

Wooranna Park's Wonderings



Wednesday 21 February 2024

Hi everyone,

I wanted to extend my thanks to all the families that attended a **Getting to Know You Meeting** last week. Your input and willingness to engage with your child's teacher illustrates your commitment to support your child and I hope that this discussion enabled you to communicate the priorities that you have for your child in the year ahead. This information will be of great support to the teacher, especially with their communication to you. Your next formal opportunity to meet with your child's teacher will be at our **Student Led Conferences** in **July 2024**.

School Council Election

On Monday, our election process for our School Council concluded, filling 3 parent rep positions (2 years).

The notice of School Council election results for 2024 can be found on [our website](#) along with additional information about School Council.

As you will note, we do still have 2 parent rep positions (casual vacancies) and 1 staff rep position (casual vacancy) to fill, to whom will be co-opted at the first School Council meeting on Tuesday 26 March 2024.

On Tuesday 26 March at 6:00pm we will host our **Annual General Meeting** which will then be followed by our first School Council meeting for 2024. As is the case for every School Council meeting, you are all welcome to attend!

Importance of School Attendance

Please remember that it is your responsibility to notify the school if your child is going to be late or away from school. You can log your child's absence by logging onto XUNO, calling the school on 9795 2007 or by sending an email to wooranna.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Please note that aligned to the Department's School Attendance Guidelines, we will keep a record of the reason given for each absence. The Principal will determine if the explanation provided is a **reasonable excuse** for the purpose of the parent/carer meeting their responsibilities under the *Education Training Reform Act 2006* and the School Attendance Guidelines.

If it is considered that the parent/carer has provided a **reasonable excuse** for their child's absence, the absence will be marked as '**excused absence**'.

If the school determines that no reasonable excuse has been provided, the absence will be marked as '**unexcused absence**'.

The Principal has the discretion to accept a reason given by a parent/carer for a student's absence. The Principal will generally excuse:

- medical and dental appointments, where out of hours appointments are not possible or appropriate
- bereavement or attendance at the funeral of a relative or friend of the student, including a student required to attend Sorry Business
- school refusal, if a plan is in place with the parent/carer to address causes and support the student's return to school
- cultural observance if the parent/carer notifies the school in advance
- family holidays where the parent/carer notifies the school in advance.

Commemorations

If your child is involved in any commemorations such as Ramadan or Muharram throughout the year, potentially impacting them from accessing the planned educational program, can you please communicate the requirements of this commemoration for their teachers' understanding otherwise they will be expected to participate in the learning that has been planned by their teachers, including our Specialist teachers.

Collection of Students during the School Day

If you are planning to collect your child/ren early from the Office, then you need to present the administration staff with photo identification. This process is in line with our Duty of Care policy. If you organise to have somebody else collect your child/ren, you must ensure that they are listed as an emergency contact or have been authorised by you, the parent/carer, to collect the student.

If you are picking up a student during play break, we ask that you contact the Office prior to picking them up so that we can ensure their bag is at the Office. This is because all classrooms are locked during break times.

Mobile Phones in Schools

Given the Department's position on mobile phones in schools, I did want to highlight our policy here at Wooranna Park. As per the [Mobile Phone policy](#), 'a mobile phone is a telephone with access to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network'. For 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 'smart watches'. I ask that you familiarise yourself with this policy in support of your child/ren understanding our school's requirements and processes.

Medical Plans

It is also very important that you update your child's medical profiles to ensure that we have their current medical information at the Office. If your child has **Asthma, Allergies or Hay Fever** you will need to provide an Action Plan for them. Blank copies are available on our website (in the [Back to School Checklist](#)) or from the Office. We encourage students to take all medications before school. Please email Ness Moodie at Vanessa.moodie@education.vic.gov.au if you have any questions.



Media Permission

Annually we do also ask that you give thought to staff **Photographing, Filming And Recording** your child/ren. Details about this can be found on our website at <https://www.woorannaparkps.vic.edu.au/page/28/Photographing,-Filming-and-Recording->, including the form if you wish to opt out.

Updated Dates to the Term One Calendar

While I do not like making amendments to our calendar throughout the term, a few opportunities have popped up. As such, on the following page you will find an updated version of our Term One Calendar. Please ensure that you print this version off for your fridge. These dates have also been added to the XUNO Calendar for your convenience.

Uniform Donations

If you have any spare uniforms that your family no longer needs, we would really appreciate these to support other families. Feel free to drop them off at the front Office.



Crazy Hair Day

On Friday 15 March we will be having a [crazy hair, free dress day](#)! This is a fundraising event in support of Jethro who is participating in the World's Greatest Shave!

Students can come with their hair styled in a silly, wacky or creative manner. We suggest colourful hair accessories, temporary hair dye or other fun hair accessories! They can also wear free dress!

A gold coin would be appreciated on the day with proceeds going to the Leukaemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave.

Families that want to make an additional donation can do so at: <http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/JethroBatteselmrei>



There will be a special assembly at 2:40pm where we will be supporting Jethro to cut his hair that he has been growing for the Leukaemia Foundation!

STEM Festival

On Wednesday 20 March from 3:40pm till 4:40pm, we will be hosting a [STEM Festival](#).

As a family, we encourage you to visit each classroom to inspire each other in our STEM pursuits as we work together to build a brighter future!

Students will need to be accompanied by an adult as this is an after-school activity.



Curriculum Day

Please note that **Monday 4 March** is a Curriculum Day, so students are not to come to school. All our staff will be involved in professional learning.










Kind regards,
Amanda Ellaby
Executive Principal

Term 1 2024



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
Jan	29 Curriculum Day No School	30 Term One begins! Prep students start at 9am till 12:30pm Don't forget your school, sun smart hat!	31 No Preps at school	01	02
February	05	Updated!			09 Whole School Assembly @ 2:40pm
	12 XUNO Parent Briefing (3:40 till 4pm)	13 Getting to Know You Interviews (3:40 till 5:50pm)	14 Getting to Know You Interviews (3:40 till 5:50pm)	15	16 Whole School Assembly @ 2:40pm
	19	20 School Council @ 6pm	21 No Preps at school	22	23
March	26  Have you Liked our school's official Facebook page ? We post information regularly!	27	28 No Preps at school	29	01 Clean Up  Whole School Assembly @ 2:40pm
	04 Curriculum Day No students at school	05	06 Lyndale SC excursion (6s)	07	08 Toolbox Education (5/6s)
	11 Labour Day No School	12	13	14	15 CRAZY HAIR DAY  Team Time @ 2:40pm
	18	19	NAPLAN (Grade 3 & 5s)		
	NAPLAN (Grade 3 & 5s)		STEM Festival 		
	Noble Park SC excursion (5/6s)		(3:40pm till 4:40pm)	(Cultural dress or orange)	National Gallery Excursion (1/2s)
	25 Maths Games Day 	26 AGM & School Council @ 6pm	27	28 Golden Assembly  Last Day of Term 2:30pm finish	31 Good Friday No School 



We are proud to acknowledge the Bunurong People as the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which Wooranna Park Primary School is located. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

XUNO

Download the **XUNO Family app** from Google Play or iOS app store to receive notifications to your phone of upcoming events, and notices!

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Hello from Ms Becki!



My name is Becki (Miss Becki) and I am the new Wellbeing and Inclusion Leader. I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself, but also thank the staff, students and families of Wooranna Park Primary School for being so welcoming and kind.

I am from England and have been living in Australia since January 2020. I love traveling and prior to arriving in Australia I enjoyed travelling in many countries. My favourite country that I have been to so far is Vietnam!

I studied Psychology at University and have always had an interest in working with young people and children. I have worked in various settings within mental health supports, including large secondary schools and most recently working in primary schools. School attendance is a passion of mine and a large part of my work has been working with children and young people who find school difficult, supporting them to make school a happy and more inclusive environment.

I'm so excited to be at Wooranna Park Primary School working alongside you, the students and the staff here. I look forward to meeting everyone over the term!

How to nurture a child's mental health



TERM ONE'S LEARNING GOALS

	Literacy	Numeracy
Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognising and saying the most common sound of the letters of the alphabet.• Exploring spoken and written texts to identify words and images that make meaning.• Using familiar words to create written texts.• Learning to form lower case letters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identifying numbers in sequence up to 10.• Understanding direct and indirect comparison of length, mass and capacity.• Investigating and collecting data.• Recognising familiar two dimensional shapes.
Years 1/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identifying, blending, and segmenting phonemes (sounds) to improve reading and spelling fluency.• Asking questions when reading to activate prior knowledge and monitor understanding.• Writing legible sentences that make sense and include appropriate sentence boundary punctuation such as full stops, question marks and exclamation marks.• Learning the purpose and features of recount texts and writing recounts that include these features.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Naming and ordering days, months, and seasons and identifying dates on a calendar.• Measuring the length of shapes and objects using informal units.• Recognising the role of place value to 100 and beyond.• Connecting number names, numerals and quantities, and ordering numbers to 120 and beyond.
Years 3/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Writing autobiographies, focussing on first person pronouns and time connectives.• Identifying consonant blends and digraphs.• Participating in class discussion about a variety of topics.• Learning the structure of narrative writing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognising place value to the thousands and tens of thousands.• Telling the time to the nearest minute.• Solving problems involving the duration of time.• Developing efficient mental and written strategies to solve addition and subtraction number sentences.
Years 5/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creating autobiographies using specific structures and language features.• Investigating numerical prefixes and how they are used.• Participating in group discussions about different texts.• Researching information to draft a biography.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Determining all the possible factors of a whole number• Interpreting and using timetables• Locating and representing integers on a number line.• Estimating, measuring and comparing angles using degrees.

Setting up for Success in Grade 1/2

In the first two weeks, Grade 1/2 have focussed on setting up for success. Children have been immersed in a range of experiences designed to help them to feel connected, comfortable and ready to learn. These experiences have included learning about each other, revising our school matrix and developing a class vision and mission. We have also been building our understanding of a growth mindset, the Learning Pit and 'Good Learning Behaviours'. We look forward to a great year of learning and fun together.

1/2 A Vision statement

1/2 A are focussed, kind students who work together, have a growth mindset and ready to learn new things.

1/2 A Mission statement

We come to school to learn new things, play with our friends, make new ones, grow and have fun.

1/2 B Vision statement

1/2 B are courageous learners who are excited and ready to learn.

1/2 B Mission statement

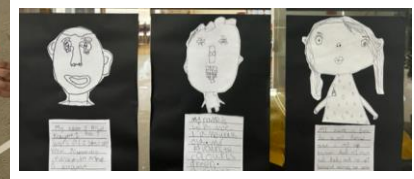
We come to school to enter the learning pit, not give up and make new friends.

1/2 C Vision statement

1/2 C is a calm and friendly place where everyone feels safe and confident to try their best.

1/2 C Mission statement

We come to school to try
our best, help each other
and have fun learning
together.





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A FRIENDLY REMINDER!

We are hosting our Annual General
Meeting on Tuesday 26 March
@ 6pm in 5/6B!

All welcome!



(03) 9795 2007

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FACEBOOK & WEBSITE

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

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



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School Breakfast Clubs Cooking Classes program

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[READ MORE](#)



Photographing, Filming And Recording

During the school year there are many occasions and events where staff may photograph, film or record students participating in school activities and events.

[READ MORE](#)



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This month is all about Self-Compassion at URSTRONG Schools! 🌟

Brene Brown (@brenebrown), the world renowned shame & vulnerability researcher, shares a lot of science on self-compassion and belonging & always words it so beautifully! She says, "True belonging... is the courage to stand alone."

We teach self-compassion in our Friendship skills curriculum in the very first sessions called, "Inner Ninja," because the friendship we have with ourselves is the most im... See more



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Congratulations to our 2024 Children Advisory Leaders who attended their first meeting today with other leaders from local primary schools. 🎉👏💖



– THIS MONTH'S THEME IS –

SELF-COMPASSION

BECAUSE FRIENDSHIP NINJAS KNOW...



YOU ARE YOUR OWN BEST FRIEND FOREVER!

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<https://www.facebook.com/WoorannaParkPrimarySchool>

GRADES OF THE WEEK



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

- asking for permission before leaving the classroom (respect).
- waiting for a teacher before entering a classroom (safe).
- lining up, ready to learn when the bell goes (responsible).

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

Congratulations to Prep A, 1/2C, 3/4A and 5/6A for being our grades of the week in the last fortnight!

SUNSMART REMINDERS

Just a reminder that all students and staff are expected to wear a named, broad brimmed navy-blue hat during any outside activities from the beginning of Term One, until the end of April.

Teachers on play support will be reminding students that **No Hat makes for No Play**. Students without an approved hat will be directed to remain in a shaded area.



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 Shirts



Navy Blue
Windcheater



Navy Blue
Bomber Jacket



Summer Dress



Navy Blue tracksuit
pants/full length
leggings No Jeans



Navy Blue Rugby or
Gaberdine Shorts/Skort



Navy Blue Hat



Orange Long Sleeve
Polo Shirt



Socks –
White, Black, Navy



Sport Shoes or Black Shoes



Gloves and Scarves
(White, Black, Navy)

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

Jewellery



Long Earrings



Nail Polish



Make-Up



Please clearly label all clothing items including shoes.

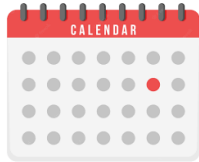
IMPORTANT DETAILS

CURRICULUM DAYS

The following days have been endorsed by School Council:

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

Students do not attend on these days.



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 [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, home and e-mail address.

If you change telephone details or home and e-mail address at any point, we ask that you update the school with your accurate contact details as soon as possible.

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
میدهد 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:

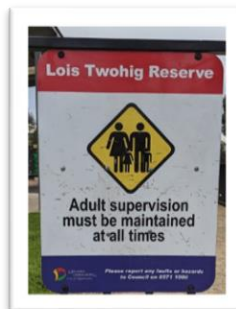
- Before school from 8:30am to 9am
- Throughout recess and lunch
- After school from 3:30pm to 3:45pm.

Our gates are locked each afternoon at 3:45pm. Students in the school grounds after this time will be cared for at VillageOHSC at the family's expense.

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

It is important that families understand that the park, opposite the school, is not supervised by staff before or after school.

While some families use this area as a meeting place, please know children must be supervised by an adult, as per the Greater Dandenong Council's direction.



BREAKFAST CLUB



Breakfast is available for all students from 8:15am.

MORE IMPORTANT DETAILS

OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CARE

**Village OSHC provides
Outside School Hours
Care at Wooranna Park
Primary School**



It takes a village to raise a child and we are yours! Village OSHC partners with schools Australia-wide to keep children safe and happy outside school hours as parents 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 the 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. There is a pre-ordering system and orders must be placed via XUNO by **4pm each Monday** for the Friday's lunch.



Late orders cannot be accepted.

Subway \$6

View

SAFETY

All bike and scooter riders are required to wear a bike helmet in Victoria.

Approved helmets have the Australian Standards Mark TM (AS/NZS 2063) and will be marked as suitable for cycling.

Children under the age of 12 may ride on footpaths, as can a supervising adult. They are required to give way to pedestrians and to wheel their bicycles over pedestrian and children's crossings.

Also, by law everyone must wear a seat belt when travelling in a car in Australia



SUNSMART



For Term One and Four, we wear our named, broad brimmed, navy blue hat at all times when outside.

PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



It's everyone's responsibility.

Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources
www.education.vic.gov.au/protect

SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM - SCHOOL NURSE VISIT

Michelle Baker, your Visiting Primary School Nurse from the Department of Education will be attending the school soon to conduct the Foundation health assessments.

The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian children with the opportunity to have a health assessment to link children, families and the school to relevant community services, and provide information and advice that promotes health and wellbeing.



If you have any concerns you would like to discuss with the Primary School Nurse and your child is in Foundation it would be great if you could complete the ONLINE 'School Entrant Health Questionnaire' (details distributed to the Foundation classes).

If your concerns relate to a child in Years 1-6 a 'School Nurse Referral Form' will need to be completed. Please speak to your class teacher who can assist you with this. The school nurse can then contact you regarding your concerns.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM

COOKING CLASSES

Want to learn new cooking skills and nutrition knowledge in a fun and engaging environment?

We are delighted to offer your family the opportunity to participate in the School Breakfast Clubs Cooking Classes program.

This program will bring families together to learn life-long healthy eating habits and gain cooking experience to build confidence in the kitchen and beyond.

The program aims to provide a hands-on environment, where families will cook and enjoy a meal together during each session.

This free program is fully funded by the Department of Education and Training.

Sessions will be run after school, one day per week for four weeks during school term. They will be delivered by a trained Foodbank Victoria Facilitator, and will include take-home recipes and weekly food hampers!

Whether you're looking to eat healthier food, learn new recipes or build skills in the kitchen, this program is for you!

LOCATION:

Wooranna Park Primary

DATE:

Tuesdays starting 6th February, 2024

TIME:

3:30 - 5:00 pm

DURATION:

4 weeks - every Tuesday

BENEFITS:

Delicious food!

Weekly recipe hampers!

COST:

FREE

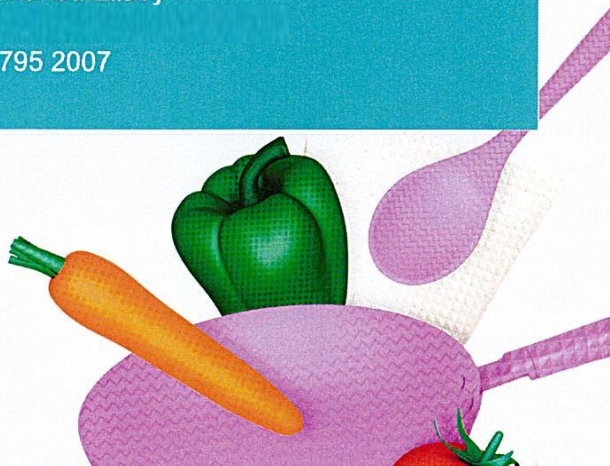
TO REGISTER CONTACT:

Amanda Ellaby

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SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM COOKING CLASSES

SCHEDULE



Class starts at 3.30pm on Tuesdays!

~~Week 1 6th February~~

~~Week 2 13th February~~

One Session Left!

Week 4 27th February



**FREE RECIPE BOX
EVERY WEEK!**

Please note:

- Closed-toe shoes required
- Parent/guardian 18+ yrs must attend each session
- Please inform your school if you are unable to attend by calling 9795 2007



Education
and Training

NOBLE PARK COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Saturday 2 March
11am – 3pm

Noble Park Skate Park
and surrounding area



Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/noble-park-community-fun-day





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SQUAD PROGRAM

WHEELERS HILL CAMPUS

CONTACT

USNOW



03 8573 6411



**Wheelers Hill
Campus**

74-82 Jells Rd
Wheelers Hill, VIC



caulfieldaquatics
@caulfieldgs.vic.edu.au



FUN & ENJOYABLE ENVIRONMENT

Offering training for athletes, from both Caulfield Grammar and the broader community, who are interested in competing at a District, State or National level.



EXPERIENCED COACHES

Highly experienced and knowledgeable coaches to assist swimmers in refining their technique, building their endurance and improving their competitive performance.



PRIVATE FACILITY

Private pool in a quiet location offering opportunities to engage in both dryland activities and strength & conditioning programs.

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