## Wooranna Park's **Nonderings**

#### Hi everyone,

Firstly, I would like to extend a big thank you for all the community support that went into our **Colour Run** on Friday afternoon. This extends from ensuring your child had a white t-shirt, to our helpers that filled bottles on Thursday afternoon, our hot dog chefs, our set up and pack up team on Friday and of course, our sprayers! You were all amazing and helped to contribute to a brilliant community event, that all our students **LOVED!** Check out the <u>photo gallery</u>.





#### Splash's Learn to Swim School

This year the **school's Swimming Program** will take place at Splash's Learn to Swim School on Stud Road, Dandenong. Our intensive swimming program for Preps to Grade Six will be on:

•Monday 6 November •Wednesday 8 November •Thursday 9 November

•Friday 10 November 2023

Learning to swim is a crucial part of your child's growth and development and an important component of the school curriculum. Splash's Learn to Swim Schools' focus is to provide high quality experienced instructors in an environment where students of all ages can progress rapidly. The approach to the Swim & Survive program is two prong: Water Safety & Stroke Development. Austswim qualified instructors are running the classes and will focus on providing an environment that enables students to fulfill their swimming potential.

The swim sessions will be 45 minutes in duration. Qualified instructors will teach ability groups with a maximum of 8 students. Students will be transported by bus, between WPPS and Splash's Learn to Swim School, by Victorian Touring Coaches throughout the day.

Parents/carers will be welcome to meet us there to watch their child's swimming progress. If you would like to help your child dress after swimming, you **must have a Working with Children Check.** This is a legal requirement that Splash's Learn to Swim School must adhere to. Any parents/carers wishing to attend will need to make their own way to and from the centre as we <u>do not</u> have any spaces available on the bus. Please note, that while we encourage parent/carer help during this time, it is also important to assist the children in further developing their independence and to learn to dress and dry themselves.

This year the Department of Education has provided funding to subsidise the swimming programs held in primary schools which enables WPPS to offer this program at a reduced cost to our families.

Please pay and approve on XUNO by **4pm on Monday 30 October 2023** to secure your child/ren's position for this program. If your XUNO account does show a zero balance, then that is indicating that you have access to CSEF funds for this program and payment is not required.

If your children are attending this program, then we do require you to complete this electronic Swimming Skills Assessment form to ensure they are allocated to an appropriate group:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qEbaKxTnWU6hYiwvumF-OS-CzzvVwppEqLOKuXfUPSpUQ002TEIOMUhaMFhWSTdOQUVYWkhKU0VJQy4u

Please complete the form by **4pm on Monday 30 October 2023.** If you require a paper copy of the form, please contact the Office.



#### 2024 Student Enrolments.

We are now in the process of looking at our **student enrolment numbers for 2024** at each year level, in readiness for structuring our teaching teams and grades. If you do not intend to be at Wooranna Park PS next year, can I please ask that you advise the Office in writing immediately. Or if you know of a family or student who will be attending Wooranna Park PS in 2024 and is not currently enrolled, please encourage them to contact the Office on 9795 2007 ASAP.

In 2024, we will continue running multi-age classes from grade one through to grade six. This will mean students will be grouped in either a grade 1/2 class, a grade 3/4 class or a grade 5/6 class, as they have been this year. Prep will be the only single year level class. We believe this structure is best due to the variation in enrolment numbers from year to year.

The term 'multi-age' in its simplest form refers to 'a class comprised of children of different ages intentionally grouped for learning'. Multi-age classes are very common in schools within our local network of primary schools and more broadly for several reasons..

At Wooranna Park Primary School this structure provides us with more options for placing children and teachers, while enabling more even class sizes and distribution of individual needs across classes. This school structure also allows our teachers to work in larger Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) enabling for greater collaboration, sharing and ongoing development of their teaching practices. These larger teams will also see a greater range of teachers planning for each group of students, bringing their own strengths and experiences to these conversations.

It is important to note that all classes, whether a single year level or multi-age class group, have children with diverse learning needs and abilities. When planning for student learning, teachers take into consideration the strengths, prior knowledge and the needs of every student. They use this as a starting point to design the learning and work from where each child is currently at. In any class, there will be teaching and learning that occurs as a whole class, in small groups and at an individual level.

Research tells us that high quality teaching and learning is the key to a successful learning environment in any classroom, not the structure or the makeup of the class.

#### **2024 Grade Placement Requests**

I do like to invite parents/carers to put in writing any information about their child/ren that they want considered by our staff as we 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/ren. 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. This feedback may guide us in our placement decisions, but no promises can be made.

#### https://forms.gle/7aRNmyJCYfN7Wm4B8

Requests must be submitted by 9am on Monday 13th 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.

It is important that families understand that <u>feedback offered outside this timeline will</u> <u>not be accepted</u>, although consideration may be made in exceptional circumstances. We thank you for your support in this process. Please note, that whilst your letter will be officially acknowledged as being received, the outcome of your child/ren's placement will occur using the same process and timeline as all other children. This is in keeping with the spirit of fairness for all.

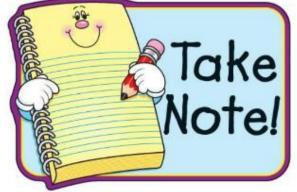


#### **Art Show**

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 who are permitted to perform, as they have returned a signed permission note, will do so between 4pm and 5pm alongside the Lyndale Secondary College band.



Please take note that **Tuesday 7 November** is a Public Holiday and **Friday 24 November** is a Student Free Day.

This will mean that students are not required at school on either of these days.

Kind regards, Amanda Ellaby Executive Principal

## **Term Four Learning Goals**

	Literacy	Numeracy						
Prep	<ul> <li>Retelling stories using the five elements - characters, setting, beginning, middle and end.</li> <li>Writing sentences with an uppercase letter at the start and a full stop at the end.</li> <li>Planning and writing a simple narrative.</li> <li>Developing speaking and listening skills through Show and Tell activities.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Using a range of strategies to help solve addition and subtraction problems.</li> <li>Identifying important information in worded addition and subtraction problems and writing the relevant number sentence using +, -, =.</li> <li>Making and ordering numbers beyond 20.</li> <li>Using the terms likely and unlikely to make a prediction about the probability of an event.</li> </ul>						
Grade 1/2	<ul> <li>Writing poetry, persuasive and narrative texts that include the appropriate features, structure and vocabulary.</li> <li>Using comprehension strategies to derive meaning and answer literal, inferential and multiple-choice questions about texts.</li> <li>Identifying alternative spellings for phonemes (sounds) and applying this to correctly spell words.</li> <li>Applying growing grammar knowledge to structure grammatically correct sentences and enhance written and spoken communication.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Measuring, comparing and ordering shapes and objects based on length, area, volume and capacity.</li> <li>Recognising and describing one-half as one of two equal parts of a whole and interpreting common uses of halves, quarters and eighths of shapes and collections.</li> <li>Revising number concepts including place value, number patterns and number operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.</li> <li>Identifying and classifying activities and events according to how likely they are to happen, using the language of chance.</li> </ul>						
Grade 3/4	<ul> <li>Planning, drafting and publishing persuasive texts.</li> <li>Identify high modal verbs to add weight to persuasive arguments.</li> <li>Using comprehension strategies to build literal and inferred meaning to expand content knowledge, integrating and linking ideas and analysing and evaluating texts.</li> <li>Discussing literary experiences with others, sharing responses and expressing a point of view.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Modelling and representing fractions including <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>5</sub>.</li> <li>Investigating equivalent fractions in context.</li> <li>Measuring, ordering and comparing objects area, mass and capacity.</li> <li>Reviewing, extending and problem solving using the four operations (+, -, x, ÷).</li> </ul>						
Grade 5/6	<ul> <li>Planning, drafting and publishing persuasive texts using language features appropriate to purpose and audience.</li> <li>Identifying modal verbs in reading and use within persuasive writing to influence the reader.</li> <li>Using comprehension strategies to read increasingly complex text to consolidate meaning.</li> <li>Reading and creating poetry such as ballads, odes, lyrics, sonnets and free verse</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Making connections between equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages.</li> <li>Constructing, interpreting and comparing a range of different data displays.</li> <li>Measuring, calculating and comparing elapsed time.</li> <li>Problem solving using reasoning with open ended investigations.</li> </ul>						



Please visit this QR Code to learn more about the 2024 Parent Contributions. This information can be accessed in multiple languages.





Winner of Our Last

Challenge of the Week



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For your excellent problemsolving skills!

## **GRADES OF THE WEEK**



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

- Using good manners
- Being careful in the classroom
- Reporting problems to the teacher
- Respecting other's right to learn
- Listening to staff and other students, particularly when lining up.

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

## **SUNSMART REMINDER**

Just a reminder that <u>all</u> students and staff are expected to wear a broad brimmed navy-blue hat during any outside activities 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.

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





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

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## **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/



#### **Swimming Program**

This year the school's swimming program will take place at Splash's Learn to Swim school. Stud Road Dandenong.





#### Subway

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

READ MORE



#### Art Show

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





#### Free Holiday Camps for Kids

Doxa Youth Foundation will be running holiday camps for children from 10 to 12 years old during the 2024 summer school holidays.



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What a great afternoon of fun for everyone! Thank you so much for the wonderful community support in making this event happen. The students were beaming ..... and should sleep well tonight!





Wooranna Park Primary School Published by Amanda Ellaby 🖉 · 2 d · 😋

Check out the art work created at our Koorie Club, centred on their shared conversations on how we show respect to culture!  $\heartsuit \heartsuit \heartsuit \diamondsuit$ 





READ MORE





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

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## **IMPORTANT DETAILS**

#### **CURRICULUM DAYS**

The following day has been endorsed by School Council:

• Friday 24 November

Students do not attend on this day.

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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.



#### **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**

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

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

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

It is important that parents/ carers 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 the service directly at https://villageoshc.com.au/

#### **MOBILE DEVICES**

In line with the Department of Education's <u>Mobile Phone policy</u>, 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.



## 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

## **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** 











## **Enrol Now**



Call Find Us (03) 9795 2007



Visit Website Us www.woorannaparkps.vic.edu.au 

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







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

# HAVE A BLAST

**Get into Woolworths Cricket Blast** It's a fun and active program for kids of all abilities, whether it's your first time with a bat or you're a backyard Cricket star!

**Cricket Blast Program - Wooranna Park Primary School** Start: 14/11 3.40pm End: 5/12 3.40pm



#### Join your nearest club



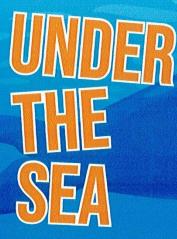
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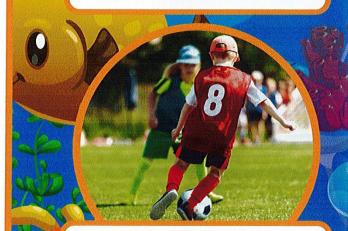
Explore the sea these school holidays with the Extend Squad!

Prepare for aquatic adventures these summer holidays with amazing activities, incursions and excursions!

Create a memorable and extraordinary holiday for your children this summer with Extend. Book today so you don't miss out! **SHOW OFF YOUR TRICKS AND FLIPS** 

VER. LEARN. PLAY. SUMMER

FANTABULOUS school holiday experiences



**PLAY SPORTS WITH YOUR FRIENDS** 

BOOK 14 DAYS IN ADVANCE TO RECEIVE THE EARLY BIRD RATE.

**GET MESSY WITH SLIMY SEA CREATURES** 

For FANTABULOUS FUN book your School Holidays at extend.com.au

### ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT BASKETBALL AND CRAVING MORE COURT TIME? READY TO HAVE A BLAST ON THE COURT WITH YOUR SCHOOL BUDDIES?

**REGISTER NOW AND** 

SHOOT FOR GLORY!

SECURE YOUR SPOT

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

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:

- Z 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





# CHILD'S PATHWAY

## **OPEN EVENING** Wednesday 22 November 2023 6pm

Come along and discover the opportunities and pathways to unlock your child's potential. Join us for a College tour. Discover what St John's has to offer and find out about the new 2025 Academic Scholarship Program.

> Register today at <u>www.sjrc.vic.edu.au</u> or scan the QR Code



## **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



**Gloves and Scarves** White, Black or Navy

Socks White, Black or Navy





Sport Shoes or Black Shoes

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



Long Earring

Nail Polish

Make Up







#### Please clearly label all clothing items including shoes.

# 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 4 2023 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.

