Wooranna Park's Woohderings

Wednesday 11 October 2023

Hi everyone,

I hope that everybody had the opportunity for some enjoyable family time over the school break and that you have been able to make the most of the extra sunlight and warmer weather now here. It's the perfect time to get involved in some more physical activity, which we know has innumerable benefits to both our physical and mental health, for adults and children alike.

Unform in Term Four

It has been great to see so many students remaining safe, wearing their broad brimmed navy-blue hat during any outside activities. As part of our Dress Code policy such hats are required from the beginning of Term Four, until the end of April 2024.

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.

Also, thank you for helping to ensure your child learns the importance of wearing the **correct school uniform**. A school uniform removes the sense of competition in dress, which can often cause stress amongst students and it also 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 child has a strong sense of belonging to the Wooranna Park community. For your convenience we do have sunsmart hats on sale in the front Office for \$5 (small size only in stock currently until further notice).

Emergency Contact Details

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/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.

After School Care

I do suggest that <u>all</u> parents/carers register their child/ren for VillageOSHC in preparation for Term Four, as while you are under no obligation to use this service, it could be a support for you in the event of an emergency. You do have to put in a credit card to complete the enrolment. The credit card will have a \$0.98 cent charge on it to verify it as a real card. That small charge will go into your LookedAfter account and can be put towards your first bill, if you use this service. If you do not end up using this service, that amount will remain until you close your LookedAfter account and the \$0.98 cent charge will be credited back onto your card.

Colour Run

On **Friday 20 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.



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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.

More information about this powder can be found

at: https://www.qualitycolouredpowder.com.au/faqs

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!

If you or your child does not want to be splashed in colour please ensure they are wearing a dark t-shirt so that volunteers and staff are aware of their choice.

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 this Friday 13 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! A gold coin would be appreciated to support with our fundraising efforts.

If you have decided that you <u>do not</u> want your child to participate in this Colour Run, then please communicate this to your child's teacher via email or XUNO.

We are looking for volunteers to donate some of their time to help with the running of our Colour Run, either the day before or the day of the Colour Run. Please sign up to help at: https://forms.gle/fHWA4bm8hbdYVWXq7

Principal For A Day

I will be handing over my job, to selected students to be Principal for a Day on Friday 27 October! Students interested in this challenge are encouraged to write an application. These applications need to be submitted by Friday 20 October so that I can select a P-2, 3-4 & 5-6 Principal. I can't wait to share this day with three successful applicants!



Art Show

We will be Celebrating the Artist in You at our Art Show on **Thursday 23 November** from 3.45pm till 5pm.

Students will be submitting artwork, with support from their classroom, which will be on display throughout the TOC from 3:45pm till 5pm.

Students will also be performing items they have been learning and practising as part of their Performing Arts program, alongside the Lyndale Secondary College band. These performances will take place between 4pm and 5pm in the hall (TOC). If students wish to be involved in this performance a <u>permission notice</u> must be returned to school by Friday 20 October.

School Supervision Hours

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

- Before school from 8:30am to 9:00am
- Throughout recess and lunch
- After school from 3:30pm to 3:45pm.

Students arriving prior to 8:30am must remain in Breakfast Club, regardless of if they eating breakfast or not.

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

I would also like to share that the park, opposite the school, is not supervised by staff before or after school. While I respect that some families use this area as a meeting place, it is important to understand that children must be supervised by an adult, in this Council area.



Thinking Ahead to 2024

We are now in the process of looking at our student enrolments numbers for 2024 at each year level, in readiness for structuring our teaching teams and grades. If you have any intentions to unfortunately leave Wooranna Park PS next year, can I please ask that you advise the Office in writing immediately. 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 2024. Furthermore, if you suspect you may be moving house, travelling overseas or you know your Visa is expiring, please also communicate this to the Office as soon as possible.

If you know of a family or a student who will be attending Wooranna Park PS in 2024 and is not currently enrolled, please encourage them to contact the Office on ASAP

I do like to invite parents to put in writing any information about their child/ren that they want considered by our staff as they go about forming our new grades for 2024. The information you provide should focus on your child's needs (whether they be academic, medical, physical, emotional or social) and the type of person that you believe they respond to best. Please refrain from identifying a specific teacher as it may lead to disappointment for you and your child. We ask that you complete a request even if you have communicated with a staff member at any stage during the year as this will ensure we have an up-to-date record.

A new request also needs to be completed if you have made a request in previous years. To ensure we have a centralised place for all the requests, we ask that you submit a separate request, via the link below for each of your children and be mindful that naming specific teachers or friends will not be considered as this makes the process far too difficult.

https://forms.gle/7aRNmyJCYfN7Wm4B8

Requests must be submitted by 9am on Monday 13 November. Using this information, we can then endeavour to select the teacher who we think will best meet your child/ren's needs, as well as the needs of their 2024 classmates.

SHARING OUR OF LEARNING

In the last week of term three, the Preps went on their very first excursion. The excursion was to Moonlit Sanctuary. The Preps enjoyed the guided activities introducing them to some native Australian animals and birds.

The excursion was planned to support their inqury learning about native Australian animals and assist them in developing an information report. The Preps found out many interesting facts about the animals and were amazed to learn that dingoes can climb trees!

They were also very excited to be able to feed wallabies and kangaroos. The Preps got to pat a Shingleback Lizard and also a very friendly python. The Preps had a great day out!











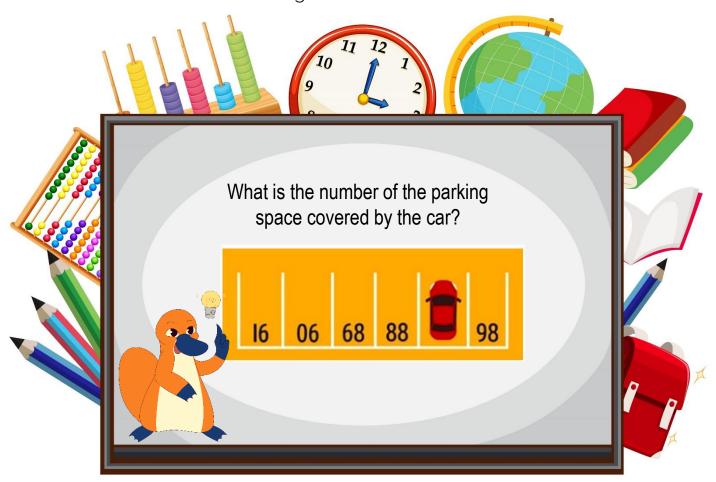




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Challenge of the Week

Welcome to our Maths Challenge of the week. Please share your answers with Miss Rachael. The first person to solve the problem will be acknowledged with 5 raffle tickets!



Congratulations to...

Lola Cotton 1/2 B

For your excellent problem-solving skills!

PARENTING POST

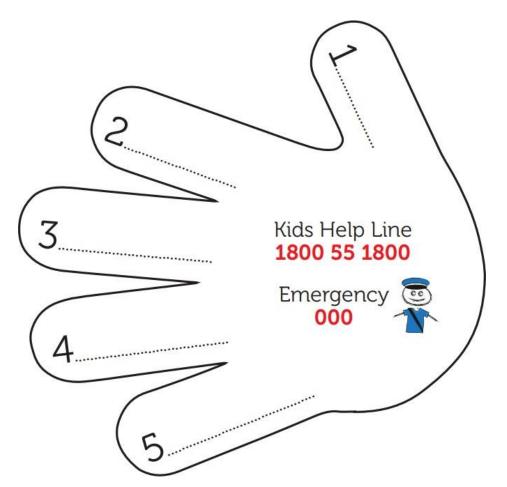
"Safety Hand"

As part of our wellbeing sessions and following the Kids Roar incursion, students have been introduced to the concept of a their 'safety hand'.

The safety hand is a list of adults that the child knows that they feel safe around and feel comfortable to talk to if they need to tell them about a time they have felt unsafe. The safety hand must have at least 1 adult who lives in their house and two teachers. The other people can be outside of the home/school such as neighbours, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, cousins, coaches etc over the age of 18.

If a child lives across 2 houses, they should complete 2 safety hands, one for each house they live in.

The safety hand should be displayed at home somewhere visible for the child to see.



If your child hasn't completed a safety hand yet, this would be a great activity to complete together and display on your fridge!

GRADES OF THE WEEK



Each week our classes earn points during their specialist classes by:

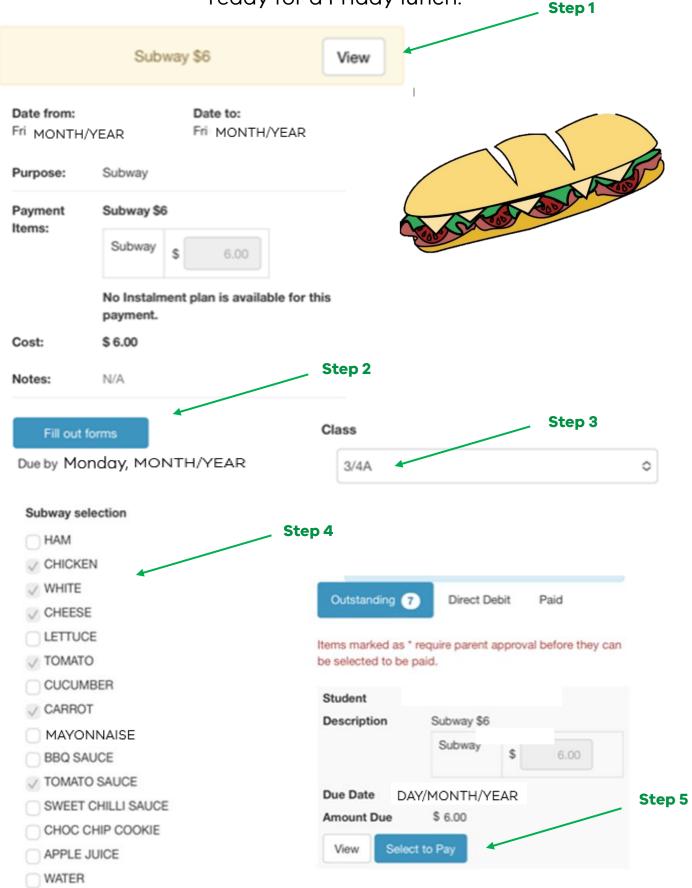
- Being calm
- Using appropriate language when speaking
- Care for, look after and use equipment for its correct purposes
- Helping and looking out for and supporting others.

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

Congratulations to 1/2B and 3/4A for being our grades of the week, last week!



Orders are to be processed via XUNO, due by 4pm each Monday, ready for a Friday lunch.



SUNSMART REMINDER

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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.

With this notice we ask that you organise your child/ren's hat in preparation for Term Four's sunshine.



FACEBOOK & WEBSITE

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

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

Recent News



Subway

We are now processing orders for our **Friday Subway lunches**, via XUNO.

READ MORE



Scholastic Book

The Scholastic Book Club flyer will be distributed this week with orders closing on Monday 23 October. Be sure to do your ordering online or return the order form to school so the books will then be delivered to the school and distributed to the classes for students to take home.



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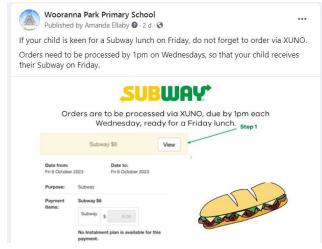
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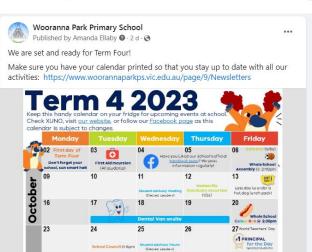
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Make sure you follow our official Facebook page, using this QR code.

IMPORTANT DETAILS

CURRICULUM DAYS

The following day has been endorsed by School Council:

Friday 24 November

Students do not attend on this day.

The last day of Term Four is Wednesday 20 December, where school finishes 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
- ✓ 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.



XUNO

CONTACT DETAILS

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

If you change telephone details, e-mail or home 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

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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 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 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.

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.



Orders are to be processed via XUNO, due by 4pm each Monday, ready for a Friday 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 Term Four, we wear our broad brimmed, navyblue hat always when outside.

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 Shirt



Navy Blue Windcheater



Navy Blue Bomber Jacket



Summer Dress



Navy Blue Tracksuit Pants or Full Length Leggings No Jeans



Navy Blue Rugby or Gaberdine Shorts or Skort



Navy Blue Hat



Orange Long Sleeve Polo Shirt



Socks White, Black or Navy





Sport Shoes or Black Shoes



Gloves and Scarves White, Black or Navy

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

Jewellery

Long Earring

Nail Polish

Make Up











FUTURE ENROLMENTS

If you have a child who will be starting Prep in 2024, 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 2024, please encourage them to call the Office to organise a school tour.

Details about the 2024 Prep enrolment process can be found on our website at https://www.woorannaparkps.vic.edu.au/page/12/Enrolment

STEPPING UP INTO SCHOOL!

Transition and information sessions for enrolled students and their families!



From 2:30pm till 3:15pm

- Tuesday 31 October
- Tuesday 14 November

- Tuesday 21 November
- Tuesday 5 December (for Dari speaking families)

Enrol Now



Visit Website Us

www.woorannaparkps.vic.edu.au





Weara white t-shirt to experience the full colour! glasses too! Friday October 20 2023 From 2:30pm at the Gold coin donation Lois Twohig Reserve

See XUNO to order a hot dog and drink lunch pack for \$5, by 4pm on Friday 13 October.



Celebrating the artist in YOU!



View our students' artwork and celebrate their performing talents, alongside the Lyndale Secondary College's band.

Thursday 23 November

Art work on display throughout the TOC from 3:45pm till 5pm

Performances in the hall from 4pm till 5pm



WPPSF00D PANTRY



With support from Food Bank we are now able to offer a food pantry to help our WPPS families.

Please bring your shopping bag and take what you need.

Where: In the TOC

When: Each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Open between 9:30 and 10:30am

ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT BASKETBALL

AND CRAVING MORE COURT TIME?

READY TO HAVE A BLAST ON THE COURT WITH YOUR SCHOOL BUDDIES?

SECURE YOUR SPOT

IN TERM 4 VPS BASKETBALL COMPETITION

REGISTER NOW AND SHOOT FOR GLORY!



Jump into the VPS Basketball Competition with your friends by your side!

TERM 4 REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Proudly represent your school and have a blast playing the sport you love!

WHEN: FRIDAY EVENINGS TIME: BETWEEN 4:00PM - 6:00PM

WHERE: DANDENONG BASKETBALL STADIUM - COURTS 11, 12, & 13

Our VPS competition offers opportunities such as:

- ☑ Learning the game while participating in a competition setting competing against local primary schools
- ✓ We are grassroots to the sport and supports transitioning your child (or children) into continuing to play the sport at the domestic level
- Flexible time frame (Friday after school) to support your child (or children) while they may be participating in basketball or other sports
- Representing your school at a fun level and enjoying playing with school mates
- Provided quality uniforms with the option to have quality basketball shoes as well.

If you are interested and want to know more:



Please contact our VPS Manager John King directly - 0422 899 179

www.vpsbasketball.com.au





Holiday Camps

2024

DATES

Malmsbury Camp: Monday 8th - Friday 12th January City Camp: Monday 15th - Friday 19th January

MALMSBURY

Located in an idyllic bush setting in Central Victoria

High Ropes Activities

Canoeing & Swimming

Archery & Orienteering

Night Walk, Movie Night, Trivia

CITY

Located in the heart of the Melbourne CRD

Big Bash & Aus Open

Pool & Beach

Melbourne Zoo & Museum

Eureka Skydeck, Movie Night, Trivia







TRANSPORT

Malmsbury: Doxa facilitated bus transport provided from Melbourne & Bendigo City: Doxa facilitated bus transport provided from Transgon / Pakenham & Bendigo

COST

Our holiday camps are FREE.

Holiday camps are funded by our amazing donors and philanthropic ventures.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Email: <u>info@doxa.org.au</u> Phone: (03) 9046 8200





Join Woolworths Cricket Blast

A safe way to have fun and stay active for kids of all abilities.

North Dandenong Cricket Club

All ages and abilities welcome!
'Sport for All' vouchers applicable
Be active and have fun!



SIGN UP TODAY!

Q Play Cricket

Contact:

Sammi Kasa Cricket Blast Coordinator 0408 755 293 sammibellek@gmail.com Riley Shaw Junior Cricket Coordinator 0413 404 659 riley.j.shaw10@gmail.com libraries. greaterdandenong. vic.gov. au

PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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DANDENONG LIBRARY

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



WEDNESDAYS

4 P M - 5.15 PM



WHAT WE PROVIDE:

- practise reading out loud
- literacy support
- o parents learn too

For more information contact the libraries on 1300 630 920.

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GREATER DANDENONG







Ever wanted to give athletics a go? Meet new friends, spend quality time with family, have fun and achieve your personal best?

Participate in a variety of running, throwing and jumping events whilst being surrounded by a supportive community!

What are you waiting for?



DANDENONG LITTLE ATHLETICS U6 to U17 REGISTRATIONS OPEN.

FREE 2 week trial for new athletes, register at lavic.com.au

Annual fee \$165 (including cross-country) +\$35 shirt. See over for details.

Family, Fun and Fitness: This is the moto of Little Athletics. Although this is done through competition, all personal achievements are encouraged, not just the best performers. Awards are regularly given for personal improvement.

Address: Robert Booth Reserve – enter from Bess Court, Dandenong (Clow Street entry is now CLOSED)

Training: Tuesday and Wednesday 5-6pm starting 27th September Available to any athlete with full or trial registration. Focus on exercise drills and technique for each event. Parents must be present and are encouraged to assist.

Competition: Saturdays 8:45am sign-in/warm-up. 9am start

Summer season 30th September 2023 to 24th March 2024

Available to any athlete with full or valid trial registration.

(max 2 event dates for trial athletes)

Parents/guardians must be present and assist with program

(unless special needs prevent this).

Additional programs/costs: u9-u17 may choose to compete at regional events. There is an additional cost for these, and official Dandenong uniform is required, including approved navy shorts. Communication: Is via emails, TeamApp, and Facebook. Any Cancelled events will be communicated via facebook and TeamApp. All events are run in accordance with latest COVID Safe protocols. All parents/guardians are recommended to get a Working with Children Card, and for some tasks this is mandatory.

Any further questions please contact:

David Daff 0408 381 688 <u>dandenong@lavic.com.au</u>

Websites: lavic.com.au

dandenonglac.com.au

Facebook: Dandenong Little Athletics Centre



Kids Parties

- Space jump
- Sports & jump
- **Dodgem cars**
- Nerf wars
- **Bubble soccer**
- Laser tag



Tel: 9547 2555

\$15/sessions

springvaleindoorsports.com.au/junior-sports

Mondays & Wednesdays

5-7 year olds | 8 - 11 year olds





Your local BK's centre is @

Noble Park

Unit 3, 450 Princes Hwy. Noble Park Nth. VIC





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











Keep this handy calendar on your fridge for upcoming events at school. Check XUNO, visit our website, or follow our Facebook page as this calendar is subject to changes. **Friday Monday** Wednesday **Thursday** Tuesday Gala Day (5/6s) 04 First day of 03 05 06 **Term Four** Have you Liked our school's official Facebook page? We post Don't forget your **First Aid Incursion** Whole School information regularly! school, sunsmart hat! (All students) Assembly @ 2:40pm 09 10 11 12 13 October Healesville Last day to order a **Student Advisory Meeting Sanctuary excursion** hot dog lunch pack! (1/2s)(Elected Leaders) 16 17 18 19 20 Whole School **Dental Van onsite** Colour Run @ 2:30pm **27** World Teachers' Day 23 25 26 24 #1 PRINCIPAL for the Day **Student Advisory Forum** School Council @ 6pm (Elected Students) (Elected Leaders) **2024 Prep Transition** 30 02 03 (2:30-3:15pm) **Whole School** Assembly @ 2:40pm November 06 08 09 07 10 Swimming Program (4-day program) **2024 Prep Transition** 13 14 15 **Student Advisory** 16 17 (2:30-3:15pm) (Elected Leaders) **Community Math Night Whole School** @ 5:30pm till 6:30 pm Assembly @ 2:40pm 2024 Prep Transition 20 23 24 (2:30-3:15pm) **Curriculum Day Better Buddies Day** No Students at **Arts Show** (Free Dress) School Council @ 6pm **2024 Prep Transition** 27 01 29 **Student Advisory** 30 (2:30-3:15pm) Meeting (Elected Leaders) **Team Time** @ 2:40pm **2024 Prep Transition** 04 08 05 (Dari families from December 2:30-3:15pm) **Grade Six Christmas Stall** Graduation Year 6 > 7 State 15 12 14 11 **Transition Day** Whole School Novelty **Sports Carnival 2024 House Leader Elections** Student reports Golden Assembly (Wear your Class End of available on XUNO @ 2:40pm Meet your 2024 Teacher House Colours) **Year Parties** 18 19 20 21 22 Last Day of Term School Holidays 1:30pm finish