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Wednesday 4 September 2024

## Hi everyone,

A special shout out to the incredible dads and father figures within our community We hope you had a great day on Sunday! Your dedication to your families does not go unnoticed. Last weekend, we celebrated your strength, support, and love you provide every day.



Thank you to all our families that also supported our Father's Day stall. This, along with your own family celebrations, offered us all an opportunity to reflect on the contribution that men make to the lives of children. Thank you to our helpers, **Aileen, Cassie, Daniel, Matt, Sally and Thushara.** Also, a special shout out to **Sam** for her leadership and coordination efforts with this stall, giving our students the opportunity to do some shopping.

### **School Saving Bonus**

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus. The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks. The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

#### Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

- Complete enrolment: If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about Enrolling in School.
- Check your contact information: Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- in October, to verify your email address
- in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, download the <u>School Saving Bonus</u> <u>Information sheet for government school parents and carers</u> or visit <u>vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus</u>.





## **School Saving Bonus**

#### Information for government school parents and carers

### **About the School Saving Bonus**

The Victorian Government is making life that little bit easier for families by providing a one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

This support will help cover the cost of school uniforms, textbooks, and school activities like camps, excursions and sports.

The School Saving Bonus is in addition to existing and continuing means-tested supports for Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) and the Affordable School Uniforms Program.

The School Saving Bonus will be provided to schools and families in Term 4, 2024.

### Who receives the School Saving Bonus

The School Saving Bonus is available for parents and carers of all Victorian government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025, except for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

## **Actions for parents and carers**

Parents and carers of children who meet the School Saving Bonus eligibility above are required to do the following by **Friday 18 October 2024**:

#### Complete enrolment

If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025, please complete enrolment. For more information, read about <a href="Enrolling in School"><u>Enrolling in School</u></a>.

#### Check your contact information

Ensure your contact information is up to date with your school. You can check this information by contacting your school directly.

## Accessing the \$400 School Saving Bonus

You do not need to apply for the School Saving Bonus.

The Department of Education will email you in November 2024 with your \$400 School Saving Bonus. You will be able to access it via an online system.

You can decide how to best use the School Saving Bonus for your family's needs. You can choose how to allocate the \$400 in the online system.

The bonus can be used towards 2025 school costs, which may include:





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- camps, trips, excursions and incursions
- · swimming and sporting programs
- outdoor education programs
- graduations
- school uniforms
- textbooks.

The bonus can be used at your school's approved textbook or uniform suppliers either in-store or online, or through State Schools' Relief. The list of suppliers may include a school uniform or bookshop. Any amount that you choose to allocate to textbooks and uniforms will be valid until 30 June 2025. It will then transfer to your child's school account for future activities.

Funds will roll over for use in future years if it is not all spent in 2025.

## Families with more than one eligible child

Families who have more than one child at the same school can combine their School Saving Bonus payments to use on one child, or for a specific activity. So, for example, a family with 3 children who are all government school students would receive support to the value of \$1,200 and choose how they spend those funds. The School Saving Bonus cannot be combined across different schools.

#### More information

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus visit <u>vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus</u>. Translated information will also be available on the School Saving Bonus website in the next few weeks.

https://www.woorannaparkps.vic.edu.au/articles/87



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## School Council Vacancy

There is currently a vacancy on our School Council that needs to be filled until March 2025. This is an excellent opportunity for those who are looking to make a meaningful contribution to our school's governance and strategic direction. We encourage interested members of our community to consider this role and help shape the future of our school. For more details and to express your interest, please contact the office by either phone or email at wooranna.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au by 4pm on Wednesday 11 September.

## **Parking and Driving Around Our School**

Last Friday afternoon, I went to a meeting with the Dandenong Council about Road Safety Around Schools. This meeting included Principals from local schools and Council staff. We were able to share our concerns about driver behaviours, congestions, and parking.

We are a very lucky community with both Carlton Road and Wondalga Avenue available for parking before and after school.

It is important to understand that the parking directly outside of the school's main entry is for **2 minutes only** between 8:15am and 9:15am on school mornings.



Also, the **Staff Car Park** is for **Staff only**.

Please ensure that you travel at the **40kmph Speed Limit** around our school.

It is important that we model to our children Road Safety, by using the pedestrian crossing to cross the road and always follow the School Crossing Supervisors' directions.

As a driver you must **STOP** at the pedestrian crossings when someone is crossing the road. Please be advised that the pedestrian crossing on Apex Street is *no longer supervised*.





Please note, that while this is a convenient place to cross Carlton Road, it is not a supervised crossing, and visibility is very difficult when cars are parked along both sides of the road.



Please use the roundabouts at each end of the school to safely turn around, rather than doing a U-turn in front of the school, particularly given there are a lot of young children around.



Doing all these actions as a collective community will provide such strong role modelling to our children on **safe**, **respectful and responsible** choices.



### **Helmets**

When on duty at the front of the school, it is great to see so many students wearing their helmet when riding their scooter or bike to and from school, for their safety. I thank all of the wonderful family members who make sure that their child is safely fitted with a helmet before leaving home on either their bike or scooter. This illustrates that we are all working together to teach our children to stay safe and responsible whilst recognising that our young people need adult guidance and teaching on important routines such as helmets.

#### **Colour Run**

On Friday 18 October, our fundraising team will be hosting a Colour Run from 2:30pm! This promises to be an exhilarating and vibrant event surrounding our community with an array of colours and an infectious atmosphere of joy and unity.

Students will gather at the starting line with their house, decked out in white attire, ready to embark on a lap like no other. And as they run, they will be doused with an array of vivid, eco-friendly powdered pigments, transforming them into rainbows.



Please ensure your child is wearing a white t-shirt on the day and you may like to deck them out with some sunglasses too. There will be a special hot dog lunch pack available for \$5 that can be ordered via XUNO. Orders will be accepted up until 4pm on Friday 11 October.

Our Colour Run promises to be an unforgettable day of laughter, camaraderie, and kaleidoscopic memories. Don't miss out on this colourful spectacle that's sure to leave everyone with smiles as bright!

#### Time to Plan Ahead!

I respect that it is scary to think about 2025, 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 as soon as possible. Your decision does not need to be confirmed and does not mean your child loses their spot if you change your mind but giving us a heads up is very helpful.



This information is vital for the school to budget and plan for staffing in 2025. We do not want any children to be stuck in classes that are too big or only have a few kids, but this depends on us knowing who will be here.

If you expect to be moving house, travelling overseas or you know your Visa is expiring, please communicate this to Office as soon as possible.

If you have a child starting school in 2025, please visit the VicStudents portal via this link <a href="https://students.educationapps.vic.gov.au/s/">https://students.educationapps.vic.gov.au/s/</a> to create an account and complete the online enrolment application form ASAP.



Just a reminder that **Friday 20 September** is our last day of Term Three. **Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm.** 

We will return to school on **Monday 7 October**! Remember students will require their <u>SunSmart hat</u> given the warmer weather in Term Four.

Kind regards, **Amanda Ellaby**Executive Principal

## SHARING OUR 🕜 OF LEARNING

## In the Grade 5/6 unit students...

Engaged in an incredible learning experience preparing for the Mini Fete with a focus on Business and Economics in Inquiry and Money in Mathematics.





Investigated decimals through engaging math rotations.









Celebrated our Learners of the Week and our Peer Choice for someone who is safe, respectful and responsible in our grades.











Prepared for and participated in Book Week's Book Parade.



Practiced for our regional Gala sports competition.





## **SHARING OUR**



## **OF LEARNING**



Grade 5 and 6 are working on learning their lines to perform 'The Pied Piper'.



Grade 3 and 4 are practising their recorders to play 'Mary Had A Little Lamb', 'Lightly Row' and 'Song of Joy'.



Grade 1 and 2 are making progress learning rhythms on clave and getting ready to perform 'The King's Breakfast'.

This learning will be performed at our Move and Groove Concerts on:

Thursday 28 November (Prep and 5/6s)

Thursday 5 December (1/2s and 3/4s) at 2:15pm.



## CHAPPY NEWS







#### WPPS SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY

Your chaplains this year are Samantha Bond and Connie Tay. We are here every Wednesday for groups, games and mentoring. School chaplains work closely with Wellbeing to support our community.

We also have on our team volunteer Annie Stewart, who is also studying Education Support but who may also step into Chaplaincy when her studies are completed. Annie is assisting us with group programs.

#### **ART CLUB**

#### Every Wednesday second bell at lunch.

Come and join us every Wednesday at second bell during lunch time in Ms Laurel's room. We will announce if we are doing it outside that week.



#### **CHAPLAINCY SMALL GROUPS WORK**

### **Drumming for Resilience - Grade 3/4:**

Our focus has been on how our neurons 'fire up' and 'talk' to each other for things to happen in our brain. Our activities show us how this works when we work together. We are also practicing some of our beats for a short performance at the end of the term. And we are getting better every week as our neural pathways expand! We look forward to showing the school what we have learned.



#### **Unlimited - Grade 5/6:**

UNLIMITED is a program about understanding our unlimited potential. When young people are empowered to live by their personal values and recognise the values that we all share, they can live in harmony and be productive members of our community. Through the activities, participants will nurture the leadership skills inside of them.

Last week we explored our courage meters and how much courage it would take us to do a range of different activities. It showed us how different we can all be and that it is ok to not be ok about something or for someone else. We can help each other through being understanding, kind and encouraging.

#### KIDS HELPLINE

**Kids Helpline is for everyone** really. It's a safe site that children form 5 years-adults can access and get information on friendship issues to emotional guidance relevant to the age. Parents and children/youth can use the site for counselling via online webchat or a free phone call on 1800 55 1800.

#### TALK TO OTHER PARENTS JUST LIKE YOU

There are also groups you can join for support online through their website.:

https://kidshelpline.com.au/parents

https://kidshelpline.com.au/kids

Have a happy, fun and safe school break! Chappy



The Chaplaincy program also has a mentoring/pastoral care role as well. If you feel your child needs extra support in this way, please contact Miss Becki our Wellbeing and Inclusion Co-ordinator. Chaplains are here for students, families and staff. Our role is to support the wellbeing program of the whole school in this community. You can contact Miss Becki in Wellbeing or 'Chappy' <a href="mailto:samantha.bond@education.vic.gov.au">samantha.bond@education.vic.gov.au</a> for more information.

## **CHAPPY NEWS**

### **CHAT Camp**

Your Chaplains are also preparing to host the C.H.A.T Camp in September holidays. It's for ALL cultures!

See the flyer below or you can email Chappy Sam <a href="mailto:samantha.bond@chaplaincy.org.au">samantha.bond@chaplaincy.org.au</a> for more information.



## **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/



#### 2025 Grade Six Tops

We are excited to let you know that your online shop is ready, enabling you to purchase the 2025 Grade Six commemorative tops. Details of these items are included below.



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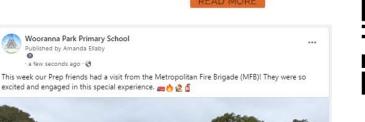




## End of Term - Early Dismissal on Friday 20 September

Just a reminder that Friday 20 September is our last day of Term Three. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm.

READ MORE















## **ATTENTION 2024 GRADE FIVE FAMILIES**

# WOORANNA PARK PS GRADE 6 COMMEMORATIVE GARMENTS

ONLINE OPENING DATE: TUESDAY 27th AUGUST, 2024

ONLINE CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER, 2024





Bomber Jacket = \$67

Polo = \$42.50

Follow the following easy steps to order your garments online.

- 1. Go to www.fcw.com.au
- 2. Click on 'Leavers Online Shops' (a third down the page)
- 3. Find your school logo and click on that.
- 4. This page will then give you up to date information such as cut-off date for orders and delivery.
- 5. Select the relevant garment or package (if applicable)
- 6. Select size (referred to size chart) and quantity.
- 7. Then click ADD TO CART.
- 8. If you wish to proceed to checkout click VIEW CART or to continue shopping click CONTINUE
- 9. At any stage if you wish to view your cart, click on the trolley icon at the top of page

#### Please ensure you have referred to the size chart and ordered the correct size.

Fashion Clubwear only manufactures to order. There will be an administrative charge of \$15 (Incl. GST) if any changes are required to your order prior to the shop being closed. Once the shop is CLOSED, NO changes can be made to your order. NO refunds will be given after your order has been submitted. Late orders will not be accepted.

Upon successful completion of your order, you will be emailed a copy of your order as confirmation. If you don't receive a copy of your order by email, either your order was not successfully completed or the email address you provided was incorrect.





## WOORANNA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL KOORI TEE

ONLINE OPENING DATE: MONDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER, 2024

ONLINE CLOSING DATE: SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER, 2024



Polo = \$41

Follow the following easy steps to order your garments online.

- 1. Go to www.fcw.com.au
- 2. Click on 'School Uniforms Shops' (a third down the page)
- 3. Find your school logo and click on that.
- 4. This page will then give you up to date information such as cut-off date for orders and delivery.
- 5. Select the relevant garment or package (if applicable)
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# We're building up to

# ERMA!

Building up excitement for the next school term? So are we!

We're constructing a fresh and fun program packed with new ways to play and learn together with activities and games!

Speaking of fresh, you'll also get a enjoy a yummy variety of healthy snacks and fruits to enjoy after a big day at school!

Whether you want to relax, finish up homework, get creative or play with friends, VillageOSHC is to the place to be in Term 4!









Book your sessions today for the upcoming Term 4 at VillageOSHC.com.au

## **GRADES OF THE WEEK**



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

- using good manners (respect).
- keeping our body parts to ourselves and respecting others personal space (safe).
- worrying about ourselves and the things that affect us (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 Prep A, 3/4A, 3/4B and 5/6C for being our grades of the week in the last fortnight!

## **UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS**

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

Long Earrings



Nail Polish

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Make-Up



## **NEW UNIFORM ITEM**



## NEW ITEM JUST ARRIVED



SHORT SLEEVE MESH POLO

FROM \$3.50 EACH

NOW AVAILABLE AT PSW HAMPTON PARK STORE

## **SUNSMART REMINDER**

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 Four, until the end of April.

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.



## **FUTURE ENROLMENTS**

If you have a child who will be starting Prep in 2025, 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 2025, please encourage them to call the Office to organise a school tour.

Details about the 2025 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!

Transition and information sessions for enrolled students and their families!



## From 2:30pm till 3:15pm

- Tuesday 12 November
- Tuesday 19 November

## **Enrol Now**

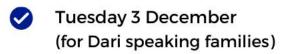


Call Find Us

(03) 9795 2007



Visit Website Us www.woorannaparkps.vic.edu.au Tuesday 26 November







## **IMPORTANT DETAILS**

## **CURRICULUM DAYS**

The following day has been endorsed by School Council:

· Monday 28 October

Students do not attend on this day.

The last day of Term Three is Friday 20 September. School finishes at **2:30pm**.



**XUNO** 

## 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
- √ 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 3:40pm.

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/carers 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 this 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 this service directly at <a href="https://villageoshc.com.au/">https://villageoshc.com.au/</a>

## **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.

If 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.

Subway \$6

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

