

# Wooranna Park's Wonderings



Wednesday 6 December 2023

*Hi everyone,*

On a following page is the learning structure for Wooranna Park PS for 2024. A huge amount of time and effort has gone into trying to meet the needs of our students, staff and families all with the aim of trying to set every student up for success in the 2024 school year, with both confidence and enthusiasm. If your child is concerned by their placement, which they will find out on Tuesday 12 December, you can help us by building your child/ren's resilience with some positive talk about the importance of developing friendships and working relationships with new people and that 'in life we don't always get what we want'.

With so many factors we have had to consider to make these grades balanced, we have aimed to provide your child with at least one nominated friend. If your child is in a grade with more than one nominated friend then that is good luck and not by design. It is important to respect that we will not be taking further requests, as at this late stage of the process any changes affect other students as well. I would like to thank those families who refrained from nominating a specific teacher or listing their child's friends and instead gave us guidance as to the type of teacher they believed would best suit their child. This approach made our job a lot easier. To those who identified a specific teacher, we took no notice due to the fact that this makes the process far too difficult. If by chance you did this and ended up with the "teacher of your choice" then you can consider that pure luck.

You will notice that we have some shared grades, almost one in each year level. As I am sure you can appreciate, teachers are the same as most other people in the workforce in that they are entitled to work in a part time capacity. This is common practice in most schools and here at Wooranna Park. In these situations, teachers communicate regularly to plan the learning program as well as establish shared classroom routines and practices. In most of these arrangements these teachers are well known by our community, therefore teachers in these classes are very experienced and have been teaching at Wooranna Park for a significant time so they are aware of our school processes. Most have successfully shared a grade previously and all have solid communication protocols.

You will notice some familiar names are missing including **Anessa Quirit, Lucia Hetherington, Mel Fitzgerald and Pip Varszeghy** as they will each be pursuing new oppournities in 2024. **Jennie Vine** is also retiring at the end of this year. As such there are a few new names listed in our 2024 team! We are looking forward to welcoming **Dan Alexander, Bethany Schlag and Leanne Vancuylenberg** to Wooranna Park Primary School.

I look forward to everyone 'being as happy as can be' come the evening of Tuesday 12 December because the effort we have put into this process has been thorough, inclusive and has met all your needs!

## Whole School Athletics Carnival

Our Grade 5/6 students have been doing a great job preparing to lead our whole school Athletics Day planned for Monday 14 December. All students will be involved in a series of novelty sports stations, on school grounds and on our neighbouring council ovals.



To build our community spirit we are encouraging all children to come in their team colours. We recognise that many children do not yet know their team colour so stay tuned for a specific communication on that.

For your reference, siblings will share the same team so the colour t-shirts can be handed down.

To ensure every student has the best day possible we ask that they wear comfortable running shoes, a SunSmart hat and a drink bottle filled with water. For their safety, please ensure you have applied suncream in the morning.

Feel free to come along for the whole or some part of the day to cheer your team on. Let's hope the weather is just perfect so that we can enjoy a wonderful day together!

## End of Year Student Reports

Your child's end of year report will be uploaded to XUNO next Thursday 14 December. You will be able to download your child's report from XUNO, as well as access their June reports. Please make sure you are [accessing XUNO](#) following the instruction located on our website.

### Class of 2023



This evening we will be congratulating our Grade 6 students as they graduate to secondary school. I am sure you would all join with me in wishing them a bright future and we look forward to hearing about their achievements over the coming years! This milestone also sees 20 families move on from Wooranna Park, as their youngest child graduates. I would like to say a particular thank you to you for helping to maintain our school's community spirit, particularly in more recent years. We hope you too stand proud of your association and contribution to Wooranna Park and relish in what the future holds.

We also wish you all the best at your Year 7 Transition Day on **Tuesday 12 December** where they will get to spend the day at their Secondary School!

Please ensure that your child is dropped off and picked up from the Secondary School that they will be attending next year, in 2024. Please **do not** send them to Wooranna Park Primary School on this day.

## Mobile Phones in Government Schools

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.

We would appreciate your support in reminding your child to sign their phone in at the Office at the beginning of the school day. 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 policies.



## Parent Payments

Wooranna Park Primary School is looking forward to another great year of learning and teaching and would like to advise you of the Voluntary Financial Contributions Schedule for 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Your ongoing financial support ensures that our school can enhance the learning experiences beyond the mandated curriculum.

We want to thank you for all your support, whether that is through your Voluntary Contributions, Fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

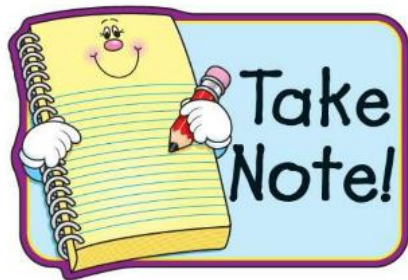
Within our school, your financial support has enabled us to offer special curriculum experiences, additional resources for learning oppournities, as well as school buildings and ground maintenance and enhancements.

Please refer to the [Parent Contribution Arrangements for 2024](#), either on the following pages or via [our website](#), which includes an overview of the Department of Education's Parent Payment Policy for further details.



In 2024, all classroom supplies will be provided directly to the classrooms in bulk. Teachers will distribute stationery and other supplies to the students as needed.

Online payments can be made via XUNO (Events and Fees) from **22 January 2024** or alternatively the school will be open as of **29 January 2024** to receive Parent Contributions.



Please take note that on **Wednesday 20 December** school finishes at 1:30pm.

School returns in 2024 on **Tuesday 30 January** from 8:50am till 3:30pm.

Kind regards,  
**Amanda Ellaby**  
Executive Principal

# 2024 LEARNING COMMUNITY

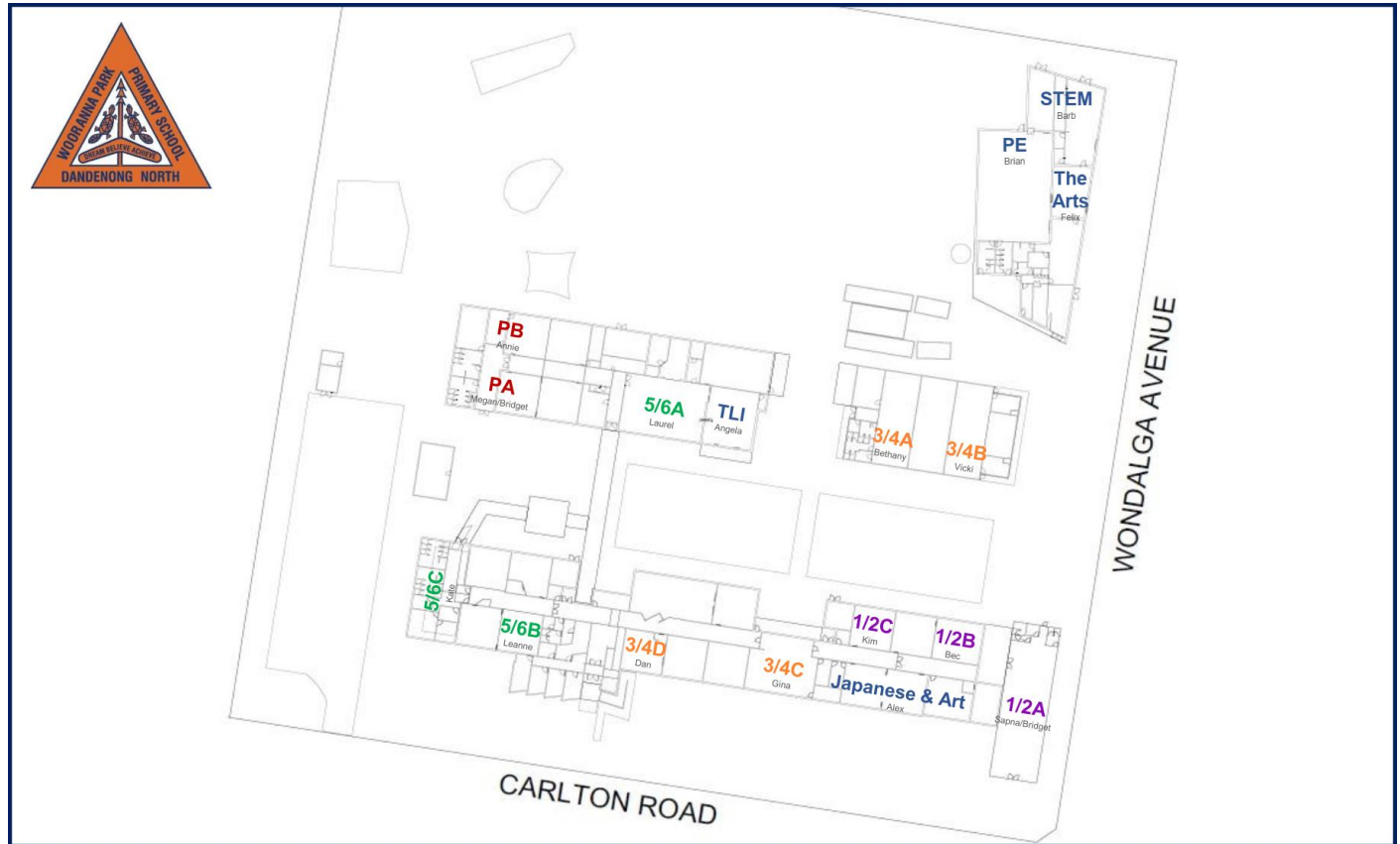
Teachers	
Prep	Megan van der Velden + Bridget Wong (W)
	Annie Praveen
1/2	Kim Campbell
	Bec Kofler
	Sapna Vats (T-F) + Bridget Wong (M)
3/4	Vicki Ross
	Gina Vongue
	Dan Alexander
	Bethany Schlag
5/6	Kate O'Donnell
	Laurel Heisman + Rachael Rydqvist (F)
	Leanne Vancuylenberg

Leadership	
Megan van der Velden	Learning Specialist
TBC	Leading Teacher
Sue Bitzios	Business Manager
Rachael Rydqvist	Assistant Principal
Amanda Ellaby	Principal

Specialists	
Alex Twieg	Japanese and Visual Arts
Barb Cinar	STEM (M-W)
Brian Macmillen	Physical Education (M-W)
Felix Meagher	Performing Arts (M-Th)

Acceleration	
Angela Borstelj	Tutoring (T-W)
Felix Meagher	Disability and Inclusion support (Th)

Education Support	
Classroom	Chaplain
Alice Avraam	Sam (Chappy) Bond
Allison Esmonde	
Helen Overmars	Administration
Michelle Price	Lyn Mitsios
Nicole Zerella	Ness Moodie
Rita Estrada	
Suraya Yawari	
Tanja Supljeglav	
Tracy Fisher	
Victor Jeffry	



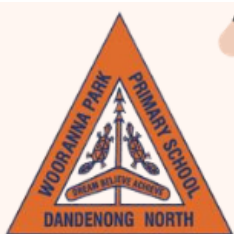
## Class Locations 2024

## Christmas Stall

**Tomorrow** our Fundraising team are hosting a Christmas Market so that our students can do their Christmas shopping for family members.

Each student will visit the stall with their class where they will be able to purchase gifts, ranging from \$1 till \$30. It would be appreciated if you could ensure your child has a shopping bag to help them carry their purchases.

# Tomorrow!



IT'S TIME FOR OUR

# CHRISTMAS MARKET

THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER

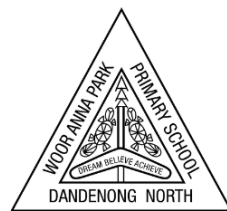
STUDENTS WILL VISIT WITH THEIR CLASS.

ARTS \* CRAFTS \* FOOD

Gifts will range from \$1 to \$30 and it would help if students had their own shopping bag.

THANK YOU TO OUR  
FUNDRAISING TEAM!





# NOVELTY SPORTS CARNIVAL

**MONDAY 11 DECEMBER**

STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO WEAR THEIR TEAM  
COLOURS AND WILL REQUIRE A SUNSMART HAT  
AND DRINK BOTTLE.





## 2024 VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULE

ITEM	Annual Amount per STUDENT
<b>CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classroom consumables, materials and equipment</li> <li>2024 Wooranna Park Student Diary</li> <li>Printing and photocopying of learning materials</li> <li>Digital Learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Essential Assessment – Literacy &amp; Numeracy</li> <li>Sunshine Online</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	\$80
<b>OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ICT Devices</li> <li>School grounds maintenance &amp; improvements</li> </ul>	\$35 \$25
<b>TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS (per family)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building Fund (Suggested amount \$25.00)</li> </ul>	(Parent/Carer to complete) \$ _____
<b>EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 5/6 Interschool Sports Program (CSEF can be allocated, if eligible)</li> </ul>	(Parent/Carer to complete) \$50

FAMILY SURNAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FAMILY ID: \_\_\_\_\_ (Office use only)

Student(s) first name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT SURNAME(S) (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM	Item Amount	Number of students in your family	Annual Amount per FAMILY
Curriculum Contributions			\$
Other Contributions			\$
Tax Deductible Contributions (Parent/Carer to complete)			\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities			\$
CSEF - YES / NO (Parent/Carer to complete)			
<b>TOTAL FAMILY CONTRIBUTION</b>			\$
(XUNO - EFT) (Parent/Carer to complete)			



November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wooranna Park Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions schedule for 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Your ongoing financial support ensures that our school can enhance the learning experience beyond the mandated curriculum.

We want to thank you for all your support, whether that is through voluntary contributions, fundraising or volunteering your time. This helps to make a difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school, your financial support has enabled us to offer special curriculum experiences, additional resources for learning opportunities, as well as school buildings and grounds maintenance and enhancement.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

All classroom supplies will be provided directly to the classrooms in bulk. Teachers will distribute stationery and other supplies to the students as needed.

Please find attached our 2024 Voluntary Financial Contributions Schedule outlining the breakdown for each area. Online payments can be made via XUNO from **22 January 2024** or alternatively the school will be open as of **29 January 2024** to receive parent contributions.

Amanda Ellaby  
Executive Principal

Michelle Karton  
School Council President





### **Curriculum Contributions**

Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the curriculum include:

- Everyday items that your child/ren will use in the classroom for the essential curriculum such as art supplies, science equipment, cooking ingredients and technology materials.
- Computer applications where our students have their own individual password.

### **Other Contributions**

Non-curriculum items and activities to support the daily operation and objectives of Wooranna Park Primary School.

### **Tax Deductible Contributions**

Building Fund tax deductible contributions to Wooranna Park Primary School support renovations, upgrades and maintenance of school infrastructure.

### **Extra-Curricular (OPTIONAL) Items and Activities**

Wooranna Park Primary School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students beyond what the school provides to deliver the curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis. Details of these items and activities will be provided to students and families throughout the year, such as camps, incursions and excursions.

### **Educational Items for Students to own**

All classroom supplies will be provided directly to the classrooms in bulk, where teachers will distribute stationery and other supplies to the students as needed.

### **Financial Support for Families**

Wooranna Park Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- State Schools' Relief provides support such as new school uniforms, shoes and more for disadvantaged families. Applications are submitted by the school.
- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible families to assist students to attend camps, sporting events and excursions. Application forms will be available at the office as of **29 January 2024** for new families or newly eligible families with a current Health Care Card. Parents/carers who currently receive CSEF, and who remain eligible, will automatically have their 2024 application processed by the school. For all applications, we will require a copy of your current Health Care Card.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact our Business Manager, Sue Bitzios on 9795 2007 or [sue.bitzios@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:sue.bitzios@education.vic.gov.au). Any information about your financial circumstances, payment arrangements or status will be kept strictly confidential.



### Payment Methods

We will be accepting online payments via **XUNO** (Events and Fees) from **22 January 2024**.

Alternatively, Wooranna Park Primary School will be open as of **29 January 2024** to receive parent contributions at the office via **EFTPOS**.

### Refunds

Parent/carer requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.



# PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS

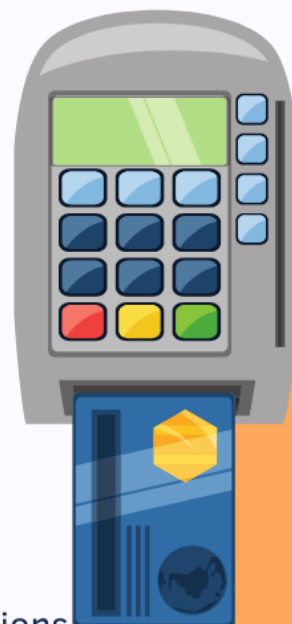
**Pay via XUNO**

(Events and Fees) from 22 January 2024

**Pay via EFTPOS** from 29 January 2024  
at the office

For further information visit:

[@woorannaparkps.vic.edu.au/page/23/Parent-Contributions](https://woorannaparkps.vic.edu.au/page/23/Parent-Contributions)



# PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

## ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



### FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



### PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

#### Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

#### Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

#### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



### FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



### SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.

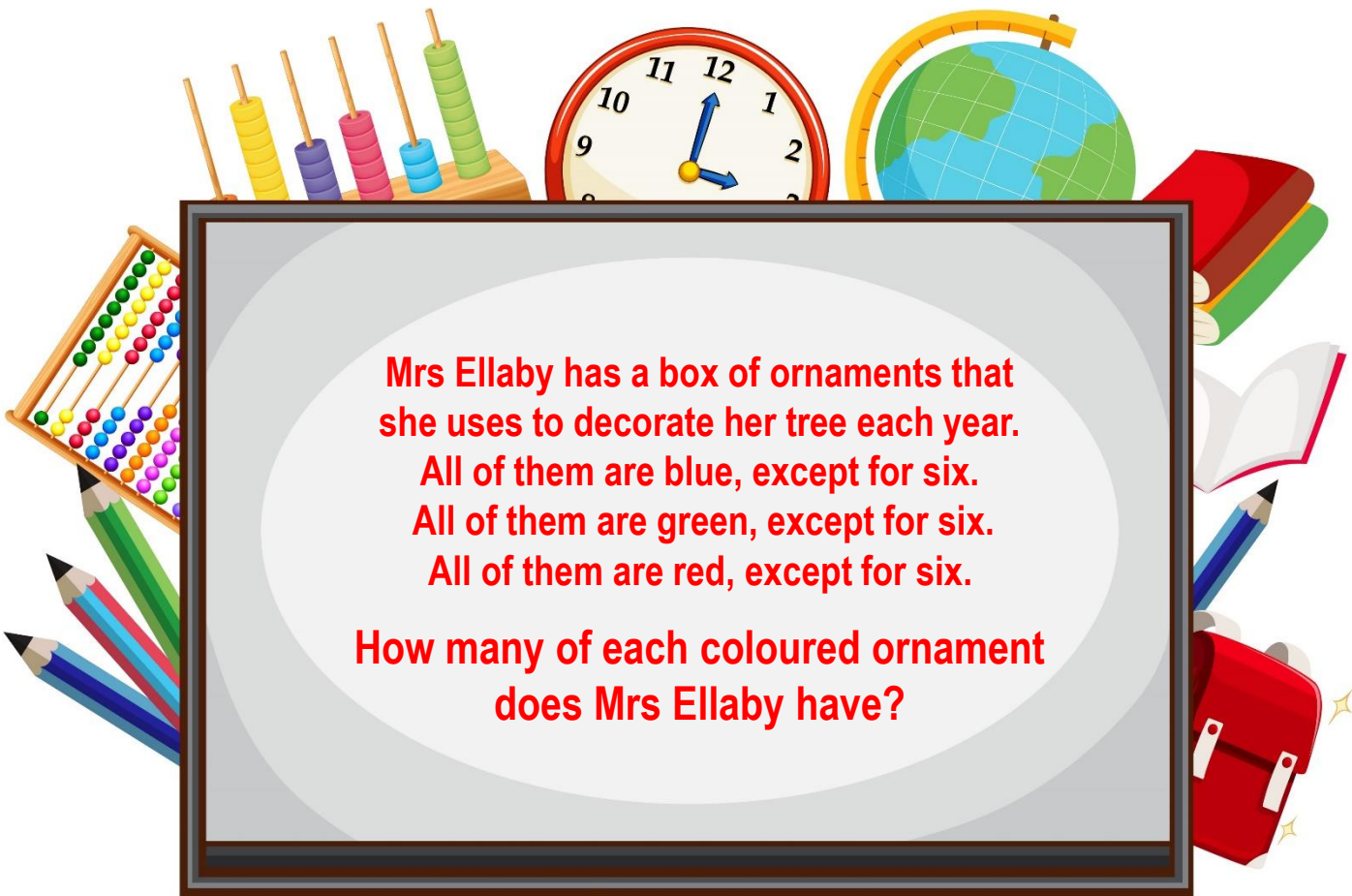


# MATHS

## 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!



**Mrs Ellaby has a box of ornaments that she uses to decorate her tree each year.**  
**All of them are blue, except for six.**  
**All of them are green, except for six.**  
**All of them are red, except for six.**  
**How many of each coloured ornament does Mrs Ellaby have?**

Congratulations to...

***Naureen Ali***

For your excellent problem-solving skills!





# SHARING OUR OF LEARNING

The Art Show at Wooranna Park Primary School on November 23 provided the students to celebrate the "Artist In You" in a variety of ways. Each class, as well as After School Care and Koorie Club contributed a number of artworks and a fitting display was set up for the parents, carers and friends to attend and peruse.

Display boards were made by Tony and his wife Yvette, with the artwork designed by Gina Vongue and Sapna Vats, were a feature.

Navaeha and Jethro from Grades 3 and 4 gave a fitting Acknowledgement of Country, which was followed by musical performances from all the grades. The Preps sang and were accompanied by the Grade 5 and 6's on ukulele, the Grade 1 and 2's performed "Shark Shuffle" and "Clapstick Routine", Grade 3 and 4 played recorders and sang Brown Skin Baby, a song by indigenous songwriter, Bob Randall and the Grade 5 and 6's recited "Banjo" Paterson's classic bush poem, "The Man From Ironbark".

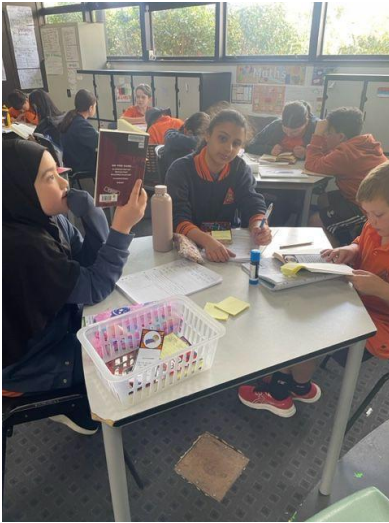
The TOC was filled with families and friends and the performances by the children were very well received. As a special treat – the high school band from Lyndale Secondary College came and performed as well.





# SHARING OUR OF LEARNING

The 5/6 Learning Community have been very busy this Term. We have been learning about persuasive text, poetry and getting our artwork ready for the art show.



During Reciprocal Reading we focused on our clarifying skills whilst reading novels.



We shared some quality time learning new games.



We worked on our measurement skills by estimating, measuring and creating a 3D model of our shoe and we worked on our problem solving strategies.



# Parenting Post

## Body Safety

As part of our wellbeing sessions and following the Kids Roar incursion, students have been introduced to the concept of 'Body Safety'. Body safety education empowers children, helping them recognise and communicate about inappropriate behaviours or touch, understanding their body's warning signs and consent. By fostering this awareness, we're not only protecting them from potential harm but also setting a foundation for healthy relationships and self-respect as they grow.

Teaching children respect for their own and others' bodies helps empower them and reduces their chances of becoming victims.



The federal government have launched a campaign called "One Talk at a Time", it aims to help prevent child abuse by encouraging adults to have ongoing, proactive, preventative conversations with children and young people. The campaign is aimed at adults with children and young people in their lives. **All children have the right to be safe from abuse.** We all have a role to play in creating safe environments for children and young people.

### *Conversations have the power to prevent abuse.*

You might not be an expert in the topic, but no one knows the people in your life better than you do.


You are the **RIGHT** person to have conversations with children and young people around you. The campaign has released advertisements aimed at having one conversation at a time. You can watch it here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FXLT045\\_b7Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FXLT045_b7Q)

## 7 KEY BODY SAFETY MESSAGES

1. **TALK** openly with your child – ensure they know they can talk to you about anything!
2. **TELL** your child never to keep secrets that make them feel bad and uncomfortable, even if threatened.
3. **BE WARY** of people who are always 'there' to help out and who take a special interest in your child.
4. **WATCH** for out-of-character behavioural changes in your child and investigate.
5. **LISTEN** to your child, even when you are busy and everything else seems more important – abused children often drop hints in conversation to gauge your reaction.
6. **ALWAYS** believe your child when they tell you about any forms of abuse; reassure them of your love and that they were never to blame – your initial reaction to a disclosure is very important.
7. **EDUCATE** your child in body safety before they are in the abuser's web, and their lives are changed forever.

### Debunking 6 Myths About Body Safety Education



- 1 **My child will lose their innocence**  
They won't. They will be empowered. This knowledge will keep them safe. It is far better that they are educated than have their childhood stolen. Childhood sexual abuse cannot be undone.
- 2 **Sex and the act of sexual abuse will be discussed**  
When we teach road safety, we don't show children graphic images. Similarly, when we teach body safety, it is age-appropriate and non-threatening. Sex and the act of sexual abuse is never mentioned.
- 3 **My child is too young to be educated in body safety**  
3 to 8 years is the most likely age for a child to be sexually abused. The younger you start to educate the better! As soon as they begin to talk – start!
- 4 **'Stranger Danger' education is all my child needs**  
85% of abusers are known to the child. They will be a trusted family member, friend or in your community. Predators are amongst us. They can be anyone!
- 5 **Why raise this when my child will never be sexually abused?**  
1 in 5 girls and 1 in 8 boys will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday. Your child is more likely to be sexually abused than break a limb.
- 6 **My child doesn't need Body Safety Education; they tell me everything**  
A child can be so threatened and terrified to keep 'the secret', they may never tell. 73% of child victims do not tell in the first year, 45% do not tell in the first 5 years and many never disclose.

*To help prevent any form of abuse we encourage adults and trusted family members to regularly have open, safe, ongoing, proactive, and preventative conversations with the children and young people in your lives.*

*Conversations have the power to prevent abuse and change lives.*

# 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 Prep B, 1/2C, 3/4C and 5/6C for being our grades of the week, for the last fortnight!**



# SUNSMART REMINDER

Just a reminder that **all** 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.

Step 1

Subway \$6

View

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Fri 6 October 2023

Date to:  
Fri 6 October 2023

Purpose: Subway

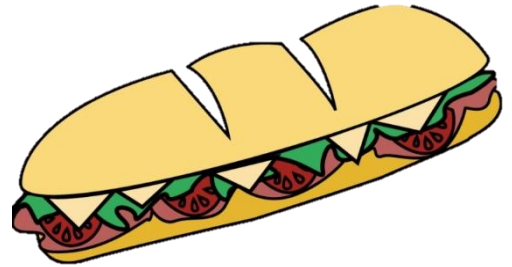
Payment Items: Subway \$6

Subway	\$ 6.00
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No Instalment plan is available for this payment.

Cost: \$ 6.00

Notes: N/A



Step 2

Fill out forms

Due by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

Class

3/4A

Step 3

Subway selection

- ☐ HAM
- ☒ CHICKEN
- ☒ WHITE
- ☒ CHEESE
- ☐ LETTUCE
- ☒ TOMATO
- ☐ CUCUMBER
- ☒ CARROT
- ☐ MAYONAISE
- ☐ BBQ SAUCE
- ☒ TOMATO SAUCE
- ☐ SWEET CHILLI SAUCE
- ☐ CHOC CHIP COOKIE
- ☐ APPLE JUICE
- ☐ WATER

Step 4

Outstanding 7

Direct Debit

Paid

Items marked as \* require parent approval before they can be selected to be paid.

Student

Description

Subway \$6

Subway

\$

6.00

Due Date

4 October 2023

Amount Due

\$ 6.00

View

Select to Pay

Step 5

# 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/>



### Christmas Stall

Give your child the opportunity to purchase some great gifts for the special people in their life! Our fundraising team will be hosting a Christmas Stall on Thursday 7 December, in the TOC.

[READ MORE](#)



### Novetly Sports Carnival

Our grade five and six students have been doing a great job preparing to lead our whole school athletics day planned for Monday 11 December.

[READ MORE](#)



END OF TERM

### End of Term - Early Dismissal On Tuesday 20 December

Just a reminder that Wednesday 20 December is our last day of Term Four. Students will be dismissed at 1:30pm.

[READ MORE](#)



### 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.

[READ MORE](#)

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Have you registered your child/ren for the Big Summer Read? It is a great way to keep up their reading habits over the holiday break. 📖📖📖

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**BIG Summer Read**

BIG Summer Read, the exciting state-wide summer reading program for kids.

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If you are to lend a hand at our Christmas Stall please sign up at:  
<https://forms.gle/hCS1uE82jT3scW3C6>

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THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDRAISING TEAM!

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Some good suggestions here as self compassion matters. 💙💚  
Thanks @GoZenLove

@gozenlove

**PARENTING SELF-TALK WHEN YOUR KID HAS AN ANGRY OUTBURST**

"I cannot control their emotions. I can only control how I respond to them."

"I will not take their anger personally. I will listen and allow them the space to be heard."

"I will use this as an opportunity to connect with my child."

"These feelings will pass. Breathe."

"I will connect with myself before reacting."

"This is not urgent. My child is just feeling BIG feelings that will pass."

"They are safe. I am safe. I am capable of handling the situation."

"I accept their anger and will collaborate with them to prevent these outbursts."

"I will not respond until I feel regulated to de-escalate the situation."



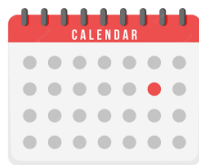
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# IMPORTANT DETAILS

## CURRICULUM DAYS

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

XUNO

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 [Facebook page](#). 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 [Facebook page](#) 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.

بسیار مهم است شماره تماس اضطراری  
و آدرس دقیق خانه شما  
را ما در مکتب داشته باشیم

اگر شما شماره تلفن یا آدرس خود را تغییر  
میدهید لطفاً هر چه  
زودتر مکتب را اطلاع دهید



## STUDENT SUPERVISION

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

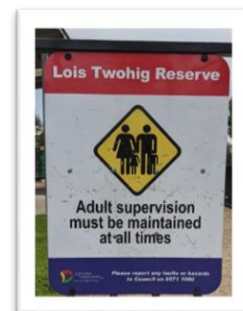
- Before school from 8:45am to 9am
- Throughout recess and lunch
- After school from 3:30pm to 3:45pm.

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 [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 policies.



## 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, navy-blue hat always when outside.



# Book for Term 1 2024 with Before and After School Care provided by VillageOSHC!



Plan ahead for the new year. Book  
for Term 1 or the whole year!  
Whether you work, study or have  
personal commitments,  
VillageOSHC is here for you.

2024 bookings are now open!



**Book now at [VillageOSHC.com.au](https://VillageOSHC.com.au)!**



# WPPS FOOD 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**



# **SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION WITH 12 MONTHS FREE INTERNET AT HOME**

The Australian Government has established the School Student Broadband Initiative to provide free home internet for up to 30,000 eligible families with school-aged students:

- The period in which a family can apply to receive a free service is up to 31 December 2024
- The duration of free services will continue until 31 December 2025 for all existing and new families

The initiative aims to boost education opportunities. NBN Co is leading the rollout of this initiative across the country.

## **How the School Student Broadband Initiative can help your child**

Children who can access online learning at home as part of their education are more likely to engage in classroom activities.

Access to fast internet at home can also support children to build their digital skills, learn how to safely use the internet and take part in a world that is more reliant on digital technology.

## **Eligibility**

To be eligible, families must:

- have a child living at home enrolled in an Australian school
- not have an active National Broadband Network (nbn) internet service at their home(having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility)
- live in a premises that can access the National Broadband Network through a standard connection. NBN Co will check this for you after you apply
- Not have had an active nbn connection during the previous 14 days\*
- register interest with your school and complete a consent form to be assessed for eligibility.

\* There may be cases where exceptions can be made, once you have had your address checked, please contact the School Student Broadband Initiative team at [SSBI@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:SSBI@education.vic.gov.au) to discuss further.

## **How the School Student Broadband Initiative works**

If you are eligible, your home internet service will be provided at no cost through until the end of 2025, with a participating internet provider on the National Broadband Network. Each internet provider has its own process to get you connected, which may involve you providing identification.

Once you sign up, the internet provider will help you set up your connection. The initiative does not include devices such as a computer or tablet. Other members of your household can use the internet service provided through this initiative.

The period of free internet will start from the day your service is activated with your chosen provider. At the end of the free broadband period, you will not be placed onto a paid service by your internet provider without your consent. The Australian Government is considering options beyond the free period.



**How to apply**

- Ask your school for a copy of the School Student Broadband Initiative consent form.
- Complete the consent form and return to the school.
- NBN Co will use student address details on the consent form to confirm eligibility.
- If you are eligible, NBN Co will issue a voucher for your family to use to sign up with a participating internet provider. This will be provided to you by your school.

Please note: NBN Co will review the home address for eligibility. No personal information other than your main home address will be shared with NBN Co. Please see the consent form for details about how personal information will be used.

**Find out more**

For more information about the School Student Broadband Initiative, visit

<https://www.infrastructure.gov.au>



# SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

<https://www.springvaleindoorsports.com.au/school-holidays/>

Add: 546-552 Springvale Road, Springvale South | Tel: 9547 2555

**\$10+ / Day with CCS**



- Sports
- Art & Craft
- Laser Tag/Nerf
- Jumping Castles
- Bumper Cars
- Facepainting

# 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



**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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/protect)



# Term 4 2023



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.

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
October	02	<b>First day of Term Four</b> Don't forget your school, sun smart hat!	03  <b>First Aid Incursion</b> (All students)	04  Have you Liked our school's official <a href="#">Facebook page</a> ? We post information regularly!	05	06 <b>Gala Day</b> (5/6s)  <b>Whole School Assembly</b> @ 2:40pm
	09		10	11 <b>Student Advisory Meeting</b> (Elected Leaders)	12 <b>Healesville Sanctuary excursion</b> (1/2s)	13  Last day to order a hot dog lunch pack!
	16		17 	18	19	20  <b>Whole School Colour Run</b> @ 2:30pm
	<b>Dental Van onsite</b>					
November	23	24 <b>School Council</b> @ 6pm	25 <b>Student Advisory Forum</b> (Elected Leaders)	26	27 World Teachers' Day  <b>#1 PRINCIPAL for the Day</b> (Elected Students)	
	30	31 <b>2024 Prep Transition</b> (2:30-3:15pm)	01	02	03 <b>Whole School Assembly</b> @ 2:40pm	
	06 	07 <b>Melbourne Cup Day - No School</b> 	08	09	10	
	<b>Swimming Program (4-day program)</b>					
	13	14 <b>2024 Prep Transition</b> (2:30-3:15pm) <b>Community Math Night</b> @ 5:30pm till 6:30 pm 	15 <b>Student Advisory Meeting</b> (Elected Leaders)	16	17 <b>Whole School Assembly</b> @ 2:40pm	
20	21 <b>2024 Prep Transition</b> (2:30-3:15pm) <b>School Council</b> @ 6pm	22  <b>Better Buddies Day</b> (Free Dress)	23  <b>Arts Show</b>	24 <b>Curriculum Day</b> No Students at school		
27	28	29 <b>Student Advisory Meeting</b> (Elected Leaders)	30	01 <b>Team Time</b> @ 2:40pm		
December	04 	05 <b>2024 Prep Transition</b> (Dari families from 2:30-3:15pm)	06  <b>Grade Six Graduation</b>	07 <b>Christmas Stall</b> 	08	
	11 <b>Whole School Novelty Sports Carnival</b> (Wear your House Colours)	12 <b>Year 6 &gt; 7 State Transition Day</b> <b>2024 House Leader Elections</b> <b>Meet your 2024 Teacher</b>	13  <b>Class End of Year Parties</b>	14 Student reports available on XUNO	15 <b>Golden Assembly</b> @ 2:40pm 	
	18	19	20 Last Day of Term 1:30pm finish 	21 <b>School Holidays</b>	22	