

Wandong Primary School



It is very exciting to be able to write my first principal page for Whats News. Late last term I was successful in my application to be the Acting Principal at Wandong PS for the next twelve months, taking over from Mrs Rhonda Cole as she takes on her new role for the next year. Before this appointment, I was the Assistant Principal at Wandong PS and feel very privileged and honoured to take up this role at our great school.

It has been a big (and cold!) start to term three at the school with lots of great things happening. Our student, Kirra Wright, won her event at the State Cross Country Championships and will now compete at the National Championships on the Sunshine Coast- we are all very proud of Kirra!

Our Wakikirri students did an amazing job at the Clocktower Theatre in Moonee Ponds on July 23. I was fortunate enough to see our performance and was blown away by it! To see our students performing their routine with such confidence was great. Well done to all of our students involved - we are all very proud of you. A huge thanks to Mrs Robyn Beer and Mrs Shara Hall for their hard work and dedication in preparing our students so very well.

Our Grade 5/6 students have continued their Junior Neighbourhood Watch sessions and last week's focus was on the responsible use of social media and cyberbullying. They were asked to reflect on their own use of social media and consider their online behaviour. It was great to receive the news that the South Mitchell Neighbourhood Watch group have been nominated for the Community Group of the Year Award in the 2018 Victorian Regional Achievement and Community Awards for the great work they have done here at Wandong PS. Our students enjoy the sessions and get so much out of them!

This term, our grade five students are visiting the Dianella Hostel in Kilmore as part of their Intergenerational Program. The program allows our students the opportunity to interact with elderly residents beyond our local community. We have found the program to be hugely beneficial in the past, as it allows our students to shine in a different learning environment, build their communication skills and learn about life in past times.

In staffing news, I would like to welcome back Mrs Amy Andrew, who has been on family leave for the last year. Mrs Andrew returns to take up the Maths Learning Specialist role here at the school and I know that staff and students are very happy that she has returned.

We also welcome Mrs Shara Hall to Wandong PS. Mrs Hall is teaching Foundation G for the remainder of the year. We are lucky to have Mrs Hall as she brings with her great knowledge and experience, as well as having worked at the school a great deal over the last year as a relief teacher.

Warm Regards,
Dave Warren
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