



Wandong Primary School

Whilst our students are enjoying their school holidays, the teachers have been working on implementing a fantastic program across the school. Students are being given access to a high quality online literacy program called Nessy.

NAIDOC Week

Although we were on holidays during NAIDOC week, there was a celebration at school on the last day of Term 2. We were very grateful for the Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony performed by a Taungurung Elder (sponsored by Goranwarrabul House). Students were given the opportunity to participate in NAIDOC activities by exploring some indigenous painting techniques and materials. We encourage all students to embrace the history, culture and achievements of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Is-lander peoples.

Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge is an annual state-wide initiative which aims to improve literacy and encourage children to read for pleasure and learning, which is perfectly in line with our School Wide Literacy program and passion. In Term 3 of 2019 in just 7 weeks we read 10,000 books! This was just school based reading. We plan to start reading in Week 2 of Term 3 and it will run from 19th July to 3rd September.

Three-Way Conferences

Successful communication strategies are an integral part of Wandong Primary School and we highly value the loop of communication between home, school and child. Students were given the opportunity to present their learning to their parents/carers during our Three-Way conferences. It was wonderful to see the huge growth students have achieved since the beginning of the year, and the excitement for them to show off their learning. Celebrating learning takes just a moment but it boosts us all.

Wellbeing at Wandong PS – Cyber Safety

Social media can help kids stay connected with their peers but social media can also have a negative impact on self-esteem. Peer groups issues can escalate more quickly in the online space. How can we support kids and help them deal with online issues? Encouraging them to stay connected but have some clear guidelines. Maintain healthy activities, even small activities like going out to the backyard for some fresh air can make a big difference. Discuss internet safety by sitting down and having a positive conversation about their technology use, show an interest in their favourite sites and apps and be curious about their experience. Ask them what they are concerned about and how they manage privacy and security settings on each platform.

Upcoming Events

During Term 3 we have some exciting events. The Parents and Friends Associate has rescheduled their sausage sizzle to the 13th & 14th of July. Monday 26th July will be the Wandong Mini Olympics – what a wonderful way to bring an international event to our community. Friday 30th July is the Wakakirri Performance – ticket payments due by the 12th July.

Keep moving and keep warm!

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