

Wooranna Park's Wonderings



Wednesday 18 September 2024

Hi everyone,

After School Care

Sadly, due to zero bookings, VillageOSHC will no longer be operating on Mondays at Wooranna Park Primary School, effective from 9th September 2024.

The After School Care program will now run on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays only.



Principal for a Day

I will be handing over my job to selected students to be Principal for a Day on **Friday 27th October!** Students interested in this challenge are encouraged to write an application. These applications need to be submitted by Friday, 20th October so that I can select a P-2, 3-4, and 5-6 Principal. I can't wait to share this day with the three successful applicants!



Uniform in Term Four

It has been great to see so many students remaining safe, wearing their broad brimmed hat during any outside activities. As part of our [Dress Code policy](#) students are required to wear their broad brimmed hat 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.

Also, thank you for helping to ensure your child learns the importance of wearing the **correct school uniform**. A school uniform removes the sense of competition in dress, which can often cause stress amongst students and has the important safety factor of making Wooranna Park Primary children instantly recognisable.

If you require some assistance in accessing a uniform, please see us at the Office as we are more than happy to help you out so that your child/ren has a strong sense of belonging to the Wooranna Park community. For your convenience we do have SunSmart hats on sale in the front office for \$5.

School Council Vacancy

There is currently a vacancy on our School Council that needs to be filled until March 2025. This is an excellent opportunity for those who are looking to make a meaningful contribution to our school's governance and strategic direction. We encourage interested members of our community to consider this role and help shape the future of our school.

For more details and to express your interest, please contact the office by phone or email at wooranna.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au by 4pm on Wednesday 11th September.



Colour Run

On Friday 18th October, our fundraising team will be hosting a Colour Run from 2:40pm! This promises to be an exhilarating and vibrant event surrounding our community with an array of colours and an infectious atmosphere of joy and unity.

Students will gather at the starting line with their house, decked out in white attire, ready to embark on a lap like no other. And as they run, they will be doused with an array of vivid, eco-friendly powdered pigments, transforming them into rainbows.



Please ensure your child is wearing a white t-shirt on the day and you may like to deck them out with some sunglasses too. There will be a **special sausage sizzle lunch** that can be ordered via XUNO. Orders will be accepted up until 4pm on Friday 11 October.

Our Colour Run promises to be an unforgettable day of laughter, camaraderie, and kaleidoscopic memories. Don't miss out on this colourful spectacle that's sure to leave everyone with smiles as bright!

We are looking for volunteers to donate some of their time to help with the running of our colour run, either the day before or the day off. Please sign up to help at:

<https://forms.gle/fHWA4bm8hbdYVWXq7>

Time to Plan Ahead!

I understand that it may feel daunting to think about 2025, but we are beginning to look at our enrolment numbers and whole school structure. If you have any intentions of unfortunately leaving WPPS in the next 6 months, please let the school office know as soon as possible. Your decision does not need to be final, and it does not mean your child will lose 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 too small, but this depends on knowing who will be here.

If you expect to be moving house, travelling overseas, or if you know your visa is expiring, please communicate this to the 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 enrolment application form **ASAP**.

END OF TERM EARLY DISMISSAL



Just a reminder that **Friday 20th September** is our last day of Term Three. **Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm.**

We will return to school on **Monday 7 October!** Remember, students will require their [SunSmart hat](#) due the warmer weather in Term Four.

Kind regards,
Amanda Ellaby
Executive Principal



FACEBOOK & WEBSITE

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

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



2025 Grade Six Tops

We are excited to let you know that your online shop is ready, enabling you to purchase the 2025 Grade Six commemorative tops. Details of these items are included below.

[READ MORE](#)



School Saving Bouus

The Victorian Government is making life that little bit easier for families by providing a one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus. This support will help cover the cost of school uniforms, textbooks, and school activities like camps, excursions and sports.

[READ MORE](#)

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End of Term - Early Dismissal on Friday 20 September

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[READ MORE](#)

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Due this Friday!

WOORANNA PARK PS

GRADE 6 COMMEMORATIVE GARMENTS

ONLINE OPENING DATE: TUESDAY 27th AUGUST, 2024

ONLINE CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER, 2024



Bomber Jacket = \$67



Polo = \$42.50

Follow the following easy steps to order your garments online.

1. Go to www.fcw.com.au
2. Click on 'Leavers Online Shops' (a third down the page)
3. Find your school logo and click on that.
4. This page will then give you up to date information such as **cut-off date for orders and delivery.**
5. Select the relevant garment or package (if applicable)
6. Select size (referred to size chart) and quantity.
7. Then click ADD TO CART.
8. If you wish to proceed to checkout click VIEW CART or to continue shopping click CONTINUE
9. At any stage if you wish to view your cart, click on the trolley icon at the top of page

Please ensure you have referred to the size chart and ordered the correct size.

Fashion Clubwear only manufactures to order. There will be an administrative charge of \$15 (Incl. GST) if any changes are required to your order prior to the shop being closed. Once the shop is CLOSED, NO changes can be made to your order. NO refunds will be given after your order has been submitted. Late orders will not be accepted.

Upon successful completion of your order, you will be emailed a copy of your order as confirmation. If you don't receive a copy of your order by email, either your order was not successfully completed or the email address you provided was incorrect.



Due this Friday!

WOORANNA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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ONLINE OPENING DATE: MONDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER, 2024

ONLINE CLOSING DATE: SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER, 2024



Polo = \$41

Follow the following easy steps to order your garments online.

1. Go to www.fcw.com.au
2. Click on 'School Uniforms Shops' (a third down the page)
3. Find your school logo and click on that.
4. This page will then give you up to date information such as **cut-off date for orders and delivery.**
5. Select the relevant garment or package (if applicable)
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NEVER STOP READING



WHY READ?

Reading improves mental, cognitive and emotional development and wellbeing. All reading counts! It starts with making time to read with your child! Here are some tips and resources to encourage reading during the holidays.

WHAT TO READ

Offer varied reading material to match your child's interests, such as graphic novels, magazines, information books, novels, ebooks, and audiobooks.

READ TOGETHER

- Snuggle up with your child.
- Read with a funny voice.
- Share a book you loved as a child.
- Make up stories together and draw pictures to go with them.



RESOURCES

- Explore the [Dandenong Library](#) together.
- Check out [Storyline Online](#) for great stories read by actors.
- This [guide](#) from the [Vic Dept of Education](#) has some excellent ideas to support literacy and numeracy at home

All WPPS children in Prep - Year 2 have access to Sunshine Online from school and home. Ask your child's teacher if you need their login details.



SUNSHINE ONLINE
Creating a World of Readers



School Saving Bonus

Information for government school parents and carers

About the School Saving Bonus

The Victorian Government is making life that little bit easier for families by providing a one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

This support will help cover the cost of school uniforms, textbooks, and school activities like camps, excursions and sports.

The School Saving Bonus is in addition to existing and continuing means-tested supports for Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) and the Affordable School Uniforms Program.

The School Saving Bonus will be provided to schools and families in Term 4, 2024.

Who receives the School Saving Bonus

The School Saving Bonus is available for parents and carers of all Victorian government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025, except for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Parents and carers of children who meet the School Saving Bonus eligibility above are required to do the following by **Friday 18 October 2024**:

- **Complete enrolment**

If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025, please complete enrolment. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).



- **Check your contact information**

Ensure your contact information is up to date with your school. You can check this information by contacting your school directly.

Accessing the \$400 School Saving Bonus

You do not need to apply for the School Saving Bonus.

The Department of Education will email you in November 2024 with your \$400 School Saving Bonus. You will be able to access it via an online system.

You can decide how to best use the School Saving Bonus for your family's needs. You can choose how to allocate the \$400 in the online system.

The bonus can be used towards 2025 school costs, which may include:

- camps, trips, excursions and incursions
- swimming and sporting programs
- outdoor education programs
- graduations
- school uniforms
- textbooks.

The bonus can be used at your school's approved textbook or uniform suppliers either in-store or online, or through State Schools' Relief. The list of suppliers may include a school uniform or bookshop. Any amount that you choose to allocate to textbooks and uniforms will be valid until 30 June 2025. It will then transfer to your child's school account for future activities.

Funds will roll over for use in future years if it is not all spent in 2025.

Families with more than one eligible child

Families who have more than one child at the same school can combine their School Saving Bonus payments to use on one child, or for a specific activity. So, for example, a family with 3 children who are all government school students would receive support to the value of \$1,200 and choose how they spend those funds. The School Saving Bonus cannot be combined across different schools.

More information

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus. Translated information will also be available on the School Saving Bonus website in the next few weeks.

<https://www.woorannaparkps.vic.edu.au/articles/87>



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GRADES OF THE WEEK

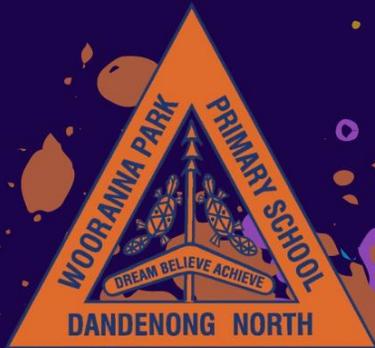


Each week our classes earn points during their Specialists' class by:

- 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 Prep B, 3/4A, 3/4B and 5/6C
for being our grades of the week in the last fortnight!**



*Wear a
white t-shirt to
experience the
full colour!*

COLOUR FUN RUN

*Wear some
glasses too!*

Friday 18 October 2024
From 2:40pm at the
Lois Twohig Reserve

*Gold coin
donation*

**See XUNO to order a sausage sizzle lunch
by 4pm on Friday 11 October.**

Save the Date!



Move and Groove

Thursday 28 November (Preps and 5/6s)

Thursday 5 December (1/2s and 3/4s)

IN THE TOC

From 2:15pm

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

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 means No Play**. Students without an approved hat will be directed to remain in a shaded area.



FUTURE ENROLMENTS

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

This process helps us get to know your little one and supports their transition to school.

If you know of a family interested in joining the Wooranna Park community in 2025, please encourage them to contact 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



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IMPORTANT DETAILS

CURRICULUM DAYS

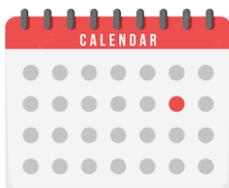
The following day has been endorsed by School Council:

- Monday 28th October

Students do not attend school on this day.

The last day of Term Three is Friday 20th 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 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 to find out how you can obtain it. As XUNO is used several times each week, 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. While feedback and discussion with parents/carers are welcome, the school will not use Facebook for this purpose.

For any discussions or concerns, please contact the school directly, following our communication process.

Please note that 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 تلفون یا آدرس خود را تغییر میدهید لطفن 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, Tuesday 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.



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 Terms 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

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T. (03) 9701 3225

137 Stud Rd, **Dandenong**, VIC. 3175

T. (03) 9792 5461

5/121 Grices Rd, **Clyde Nth**, VIC. 3978

T. (03) 7009 4030

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