







Thank you to Governing Council for donating our Year 7 tops - they look terrific!

Upcoming Events

Thursday 11th April

• Sports Day 8:50am - 2pm

Friday 12th April

- Terrific Kids Assembly 1:30pm
- Last day of Term 1
- Early Dismissal 2pm

Monday 29th April

• Term 2 starts

Tuesday 14th - Wednesday 22nd May

 Year 3, 5 & 7 NAPLAN Online testing

> Thank you to Coles for our new sports equipment!



Principal's Message

Sports Day

Next Thursday is our annual Sports Day. You would have received a letter home earlier this week with information about the day. It would be great to have as many families as possible attend to support and cheer on all the students.

Some of the events organised for the day include:

- Sack race, bean bag throw, parachute, tug of war
- Relays, long leap, vortex
- House Captain led team chant and dance
- Fun Warm Up dancing to the Wacka Wacka and Beautiful Day

Advance notice - 2019 NAPLAN Online testing

The National Literacy and Numeracy assessments for all Year 3, 5 and 7 students will occur from Tuesday 14th through to Wednesday 22nd May (Week 3 and 4, Term 2). The longer time frame this year is due to our students transitioning to the NAPLAN Online platform for all their assessments, except for Year 3 writing, which will remain a handwritten assessment for 2019.

We encourage all students to fully participate in these assessments. If there is some reason why you wish to withdraw your child, please see your child's class teacher with a written request and also come to the Front Office to complete an official withdrawal form. These must be completed by **no later than Friday 3rd May** which is the last day of Week 1, Term 2.

Year 7 Jumpers

We are really fortunate to have our Governing Council donate our Year 7 tops to our graduating students each year. You will have noticed our Year 7's wearing their jumpers and t-shirts recently. Thank you to Cindy, Chairperson, Rachel and Sarah for presenting the tops on behalf of Governing Council.

Holidays

As this is our last newsletter for the term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students for their effort and enthusiasm in their learning, thank you to the families and special friends for your support during the term and lastly a huge thank you to all the staff for their work at Wandana during the first term.

I am hoping that the good weather continues for the holidays and you are able to spend time outdoors with each other.

Belinda Smith, Principal

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

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Social Skills program by Baptist Care

Eight students were chosen to participate in the Drumbeat program. The objective of Drumbeat is to build resilience through rhythm. DRUMBEAT is an acronym that stands for Discovering Relationships Using Music, Beliefs, Emotions, Attitudes and Thoughts. There are 5 Core Elements to the Drumbeat program including the Core Rhythms, Rhythm Games, Discussion, Improvisation and the Performance (should the children wish to do one).

Students had weekly sessions for 8 weeks.

- The Rhythm of Life
- Relationships
- Harmony
- Identity and Community
- Emotions and Feelings
- Teamwork
- Preparing for Performance

Thank you to Tegen Cushion and Vanessa from Baptist Care.

Kindness in Room 15

When we looked at the Character Strength of *kindness* the Eyles family let us borrow their book 'My Kind" by Eddie Betts (Crows footballer). It is all about different people being kind to each other. We then brainstormed what being kind means to us. Here are some of

the things we said

- Caring about people
- Asking others if they want to play
- Helping others if they fall down
- Sharing your toys
- Smiling at each other
- Letting others join in
- Speaking nicely
- Listening to each other
- Being a friend





