

PEMBERTON
CAPTAINS
   Alyse Jensen
   Harrison Leddy

VICE CAPTAINS
   Kate Conway
   James Ewing

BEYONDBLUE FUNDRAISER

Hello, my name is Emily and I am in Year 6 at WHPS. I am hosting a fundraiser for BeyondBlue to support them in the good work that they do helping people. On Saturday 21 February people can crack an egg on my head for a gold coin donation (or more). There will also be a yummy sausage sizzle for $2.50.

Details are –

   Saturday 21 February
   At 23 Withnell Circuit, Kambah
   Between 12.00pm and 2pm

If you wish to make a direct donation to my account for BeyondBlue go to http://give.everydayhero.com/au/emily-84

Thank you for your support.
AGM and P&C MEETING
(ALL WELCOME)
MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY at 7 pm
in the staffroom
and
SCHOOL BOARD meeting
MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY at 5pm

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS
PROCEDURES
FOR LATE STUDENT ARRIVALS
If your child comes to school after the bell has gone, please come to the Front Office and sign them in.
He/she will then be issued with a LATE PASS, which he/she will take to class and give to the teacher.
We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

SAFE INTERNET DAY – 10 FEBRUARY
WHPS students in years 4, 5, and 6 have participated in a webinar about cyber safety and internet use. The theme: “Let’s Create a better internet together”.

Student Reflections:
Today Years 4, 5 and 6 went to the library to watch a Cyber Safety Webinar with Kelly Britnell from Cybersmart who was in Sydney.

She talked to us about being a supportive bystander and sticking up for the people who were being bullied online.

She also talked about one of the best ways to deal with cyber bullying is to get an adult to intervene.

It was the best event in the school because we got to talk about cyber bullying and ask questions and have them answered by someone in a different

MERIT AWARDS
CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who will be receiving merit awards in assembly tomorrow. Children with a (v) after their names are receiving their merit award for demonstrating our focus value – RESPECT.

NINGI K – Stella Bell-Garner, Archie Hehir & Blake Weir(v)
NINGI W – Bryn Ardlie, Adriana Russell & Constantina Mantinaos(v)

YERRA H – Ophelia Van Doorn, Felix Powell & Brodie Smith(v)
YERRA W – Fatima Abbas, Kaidyn Watson & Charlie Skerry-Wallace(v)

GAMBURRA M – Harnoor Singh, Sophiera Saysitthideth & Mikaila March-Stewart(v)
GAMBURRA TH – James Mewett, Charlotte Hollingswoth & Oscar Nunney(v)

MURRUNG C – Lucas Corby, Ryan Maloney & Ashley Miller(v)
MURRUNG M – Sam Fletcher, Eleanor Hayes & Karia Ali(v)
MURRUNG HUB – Maebh Banks & Jasper Thomson(v)

BUNDULUK B – Oskar Monahan, Georgia Pratt & Ayda Maroney(v)
BUNDULUK H – Latrell Saysitthideth, Lussa Merritt & Ava Morrison(v)
BUNDULUK T – Tait Davies, Madison Russell & Michael McKellar(v)
BUNDULUK W – Alana Freene, Braithan Garner & Lana Sueur(v)
What a fantastic start to the school year it has been. All 4 classes have settled into preschool routines with a smile and lots of enthusiasm. We have been participating in a variety of indoor and outdoor investigations and getting to know each other.

Preschool is about BEING, BELONGING and BECOMING.

Belonging is the basis for living a fulfilling life. Children feel they belong because of the relationships they have with their family, community, culture and place.

Being is about living here and now. Childhood is a special time in life and children need to just ‘be’ - time to play, try new things and have fun.

Becoming is about the learning and development that young children experience. Children start to form their sense of identity from an early age, which shapes the type of adult they will become.

Happy Holidays!
Kylie, Hugh, Tracey, Bronwyn and Sandra

KINDERGARTEN HEALTH CHECK
Questionnaires were handed out this week to all Kindergarten students. Please complete the form and return it to your classroom teacher by Friday 20 February. The screening will take place in Term 2, Week 2 (Thursday 7 and Friday 8 May).

Thank you.

NINGI UNIT NEWS (KINDER & K/1)
We would like to start by congratulating all of our amazing Kindergarten students and their parents for such a wonderful start to 2015. We feel privileged to be teaching each and every student this year and they are already showing themselves to be delightful people and keen learners.

Our students have begun the year with a wealth of knowledge about how school works (thank you to the Pre-school team for their work in 2014) and we are developing and building on this understanding as we create our own routines and expectations for each day. Much of this first term will be dedicated to ensuring that school is a safe and supportive place for everyone so that learning can occur at every opportunity. We will be using our Kidsmatter and Friendly Schools program assist with this.

We will also be further developing our relationships with parents and the wider community. We believe in the importance of developing partnerships to help provide deep learning for all throughout the year. As such we will be asking for parent helpers at various times who can share their skills, lend a hand or to work with small groups of students. Look out for these requests. We also hope you will look out for information about the Kinder Information Evening in Week 4 as well as other special events over the term.

2015 will be a year of wide and varied learning and of course lots of fun in Ningi! We are looking forward to the journey and hope you are too.
REQUEST FROM NINGI UNIT

If parents have any old magazines at home it would be appreciated if you could send them in to class with your child. Thank you.

Tracey Whyte & Anika Kerwin

GAMBURRA UNIT NEWS (YEAR 2)

Welcome to the new year. As you may have noticed Gamburra classes are situated in two different parts of the school at the moment. This has not stopped us from working together at different times. Students are settling in well to new routines and expectations.

Students have been participating in a daily morning run and it is great to see how they are extending themselves, trying to beat their previous best. Results are graphed each day so that students can monitor their own progress.

Thank you for your offers of help, your support is much appreciated. We look forward to building a close partnership with you throughout the year.

We have fruit break each morning. Please provide only fresh fruit or vegetables for this time. We ask that yoghurt, cheese, dried, tinned and pureed fruit are left for recess and lunch.

Please note that the Canteen is only open from Wednesday to Friday each week so please do not send money or lunch orders on other days.

Monique McDevitt and Colleen Thistleton

YERRA UNIT NEWS (YEAR 1)

Hello everybody and welcome to another school year! We have had a great start to the term and have been impressed with our student’s readiness, enthusiasm and positivity as we work hard to establish routines and get used to our new surroundings. It has been great to meet so many parents and thanks so much for all the offers of assistance. Please feel very welcome to make an appointment in Week 5 to see us so we can ensure that your child’s learning experience is an optimal one! We are looking forward to a fun and satisfying learning year.

The Yerra teaching team,
Briony Warren and Matthew Holborow.

BUNDULUK UNIT NEWS (YEAR 4/5)

The first two weeks of school for 2015 has gone so quickly. We have enjoyed getting to know our students and welcoming two new teachers, Mrs Tsui and Mrs Walkenhorst, to our unit.

We would like to congratulate year 5 on their efforts during the Year 5 Band aptitude test. We look forward to welcoming the Year 5 Band to their first rehearsal soon.

Year 4/5 students are reminded to bring notes back for Camp and to bring in all items from their book packs if they have not done so already.

Mrs W is looking for anyone who drinks Nespresso coffee and would like to donate the used pods for an art project. No need to empty them out, just bring them as is. Any and all colours will be greatly received. (not the plastic expressi ones though, just the metal ones) Thanks very much!

From Bunduluk Team
Chrystal Brindley, Susan Hammond, Winnie Tsui, Deb Walkenhorst

MURRUNG UNIT NEWS (YEAR 3)

Welcome to 2015 in Murrung. The teachers and students have settled in nicely and we have already been very busy.

With the hot weather upon us, we are encouraging the students to have water bottles in the classroom to keep hydrated. Please make sure your child/ren brings a labelled water bottle each day.

We have an open door policy and encourage any parents/carers to come and talk to any of us before or after school if you have any questions or concerns. In saying this, the Murrung students have been instructed that they are to put their bags in their class lines in the morning and not come into the unit.

We look forward to meeting you all at the 3 way interviews in week 5.
Regards,
Murrung Team - Michelle Cooper and Sarah McIntosh

**MURRUNG HUB NEWS**

Welcome back! We hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday period. Our students have settled back well in to the school routine and are already producing some quality pieces of work. We’re off to a great start and we know it’s going to be another wonderful year of learning in the Hub.

This year the students in Murrung Hub will continue to participate in daily fitness and healthy snack time. Could you please ensure your child comes to school wearing appropriate, well-fitting footwear, such as running shoes, and that they have a sunsmart wide-brimmed hat for both fitness and play times. They also need to bring in a piece of fruit each day.

There are many exciting events coming up this term for Hub students. Camps, Athletics Carnival, Swimming Carnival and the Stephanie Alexander Cooking Program are just a few events some of our students will participate in. Can you please keep an extra close eye out for notes and return them as soon as possible.

Kristel Shelley, Kirsty Jones and Fiona Lonie

**WINYU UNIT NEWS (YEAR 6)**

Welcome to Year 6 and the final year of primary school! The students have settled into their classes and routines smoothly.

Thank you to those who presented high calibre house captain speeches and congratulations to the students elected.

Year 6 students will be invited onto the chairs during tomorrow’s assembly.

Before school band for year 6 band members starts tomorrow at 8.30 promptly. Students can set up from 8.20 so as to be ready to start on time. The band will be playing at the assembly tomorrow.

We are looking forward to the upcoming leadership opportunities available including the Bushwahzee performance, canteen monitors and Camp Cooba.

Please remember to check student diaries regularly for information.

Thank you, Jo Comber and Renee Hesketh

**IEC NEWS**

Welcome back everyone! We hope that you enjoyed the holidays with your families and friends. We extend a special welcome to the new children and their families who have joined us this term. The children have settled in well to our program and the well-established routines of Wanniassa Hills Primary School.

We are pleased to have Ms Melissa Yap and Ms Ann Jenvey join our team this year. Ms Yap will be working with the senior students and Ms Jenvey will be working with our junior students. We also welcome Mrs Kim Mesman who is working with us this term.

During our first weeks at school we have enjoyed getting to know each other through interesting and fun activities from our unit of work, ‘My Class and School’. The children are focused on increasing their vocabulary so that they can share information about themselves and their families.

Kind regards
Melissa Yap, Ann Jenvey, Julie Fuller, Kim Mesman, Maria D’Souza
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SCRIPTURE
We have received requests by parents for their children to receive religious education at our school. Scripture lessons will be conducted in Terms 1 and 4.

PLEASE NOTE parent permission is essential for students to attend scripture lessons. If you wish your child to participate in these lessons you need to complete the form below and return it to the front office.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS
☐ YES, I request my child/ren listed below participate in religious education offered at school.

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ATTENTION NEW VOLUNTEERS
DO YOU DO VOLUNTARY WORK AT WHPS PRIMARY OR PRESCHOOL?
If you do voluntary work at school eg. Canteen roster, reading in the classroom, craft group, school banking, clothing pool etc.

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO SIGN THE SIGN-ON BOOK IN THE FRONT OFFICE.
It is also a Directorate requirement that you read the Code of Conduct and Insurance Arrangements for Volunteers and complete the Volunteer’s Nomination Form. These forms are available from the Front Office.

PLEASE NOTE the form must be completed each year.
This is a legal requirement and will cover you in case of misadventure.

PIANO LESSONS
Piano lessons are available during school hours. For more information please ring, text or email Jill Linton.
Tele: 6231-9514, 0408 319 514 or jill.linton58@gmail.com

Thank you.

CANTEEN NEWS

REMINDER - Canteen will be CLOSED on Mondays & Tuesdays only opening on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays this term.

CANTEEN CLOSED WEEK 1
The canteen number is 6296 1016, open from 9.00am until 2.00pm, Wednesday to Friday FROM Week 2

FEBRUARY ROSTER

| Friday 13 | Alison Gillett & Alison Maconachie |
| Monday 16 | **CANTENE CLOSED** |
| Tuesday 17| **CANTENE CLOSED** |
| Wednesday 18| **HELP NEEDED** |
| Thursday 19| **HELP NEEDED** |
| Friday 20 | Ingrid Mewett & Tara Dempsey |

Thank you, Megan Bathie
Monday 16th February
The Canteen Committee will be holding a BBQ at the Bushwahzee Concert. We will be selling the following items from 5.15pm:

- Sausages *gluten free $2.50
- Soft drinks $1.50
- Juice $1.00
- Water $1.00
- Smooze Fruit Ice *dairy and gluten free $1.00

Hope to see you there!

CLOTHING POOL NEWS
The Clothing Pool is open tomorrow 20 February from 8.45 – 9.30am.

Thanks, Jenny Brereton (M: 0410 423 596)
E: whps.uniforms@gmail.com W: ouronlinecanteen.com.au

STUDENT BANKING
Student Banking starts tomorrow Friday 13 February in the conference room from 8.45am to 9.30am.

If you wish your child to join please go to the Commonwealth Bank at Tuggeranong and sign up to a Youth Saver account. Please note you will need to take a copy of your child’s birth certificate.

Thank you, Megan Wilson

PERFORMANCE ACTING CLASSES
Wanniassa Hills Primary School
School Hall Main Building – Free Trial

Fridays commencing 13 February
3:15-4:15pm Performance Actor ACT II (6-8yrs)
4:15-5:15pm Performance Actor ACT III (9-12yrs)

Acting Antics acting classes help you to…
- Speak in clear expressive English
- Improve acting & performance skills
- Express yourself with confidence
- Extend creative & dramatic potential
  - Learn theatre skills
- Perform in a fully costumed annual gala

Performance where every student gets a role with dialogue & fabulous costumes

This year’s Gala Performance is … “Aladdin and the Magic Carpet”
Performance will be held in
The Tim Murray Theatre
CGS Red Hill on 18 & 19 Sept

Fees: Season 1 (Term 1&2) $306.00
(Incl. 17 x 1hr sessions, scripts, rights, costumes)
Free trial – Pro-rata fees – Sibling discounts

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