



Introducing our
**Wandana
Action
Team**

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House Captains



Vice Captains



CONGRATULATIONS!

Room 12



Room 6



Team 14



Room 15



Room 11



Upcoming Events

Monday 11th March

- Public Holiday

Friday 15th March

- Pupil Free Day
- Bullying No Way Day

Thursday 21st March

- Harmony Day

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

House Points

The Wandana Preschool – Year 7 House Cup is a new school initiative designed to promote achievement, our school values and to help foster a sense of community and belonging in our students. As students are in the same house for their whole time at Wandana, it opens up the opportunity for this new way of calculating house points. This will run through the whole year with students being able to earn points through their Class Dojo for their house in variety of ways and a variety of places. Students have already started earning points in their classes and in the yard by showing the school values. Sports Day points will also go towards this trophy as well. The house with the most points at the end of the year will be awarded with the new House Cup. At the end of each term, the house team with the most points will have an end of term picnic. The current points are located in the front office so that all families and students can check the house points.

Reading Room

Our new Reading Room furniture has now arrived and we are very excited to open this space up to families and students at 8.10am each morning. We will have a staff member who will be available to bring the joy of reading to the children every day. We also encourage families to come in during this time and also read with their children. We hope to see you there and that you are able to enjoy a story with your child as well.

Reading books each day is extremely important to children and their success. Did you know that if a child reads 20 minutes each day, they will read approximately 1,800,000 words per year and can score in the 90th percentile on standardised tests. Students who read only 5 minutes a day only read 282,000 words each year and if a student only reads for one minute per day will read only 8,000 words per year!

We look forward to seeing you in Block 2 (Room 10) each morning.

Belinda Smith
Principal

Goannas

1979 points

Kangaroos

1819 points

Dolphins

1659 points

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

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Site Improvement Priorities

On the 15th of March, Wandana Teachers will be attending professional development sessions from Simon Breakspear to deepen and transfer learning more rapidly into pedagogical practice. Support staff will work with Para Hills Office Support team in areas of Introception, Restorative Justice and Aboriginal Perspectives and Engagement. This training aligns with the Site Priorities of improvements in student learning.

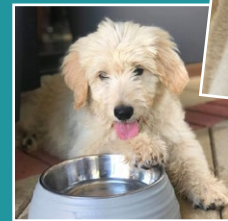
Character Strengths

TEAM WORK

Students continued to focus on Team work this week. It has been fantastic to see students of all ages playing basketball together during play times. Taking turns, effectively communicating, showing respect to each other and building lasting friendships have been some of the highlights. Students have also accumulated a huge number of points for their colour houses by working in teams. We are looking forward to how these new skills will transfer into Sports Day.

Therapy Animals

This year we are very excited to be introducing two new staff members, Macey and Archie. These adorable dogs have come to the team to help support our students with emotional regulation and confidence building. Archie is still in training and is not ready yet to start his active duties. Ms P. will familiarise him to the school over the next few months. Macey is a Labs n' Life experienced therapy dog and she will be working in most classrooms at different times of the day. If you or your child is uncomfortable working with or being in close proximity to dogs, or has an allergy please fill in the paper work that went home in Week 5, so we can ensure their safety. Ms Andrea and Ms P. will be conducting an information session to the whole school on how to best work with Macey. Please join us on the 29th of March at the school assembly to hear the information session.



Commands for the dogs: Stop, Sit, Wait, Gently.

Wandana Action Team

Student voice allows students to engage, participate, lead and provides students with opportunities to become active participants in their education and give their input towards decisions about what, and how they learn.

(Pictured on the front page)

Room 6 - Team Archie

Room 6 have been working together as a team. We work together when we train Archie, our class therapy dog.

