# Wooranna Park's Wooldering Wednesday 30 July 2025

# Hi everyone,

#### **Student Led Conferences**

Thank you to all the families who have had or are having their Student Led Conferences tonight. We hope you have found them to be a great opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher, together with your child, to discuss their learning and how to support them in Semester Two.



If you do not have a conference booked then I strongly encourage you to contact your child's teacher to make sure you have a discussion, in support of your child's learning.



#### **School uniform**

Thank you too for helping to ensure your children learn the importance of wearing the **correct school uniform** particularly during these colder days. A school uniform removes the sense of competition in dress, which can often cause stress amongst students and in addition, has the important safety factor of making Wooranna Park Primary children instantly recognisable.

If you require some assistance in accessing a uniform, please see us at the Office as we are more than happy to help you out so that your children have a strong sense of belonging to the Wooranna Park community.

#### **After Hours School Care**

As we commence a new term, I do suggest that <u>all</u> families register their child/ren for DS Sports as it is free to enrol and while you are under no obligation to use this service it does provide support for you in the event of an emergency. For information about this program, please contact this service directly at:



https://www.dssports.org/wooranna-park-primary

Furthermore, students still at the office at 3:45pm will be taken up to this service for supervision.



## **Learning Starts at 9am**

Thank you to everyone who is helping their child/ren to start their day calmly and positively by ensuring that they get all the important instructions from 9am. As a staff team, we help them to be ready to learn by opening our classroom doors from 8:50am.

## KidsROAR Personal Safety Program

Later on in this term we will be engaging our students with <u>KidsROAR</u>, an incursion to ensure our students are empowered about their rights (Child Safe Standard 3).

**'We Are ROARsome' -Prep to Grade 4:** The Primary Years Personal Safety Programs are designed to empower children with simple strategies if faced with an unsafe situation, including potential abuse.

Personal Safety 4 Kids

Learning Intentions – At the end of the Program, students will be able to:

- Recognise safe and unsafe feelings
- Understand that we all have the right to feel safe at all times
- Identify and act upon early warning signs
- Know what consent is and why it is important
- Use and identify correct anatomical names for the private parts of their body
- Identify trusted adults they can talk to if they are feeling worried or unsafe
- Know that they can say 'NO' to an adult where they are feeling unsafe
- Persist in telling their trusted adults until they feel safe again
- Understand the difference between safe and unsafe secrets

**We Can 'ROAR' Workshop – Grades 5 & 6:** The Grade 5/6 'We Can ROAR' workshop supports students in establishing and maintaining respectful and safe relationships. This two hour interactive program not only includes further education on personal safety, but it also addresses the important concepts of Respect, Consent, Bullying and the Law, Consequences of Choices and Social Media Safety.

#### Respect and Consent

- Consent What is Consent and why it is important?
- Obtaining and Giving Consent Understanding Consent is reversible/mutual
- Types of Consent When Consent is not Consent
- Respect Self-Respect and Respecting others

#### Personal Safety

- Right to feel Safe What does this mean for me and for others?
- Early Warning Signs Identify and act upon early warning signs
- Private body parts Identify and use correct anatomical names for the private parts of their body
- Secrets Difference between safe and unsafe secrets
- Safety Network Identify trusted adults they can talk to if they are feeling worried or unsafe
- Personal Safety & Technology Social media, photos and safe communication

#### Choices – Legal Consequences

- Consent not obtaining
- Bullying understanding it is illegal
- Illegal Photos/Videos possession and distribution
- Ripple Effect of a criminal record

We are offering an online parent/carer session in the lead up to the classroom session which I would strongly encourage you to attend on **Thursday 31 July online from 6pm for Prep to Year 3 families** and **Tuesday 12 August from 7:30pm for Year 4 to 6 families**. More information will be published closer to the date.

#### **Mini Fete**

On Friday 15 August our students will be planning, running and engaging in a Mini Fete, from 2:10pm till 3pm. Each class will be responsible for planning and marketing their stall and then running it on the day. When the students are not working on their stall, they will have the opportunity to visit other stalls, giving them an authentic experience in exchanging and budgeting their money.

While this is a not-for-profit event, we would appreciate some donations of clean soft toys, chocolate bars and Halloween props, ideally before Monday 11 August. We also hope we hope you can support this experience by ensuring your child has up to \$10 to spend on the day, ideally in coins. A shopping bag would be helpful too for them to carry around their purchases. There will be a couple of 'free' stalls also!



It is very important the school has your most **current emergency contact** telephone details, email and home address. If you change telephone details, email or home address at any point, we ask that you update the school with your accurate contact details as soon as possible.

This is a reminder that schools do not provide **personal accident insurance or ambulance cover** for students. Parents and carers of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance and any other transport costs.



#### **School Gates**

In support of ensuring a safe learning environment for our students, I did want to remind everyone that our two gates are locked at **9am**. Therefore, if you find yourself still within the school grounds at this time then you will need to exit via the front office.

Please note that the gate up at the TOC is locked a bit later to ensure community access to the food pantry.

#### **School Polices**

As valuable partners in promoting and maintaining child safety and wellbeing at Wooranna Park Primary School, we welcome and encourage your feedback. If you have any suggestions, comments or questions in relation to our child safe policies and practices, please contact us.



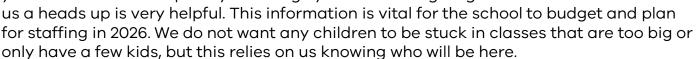
https://www.woorannaparkps.vic.edu.au/page/13/Policies

**School Council** 

#### Time to Plan Ahead!

I respect that it is scary to think about 2026, but we are beginning to look at our enrolment numbers and whole school structure.

If you have any intentions to unfortunately leave WPPS in the next 6 months, please let the school office know ASAP. Your decision does not need to be confirmed and does not mean your child loses their spot if you change your mind but giving



If you suspect you may be moving house, travelling overseas or you know your visa is expiring, please communicate this to office as soon as possible.

And if you have a child starting school in 2026, we require your support submitting their enrolment form to the front office ASAP.

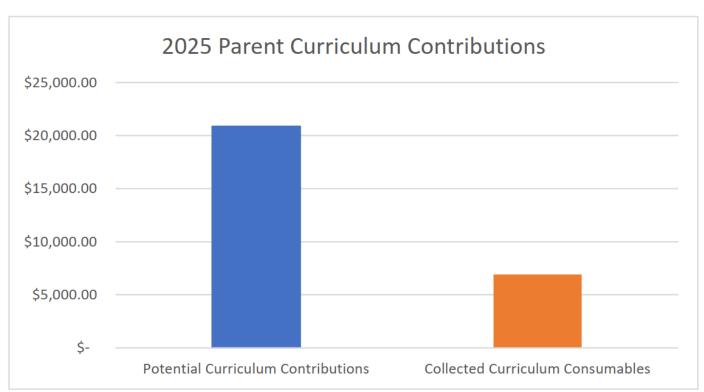
## **Father's Day Stall**

If you can help in any way in preparation or at our Father's Day stall, please register via the following links: <a href="https://forms.gle/xMsFvcWeBnKUtUU09">https://forms.gle/xMsFvcWeBnKUtUU09</a>.

## **Financial Support**

As you are probably aware, schools provide students with free instruction to develop the knowledge and skills for life-long learning, social development, active and informed citizenship, set out in the Victorian Curriculum. Your financial contributions in support of this are voluntary.

The ongoing financial support of our families ensures that our school can offer above and beyond what is set out in the mandated curriculum. Thank you to all families who have financially supported our school through voluntary contributions. As of 10 June, this year, we have collected 33% (compared to 50.24% in 2024) of curriculum contributions, which enables us to resource and purchase additional equipment to improve our learning programs.



The extra support from families has enabled us to offer special curriculum experiences; enhance digital learning opportunities; school buildings and grounds maintenance and enhancements; faster WIFI and internet.

We are still able to receive parent contributions through a variety of payment methods:

- Eftpos available at the Office
- BPAY Individual reference number on your family statement
- Direct Deposit to the school's bank account.

**Commonwealth Bank: BSB:** 063249 **ACC:** 10045292

#### **Curriculum Day**

**Monday 25 August** is a curriculum day as the staff will be engaging in some professional learning with other local schools so students are not required at school.



**DS Sports** will be open all day if you require childcare. However, you will need to enrol them ASAP:

Amanda Ellaby
Executive Principal

# **SHARING OUR**



# **OF LEARNING**

Welcome to Term 3! Our Prep students have returned with enthusiasm and quickly reconnected with classroom routines and whole-school expectations. They are showing greater independence during morning independent reading and are engaging in phonics games to strengthen their foundational literacy skills. A highlight this week was Show and Tell, where students confidently shared personal experiences and practised speaking and listening through purposeful questioning. In writing, they are using whiteboards to refine letter formation, supporting handwriting and writing sentences, along with fine motor development. In maths, students are exploring addition and subtraction using number stories to represent a pictorial representation, building understanding through hands-on, visual learning. We are looking forward to a term full of exciting and fun learning experiences ahead!



















# **GRADES OF THE WEEK**



Each week our classes earn points during their Specialists' class by:

- respecting others' right to learn (respect).
- keeping our body parts to ourselves and their personal space (safe).
- Looking after classroom and school equipment (responsible).

The class with the most points hosts Puggles for the week...and if a class wins Puggles three times then they will get a pizza party!





# MINI FETE

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT WITH THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS.

- EGGS
- BUTTER
- SOFT TOYS
- CASTER SUGAR
- SELF RAISING FLOUR
- CHOCOLATE BARS
- HALLOWEEN PROPS



Donations can be dropped at the front office, ideally before Monday 11 August.

WOORANNA PARK STUDENTS PRESENTS



# MINI FETE

FRIDAY 15 AUGUST | OPEN FROM 2:10PM IN THE TOC

FOOD STALLS / HAUNTED HOUSE GAMES / BOOKS / ... AND LOTS MORE!







STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING UP TO \$10 AND A SHOPPING BAG. FAMILIES ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THIS EVENT AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO GIVE YOUR CHILDREN THE INDEPENDENCE TO ENJOY THIS EVENT!









# Book Fair

# When

Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>
Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>
Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>



Where

Meeting Room from 3:30pm - 4pm





To register, visit vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is led by the Premier with the support of former premiers.





# PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE



# Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and **Wooranna Park Primary School** is excited to be taking part!

It is not a competition; it is a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by the **5**<sup>th</sup> **of September 2025**.

Children from **Prep to Year 2** are encouraged to read or 'experience' **30 books** with their parents and teachers. Children from **Year 3 to Year 10** are challenged to **read 15 books**.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

Your child should have received a challenge username and passcode. This should be kept in their school diary. Most books can be found in our school library or on our class bookshelves. The below link provides a long list of the challenge books.

https://vprc.eduweb.vic.gov.au/searchbooklist

To electronically record books read at home or school please follow the below steps.

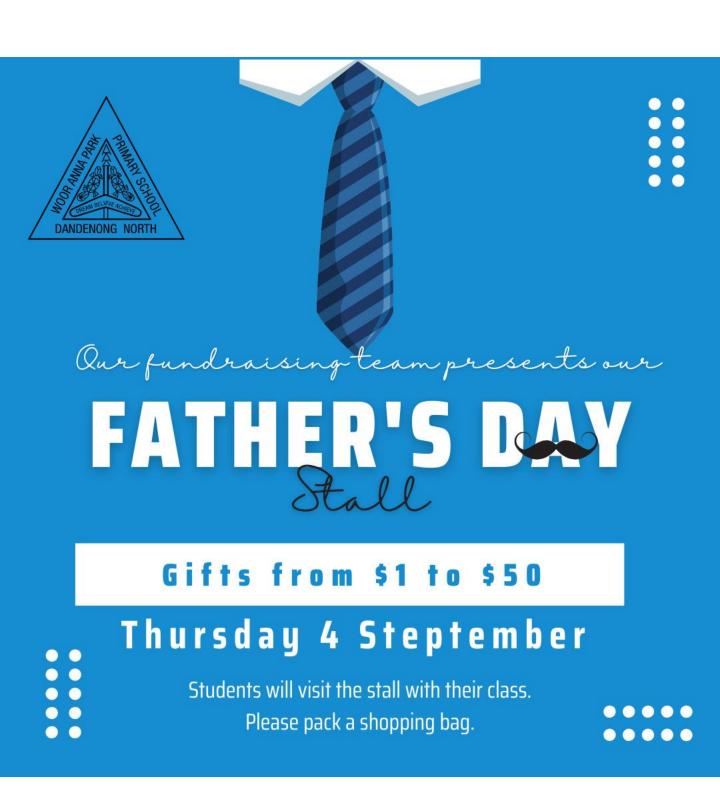
- Go to https://vprc.eduweb.vic.gov.au/home
- 2. Select the 'school coordinator or student sign in' button.
- 3. Click on the 'VPRC login'.
- 4. Enter your child's username and passcode. This will take you to their Premiers' Reading Challenge dashboard.
- 5. Select 'Search Books' in the side menu.
- 6. Enter the book's name, author, series name or ISBN number in the search field.
- 7. Select the 'Search' button.
- 8. Find the book you want from the search results and select the book title. This will open the book details.
- 9. Select the '+Add book' button.
- 10. Then return to the 'Dashboard' and click 'Finished'.

These instructions can also be found on our school website. We hope to see lots of students partake in this fun reading adventure!

# **FUNDRAISING UPDATE**

If you can help in any way in preparation or at our Father's Day stall, please register via the following links:

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# Dietary guidelines: children 4-8 years



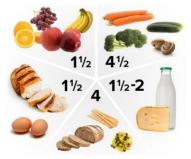


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#### Daily dietary guidelines for children 4-8 years



Children need a wide variety of healthy foods from each of the 5 food groups. How much food children need depends on body size and activity levels.



Children aged 4-8 years should aim for 1½ serves of fruit; 4½ serves of vegies; 1½-2 serves of dairy; 4 serves of grains; and 1½ serves of lean meats, eggs, nuts, seeds or legumes.





Children need **5 cups (1.2 L) of fluid** a day and extra on hot or humid days or if they sweat a lot. Water is the best drink for children. They can also have milk.

Children should avoid soft drinks, fruit juices, flavoured milk or water, sports drinks and energy drinks.

#### Food groups: daily serves of fruit, vegetables, cereals and grains



Fruit: 1 serve = 1 medium apple, banana, orange or pear; or 2 small plums, kiwi fruits or apricots; or 1 cup diced or canned fruit (no added sugar). Offer 1½ serves a day.



**Vegetables:**1 serve = ½ medium potato (or sweet potato or corn); or ½ cup cooked vegies (like broccoli, spinach, carrots, pumpkin); or 1 cup green leafy or raw salad vegies; or ½ cup cooked, dried or canned beans or lentils. Offer 4½ serves a day.



Cereal and grains: 1 serve = 1 slice of bread; or ½ cup cooked rice, pasta, noodles, quinoa or polenta; or ½ cup porridge; or ¾ cup wheat cereal flakes; or ¼ cup muesli; or 1 crumpet or small English muffin. Wholegrain is best. Offer 4 serves a day.

#### Food groups: daily serves of dairy, protein and healthy fats



Dairy: 1 serve = 1 cup (250 ml) pasteurised cow's milk; or 1 cup dairy alternative like soy or rice milk with at least 100 mg of added calcium per 100 ml; or 2 slices of cheese; or ¾ cup (200 gm) yoghurt; or ½ cup ricotta cheese. Choose mostly reduced-fat dairy. Offer 1½-2 serves a day.



Meat, fish, poultry, eggs, nuts, seeds, legumes: 1 serve = 65 gm cooked lean beef, lamb, veal or pork; or 80 gm cooked lean chicken or turkey; or 100 gm cooked fish fillet; or 170 gm cooked tofu; or 2 large eggs; or 1 cup cooked lentils, chickpeas or canned beans; or 30 gm (1½ tablespoons) peanuts, almonds, sunflower seeds or sesame seeds. Offer 1½ serves a day.





Healthy fats:you can include 1 serve of unsaturated fat per day in cooking, baking, pastes or dressings. 1 serve = 1-2 teaspoons (5-10 gm) of olive, canola and rice bran oil or margarine made from these oils; or 1-2 teaspoons (5-10 gm) of nut or seed pastes; or 1 tablespoon (20 gm) of avocado.

Avoid foods like cakes, biscuits, chips, lollies, processed meats, and fried or takeaway foods. They're high in saturated fat, sugar and salt.

# **FUTURE ENROLMENTS**

If you have a child who will be starting Prep in 2026, please visit or call the Office to organise an interview with one of our leadership members.

This process helps us to get to know your little one in support of their transition to school.

If you know of a family who is wanting to join the Wooranna Park community in 2026, please encourage them to call the Office to organise a school tour.

Details about the 2026 Prep enrolment process can be found on our website at <a href="https://www.woorannaparkps.vic.edu.au/page/12/Enrolment">https://www.woorannaparkps.vic.edu.au/page/12/Enrolment</a>

# STEPPING UP INTO SCHOOL IN 2026!

Transition and information sessions for enrolled students and their families!



# From 2:30pm till 3:15pm

- Thursday 13 November
- Thursday 20 November

# **Enrol Now**



Call Find Us

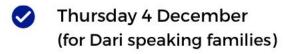
(03) 9795 2007



Visit Website Us

www.woorannaparkps.vic.edu.au









# **FACEBOOK & WEBSITE**

A few posts have been put up on our website over the past week. Please make sure you visit the home page and scroll down to catch up.

## https://www.woorannaparkps.vic.edu.au/



#### KidsROAR Personal Safety Program

Later on this term our students will be attending the KidsROAR incursion, to ensure they are empowered about their rights (Child Safe Standard 3).

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#### ICAS School Competitions

This year we are offering all students the opportunity to participate in a range of ICAS competitions which are designed to recognise academic excellence.

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#### Father's Day Stall

We have our very popular Father's Day stall coming up on **Thursday 4 September.** 

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Wooranna Park Primary School

#### Hot Chocolates every Friday

As we prepare for some colder weather our student leadership team will be selling hot chocolates most Friday throughout Term Three, as marked on the calendar.

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If you're planning to volunteer at our school, be it for excursions, camps, classroom help or events, you must hold a Volunteer Working with Children Check (WWCC).

This is a requirement under Victorian law and part of our school's commitment to upholding child safety standards.

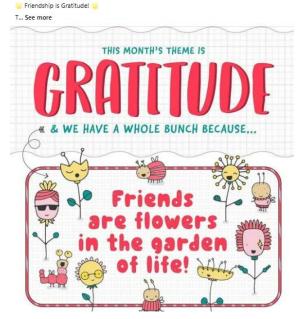
- It's free for volunteers
- It's quick and easy to apply
- 🗹 It helps us meet our legal obligations and keep everyone safe

Apply here: https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and compliant school environment.

# WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK VICTORIA







CROSSING





# **UNIFORM REMINDERS**

The wearing of school uniform is compulsory at Wooranna Park Primary School. For our full uniform, please see the school website. All our uniform pieces can be purchased at **PSW, Unit 1, 9-11 South Link, Dandenong South, 3157** 



Orange Short Sleeve Polo Shirts



Navy Blue Windcheater



Navy Blue Bomber Jacket



Summer Dress



Navy Blue tracksuit pants/full length leggings No Jeans



Navy Blue Rugby or Gaberdine Shorts/Skort



Navy Blue Hat



Orange Long Sleeve Polo Shirt



Socks – White, Black, Navy



Sport Shoes or Black Shoes



Gloves and Scarves (White, Black, Navy)

# The following items are not permitted as a part of our uniform:

Jewellery



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Long Earrings

Nail Polish



Make-Up



# **IMPORTANT DETAILS**

# **CURRICULUM DAYS**

The following days have been endorsed by School Council:

- Monday 25 August
- Monday 27 October

Students do not attend school on these days. DS Sports will be providing childcare on these days.

On the last day of Terms One, Two and Three we have an early dismissal time of **2:30pm** and on the last day of Term Four we finish at **1:30pm**.

## COMMUNICATION

Wooranna Park Primary School recognises the importance of the partnership between schools and families to support student learning, engagement and wellbeing.

Your child's teacher will offer you a range of opportunities to communicate with them including:

**XUNO** 

- ✓ XUNO
- ✓ School diary
- ✓ Formal meetings
- ✓ Before/After school chats

If you do not have access to XUNO please contact our school Office and find out how you can obtain it as XUNO will be used several times each week so we want everyone to have access.

# **FACEBOOK**

Please like our <u>Facebook page</u>. This page will be used by the school to inform families and the public of events and updates at the school. Feedback and discussion with parents/carers are welcome, but the school will not use Facebook for this purpose.

Please contact the school directly if you wish to discuss matters, as per our communication process. Only this <u>Facebook page</u> is endorsed by the Principal. Any other

Facebook pages are not officially authorised representatives of the school.

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

It is very important the school has your most current emergency contact telephone details, home and e-mail address.

If you change telephone details or home and e-mail address at any point, we ask that you update the school with your accurate contact details as soon as possible.

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# **STUDENT SUPERVISION**

Please note that our school grounds are supervised by school staff at the following times:

- Before school from 8:30am to 9am
- Throughout recess and lunch
- After school from 3:30pm to 3:45pm.

Our gates are locked each afternoon at 3:45pm. Students in the school grounds after this time will be cared for at <u>DS Sports</u> at the family's expense.

The school grounds are not supervised outside of the above times.

It is important that families understand that the park, opposite the school, is not supervised by staff before or after school.

While some families use this area as a meeting place, please know children must be supervised by an adult, as per the Greater Dandenong Council's direction.



# **BREAKFAST CLUB**



Breakfast is available for all students from 8:15am.

# **MORE IMPORTANT DETAILS**

## OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CARE



**DS Sports will be providing Outside School Hours Care** at Wooranna Park Primary School from 3.30pm to 6pm, every afternoon, Monday to Friday.

DS Sports provides an adventurous and stimulating After School Care program, in a safe and inclusive environment.

DS zones are a place for growth and nurture the building of life-time skills. Our zones incorporate Health, Play, Leisure, Language, Real Life Connections and promotes the building of positive relationships with peers and our staff.

All families are strongly encouraged to register their child/ren for DS Sports as it is free to enrol and while you are under no obligation to use this service it does provide support for you in the event of an emergency. For information about this program, please contact this service directly at:

https://www.dssports.org/wooranna-parkprimary

# **MOBILE DEVICES**

In line with the Department of Education's Mobile Phone policy, all phones brought to school must be switched off and stored securely in the front Office, during the school day.

A mobile phone is a telephone with access to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network. For the purpose of this policy, "mobile phone" refers to mobile phones and any device that may connect to or have a similar functionality to a mobile phone such as a smartwatch.

When a student is not complying with this mobile phone policy, we will be required to follow a process in accordance with our existing student engagement polices.

# **LUNCH ORDERS**

Subway lunch orders are available each Friday. There is a pre-ordering system and orders must be placed via XUNO by 4pm each Tuesday for the Friday's lunch.



Late orders cannot be accepted.

## SAFETY

All bike and scooter riders are required to wear a bike helmet in Victoria.

Approved helmets have the Australian Standards Mark TM (AS/NZS 2063) and will be marked as suitable for cycling.

Children under the age of 12 may ride on footpaths, as can a supervising adult. They are required to give way to pedestrians and to wheel their bicycles over pedestrian and children's crossings.

Also, by law everyone must wear a seat belt when travelling in a car in Australia

# **SUNSMART**



For Term One and Four, we wear our named, broad brimmed, navy blue hat at all times when outside.

# **PROTECT**

# Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.





# It's everyone's responsibility.

Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources www.education.vic.gov.au/protect





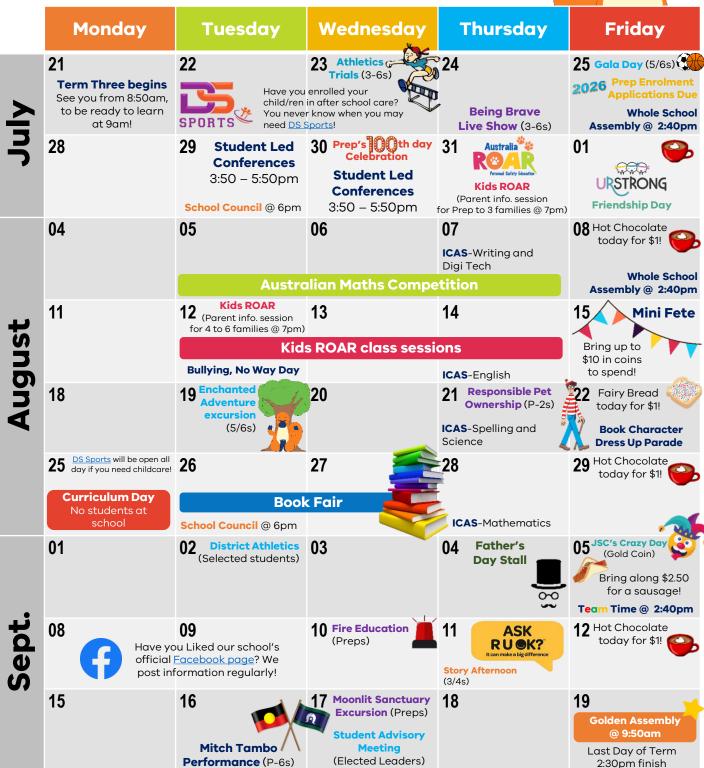






# **Term 3 2025**

Keep this handy calendar on your fridge for upcoming events at school. Check XUNO, visit <u>our website</u>, or follow our <u>Facebook page</u> as this calendar is subject to changes.





We are proud to acknowledge the Bunurong People as the traditional custodians of the land on which Wooranna Park Primary School is located. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.





# Rosewood Downs Uniting Kindergarten.

To Book a Tour Please Call 1800 183 103

We offer an inclusive and creative kinder program, led by educators who are focused on nurturing your child's strengths, interests and social connections.

# Program hours 2026

**Wombat Group** 

Tuesday and Thursday

8.30am-4.00pm

Koala Group

Monday and Wednesday

8.30am-4.00pm

Contact us earlylearning@unitingvictas.org.au Learn more earlylearning.unitingvictas.org.au

