David’s Discourse

What a week of wild weather we had. Thank you to all the parents for picking up the children on Friday when we had to close the school. These are rare events but it is essential that we have up to date contact information so we can ensure student’s safety. We will be sending home a form to fill in to update your details. Please remember if you get a new mobile phone number, let us know.

We would like to remind parents and students that office is unattended on all day Tuesdays and Thursdays before 12pm. Could you please take this into consideration for all administration matter.

As many of you are aware the storm caused damage throughout the community and we were no exception. Our clean up at the school will be affected by condition and insurance assessments in the first case and then followed by the ability for vehicles to access the grounds. Some of the damage may be left up to the school to fix, such as tree damage and fallen limbs. If you are able to assist the school in the near future with this task, can you please let us know.

The staff at the school have noticed a disturbing trend of students not eating recess or lunch. Please ensure that your child has adequate food for the day. We insist that students have a time to sit and eat at recess and lunch so there should be no reason why students don’t have their food then. Students need to eat regularly throughout the day to maintain brain function and therefore maximise their learning experiences.

School Supplies

Each year we ask parents to bring in some simple items to supplement what the school supplies. Parents could you please send in two boxes of tissues. I also know that the K/1/2 class is looking for paint shirts, so if you have an old t-shirt that would be suitable it would be appreciated.

Canteen

Due to water damage during the school holidays the canteen will not be operational until further notice. Work has commenced on the canteen, but the damage is more extensive than first thought. The P&C have organised an alternative starting next week. Please refer to P&C section.

ET4L Cutover

Our computer network and computers will be upgraded to ET4L solution this week. As a result from the 26th to 28th of February staff and students will not have full access to the schools computer system. Please take this into consideration before making payments or administration requests during this period. I will also be unavailable during this period as I will be required to assist in the implementation of the upgrade.
Small School Cross Country
The Small School Cross Country will be held at Teven-Tintenbar on Friday the 5th of April. More details and permission notes will be sent out closer to the event.

Positive Behaviour for Learning
This year we are going to be involved in the positive behaviour for learning program. Students have been designing themes to support the program. We will be voting on the theme this week. We are also looking for a parent from each class to be on our PBL team to assist in developing resources and setting up of the program. If you are interested please contact myself.
In the initial stage we will be gather information of various incidents and environments around the school. These will be recorded on specifically designed sheet and analysed to see how we can improve situations. Just because information is being recorded does not necessarily mean that your child is in trouble.

Student Representative Council 2013
Last Friday we conducted our SRC elections for 2013. We will be announcing the results at this Friday’s assembly.

Ear Health
On Wednesday the 27th of February a Community Health Nurse will be attending the school to discuss with K/1/2 issues related to ear health and the best ways to look after their hearing.

Toilet Upgrade
The school toilet upgrade is nearing completion and students are now able to use the updated facilities. It is a great improvement on what was originally in place.

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Canteen News
Don’t forget, on Friday 1st March we are having our first Subway lunch order. We have extended the deadline for placing orders until 9.00am, Wednesday 27th February.
This is the final cut of time for placing an order. Please send along your order with the correct money.
Please remember if your child is absent on Friday there will be no refunds. Parents will still need to supply recess for their children on the day.

David Owen
Principal

Have you noticed that a few things in our office foyer have been changed?

One of the changes has been demonstrated below for your convenience:

When students return their notes and money they will need to place them in our new Student Mailbox located on the wall near the front counter.

Student Mail Box
Need a Hat

Students need to bring a proper school hat to school each day. Students need a hat to participate in educational programs and the playground. Students who don’t bring a hat may be missing out on important activities. Please ensure that your child brings a hat each day to school and insist that they wear it when outside. We all need to enforce the sun safe message. The required hat is to be a broad brim hat. No caps are permitted to be worn.

“Cool Kids” Crunch&Sip

Don’t forget the bottle of water and fruit or vegetables for Crunch&Sip every day!!!!!

Water

Tap water makes the best drink! Not only is it thirst quenching, but also contains fluoride which helps make teeth stronger. Here’s what water has to offer:

- it is cheap and readily available
- it doesn’t contain any kilojoules or sugar
- it encourages optimal function of the body

We should all aim to drink between five to eight cups of water a day. In the warmer months it is important to keep well hydrated. Always have water available when children are active. Encourage them to drink water regularly, even in cooler months.

Family Contact Details

It is that time of year again when we are in the process of updating our Family Contact Details. Please fill in the slip below and return to school, even if you have not changed your details we would like the slip filled in and returned to ensure we have the most current information and we are able to contact you in case of emergency.

Student’s Name:_______________________________
Address: ______________________________________
______________________________________________
Home Ph:______________________________________
Parent/ Carer 1 Mobile __________________________
Parent/ Carer 2 Mobile __________________________
Emergency Contact 1 Name Ph____________________
Emergency Contact 2 Name Ph:____________________

Would you like to volunteer at our School?

- Volunteers need to complete a Working with Children Declaration – Volunteer details must be updated every 12 months.
- Volunteers must also provide 100 Points of Identification – the following 4 items will provide 100 points.
  - Driver’s Licence
  - Medicare Card
  - Keycard
  - Credit Card OR Rates/Electricity/Telephone

This is a requirement of DEC for all volunteers working in the schools. For more information please see Lyn in the office.

Please Note: before you are able to volunteer at Wardell Public School you must fill out a Working with Children Declaration and provide 100 points of identification to our school.

This is not to be intended to be a hassle for volunteers, but to ensure students are in a caring environment.