



Pictured above: Year 6/7 class with special guest Dr Chinta Mani Yogi; Staff learning.



## Upcoming Events

### Monday 25th - Thursday 28th March

- Life Education Van

### Friday 29th March

- Assembly hosted by Room 15
- Kindness
- Special Presentation - Therapy Dogs

### Monday 1st - Thursday 4th April

- Parent Teacher Interviews

### Thursday 11th April

- Sports Day

### Friday 12th April

- Terrific Kids Assembly 1.30 pm
- Last day of Term 1
- Early Dismissal 2pm

### Monday 29th April

- Term 2 starts



## Principal's Message

### Family Interviews

Families and carers will soon receive a letter about our interviews that occur towards the end of Term 1. These learning conversations give families and carers an opportunity to meet with their child's teacher. I encourage you to bring your child along with you to these interviews to increase their involvement in their learning, become more aware of how parents and the school work together to support them, review their progress and set goals for their learning.

Interviews are a great way that:

- Teachers can celebrate the success of the learning with the student and their family
- Students can express their views about issues with their parent/caregiver and their teacher
- Any issues raised can be resolved with everyone and then future actions can be negotiated
- Students hear first hand about their learning from the teacher

Once you receive the note, please return the note as soon as possible with preferred times and dates for the interview.

### Harmony Day

This term as a school and a community we celebrate a special event in Harmony Day. This is celebrated in Australia on March 21 each year and is a day where we can celebrate and appreciate our cultural diversity.

At Wandana we are very fortunate to have families from many cultures and religions who share their traditions, beliefs and language. Children from Preschool - Year 7 spent time this week learning about cultures and differences and how we can each make our community and Australia a better place.

### Staff Learning

Our teachers are sprinting! They are not training for the upcoming teacher-parent relay for Sports Day, they are planning the learning for the two site priorities. One group is working on student writing and the other on numeracy. The sprint being an intensive focus on one small content area for four weeks. They are looking at what type of highly effective teaching strategy will have the most impact on student growth. Teacher feedback, student success criteria and the learning cycle are the ways they will deliver the strategies. Ask your child's teacher which focus they are working on.

*Belinda Smith, Principal*



**Our vision:** Empowering our community to flourish in their relationships and learning.

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# Wandana Action Team

## Dr Yogi Visit

Dr Chinta Mani Yogi and Dr Cathy Hammond visited Wandana School on Thursday 7th March. They met and spoke to students in the Year 6/7 class.

Dr Chinta Mani Yogi is the founder of values education in Nepal and he teaches communities around the world about the five sensory human values: truth, love, peace, selfless service and non-violence.

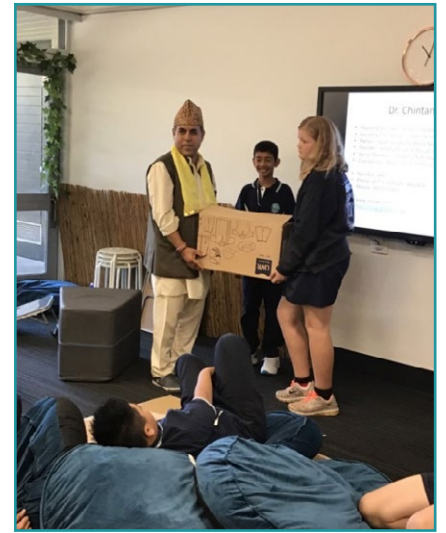
His aim is to educate and support disadvantaged and orphaned children and to empower them for the future.

His message:

*"From this social transformation, will come a personal transformation, our communities will become enriched and enjoy the art of life."*

Dr Yogi is a calming person and he is loyal to his country. With his body language, he knows what he's doing and he doesn't show fear. He showed my class and I how to control our emotions, but he also showed us pictures of Nepal, a place filled with towers and jungles, animals and schools, even special families and friends! Nepal is a beautiful place, and its flag is the only flag in the world that has two triangles on it. Nepal is special in its own way and Dr Yogi showed us that.

**Courtney Erika Beltrame (House Captain)**



## Cooking Basics

On Tuesday I gave a group of six Year 3-4 students a basic cooking class. Our aim, scrambled eggs on toast. The students were enthusiastic and followed all instructions well. They were all extremely proud of themselves and their finished products.

**Nicole Murphy, SSO**

