From the Principal

I was looking for a quote to start my piece this week and found this one written by Maya Angelou, an American activist for equal rights. Even though the context may be different I feel the sentiment echoes precisely what we stand for at Wilmot Primary School. Our values all align with Inclusive Education and follow the sentiments written into the Education Department’s policies and procedures concerning inclusion. Tasmanian Government schools enable students from all backgrounds, full access to inclusive learning experiences, environments and quality curriculum. Every school has a school support teacher to help build capacity through providing knowledge and skills. Further specialist support is also available for students with specific needs. At the moment our school receives specific funding to cater for the needs of all of our children. In consultation with specialists and families we have provided the following this year to cater for all of our children; sensory garden and room, targeted teacher assistant support, Literacy Support Program, ELF program, iPAds and associated apps, adjusted Daily PE activities, Speech and Language assessments, reviews and programs, Social Work and Psychology support and other targeted supports to provide equal access to all learning experiences.

Our commitment to meeting the needs of all our children is the fundamental cornerstone of our work.

Emma Langton Principal
The children in LiL now have puddle suits to wear whilst they are playing outside. This will mean that even when it is raining they can choose to play outside. This week they enjoyed exploring the new sensory garden in the sunshine. Everyone stayed dry and warm whilst they explored and investigated.
This week we sent home some lovely LIFT Packs with the children in Kinder to Grade Two. The pack contains a beautiful book, a game, pencils, note pad, stickers and fridge magnets. We hope you enjoy your packs. It would be great to hear what you do with your packs with your family.

All families have been given another copy of their child’s QR code to access the, ‘Seesaw’ app. Many other schools use this as a way of communicating with families. The senior class has been using this for a number of weeks so that Miss Langton can share the learning that happens in the classroom. Mrs Baker has just started to use this too. It’s a great way to see what your child has been doing at school and an easy way to ask, if you have any questions. You can also use your computer to access, ‘Seesaw’ if you do not have a device that you can use an app on. We look forward to sharing the learning in our school and reading your comments.
Future School Starting Age Update

As you may be aware, the Government has been working on a change to the school starting age through the Education Act review process. The original proposal to make the compulsory starting age of Prep 4 years and 6 months has now changed to a minimum starting age.

This is in recognition that parents and carers are best placed to decide when their child should start school. The Government has agreed that, although the age at which a child can commence in Prep will be lowered to 4 years and 6 months, the compulsory school starting age will remain at five.

The commencement of this change would take effect in Prep in 2021, which means children who were born in the first half of 2016 will be eligible for Kindergarten in 2020.

These changes result in an optional Kindergarten starting age of 3 years and 6 months in 2020, so parents can decide on what suits their child best.

For further information on this topic please see the below link to an updated fact sheet:


If you have any questions about the upcoming changes, please email: comments@education.tas.gov.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

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TERM 3 HEALTHY LUNCHES

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National Water Week

From 16th-22nd October the National Water Association will be conducting National Water Week. The aim of this special week is to encourage people to think about water conservation and how water is vital for life and communities. TasWater is conducting a poster competition as an opportunity to get students engaged with their natural environment and thinking about the importance of water. There are prizes of a Samsung Tablet, Book Set or Children’s gardening kit to be won for each prize winner’s school. All students from Prep to Grade 6 have completed a poster to express what the following theme means to them:

“Water – Life – Growth”

If you agree for your child’s poster to be entered in the competition, please complete the entry form being sent home with today’s newsletter and return to school by Friday 2nd September. Here is a selection of our posters by Toby B, Taleah, Thomas and Toby H.
WATER
LIFE
GROWTH
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2nd all children are asked to wear their favourite sports colours or sports outfit to school. Any sport is fine. We are doing this to support the footy colours day fight cancer campaign. Therefore, we ask all children to bring in a gold coin donation on the day.

Move Well Eat Well

Healthy lunchbox ideas

Help our school make healthy eating part of every student’s day.

- Tap into water - water is the best way to beat thirst, so include a water bottle with your child’s lunch.
- Plant fruit and veg in your child’s lunchbox - include fresh fruit or vegie sticks or a salad roll or salad wrap.
- Limit ‘occasional’ foods in the lunch box (like chocolate, chips or muesli bars - keep these for special occasions at home). Instead, pack ‘everyday’ snacks like:
  - fresh fruit
  - air-popped popcorn
  - fruit
  - wholemeal crackers
  - pikelets
  - fruit tubs
  - with cheese
  - vegie sticks and dip
  - yoghurt
  - custard

If you have a cooler pack in the lunchbox include snacks like:

For more healthy lunchbox ideas visit:
www.movewelleatwell.tas.gov.au/families

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Move Well Eat Well
We are a Member school!
www.movewelleatwell.tas.gov.au
You’re invited...

We’re hosting an event in support of the national charity R U OK? because we believe that asking “are you ok?” is something we can all do to make a difference every day.

Come join us for a

FREE

Afternoon Tea

Date/ Time: Thursday 8th September 2016 1pm-3pm
Location: Sheffield Town Hall

Visit ruok.org.au for tips on how to ask #ruokday

WOMEN’S HEALTH WEEK

It’s time to get rid of the elephant in the room and get talking about women’s health. Jean Hailes says... No more elephants!

As part of Women’s Health Week Kentish Family Support House is hosting a

FREE

Healthy Morning Tea

Come join us and catch up with others, grab yourself a show bag, take part in lucky door prizes, and enjoy some healthy morning tea. A Local nurse/midwife specialising in women’s health will be available to answer questions and provide free women’s health information.

FRIDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2016

10am - 11.30am

Get the facts at www.womenshealthweek.com.au
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