

# Wooranna Park's Wonderings



Wednesday 21 August 2024

*Hi everyone,*

Wow, it has been such a wonderful and busy fortnight at Wooranna Park!

**Kids ROAR sessions**



**Friendship Day**



**Mini Fete**



**100 Days of School**



I would like to thank all our families for supporting these learning and wellbeing experiences whilst also congratulating our students on their enthusiasm, while being safe, respectful and responsible throughout these events!

## **Book Week Celebrations**

And the fun does not stop there ....!

On Friday 23 August we will be hosting a book character dress up, along with a Book Fair, to celebrate Book Week. This is going to be lots of fun for everyone! We will also be celebrating together with a parade that morning, that you are welcome to attend.





# Parking and Driving Around Our School

Last Friday afternoon I went to a meeting with the Dandenong Council about Road Safety Around Schools. This meeting included Principals from local schools and the Council staff. We were able to share our concerns about driver behaviours, congestions and parking.

We are a very lucky community with both Carlton Road and Wondalga Avenue available for parking before and after school.

It is important to understand that the parking directly outside of the school's main entry is for **2 minutes only** between 8:15am and 9:15am on school mornings.



Also, the **Staff Car Park** is for **Staff only**.

Please ensure that you travel at the **40kmph Speed Limit** around our school.



It is important that we model to our children Road Safety, by using the pedestrian crossing to cross the road and always follow the School Crossing Supervisors' directions. As a driver you must **STOP** at the pedestrian crossings when someone is crossing the road. Please be advised that the pedestrian crossing on Apex Street is **no longer supervised**.



Please note, that while this is a convenient place to cross Carlton Road, it is not a supervised crossing and visibility is very difficult when cars are parked along both sides of the road.



Please use the roundabouts at each end of the school to safely turn around, rather than doing a U-turn in front of the school, particularly given there are a lot of young children around.



Doing all these actions as a collective community will provide such strong role modelling to our children on **safe, respectful and responsible** choices.

## Helmets

When on duty at the front of the school, it is great to see so many students wearing their helmet when riding their scooter or bike to and from school, for their safety. I thank all of the wonderful family members who make sure that their child is safely fitted with a helmet before leaving home on either their bike or scooter. This illustrates that we are all working together to teach our children to stay safe and responsible whilst recognising that our young people need adult guidance and teaching on important routines such as helmets.



# Department of Education Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.



All families will be invited to participate in the survey via a XUNO message on Monday 29 July. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from **Monday 29 July to Friday 30 August 2024.**

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

### To complete the survey simply:

1. Click on the link below or copy and paste the text into your browser. This link will take you directly to the survey: <https://www.orima.com.au/parent>
2. Select the School and Campus name below.
  - School Name: **Wooranna Park Primary School**
  - Campus Name: **Wooranna Park Primary School**
3. Enter the School PIN below.
  - PIN: **378639**

### Time to Plan Ahead!

I respect that it is scary to think about 2025, but we are beginning to look at our enrolment numbers and whole school structure. If you have any intentions to unfortunately leave WPPS in the next 6 months, please let the school Office know as soon as possible. Your decision does not need to be confirmed and does not mean your child loses their spot if you change your mind but giving us a heads up is very helpful.



This information is vital for the school to budget and plan for staffing in 2025. We do not want any children to be stuck in classes that are too big or only have a few kids, but this relies on us knowing who will be here.

If you suspect you may be moving house, travelling overseas or you know your Visa is expiring, please communicate this to Office as soon as possible.

If you have a child starting school in 2025, please visit the VicStudents portal via this link <https://students.educationapps.vic.gov.au/s/> to create an account and complete the online application form **ASAP.**

Kind regards,  
**Amanda Ellaby**  
Executive Principal

# SHARING OUR ♥ OF LEARNING

## In the Grade 3/4 Unit ...

### Writing

This term we prepared ourselves for the Mini Fete by practicing our procedural writing skills. We wrote procedures on how to greet a customer, and how to create our Mini Fete item.

We enjoyed getting to practice these procedures before our big day!



This term we have also looked at explanation texts. We have focused on the water cycle and catapults.



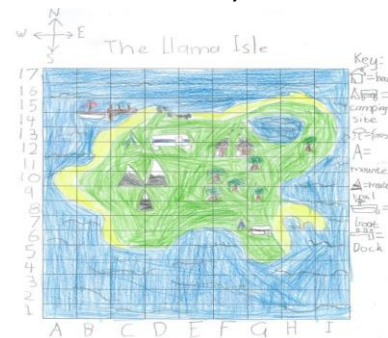
### Maths

Earlier this term we prepared ourselves for the Mini Fete by looking at money.

We worked on how to create amounts of money in various ways and how to identify the amount of change a customer would need from a given amount.



One of our measurement and geography focuses for the term has been mapping and location. We have learnt all about ordinal directions and how to create maps that include the correct x axis, y axis, title and key.

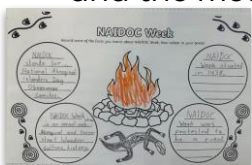


### History

In our History and Art lessons we have been immersing ourselves with Aboriginal histories and cultures.

In History, we have learnt about the importance of NAIDOC week and Aboriginal Children's Day.

For Art, we have been looking at the symbols that were used in Aboriginal art and the meanings behind them.



### Geography

Our Geography focus for this term has been Africa.

So far, we have looked at the most populated countries, the largest countries and capital cities.

We have imbedded begun to create displays of these data through Google Sheets.





# SHARING OUR OF LEARNING

## STEM

This term so far has been an eye and ear opening experience!

We have loved our Physical Science unit on Light and Sound, as it has been filled with hands-on experiments, enthusiastic learning and a lot of fun.

We're so proud of the curiosity and creativity our students have shown!

Our young scientists in Prep and Grade 1/2 have created suncatchers and shadow scenes.



The 3/4's have refracted light to create rainbows and explored how sound is made and how it travels.



The 5/6 students have been inspired by artist *Vincent Bal* to create *Shadow-ology*; experimenting with reflection, refraction and manipulating light filters/colour.





# 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/>

## Book Week



### Book Week

We have lots to look forward to during book week!

[READ MORE](#)



### Religious 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.

[READ MORE](#)



Wooranna Park Primary School  
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Thank you to Sue Larkey

## MANAGING SCREEN TIME

Screens are a wonderful tool to use with children, however they are becoming increasingly difficult to monitor and manage.

Here are a few great examples of questions you could ask yourself to see if the child's screen time under control?

- Do you have a plan to 'manage' screen time? is it being followed?
- Does screen use interfere with what your family/classroom wants to do?
- Does screen use interfere with sleep?
- Is the child easily transition between screen time and non-screen time? (ie will they get 'off' when directed?)

If after asking these questions you are wanting to put in place some strategies to manage screen time, below are some tips to get you started.

### TIPS TO MANAGE SCREEN TIME

#### EXIT PLAN

Many kids with ASD get very engrossed with their screens making it very difficult for them to transition to nothing afterwards. Planning their next activity before starting screen time allows them to immediately move onto another activity, and consequences. I highly recommend writing down the agreement and putting somewhere to refer back to.

#### SCREEN FREE TIMES\*\*

Instilling allocated screen free times or activities such as meal-times or outings which everybody participates in.

#### TURN OFF WIFI

Many routers can now turn off the wifi after a certain time e.g. for bedtime.

#### LIMITING THE AMOUNT OF TIME

This could be done in a number of different ways

- A self-monitored visual timer
- Many apps can now be limited to a specific amount of time

Be aware that with some children it is incredibly distressing to stop mid-game, so perhaps, adjust limits accordingly. Instead of a certain time period, allow them to play the game a set number of times.

#### EXCHANGE SYSTEMS

Allow screen time in exchange for other activities

- Screen time allocated following tidying-up/ school work etc.
- Amount of time allowed on screens is half the amount of time spent off the screens

\*\*If the device is being used for communication the child needs access to it at all times.

[www.austlii.com.au](http://www.austlii.com.au)





**Wooranna Park's**



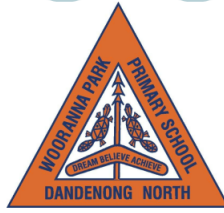
# Book Parade

**Friday | 23rd August | 9:15AM**

**On the asphalt area**



**What book character  
will you dress as?**



 SCHOLASTIC

# BOOK FAIR



## WHEN

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23RD

MONDAY, AUGUST 26TH

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27TH

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28TH

## WHERE

IN THE LITTLE  
HOUSE

FROM 3:30PM - 4PM



# FUNDRAISING HELPERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to donate some of their time to help with the running of our very popular Father's Day Stall.

If you are free on Wednesday 28 August from 2pm till 3:30pm, we would love your help to set up the stall ready for sales on Thursday.

Otherwise, we would appreciate your help at the stall on Thursday 29 August, either from 9am till 1:30pm or in the afternoon from 2:30pm till 4pm.

Please register your support at:

<https://forms.gle/EVdYVKs8Rz4kGeqs5>



*Our fundraising team presents our*

## FATHER'S DAY

*Stall*

**Gifts from \$1 to \$50**

**Thursday 29 August**

Students will visit the stall with their class.



The background is a warm, light orange color. It is decorated with various autumn-themed elements: red and brown leaves, small dark berries on thin stems, and several books. In the top left and right corners, there are orange spiral-bound notebooks. On the left side, there is a stack of books with blue, white, and green covers. On the right side, there is a pink book. At the bottom center, there is a stack of five books with green, blue, yellow, red, and blue spines. The main text is centered within a large, light beige circle.

# PREMIERS' READING Challenge

**ENDS SEPTEMBER 6TH**

If your child is doing the challenge can you please remind them to submit all their books onto the below website before the above date!

<https://vprc.eduweb.vic.gov.au/home>



# GRADES OF THE WEEK



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

- using good manners (respect).
- keeping our body parts to ourselves and respecting others personal space (safe).
- worrying about ourselves and the things that affect us (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 1/2C, 3/4D and 5/6A  
for being our grades of the week in the last fortnight!**

# 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.



# NEW UNIFORM ITEM



## NEW ITEM JUST ARRIVED



### SHORT SLEEVE MESH POLO

FROM  
**\$33.50**  
EACH

NOW AVAILABLE AT PSW **HAMPTON PARK STORE**

# SUNSMART REMINDER

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 Four, 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.





# FUTURE ENROLMENTS

If you have a child who will be starting Prep in 2025, please visit or call the Office to organise an interview with one of our leadership members.

This process helps us to get to know your little one in support of their transition to school.

If you know of a family who is wanting to join the Wooranna Park community in 2025, please encourage them to call the Office to organise a school tour.

Details about the 2025 Prep enrolment process can be found on our website at <https://www.woorannaparkps.vic.edu.au/page/12/Enrolment>

## STEPPING UP INTO SCHOOL!

Transition and information  
sessions for enrolled students  
and their families!



**From 2:30pm till 3:15pm**

- ✓ Tuesday 12 November
- ✓ Tuesday 19 November
- ✓ Tuesday 26 November
- ✓ Tuesday 3 December  
(for Dari speaking families)

**Enrol Now**



Call Find Us

**(03) 9795 2007**



Visit Website Us

[www.woorannaparkps.vic.edu.au](https://www.woorannaparkps.vic.edu.au)



# IMPORTANT DETAILS

## CURRICULUM DAYS

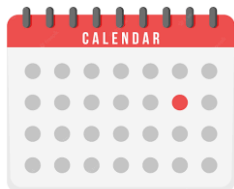
The following day has been endorsed by School Council:

- Monday 28 October

Students do not attend on this day.

The last day of Term Three is Friday 20 September.

School finishes at **2:30pm**.



## COMMUNICATION

Wooranna Park Primary School recognises the importance of the partnership between schools and families to support student learning, engagement and wellbeing.

Your child's teacher will offer you a range of opportunities to communicate with them including:

- ✓ XUNO
- ✓ School diary
- ✓ Formal meetings
- ✓ Before/After school chats



If you do not have access to XUNO please contact our school Office and find out how you can obtain it as XUNO will be used several times each week so we want everyone to have access.



## FACEBOOK

Please like our [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  
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:

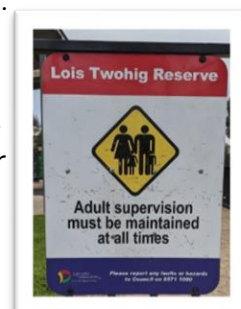
- Before school from 8:30am to 9am
- Throughout recess and lunch
- After school from 3:30pm to 3:40pm.

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/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 this 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.

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



# Spring into nature with VillageOSHC!

Save up to **90%** with the Child Care Subsidy!



**Nature Activities!**



**Crafty Incursions!**



**Outdoor Excursions!**



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

**Book up to 24 hours in advance to get the best price!**



# Woohoo!

## Holiday camps on sale now!



**Roblox  
Legends**

**Minecraft  
Engineers**

**PLUS** YouTube Creators • Coding • DJ • Animation • Design • Robotics  
• AI Camp • Drones • Little Coders • Get Crafty • Curious Minds

Book now at [codecamp.com.au/flyer](https://codecamp.com.au/flyer)

**SAVE \$25**

Use coupon code  
**FLYER25** at checkout



# GET CRAFTY

It's a two-day craft-a-thon!



Croche, Knitting  
& Macrame



Illustrate a  
Graphic Novel!



Build a  
Mini-house

Get Crafty school holiday program offers a screen-free escape into the world of craft for kids. Kids can unplug, gather their friends and discover the joy of hands-on creation while fostering their imagination and fine motor skills.

Book now at [codecamp.com.au/crafty](https://codecamp.com.au/crafty)

**SAVE \$25**

Use coupon code  
**CRAFTY-25**  
at checkout

Get Crafty is hosted by Code Camp, Australia's favourite school holiday program!



**FREE**

# FATHER'S DAY FAMILY EVENT



**Thursday 29th August 2024 from 5pm – 7pm**  
Join in the fun as we celebrate all dads this Father's Day. Loads of D.I.Y's, games & activities, gift ideas workshop & more. Bunnings Warehouse Dandenong

## Details

Join the fun in celebrating that special Dad in your life. There will be something for everyone including games, workshops, refreshments and LOTS more. Don't miss out! We can't wait to see you in store at  
**BUNNINGS WAREHOUSE DANDENONG 101 PRINCES HWY**  
**LOTS OF FREE ACTIVITIES IN STORE.**  
**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL ONLINE**

**Don't miss out  
- register now**



**BUNNINGS**  
warehouse



# Term 3 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
July	15 <b>Term Three begins</b> See you from 8:50am, to be ready to learn at 9am!	16  Have you Liked our school's official <a href="#">Facebook page</a> ? We post information regularly!	17	18	19 <b>Gala Day</b> (5/6s)   Hot Chocolate each Friday for \$1 
	22	23 <b>Student Led Conferences</b> 3:50 – 5:50pm	24 <b>Student Led Conferences</b> 3:50 – 5:50pm	25  <b>2025 Prep Enrolment Applications Due</b>	26 <b>Prep's 100th day Celebration</b> <b>Special Lunch</b> (P-2)  <b>Whole School Assembly @ 2:40pm</b>
	29	30  <b>URSTRONG Friendship Day</b> <b>School Council @ 6pm</b>	31 <b>Student Advisory Meeting</b> (Elected Leaders)	01	02 <b>Special Lunch</b> (3-6)   <b>Whole School Assembly @ 2:40pm</b>
August	05 <b>ICAS-Digi Tech</b>	06 <b>ICAS-Writing</b>	07 <b>Curriculum Day</b> No Students at school	08 <b>Aust. Maths Competition</b> (Selected Yrs. 3 to 6s)	09  <b>Mini Fete</b>
	12 <b>ICAS-English</b>	13  <b>Kids ROAR</b> (Parent info. session)	14	15	16 <b>Whole School Assembly @ 2:40pm</b> <b>Bullying, No Way Day</b>
	19 <b>ICAS-Science</b>	20 <b>ICAS-Spelling</b>	21	22	23 <b>Book Character Dress Up Parade</b> 
	26 <b>ICAS-Mathematics</b>	27 <b>School Council @ 6pm</b>	28 <b>Student Advisory Meeting</b> (Elected Leaders)	29 <b>Father's Day Stall</b>  <b>Fire Education</b> (Preps) 	30 <b>District Athletics</b> (Selected students)  <b>Whole School Assembly @ 2:40pm</b>
	02 <b>Cranbourne Botanical Gardens excursion</b> (3/4s) 	03	04	05	06 <b>Play Leadership program</b> (Selected students)  Hot Chocolate each Friday for \$1 
Sept	09	10	11	12  <b>ASK RUOK?</b> It can make a big difference <b>Mindful Monkey</b> (Preps)	13 <b>Mindful Monkey</b> (1/2s)  <b>Team Time @ 2:40pm</b>
	16	17	18 <b>Moonlight Sanctuary Excursion</b> (Preps)	19	20 <b>Golden Assembly @ 9:50am</b>  Last Day of Term 2:30pm finish



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



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