

Wooranna Park's Wonderings



Tuesday 19 December, 2023

Hi everyone,

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge and thank everyone for the way you have respected our class creation process, especially once we released the grade structure and classes for 2024. I know that many of you appreciate that there are so many factors that need to be considered in this very complex process and we recognise that any transition does create a level of anxiety for all parties. I would like to acknowledge **Megan Van Der Velden** and **Rachael Rydqvist's** leadership of this process, particularly given the enormity of this task.

When looking back on the achievements of Wooranna Park during 2023 I am drawn to our students' attitudes towards school, along with their genuine engagement in learning. Their achievement growth is highlighted in each student's individual reports. I would like to thank all the **teaching staff** on the thought, effort and care they have shown their students throughout 2023, enabling these academic achievements alongside their social and emotional development. A big thank you also needs to be extended to our **Education Support Staff**, who have supported individual students and the various programs that offer such valuable learning experiences within our school.

I would like to thank our Assistant Principals **Jennie Vine** and **Rachael Rydqvist** for managing the day to day operations of our school community. This year we have worked even harder to develop consistent team approaches to learning and teaching, particularly in reading. Our Middle Leaders **Anessa Quirit**, **Kate O'Donnell**, **Kim Campbell**, **Felix Meagher**, **Lucia Hetherington**, and **Vicki Ross**, along with supportive leadership from **Megan Van Der Velden** enabling our students' achievement and engagement.

We know we cannot get the best out of our students, in terms of their learning, unless we are also helping them with their health and wellbeing. This often includes family needs as well and the demands placed on schools to 'solve' society's problems. An enormous effort, emotionally, strategically and time, is devoted by staff to this area and as a community we would be lost without them! Many thanks to **Pip Varszeghy** and our School Chaplain **Sam Bond** for the genuine care and concern you show all members of our school community.

As you can see there are many, many people involved in trying to provide our students with the best learning environment possible. Two groups in particular who provide excellent support to me are members of School Council, led by **Michelle Karton** and our wonderful support staff, led by Business Manager **Sue Bitzios**. A big thank you to **Lyn Mitsios** and **Ness Moodie** for being available and present for all of our community members.



Lost Property

Please stop by the Office if you need to update your child/ren's uniform. We have lots of lost property that we would like to send home.



I would like to acknowledge the valuable contribution of quite a few staff who are leaving us. They have worked hard while at Wooranna Park and have helped to build a safe, caring and productive work environment for students, staff and families to enjoy.

Firstly, to **Jennie** who has made the decision to move on after a significant period of service to this community....22 years to be exact! Jennie, you have been such a support to so many, including me when I joined WPPS, so I would like to wish you all the best in your next season of life.

I also extend my best wishes to **Anessa** for spreading her wings after 18 years. We are so proud of Anessa for taking this chance to pursue a leadership opportunity to develop and grow herself. We wish you all the very best Anessa!

I would also like to take this opportunity to farewell **Miron** and **Wah**, thank you for being such supportive members of our learning community, helping and encouraging our students with their pursuits, particularly in Chess and Robotics!

While it may not be a complete goodbye yet, our best wishes are extended to **Mel** who will be temporarily transferring to Chalcot Lodge Primary School. All the best goes out to **Lucia** as she checks out the education world at Doveton College. **Pip** is also ready to shine bright at Frankston Heights Primary School as their Leading Teacher for Wellbeing.

I thank all these staff for the contributions that they have made to our school’s culture and community. We hope you each take with you fond memories of your time at Wooranna Park!

I would like to acknowledge the contribution of our school leaders, **Hala and Hiba, Huong and Erhas, Fia and Sandali, Juleap and Madison** along with **Nesandi and Kieran**, that they have made to Wooranna Park. We have appreciated your leadership and role modelling!

Our acknowledgement also needs to be extended to the following Grade Six students who were recognised for their individual efforts at their graduation. Congratulations to these recipients!

Principal Award	Community Spirit and Leadership Award	Terry O’Connor Award
Kieran Drake	Nesandi Gallage	Edin Bahor Elisapeta Kavapalu



And to **all our students**, well done on how you have gone about taking responsibility for your own learning throughout 2023 and for demonstrating our school values of being safe, respectful and responsible when learning and playing together.

Please stay safe as you enjoy a well deserved break!

Child Safe Standards

Last year, the Victorian Government announced new [Child Safe Standards](#) to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.



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

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

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

I would like acknowledge the valuable role of our School Council, under the leadership of **Michelle Karton**, in developing such school policies, particularly supporting my staff and I to understand and consider the views of the school community, where appropriate. There are a small number of policies that must be developed and approved by the School Council because of legal requirements or Department Policy (e.g. Uniform and Student Dress Code, Child Safe Standards, Finance policies etc) and I thank this group of parents and staff for committing to this work in 2023! All these policies are on [our website](#) for your review.

Finally, as we prepare to celebrate Christmas, I wish you all a peaceful, joyful and restful holiday season. May you find time to relax, recharge and reconnect with your loved ones. May you also reflect on the blessings and opportunities that we have in our lives and look forward to the new year with hope and optimism.

Thank you for being part of our WPPS community!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Amanda Ellaby
Executive Principal



5 tips to keep your family safe online



Parents and carers can use a combination of strategies to help young people build their digital technology skills and have safer experiences online.

1. Start the chat

Get into the habit of talking about online safety as a family, so your child feels comfortable coming to you if they ever need help working out an issue. It's never too early to introduce [good online habits](#) such as respect, empathy, critical thinking, responsible behaviour and resilience. As your child grows older, eSafety's advice about [hard to have conversations](#) will help with some of the tricky topics like sending nudes, online pornography and contact from sexual predators.

2. Create a family technology agreement

Creating a Family Technology Agreement can help you and your kids decide together when and how digital technology will be used at home. As a family, brainstorm easy-to-follow rules and display them where everyone will see them. Your agreement could cover things like: time limits, apps your kids are allowed to use and online behaviour. Families with younger children can [download](#) a template to guide the conversation.

3. Set up parental controls

Parental controls let you monitor and limit what your child sees and does online. It's best to use them in combination with the other online safety strategies listed here. [Taming the technology](#) can help you understand your options. Grab a device and get started with our guides to setting up parental controls on [devices and accounts](#) or in [social media, games and apps](#).

4. Choose games and other apps carefully

Use eSafety's [App checklist for parents](#) to think about the positives and negatives when your child asks to download a new game or other app. The checklist covers things like age ratings, managing privacy settings and reporting abuse in-app. You can also use [The eSafety guide](#) to check and set up safety features with your child.

5. Use digital technology together

Exploring or playing on devices or online with your child can be a positive experience that promotes learning and development. Ask questions, be curious and get involved. To learn more, read our blogpost [How to encourage good screen practices for your child](#).

Chappy's Corner

ART CLUB @ SNACK

This term ART CLUB has been running during first break. There have been many artistic creations using all sorts of mediums from home made (made at school) play doh, sand trays, sketching, painting, colouring, pastels and paddle pop sticks.

The Art Club is quite popular and we need to really applaud Miss Laurel for continually joining us every week, giving up her break time to help us supervise our keen creators.

We appreciate Henni who comes in regularly to help the students and to help us with the cleaning up, it's such a big help!



ART CLUB



Chappy's Corner

CHAPLAINCY 2024

This term we welcomed in Connie to the chaplaincy team who took over from Catherine. Next year, Chappy Samantha and Chappy Connie will return as our school has been very fortunate to receive the funding again, yay.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH

Seasons for Growth teaches the students tools to deal with the changes in life we all face at some time, including grief and loss. The grade 5 students currently in the program will finish the other half in term 1.

DRUMMING FOR RESILIENCE

This program teaches students about the brain and how it affects our body and how we can take charge, through music. Just like the drum circle or a group of various musicians make up an ensemble, so too does the different parts of our brain make an ensemble. Learning how this works gives us tools to understand how to better take care of our brain and in turn, take care of our emotional well being. We learn this through musical activities. There will be a new group for term 1.

WELLBEING IN THE 'SILLY SEASON'

Some tips from the 'LIVIN' website:

Be True to Yourself:

It's okay to enjoy Christmas songs, even the ones you secretly love, like Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas Is You." Embrace your unique preferences.

Share the Load:

Don't rely on your partner to handle all the holiday responsibilities. Get involved in shopping and wrapping gifts. Your efforts will be appreciated by your family and your partner.

Pace Yourself:

During the festive season, keep at least two evenings a week free to rest and recharge. Stick to your exercise routine or spend time in nature for a mental health boost. Balance your diet, alcohol intake and attend social gatherings to connect with important people in your life.

Give Back:

If you're feeling down and don't have Christmas plans, consider volunteering at a local soup kitchen or charity. Helping others can remind you of your blessings and bring a sense of fulfillment.

Manage Family Time:

You can't choose your family, but you can control how you engage with them. Keep visits short and sweet or take breaks during longer gatherings to relieve stress.

Choose Your Attitude:

As Viktor E. Frankl said, "Everything can be taken from a man but one thing – the last of the human freedoms – to choose one's attitude." Approach the festive season with a positive attitude.

Avoid Social Media Comparisons:

Don't compare yourself to others, especially the seemingly perfect lives portrayed on social media. Focus on your personal growth and becoming better than you were yesterday.

Practice Patience:

When spending time with family members who can trigger uncomfortable feelings, try waiting 2-3 minutes before passing judgement. Use the S.T.O.P method: **S**top, **T**ake a breath, **O**bserve the situation without reacting, and **P**roceed when you're calmer.

The obvious ones:

Eat as healthfully as you can wherever you are and....stop before you're full. Drink alcohol moderately , if at all.
Drink 3 litres of water daily.
Keep up regular exercise as much as you can.

Seek Professional Support:

If you've tried various strategies to improve your mental health without success, don't hesitate to reach out to a mental health professional. You're not alone, and there are resources available, such as a GP (ask about a Mental Health Plan), Lifeline (13 11 14) or Someone Health (affordable psychological support available anywhere, any time).

Some other useful numbers:

The Light Care Line : 03 90706134

Mental Health Services and Support

Beyond Blue 24/7 mental health support service 1300 22 4636 beyondblue.org.au	headspace Online support and counselling to young people aged 12 to 25 1800 650 890 (9am to 1am daily) For webchat, visit: headspace.org.au/ ehespace	Kids Helpline 24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services for children and young people aged 5 to 25 1800 55 1800 kidshelpline.com.au	1800 RESPECT 24/7 support for people impacted by sexual assault, domestic violence and abuse 1800 737 732 1800respect.org.au	QLife LGBTI peer support and referral 1800 184 527 (3pm to midnight daily) qlife.org.au (online chat 3pm to midnight local time, including over holidays.)
Lifeline 24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services 13 11 14 lifeline.org.au	Suicide Call Back 24/7 crisis support and counselling service for people affected by suicide 1300 659 467 suicidecallbackservice.org.au	Mensline 24/7 counselling service for men 1300 78 99 78 mensline.org.au	13YARN 24/7 crisis support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 13 92 76 13yarn.org.au	

If you are concerned about someone at risk of immediate harm, call 000 or go to your nearest hospital emergency department.

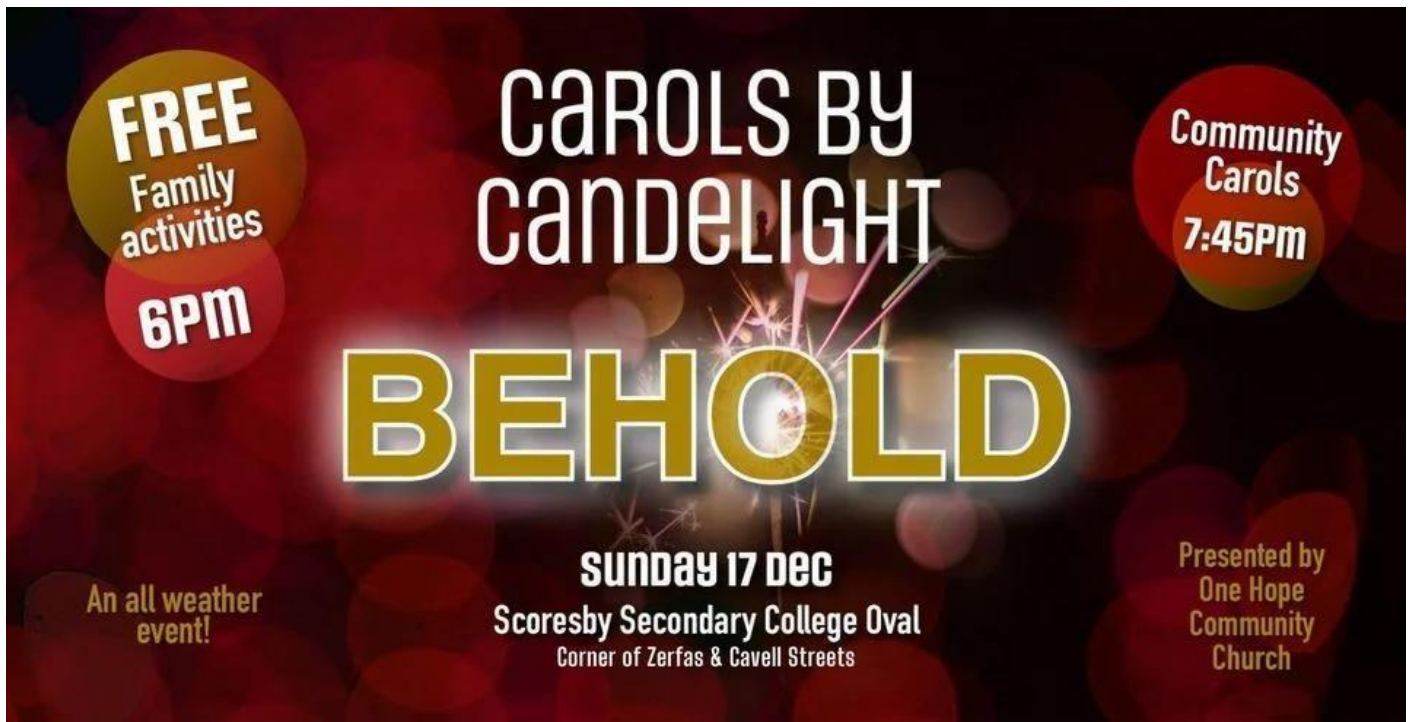




Some of our families may also be interested in attending Chappy (Pastor) Catherine's Christmas service at the Dandenong Church of Christ in David St at 10am 25th December 2023.

Peace, hope, safety and joy to all of our families at Wooranna Park.

Merry Christmas from your Chaplains – Chappy Samantha and Chappy Connie





BACK TO SCHOOL

TUESDAY 30 JANUARY

See you from
8:50am!

www.woorannaparkps.vic.edu.au

PREPARING FOR 2024



To help your child/ren be ready for their first day of school in 2024 please make sure you have:

- ☐ Prepared and named your child's **school uniform**, including a SunSmart hat. The wearing of school uniform is compulsory at Wooranna Park Primary School.

All our uniform pieces can be purchased at PSW, Unit 1, 9-11 South Link, Dandenong South, 3157. There is also an [online store](#).

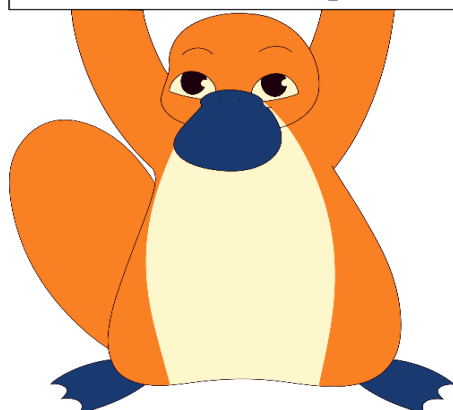
- ☐ Paid your 2024 **Parent Contributions** electronically from 22 January or at school from 29 January 2024.

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

- ☐ Ensured they have a named lunch box and drink bottle.
- ☐ Noted that school starts for all children on **Tuesday 30 January**.
- ☐ Booked your **after school care** place with VillageOHSC at: <https://villageoshc.com.au/>

*I do suggest that **all** parents/carers register their child/ren for VillageOSHC, as while you are under no obligation to use the service, it could be a support for you in the event of an emergency.*

**See you on
Tuesday 30
January!**



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.

BACK TO SCHOOL 2024 CONVENIENT SHOPPING IN JUST A FEW CLICKS

We've made it so easy for you to do all of your shopping from the convenience of your own home.



AVAILABLE ONLINE
AND INSTORE



PAY IN 4. A NEW PAY LATER OPTION
Always interest-free.

AVAILABLE ONLINE ONLY



CLICK & COLLECT
24 HOURS



STANDARD DELIVERY
7-10 DAYS

1 IF YOU KNOW WHAT YOU WANT...



SHOP ONLINE

Visit psw.com.au
and click on
'FIND MY SCHOOL'
and type in your school.

2 IF YOU'D LIKE A LITTLE HELP...



PERSONAL FIT

Visit psw.com.au click on
'FIND MY SCHOOL' and pre-book your child's
20 min personal fitting session.
AVOID THE QUEUES!

3 IF THE FIT IS NOT QUITE RIGHT...



EXCHANGES & REFUNDS*

Purchases from November 2022 can be exchanged before
February 2023. Refund returns are allowed within **30 days**
from date of purchase. *All returned items **MUST** be in their
original condition with swing tickets attached.
[Proof of purchase is required.](#)



**SHOP NOW AT
PSW.COM.AU**

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS TRADING HOURS

HEAD OFFICE

CLOSING: 20 DECEMBER 2023

REOPENING: 3 JANUARY 2024

RETAIL

CLOSING: 21 DECEMBER 2023

REOPENING: 3 JANUARY 2024

TO AVOID THE JANUARY
BACK TO SCHOOL QUEUES
SHOP NOW

2024 LEARNING COMMUNITY

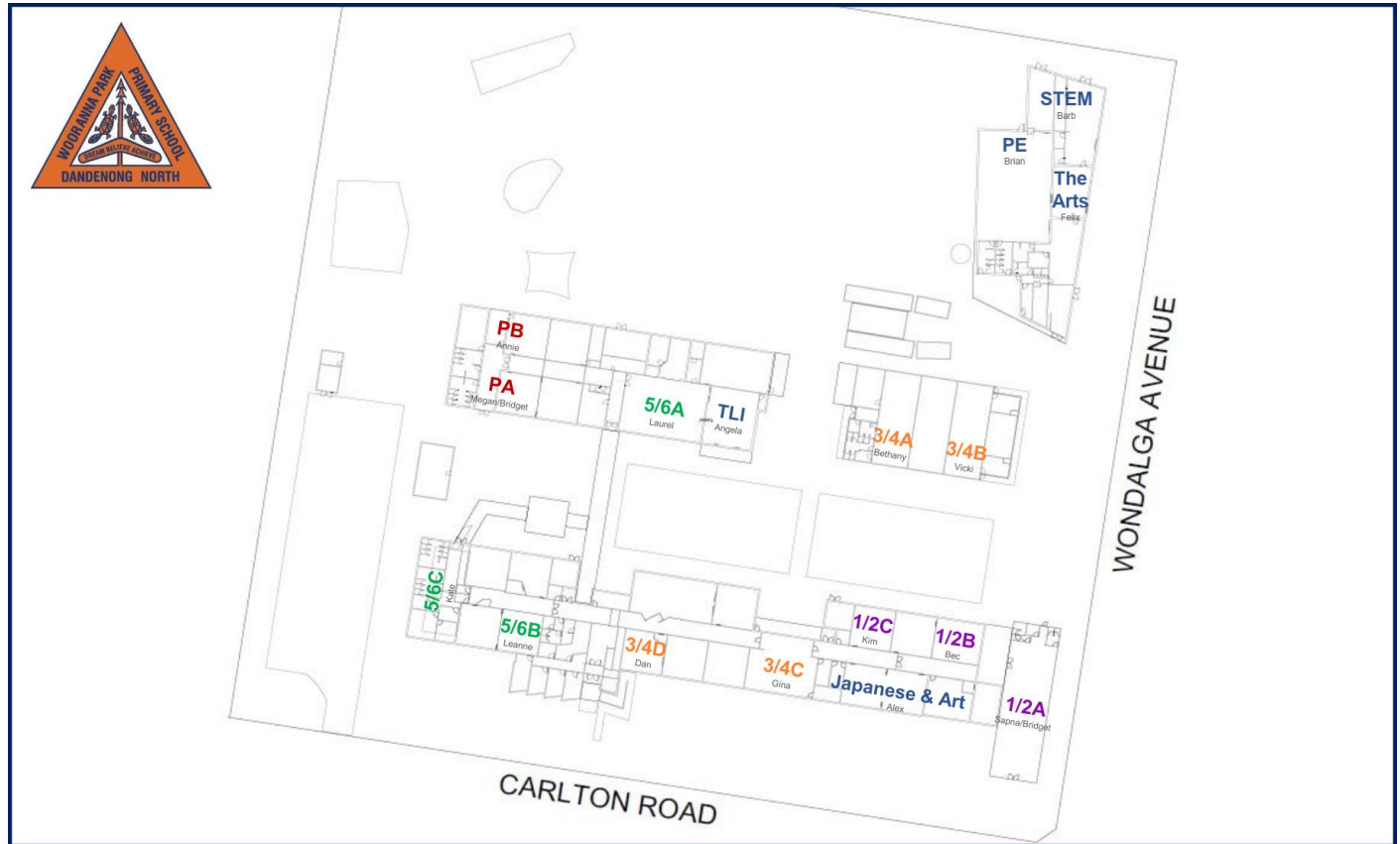
Teachers	
Prep	Megan van der Velden + Bridget Wong (W)
	Annie Praveen
1/2	Kim Campbell
	Bec Kofler
	Sapna Vats (T-F) + Bridget Wong (M)
3/4	Vicki Ross
	Gina Vongue
	Dan Alexander
	Bethany Schlag
5/6	Kate O'Donnell
	Laurel Heisman + Steve Gilbert (F)
	Leanne Vancuylenberg

Leadership	
Megan van der Velden	Learning Specialist
Becki Kinsella	Wellbeing Officer
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-W)

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



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



2024 VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULE

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



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. 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://www.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.



2024 Student Free Days

Monday 29 January

Monday 4 March

Friday 17 May

Wednesday 7 August

Monday 28 October



Students do not attend on these days.

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/>



STUDENT REPORTS

End of Year Reports

Your child's end of year report will be uploaded on to XUNO on Thursday 14 December. Visit this link:

<https://woorannaparkps.xuno.com.au/index.php>

[READ MORE](#)



End of Term - Early Dismissal On Wednesday 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](#)



Subway

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

[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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We had some excited friends at school today who had received Mahnaz's drawing in their letter box 📬❤️👍👏



Wooranna Park Primary School
Published by Amanda Ellaby · 2 d · 🌐
Please remember that school finishes at 1:30pm on Wednesday 20 December as it is the last day!

END OF TERM EARLY DISMISSAL

Wooranna Park Primary School
Published by Amanda Ellaby · 5 December at 16:00 · 🌐
Congratulations to our Class of 2023 who will be graduating tomorrow night!

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2023

Congratulation to our grade six students!

We hope you have a wonderful celebration tonight!

<http://www.woorannaparkps.vic.edu.au/>



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

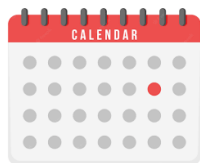


IMPORTANT DETAILS

CURRICULUM DAYS

The following days have been endorsed by School Council:

- Monday 29 January
- Monday 4 March
- Friday 17 May
- Wednesday 7 August
- Monday 28 October



Students do not attend on these days. On the last day of Terms One, Two and Three we have an early dismissal time of **2:30pm** and on the last day of Term Four we finish 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

- ✓ 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 [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
میدهند 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:

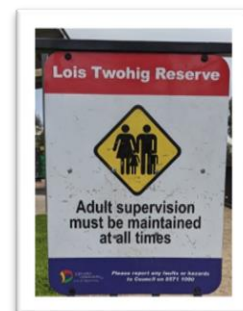
- Before school from 8:45am to 9am
- Throughout recess and lunch
- After school from 3:30pm to 3:45pm.

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 named broad brimmed, navy-blue hat always when outside.

خط مشی تلفون موبایل

خط مشی

از سال 2020، از تمام مکاتب دولتی و بکتوریا خواسته شده است که باید خط مشی جدید تلفون موبایل را اجرا کنند. این خط مشی تقاضا دارد که باید تمام تلفون های موبایل در طول روز در مکتب خاموش بوده و در یک جای محفوظ نگهداری شوند. هدف از این خط مشی این است که:

- یک محیط محفوظ وبدون استفاده نامناسب از تلفون موبایل (به شمول زورگویی سایبری) یا حواس پرتی ها را برای شاگردان فراهم سازد.
- فرصت های بیشتر برای تعامل اجتماعی و فعالیت بدنی در هنگام تفریح و غذای چاشت فراهم سازد.

تحقیقات

خط مشی جدید تلفون موبایل با استفاده از نتایج تحقیقاتی اتخاذ است که نشان داده که تلفون های موبایل می توانند در صنف های درسی اختلال ایجاد کنند و در مکتب مورد سوء استفاده قرار گیرند. همچنین مشخص شده است که موجودیت تلفون های موبایل کنترل نشده در صنف های درسی می تواند ظرفیت شاگردان در فکر کردن، یادگیری، به یاد آوردن، توجه کردن و تنظیم احساسات را ضعیف سازد. خلاصه ای از این تحقیق در وبسایت وزارت معارف www.education.vic.gov.au (جستجو: تلفون های موبایل) موجود است.

سوال های که زیاد پرسیده می شود

آیا شاگردان هنوز هم می توانند تلفون موبایل به مکتب بیاورند؟

شاگردان می توانند تلفون موبایل به مکتب بیاورند، اما در طول روز مکتب باید خاموش و محفوظ باشد. در صورت لزوم والدین می توانند با فرزندان خود از طریق دفتر مکتب تماس بگیرند.

آیا موارد استثنائی برای استفاده وجود دارد؟

خط مشی جدید تلفون موبایل به تعداد کمی از استثنائات اجازه می دهد. به عنوان مثال، در جایی که از تلفون موبایل برای مدیریت یک وضعیت صحتی یا پشتیبانی از یک فعالیت یادگیری در صنف استفاده می شود. معلمان می توانند استثناء یادگیری مبتنی بر صنف را اعطا کنند. کلیه استثنائات دیگر را مدیر مکتب می تواند اعطا کند. معلومات بیشتر درباره استثناء ها می تواند توسط مکتب کودک شما ارائه شود.

شاگردانی که در مکتب به استفاده تلفون موبایل گرفتار می شوند چه عواقبی خواهند داشت؟

با شاگردانی که از تلفون موبایل خود در مکتب استفاده می کنند مطابق با خط مشی های انضباطی فعلی مکتب شان برخورد خواهند شد. مکتب فرزند شما می تواند معلومات بیشتری در این باره ارائه دهد.

آیا این خط مشی جدید شامل سایر دستگاه های موبایل، بطور مثال ساعت های هوشمند هم می شود؟

این خط مشی جدید در حال حاضر در مورد فناوریهای پوشیدنی مانند ساعت های هوشمند و/یا آپیدها اعمال نمی شود. اگر آنها را به مکتب می آورند، آگاه سازی (notification) آنها باید خاموش شوند. مکاتب ممکن است در خط مشی مکتب محلی خود محدودیت هایی را در استفاده از چنین دستگاههایی شامل سازند.

برای معلومات بیشتر

برای دریافت معلومات بیشتر در مورد خط مشی تلفون موبایل در مکتب محلی خود با مکتب فرزندان تماس بگیرید.

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