



Pictured above: Year 5 - 7 Illawonga Camp held in Term 4, 2018

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 12th February

- Acquaintance Night & Governing Council Annual General Meeting
- Parent Workshop – Read Write Inc

Friday 15th February

- Assembly @ 9.00 am hosted by Year 6/7 class

Monday 18th February

- Pupil Free Day

Friday 1st March

- Assembly hosted by Year 5/6 class - Gratitude
- Governing Council Meeting 9.30am

Monday 11th March

- Public Holiday

Tuesday 12th March

- World Maths Day

Friday 15th March

- Pupil Free Day
- Bullying No Way Day

Thursday 21st March

- Harmony Day

Monday 25th - Thursday 28th March

- Life Education Van

Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2019 school year. We especially welcome all the new families from Preschool – Year 7 to Wandana and look forward to you and your children being a part of our fabulous community. All staff and students have settled back into school and have had an excellent start to the year. All students have been involved in engaging learning activities that involve co-designing classroom expectations, discussing school values, building relationships with each other and focussing on the character strength of gratitude.

Our new school uniforms have arrived and look spectacular. It's great to see the children wearing them along with their new hats. Uniforms are available to purchase from the front office for all children from Preschool – Year 7. We will soon be ordering our new jackets and our Year 7 tops are on their way.



Next Tuesday, 12th February is our Acquaintance Night where we invite all families into the classrooms to provide you with information about the year ahead. Classroom teachers will be talking about the learning program for this term, our positive behaviour system – Dojo and our online communication and learning tool See Saw. We will have some staff on the tiger turf to supervise any children and also help you to sign up to See Saw if needed. We encourage you to stay after for our Governing Council Annual General Meeting. This year our Governing Council will be meeting on a Friday morning at 9.30 am straight after assembly and our first meeting will be on Friday 1st March. We hope to see you there!

Belinda Smith
Principal



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

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Site Improvement Priorities

Wandana staff and students have been working hard to unpack the 2018 learning data and pinpoint areas of growth. It was great to see that in 2018 everyone worked collaboratively and according to the NAPLAN reading results we increased to 88 % of our students meeting benchmark. What a wonderful result and we are really proud of the huge effort!

This year our focus is Writing for Literacy and the Four Operations (+ - x ÷) in Number for Mathematics. Keep an eye out for our updates in Newsletters, displays around the school and classrooms.

Character Strengths

GRATITUDE

Everyone has times when they feel aware of being thankful. These moments give us a good feeling that we call "gratitude". Feeling grateful can happen at any time for any situation, sometimes it is important to make a special effort to increase how often you feel it. Research has shown that people with high levels of gratitude experience benefits such as decreased anxiety, depression and better sleep patterns. Wandana students will focus the first three weeks of school diving deeper into understanding how they can personally increase their gratitude.

Governing Council Update

Our Annual General Meeting will be held after our Acquaintance Night on **Tuesday 12th February 5.30 – 6.15 pm**. We will have a special presentation on our Literacy Programs and how you can help your child at home. We hope that you are able to join us on the night, stay for some pizza and learn about what being on Governing Council involves. Look forward to seeing you then.

Wandana Action Team

Wandana Action Team is a key to underpinning the School Values at Wandana Primary School; Respect, Belonging and Learning. Improving student outcomes through ensuring student voice is a priority both through nominated Wandana Action Team representatives and leaders, as well as at an individual and classroom level, enables students to share their unique perspectives on learning.

Students from Years 5 - 7 are chosen at the beginning of the year as representatives for the W.A.T. through House Captains.

1 representative for school House Captains and 1 Vice Captain from each of the house. Receptions to Year 4 are responsible for electing a representative and 1 Proxy. They will work alongside the School Captains to offer opportunities for students to have a voice in their Learning environment in accordance with our values and knowledge of how students learn best.

The W.A.T. will meet fortnightly to discuss issues relevant to the school community that have come up in class meetings.

Year 5-7 Illawonga Camp

In the final week of Term 4 last year the Year 5, 6 and 7 students went to Illawonga Camp near Swan Reach. They participated in numerous activities including knee-boarding, kayaking, cave expeditions, archery, boat cruises along the Murray and a sheep shearing show. Character strengths such as bravery, curiosity, teamwork and love of learning were all on show as students embraced the challenges before them and had a go! At the end of each day they filled out a journal describing what they enjoyed, learnt and were grateful for. Here's what some of them wrote:

I loved learning about how small changes in the river can make a big difference. – Jaideep

Three things I am grateful for today are the amazing food, hot showers and fun activities. – Leelah

The thing I enjoyed the most was facing my fears when I was in the cave and feeling scared. – Dave

