FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

UNIFORM REMINDER
School uniforms are an important factor in developing a healthy school tone, a sense of school community and a sense of belonging.

We are asking parents to help us with reminding students to continue to come to school each day dressed in an appropriate manner that we can be proud of.

- VWSS shirts (Note: Prep students wear a Jade Green Prep shirt)
- Black shorts (for boys or girls); black pleated skirts or black skorts are also options for girls. (bike pants or tights are recommended under skirts for active play)
- Closed shoes – preferably of a dark colour; worn with white socks
- Sunsafe school hats e.g. bucket style or slouch hat
- Winter uniform for cooler weather – bottle green tracksuit/jumper or jacket. Black tracksuit pants or leggings (please avoid sheer tights, printed or threadbare leggings)
- Jewellery should not be worn as it can pose a risk of injury to your child or others. Watches and small sleepers or stud earrings may be worn.

CYBER SAFETY FOR STUDENTS
Once your child begins to communicate and share information online or via mobile phone it is critically important from a safety perspective that parents supervise their child and teach them how to have a safe online or e-presence.

YAPPY is a good acronym for remembering the personal information children should not share online or via messaging – Your full name, Address, Phone number, Passwords, Your plans.
Disturbingly, research shows that one in five Australian children aged 8 to 17 has been the target of cyberbullying in the past year. Cyberbullying can occur in many ways, including:

- abusive texts and emails
- hurtful messages, images or videos
- imitating others online
- excluding others online
- humiliating others online
- nasty online gossip and chat.

Social media accounts are a common source of cyberbullying. Did you know that you can only open a legitimate social media account e.g. Facebook, Snapchat, Kik and Instagram if you are over the age of 13? This rule is in place in Australia for child safety reasons. (The age varies from country to country.)

If you feel you have been the victim of cyberbullying, you can lodge a complaint via the federal government’s Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner website: https://esafety.gov.au/

As well as helping you make a complaint, the website provides many other resources e.g. find someone to talk to, advice and strategies for dealing with issues, information for parents and children.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
The last day of school for Term 3 is THIS Friday 16 September. School resumes on TUESDAY 4 October (Monday 3 October is a Public Holiday).

Wishing everybody a safe and happy spring vacation.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
5 September – 9 September 2016

HELP!

With this Newsletter you will receive a flyer about our Prep Readiness program.

Please pass this onto a neighbour friend or relative who has a child looking for a fantastic Prep program in a fantastic school.
**P & C NEWS**

With the end of the year just around the corner, there are only two more P & C Meetings (October & November) for me as President as my son Jacob graduates this year.

Vanessa O’Reilly will also be resigning as Secretary come November.

Angela Arnold has already resigned as Vice President due to her position as Tuckshop Convenor.

New nominations will be required to run P & C for 2017. If anyone is interested in any of these positions please speak with me or any of the office staff. You are also more than welcome to attend any of the last two meetings.

Kim Herman - President

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**CHAPPY NEWS**

Vienna Woods State School, we need you!

Join a team on Saturday 22nd October in a 30 minute spin bike challenge and raise funds for our Chaplaincy Program. If you are in grade 5 or 6, a parent, a teacher, or a member of our school community you can be involved. Great prizes to be won including Penny Skateboards for the top two student fundraisers from our school. Contact Chappy Carol if you’re interested or visit [www.spinoff.org.au](http://www.spinoff.org.au)

96.5 FM

Come and see the 96five crew as they take their breakfast show on the road with the Family Show’s School Excursion! They will be broadcasting here live from 6am-9am on Wednesday 5th October and there will be loads of other fun family activities including jumping castle, sporting games, freebies and of course a coffee cart for the parents to purchase their own coffee. Come along and have breakfast on us (you just have to buy the coffee) and join in the fun activities.

Chappy Carol

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**PARENT GROUP**

Thank you to all the parent helpers that have taken time out of their day to assist this term. Our Parent Group could not run and be a success if it wasn’t for this help.

Enjoy your holidays, stay safe and I look forward to seeing some new faces next term.

Katherine Simmonds

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**SCHOOL BANKING**

School Banking is a great fundraiser for our school. We receive $5 for every Activated Account via the School Banking program (i.e. for each student who banks through the school’s program for the very first time) and 5% of every deposit made at school (up to a maximum of $10 commission per individual deposit). For more information visit [www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) or contact the Office Staff.

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Please Help!

Next term we are creating a Makerspace in the library and we really need your help. A Makerspace is an area designed for students to tinker, explore, create and invent. It will be linked to digital and design technologies curriculum. The students will have the opportunity to work on STEM challenges and open ended Makerspace ideas.

We are in need of the following supplies to help us get this up and running:

- Cardboard: tubes, boxes, cartons, packaging
- Art Supplies: pipe cleaners, lace, paper, fabric, clay, play doh, ribbon, buttons, felt, yarn, craft sticks, rubber bands.
- Plastic: Lids, tubing, containers, spools.
- Any Nonworking: electronics, headphones, keyboards, remote controls.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated!

Felicity Norton
Year 5/6 Teacher
School Events Calendar

16 Sept     Last day of Term 3
3 Oct      Public Holiday
4 Oct      First day of Term 4
11 Oct    Yrs 4-6 Carnival Day
17 Oct    Pupil Free Day
24 Oct – 26 Oct Yr 5 Camp

Events Calendar

5 Oct     96.5 broadcast & brekkie
22 Oct    Spin Bike Challenge