Wednesday 6 March 2024

Hi everyone,

School Council Election

On Monday, our election process for our School Council concluded, filling 3 parent rep positions (2 years). The notice of School Council election results for 2024 can be found on <u>our website</u> along with additional information about School Council.

As you will note, we do still have 2 parent rep positions (casual vacancies) and 1 staff rep position (casual vacancy) to fill, to whom will be co-opted at the first School Council meeting on Tuesday 26 March 2024.

On Tuesday 26 March at 6:00pm we will host our **Annual General Meeting** which will then be followed by our first School Council meeting for 2024. As is the case for every School Council meeting, you are all welcome to attend!

Updated Policies

Throughout the year Wooranna Park Primary School reviews and updates its Child Safety Policies and Procedures, to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards, as well as other whole school policies. These are always available to view on the school's website and at the Office.

The updated and new policies, as recently presented to School Council, are highlighted for your convenience for:

- Drone Policy
- Statement of Values and School Philosophy Policy
- Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our Child Safety Policies procedures and practices.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please contact me via the school email: wooranna.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Commemorations

If your child is involved in any commemorations such as Ramadan or Muharram throughout the year, potentially impacting them from accessing the planned educational program, can you please communicate the requirements of this commemoration for their teachers' understanding otherwise they will be expected to participate in the learning that has been planned by their teachers, including our Specialist teachers.

Being Safe, Respectful and Responsible

I would like to highlight to all community members our school's Matrix of Expectations as communicated in the first newsletter of this year and in the little brochure that your child brought home last week..

I would like to reiterate the role that we **all** play in creating a safe and happy school environment, where every child has the right to learn. To enact these rights, we have shared expectations of all members of our community.

As we do with our students, I am especially asking that you make an extra effort to enact the following behaviours when engaging in our school community, modelling to our children **safe, respectful and responsible** behaviours:

- We are calm and use appropriate language when speaking to others.
- We help, look out for and support others.
- · We worry about ourselves and the things that affect us.

Let's help each other out! If your child happens to bring an item home that does not look like it belongs to them, can you please model to them that we take responsibility by returning it to the rightful owner.



Collection of Students During the School Day

If you are planning to collect your child/ren early from the Office, then you need to present the administration staff with photo identification. This process is in line with our Duty of Care policy. If you organise to have somebody else collect your child/ren, you must ensure that they are listed as an emergency contact or have been authorised by you, the parent/carer to collect the student.

If you are picking up a student during play break, we ask that you contact the Office prior to picking them up so that we can ensure their bag is at the Office. This is because all classrooms are locked during break times.

Mobile Phones in Schools

Given the Department's position on mobile phones in schools, I did want to highlight our policy here at Wooranna Park. As per the Mobile Phone policy, 'a mobile phone is a telephone with access to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network'. For 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 'smart watches'. I ask that you familiarise yourself with this policy in support of your child/ren understanding our school's requirements and processes.

Media Permission

Annually we do also ask that you give thought to staff **Photographing, Filming And Recording** your child/ren. Details about this can be found on our website at https://www.woorannaparkps.vic.edu.au/page/28/Photographing,-Filming-and-Recording-, including the form if you wish to opt out.

Uniform Donations

If you have any spare uniforms that your family no longer needs, we would really appreciate these to support other families. Feel free to drop them off at the front Office.



Crazy Hair Day

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Students can come with their hair styled in a silly, wacky or creative manner. We suggest colourful hair accessories, temporary hair dye or other fun hair accessories! They can also wear free dress!

A gold coin would be appreciated on the day with proceeds going to the Leukaemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave.

Families that want to make an additional donation can do so at: http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/JethroBatteselmrei

There will be a special assembly at 2:40pm where we will be supporting Jethro to cut his hair that he has been growing for the Leukaemia Foundation!

STEM Festival

On Wednesday 20 March from 3:40pm till 4:40pm, we will be hosting a <u>STEM Festival</u>.

As a family, we encourage you to visit each classroom to inspire each other in our STEM pursuits as we work together to build a brighter future!

Students will need to be accompanied by an adult as this is an afterschool activity.



Harmony Day

On Thursday 21 March we will be celebrating Harmony Day. Everyone is encouraged to wear their **traditional/cultural costume or any orange-coloured clothing** to represent the colour of Harmony.

Public Holiday

Please note that **Monday 11 March** is a Public Holiday, so students are **not** to come to school.



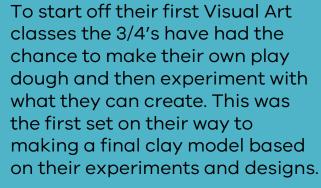






Grade 1/2 have been learning about the concepts of Line and Colour as part of the Elements of Art, allowing them to better understand how art









Grade 5/6 have begun to create their own Daruma, a goal setting doll used in Japan, out of Paper Mache. The process takes some time but so far, they have made a great start.







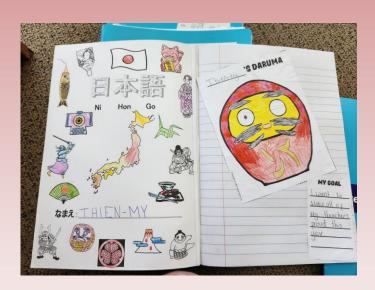


Grade's 1/2 and 3/4 have been learning about Daruma dolls and how they are used to set yearly self-improvement goals and track them, as well as setting up their Japanese books for the year.





This term our Preps have been introduced to their first Japanese lessons. We have learned about where Japan is and some facts about Japan. We have also started learning to count to ten in Japanese.



Grade 5/6 have also had a chance to set up their Daruma goals for the year as well as looking at the Japanese festival of Hinamatsuri or 'Girls Day'. The festival focusses on young girls and their futures, prioritising positive thoughts and good luck to ensure a happy life.

SHARING OUR



OF LEARNING

In the Grade 3/4 Unit

The Grade 3/4 students have been actively collaborating and using their creativity to establish a foundation for success. Within our homeroom groups, we've engaged in discussions about the shared values of our class. We have begun to familiarise ourselves with the 'Good Learning Behaviours' so that we can work it!

3/4A

Our Vision:

The Amazing All-Stars are striving to create a safe and calm learning environment. We aim to follow our school values, work well with others and always try our best.

Our Mission:

The Amazing All-Stars will reach their full potential by communicating respectfully, listening to others and having a go.

Our Class Motto:

Be safe. Be smart. Be courageous.



3/4B

Our Vision:

The Brilliant Bess aim to be inclusive, problem solvers and truth teller. We aim to everyone to feel safe.

Our Mission:

The Brilliant Bees will be accepting of all people in our class. We will ask for help and use the Good Learning Behaviours, so we don't stay stuck. We will be honest and caring so everyone feels safe.

Our Class Motto:

Challenges help us grow as learners.

3/4C

Our Vision:

In the Cool Chipmunks we are striving to be focused, safe, and supportive. We aim to always do our very best.

Our Mission:

In the Cool Chipmunks we will reach our full potential by using our minds and whole bodies to work it. We will persevere and always do our best work, while always respecting each other's right to learn

Our Class Motto:

Together we are stronger!

3/4D

Our Vision:

The Dynamite Dinosaurs are striving to follow the Matrix of Expectations by being respectful, safe and responsible. We want to be a happy and friendly class.

Our Mission:

To achieve our Vision we will say kind words to one another, learn new things, share with one another, help each other, play games and always try our best.

Our Class Motto:

Dvnamite Dinosaurs Do It Dutifully



WRITING

In literacy, we have been working on developing interesting storylines, characters and settings. We have been learning to make a top copy of our writing by including the correct pronouns and conjunctions in our writing.

INQUIRY

In inquiry, we have begun immersing ourselves into our mentor text 'Looking After Country With Fire' by Victor Steffenson. We have been further exploring this text through our weekly history, geography and art lessons.



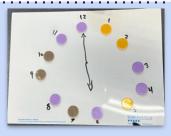






MATHS

In maths we have been learning to recognise, represent and order numbers. We have also been learning about the properties of analogue and digital clocks.







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EARTH & SPACE SCIENCES

This year, we introduced a new unit focusing on Earth that will progress to space and planets later in the term.

- Initially, we delved into detailed weather analysis.
- This coincided with a significant storm in the third week, where the rain catchers made by the 1/2 students proved useful, collecting over 2cm of rain in a 24-hour period. However, the homemade anemometers created by the 3/4 students struggled due to the strong winds.
- Meanwhile, senior school students explored landforms like volcanoes, various mountain types, rivers, and glaciers. They examined concrete volcano models underwater and used puzzles to illustrate tectonic plate formations along the Earth's crust.
- In the junior school, students studied day and night cycles and how the sun and moon influence our activities.
- Grade 1/2 engaged in a painting activity to feel the textures of the sun and moon, while the Prep students explored these concepts through drawings and games.

Additionally, they began learning about the seasons.





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Dear Wooranna Park Families,

This year we are celebrating **Harmony Day** on **Thursday the 21**st **of March** at Wooranna Park. We are very privileged as a community here at Wooranna Park with students coming from diverse cultural backgrounds. Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home- from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

On Thursday the 21st of March, students will be participating in Harmony Day activities where they will learn that Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it. Teachers will be organising various activities in their classrooms on this day, including a whole school picnic lunch and everyone is encouraged to wear their traditional/cultural costume or any orange coloured clothing to represent the colour of harmony.

We hope that every student will be able to participate on this special day.

Looking forward to a colourful Harmony Day!









Please wear a cultural costume or an orange shirt to join us in our Harmony Day celebrations.





A FRIENDLY REMINDER!

We are hosting our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 26 March

@ 6pm in 5/6B!

All welcome!

(03) 9795 2007 wooranna.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au



We are seeking donations for an Easter Raffle including chocolate eggs or Easter themed products. Please drop them in at the office.

> Our hat parade will take place at our Golden Assembly on Thursday 28 March at 9:50am.

> > The raffle will be drawn at this assembly and all students will be entered into the draw.

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/



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Carwatha College P-12

SECONDARY OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 26th March, 2024

Activities and tours from 6pm - 7pm
Information session from 7pm - 7.30pm
(This will include a session on our High Achievers Program and Football Academy).

Register your attendance here or you can register on the night.

GRADES OF THE WEEK



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

- asking for permission before leaving the classroom (respect).
- waiting for a teacher before entering a classroom (safe).
- lining up, ready to learn when the bell goes (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!

Congratulations to 1/2B, 1/2C, 3/4AC and 5/6B for being our grades of the week in the last fortnight!

SUNSMART REMINDERS

Just a reminder that <u>all</u> students and staff are expected to wear a named, broad brimmed, navy-blue hat during any outside activities from the beginning of Term One, until the end of April as detailed in our <u>Sun Protection Policy</u>.

Teachers on play support will be reminding students that **No Hat makes for No Play**. Students without an approved hat will be directed to remain in a shaded area.

Students are also encouraged to bring their own SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen to school. They are welcome to ask the yard duty teacher or attend the Office to access sunscreen.

Where practical, Wooranna Park Primary School also encourages students engaged in outdoor activities to wear close-fitting, wrap-around sunglasses that meet the Australian Standard 1067 (Sunglasses: Category 2, 3 or 4) and cover as much of the eye area as possible.



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**



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

Socks -

White, Black, Navy



Sport Shoes or Black Shoes

Gloves and Scarves

(White, Black, Navy)

IMPORTANT DETAILS

CURRICULUM DAYS

The following days have been endorsed by School Council:

- Monday 4 March
- Friday 17 May
- Wednesday 7 August
- Monday 28 October

Students do not attend on these days.

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 VillageOHSC 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

Village OSHC provides Outside School Hours Care at Wooranna Park Primary School



It takes a village to raise a child and we are yours! Village OSHC partners with schools Australia-wide to keep children safe and happy outside school hours as parents work or study. In our care, children make new friends, build on old friendships, get exercise, eat healthy food, embrace their imagination and have loads of fun in a safe and respectful environment.

Our after-school care program is run by Village OSHC. They operate **After School Care from 3.30pm to 6pm, Monday to Thursday.**

All families are strongly encouraged to register their child/ren for VillageOSHC as it is free to enrol and while you are under no obligation to use the service it does provide support for you in the event of an emergency. Plus, our students love attending this service! For information about this program, please contact the service directly at https://villageoshc.com.au/

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.

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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 much 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





















Jump Into Autumn With the VillageOSHC Holiday Program!





Endless Activities!

Partake in an exhilarating range of activities, from sports to arts and crafts! Every day at VillageOSHC is loaded with fun!





Exciting Incursions!

Conduct a myriad of awesome science experiments or create your very own music box! This autumn is packed with amazing incursions!





Adventurous Excursions!

Get on board for excursions with VillageOSHC! Take a trip to the Zoo or jump and flip through indoor trampoline parks and playcentres!



Book For Unforgettable School Holidays At VillageOSHC.com.au

SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM - SCHOOL NURSE VISIT

Michelle Baker, your Visiting Primary School Nurse from the Department of Education will be attending the school soon to conduct the Foundation health assessments.

The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian children with the opportunity to have a health assessment to link children, families and the school to relevant community services, and provide information and advice that promotes health and wellbeing.



If you have any concerns you would like to discuss with the Primary School Nurse and your child is in Foundation it would be great if you could complete the <u>ONLINE</u> 'School Entrant Health Questionnaire' (details distributed to the Foundation classes).

If your concerns relate to a child in Years 1-6 a 'School Nurse Referral Form' will need to be completed. Please speak to your class teacher who can assist you with this. The school nurse can then contact you regarding your concerns.



COME & PLAY

Come & Play is an offering for kids aged 5-12 years that focuses on providing a safe and inclusive introduction to football. While the kids are learning all about the basic skills of the game, the parent will be provided an opportunity to understand the game of Australia Rules Football.



Lois Twohig Reserve, North Dandenong,



Thursday, March 14th 5pm - 6pm

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Term 1 2024

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 owners and custodians of the land on which Wooranna Park Primary School is located. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.



Download the **XUNO Family app** from Google Play or iOS app store to receive notifications to your phone of upcoming events, and notices!

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