



Winton Primary School

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Term 1 Week 2 – Monday 2nd February 2015

Important Dates for Term 1

TERM 1

6 th Feb	Open Water Learning grade 3/6
11 th Feb	Meet & Greet parents / teachers
16 th Feb	School Council Meeting 2.00pm
18 th Feb	COOKING – No lunch required
20 th Feb	Swimming Sports Wangaratta
4 th March	COOKING – No lunch required
9 th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
18 th March	Grade 5/6 Anglesea Camp
19 th March	Grade 5/6 Anglesea Camp
20 th March	Grade 5/6 Anglesea Camp
27 th March	Term 1 ends

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to everyone for the 2015 school year. It's an especially exciting time for our Foundation student as she begins her primary school journey. We also welcome new students to Winton Primary School—Tyler, Eva and Kingston It is lovely to see fellow classmates making the effort to ensure their start at our school is an inviting experience.

Once again it was wonderful to see all the parents around the school. Parents are a vital part of our school community and we warmly welcome your involvement across the school. Please have a chat with your child's teacher on how you can assist. A big welcome to our 2 new staff members, Lesley Temme in the grade 3/6 class and Tanya Boyle in the junior room who will be working as an Integration Aid. Once again Alanna Bell is taking the grade F/2 class and Alison Press will be teaching in both the junior and senior class on Mondays.

The Art and Library van will be visiting our school and in addition to these specialist subjects we will have Jacinta Watt taking Indonesian and Music and Alanna Bell will take bluearth. We will also be continuing with our Kitchen Garden Program.

It was very pleasing to see the strong start by all the students across the school. School assembly is held every Monday morning and parents are welcome to attend this.

Regards Colin



Newsletter

If you would prefer to have the school newsletter emailed to you please provide Alanna with an emailing address.



Welcome

We welcome Taylia into the Foundation/2 grade. She was happy to leave mum on her first day at school.

FOUNDATION School Days

No school for Foundation students on Wednesdays during February. They will need their rest.

ALLERGIES

We do have a student at Winton Primary who is anaphylactic to pineapple so we request that no pineapple be brought to school thankyou.



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Meet and Greet

All parents are invited to a 'Meet the Teacher' evening next Wednesday 11th February. This is not a compulsory meeting but rather if you have information that you feel would be beneficial to pass onto your child's teacher to help with their time at school. Notes about these meetings are attached to the newsletter.

BE ACTIVE IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION: VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

Just because your child has started school, don't feel that your role as educator is at an end. There is so much to do to help your child learn, as you are well aware.

We welcome and value your participation in the your child's learning. Here are a few ideas:

- School Council
- Assisting on Sports Days
- Assisting with Camps or Excursions
- Assisting with classroom activities—reading and numeracy
- Assisting with the Cooking and Gardening Programs
- Sharing your skills and knowledge with the children in unit work
- Parents Working Bees
- Fundraising activities

School Council Meeting

Our first school council meeting will be held on Monday the 16th February at 2.00pm.

Homework

A very important homework expectation is that all students do some form of reading each night. The junior children will have a reading satchel with a book to read in it. Also in there they have a

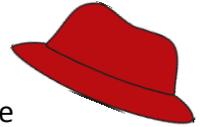
list of words that they are learning, 5 to 10 minutes each night looking at and using these words will be very beneficial for your child's reading and writing ability.



Sun Smart at Winton

As part of our policy of being a Sun Smart School all students are required to wear a hat when outside for sports activities or lunch and recess times. School hats are provided for this purpose and must be worn. There are new hats now available from the office.

Cost of \$14 each



Library Books

Could parents please provide a water-proof bag for the children to take home library books? Books are often damaged through the water condensation from drink bottles or fruit being squashed in bags.

Administration Update

This week you will receive details we have on file of your child's enrolment details. Please check them, make any changes needed and send them back to the school office promptly. e.g. Mobile numbers are updated, change of address, **emergency contacts change**, children develop allergies or may need different regular medicines. Having up-to-date information helps us care for your child and contact you quickly if the need arises.

Conveyance Allowance

Families who live over 4.8 kms from the school or their nearest bus-stop are eligible for a Conveyance Allowance.

Applications for **new** students need to be **completed by the end of this week**. Please call at the **school office** to complete an application form if you haven't already done so.

School Material Accounts

The schedule for the school fees for 2015 will be sent out this week.

The total charge for the year is \$208. This covers \$110 for all you child's essential items provided to them throughout the year, \$48 covering four



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visiting performances during the year and \$50 for the kitchen garden program.

Other excursions, camp and sports days are charged as the occasions arise.

Prompt payment would be appreciated, any one paying before the 20th of February can pay a discounted price of \$200. Please enquire at the office if you have any enquiries.

Camps and Excursions

Last year school council passed the following policy. "Camps and excursions will need to be paid for or payment plans began before children attend these otherwise children will not attend these days/events. If whole school attends children not attending will need to be taken by their parent to Glenrowan Primary School." We will try to give as much notice as possible as to when these events will be held so parents can plan these payments.

Specialist Subjects

ART with Cate Geard Tuesdays fortnightly starting February the 3rd.

LIBRARY with Katrina Davies Wednesdays fortnightly starting February 11th.

LOTE Indonesian with Jacinta Watt Friday fortnightly starting January 30th.

Music Friday with Jacinta Watt fortnightly starting February 6th.

Bluearth with Alanna Bell Thursday weekly.

Reminders

Just a reminder that the school grounds and surrounding areas are a Smoke Free Zone. We ask that people picking and dropping off children respect this rule and refrain from smoking in these areas especially the car park.

We also ask that parents stay vigilant when picking their children up at school, if it is necessary to park across the road from the school

please make sure you come and collect your child from the school gate.



Mrs Boyle working with the F/2 grade.



The juniors found all sorts of things growing in the vegetable garden. Corn, zucchini, eggplants, cucumber and tomatoes.