

Wooranna Park's Wonderings



Wednesday 27 November 2024

Hi everyone,

I did want to share that most days I get to greet the students and the children's manners are on display, highlighting a level of respect. Given manners are not something children are born with and it takes a lot of work in the early years to ensure they stick, so I commend your efforts in making sure manners are a high priority.

Here is an example of a typical exchange I can have in the morning:

Mrs Ellaby: *Good morning, lovely to see you!*
Child: *Good morning, Mrs Ellaby! How are you today?*
Mrs Ellaby: *I am fine, thank you. And how are you?*
Child: *I am good. I hope you have a good day.*
Mrs Ellaby: *Thank you! I hope you have a good day too!*



A feature of this typical exchange is that the child will **use a confident voice**, **look me in the eye**, **smile** and **show genuine care and attention**. Now and then, a child will even go the extra mile by saying something kind like, "I really like your dress".

I encourage you to consider how far a child who can perform this exchange well, might do in life. Thinking of your workplace, how many adults can perform this exchange well and then how do you feel about them?

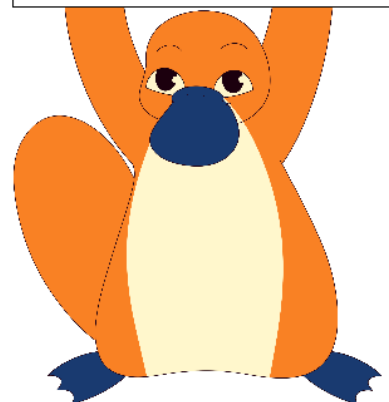
At Wooranna Park we are all working together to grow our students to be respectful and responsible and we give them lots of opportunities to practise and persist with this life skill. I really appreciate your encouragement and support with this endeavour too!

2025 Student Enrolments.

We are now in the process of looking at our **student enrolment numbers for 2025** at each year level, in readiness for structuring our teaching teams and grades.

If you do not intend to be at Wooranna Park PS next year, can I please ask that you advise the Office in writing immediately. Or if you know of a family or student who will be attending Wooranna Park PS in 2025 and is not currently enrolled, please encourage them to contact the Office on 9795 2007 ASAP.

**Help us
prepare for
2025!**



Grade Formation Process

I would like to take the opportunity to thank those families that took up my option to make a request, in line with the process outlined in previous newsletters. We are now **no longer able to accept** any further requests given that our grade formation process has begun. We will now put an enormous amount of time and effort into trying to meet the needs of our students, staff and parents, all with the aim of trying to make every student approach their 2025 school year with confidence and enthusiasm.

Given the many unknowns at this time of the year, you can help us by building your child/ren's resilience with some positive talk about the importance of developing friendships and working relationships with new people and that 'in life we don't always get what we want'. With so many factors to consider, to make these grades balanced, we aim to provide your child with at least one nominated friend. If your child is in a grade with more than one nominated friend, then that is good luck and not by design.

I would like to thank those parents who refrained from nominating a specific teacher or listing their child's friends and instead gave us guidance as to the type of teacher they believed would best suit their child. This approach makes our job a lot easier. To those who identified a specific teacher or friend/s, we took no notice whatsoever as this makes the process far too difficult. If by chance your child does end up with the 'teacher or friend/s of your choice' then you can consider that pure luck. Students will find out their 2025 class on our 'Meet the Teacher' session on **Tuesday 10 December**.

Parent Payments for 2025

Wooranna Park Primary School is looking forward to another great year of learning and teaching and would like to advise you of the voluntary financial contributions schedule for 2025.



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

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

Please refer to the [Parent Contribution Arrangements for 2025](#), either on the following pages or via [our website](#), which includes an overview of the Department of Education's Parent Payment Policy for further details.

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Last Subway Lunch for the Year

The last Subway lunch orders for the year will be available on **Friday 13 December**. Orders must be placed via XUNO **by 4pm by Tuesday 10 December** for the Friday's lunch.

Late orders cannot be accepted.

School Supervision Hours

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

- Before school from 8:30am to 8:50am
- Throughout recess and lunch
- After school from 3:30pm to 3:45pm.

Students arriving prior to 8:30am must remain in Breakfast Club, regardless of if they eating breakfast or not.

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

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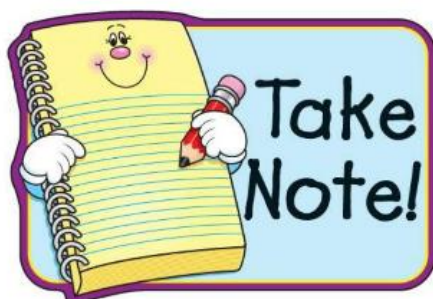


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We would appreciate your support in reminding your child to sign their phone in at Office at the beginning of the school day. When a student is not complying with this mobile phone policy, we will be required to follow a process in accordance with our existing student engagement policies.



Please take note that **Friday 20 December** is last day of the school year. Students will be **dismissed at 1:30pm** so you will need to plan for this earlier time.

Kind regards,
Amanda Ellaby
Executive Principal

SHARING OUR OF LEARNING

In the Grade 5/6 unit students...

The term commenced with an action-packed Gala Day, followed by a presentation of our ribbons at assembly.



Grade five students explored STEM activities at Lyndale Secondary College.



Practiced for our upcoming performing arts groove and move concert and led whole school announcements.



Select Students competed in a Network Maths Competition.



Made a splash at swimming lessons.



Enjoyed a bright and fun day at the Colour Fun Run.



CHAPPY NEWS



WPPS SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY

This term our wonderful volunteers are Annie, Joe-Michael and Phoebe, every Wednesday, for groups, games and mentoring.

School chaplains work closely with Wellbeing to support our community.



ART CLUB

Come and join us every Wednesday at the second bell during lunchtime in Ms Laurel's room. We will announce if we are doing it outside that week. This term, we started off with sand tray art, and we have been creating colourful drawings too.

CHAPLAINCY SMALL GROUPS WORK

Kid's With Courage – Grade 1/2

This program encompasses a range of topics that introduce students to key wellbeing and understanding of self and others feelings. It includes addressing self esteem, friendships, grief and loss, anger, fear and worry. Our focus at present is feelings and emotions.

Seasons For Growth - Grade 3/4:

This term we have started a new Seasons For Growth group with grade 3/4. We have started with Autumn, the season of change that symbolises the changes in life we go through. Sometimes we may lose someone or something important to us as in when families separate or we lose a pet or change schools.

Unlimited - Grade 5/6:

UNLIMITED is a program about understanding our unlimited potential. When young people are empowered to live by their personal values and recognise the values that we all share, they can live in harmony and be productive members of our community. Through the activities, participants will nurture the leadership skills inside of them. Last week we began our community project of painting new life into the Friendship Seats. We will hopefully complete these by week 9.



PARENTING TIPS

If you are a parent in a relationship, it is important to take time as a couple at least once a week. Introducing a date night, lunch, or dinner can be an important investment in your relationship. It helps keep the lines of communication open and gives you both time to just be, without any other demands. For some people, this may have to be after the kids have gone to bed or while putting a much-loved kids' movie on back-to-back whilst you're outside or in another room, but it's focused and intentional time to enjoy each other's company.

HOW TO CONTACT CHAPPY

The Chaplaincy program has a mentoring and pastoral care role as well. If you feel your child needs extra support, please contact Miss Becki, our Wellbeing and Inclusion Coordinator. Chaplains are here for students, families, and staff. Our role is to support the wellbeing program of the whole school in this community. You can contact Miss Becki in Wellbeing or 'Chappy' at samantha.bond@education.vic.gov.au for more information.

FACEBOOK AND 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/>



Christmas Stall

Give your child the opportunity to purchase some great gifts for the special people in their life! Our fundraising team will be hosting a Christmas Stall on **Thursday 12 December**, in the TOC.

[READ MORE](#)



Novetly Sports Carnival

Our grade five and six students have been doing a great job preparing to lead our whole school athletics day planned for **Monday 16 December**.

[READ MORE](#)



End of Term - Early Dismissal on Friday 20 December

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

[READ MORE](#)



Parent Contributions

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[READ MORE](#)

Wooranna Park Primary School
Published by Amanda Ellaby
Yesterday at 06:31

As we know from our URstrong learning, no friendship is perfect and that's ok! Here are some great strategies to help your child/ren through these friendships fires.

friendship, fights & fallout

84% of you had a recent fight with your friend...

Like Lorde & Charli XCX, we've all been there

But what if we told you that fights are normal, and can even be a good thing...

Kids Helpline Official
18 November at 15:50

Had a friend fallout more confusing than Lorde and Charli XCX? Here's how to work it out on the remix.



Wooranna Park Primary School
Published by Amanda Ellaby
16 November at 20:01

Come and try Pickleball!

This program is open to all ages and will be led by experienced coaches, and just across the road from Wooranna Park Primary School.

Greater Dandenong Youth Services
16 November at 12:00

Come and try Pickleball. It's a fun combination of tennis, badminton, and table tennis, and it's rapidly gaining popularity across Australia for its accessibility... See more

Wooranna Park Primary School
Published by Amanda Ellaby
16 November at 15:43

Free event for parents and carers of primary school children

Supporting resilience in children - connecting with friends at home and online

Join us for food and coffee to hear from:

- Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, one of Australia's most prominent children and adolescent psychologists
- Rosie Thomas OAM - Project Rockit

This event will provide:

- Expert insights on online resilience
- Tips for promoting healthy social interactions
- Interactive discussions and Q&A

Event details

Date: Wednesday 27th November 2024

Time: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Where: Cranbourne West Community Hub 4 Flicks Blvd, Cranbourne West VIC 3977

Plenty of parking onsite

Register: Scan the QR code or visit <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/1047247574687>

Registrations close: **Wednesday 20**

Michael Carr-Gregg
16 November at 07:50

Free event in Cranbourne 'How to build resilience in children' with Rosie Thomas OAM and Dr Michael Carr-Gregg on Wednesday 27/11 5:30pm visit <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/1047247574687>



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).
- looking after the classroom and school equipment (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 1/2A, 1/2B, 3/4A and 5/6C
for being our grades of the week in the last fortnight!**



Move and Groove

Thursday 28 November (Preps and 5/6s)

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

IN THE TOC

From 2:15pm

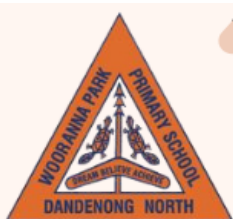
Christmas Stall

On Thursday 12 December our fundraising team are hosting a Christmas Market so that our students can do their Christmas shopping for family members.

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

If you are able to lend a hand at our Christmas Stall, please sign up at:

<https://forms.gle/hCS1uE82jT3scW3C6>



IT'S TIME FOR OUR CHRISTMAS MARKET

THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER

STUDENTS WILL VISIT WITH THEIR CLASS.

ARTS * CRAFTS * FOOD

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

THANK YOU TO OUR
FUNDRAISING TEAM!



Library Update

From **Monday 2 December** Library borrowing will temporarily cease to allow us to conduct our stocktake. We kindly ask that all borrowed books be returned ASAP.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we take this time to ensure our Library inventory is updated, ready for more literary adventures next year!



👁️👁️ **Let's Look for Books!** 👁️👁️

**Look behind doors, under beds and in sock drawers for any
Wooranna Park Primary School library
and take home books.**

**It is the time of year where we need to return all of the
books that have been brought home from the library, in
our pouches and from our classroom book boxes.**





NOVELTY SPORTS CARNIVAL

MONDAY 16 DECEMBER

STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO WEAR THEIR TEAM
COLOURS AND WILL REQUIRE A SUNSMART HAT,
SPF50+ SUNSCREEN AND DRINK BOTTLE.

VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS



November 2024

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 2025.

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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 2025 Voluntary Financial Contributions Schedule outlining the breakdown for each area. Online payments can be made via XUNO from **22 January 2025** or alternatively the school will be open as of **28 January 2025** to receive parent contributions.

Amanda Ellaby
Executive Principal

Michelle Karton
School Council President



2025 VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULE

ITEM	Annual Amount per STUDENT
CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom consumables, materials and equipment 2025 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 **28 January 2025** 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 2025 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 2025**.

Alternatively, Wooranna Park Primary School will be open as of **28 January 2025** 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 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 requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- 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.

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.

Wooranna Park Primary School encourages all staff and students to apply **SPF50 or SPF50+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen daily** whenever UV levels reach 3 and above. Sunscreen should be applied at least 20 minutes before going outdoors and reapplied every two hours (or more frequently if sweating or swimming).

Students and staff are encouraged to bring their own SPF50 or SPF50+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen to school.



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**

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

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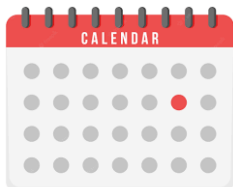


IMPORTANT DETAILS

CURRICULUM DAYS

The last day of Term Four is Friday 20 December.

School finishes at **1:30pm**.



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
میدید لطفاً هر چه
زودتر مکتب را اطلاع دهید



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.



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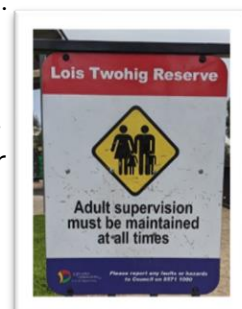
- Before school from 8:30am to 9am
- Throughout recess and lunch
- After school from 3:30pm to 3:40pm.

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.

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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/>

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LUNCH ORDERS

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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.

Hey kids, we had so much fun last series,
we're making more episodes of **HARD QUIZ KIDS!**

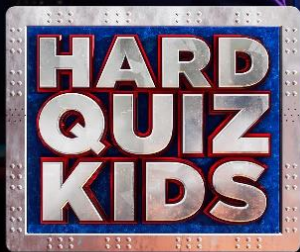
That's right, our last batch of contestants
blew us away with some amazing topics like
Aviation Disasters, Caterpillar Earthmovers,
Ants, Babushka Dolls, The Norris Nuts,
Space Travel, The Leadbeater's Possum
and loads more.

So if you'll be in Year 5, 6 or 7 in 2025, no matter
what your topic, if you know more about it than
anyone else (and think you can be a bit cheeky
if Tom tries to outsmart you), go ahead and
apply to join the fun of **HARD QUIZ KIDS!**

Just grab your parent or guardian and head to
hardquizkidsauditions.com.au
(You'll need an adult with you to fill out the application.)

Unfortunately, due to filming restrictions, applications for this series are only
open to Victorian residents. Applications close midnight 23 February 2025.

Choose your topic, apply now and get ready to play, **HARD!**



CAROLS

IN HARMONY SQUARE

Friday 6 December

6pm - 9pm

225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong

Free face painting • Carols sing along
Food and market stalls • Family activities
Meet your new Councillors



This is a no smoking, no alcohol and no drugs event.



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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

Term 4 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
October	07 First day of Term Four Don't forget your school, sun smart hat!	08 Maths Competition (Elected 5/6 Students)	09	10 First Aid Incursion (All students)	11 Gala Day (5/6s) Last day to order a sausage sizzle lunch!
	14	15 Student Advisory Meeting (Elected Leaders)	16	17	18 Whole School Colour Run @ 2:40pm
	21 School Council @ 6pm	22 RACV Road Safety incursion (P-2)	23	24 Student Advisory Forum (Elected Leaders)	25 #1 PRINCIPAL for the Day (Elected Students) Whole School Assembly @ 2:40pm
	28 Curriculum Day No students at school	29 Maths Competition (Elected 5/6 Students)	30	31	01 Whole School Colour Run @ 2:40pm
November	04	05 Melbourne Cup Day - No School	06	07	08 Whole School Assembly @ 2:40pm
	Swimming Program (4 days)				
	11	12 2025 Prep Transition (2:30-3:15pm) Cranbourne Botanical Gardens excursion (3/4s)	13 Cranbourne Botanical Gardens excursion (1/2s)	14 STEM Camp @ Lyndale SC (5s)	15
	18	19 2025 Prep Transition (2:30-3:15pm)	20	21	22 Pyjama Day (Gold Coin Donation) Whole School Assembly @ 2:40pm
December	25	26 2025 Prep Transition (2:30-3:15pm) School Council @ 6pm	27 Student Advisory Meeting (Elected Leaders)	28 Move and Groove @ 2:15pm (Prep and 5/6s)	29 Dental Van onsite
	02	03 2025 Prep Transition (Dari speaking families 2:30-3:15pm) Community Helper Morning Tea @ 10:50am	04	05 Move and Groove @ 2:15pm (1/2s and 3/4s)	06 Team Time @ 2:40pm
	09 Whole School Novelty Sports Carnival (Wear your House Colours)	10 Year 6 > 7 State Transition Day Meet your 2025 Teacher! 2025 House Leader Elections	11 Grade Six Graduation	12 Christmas Stall	13
	16	17	18 Class End of Year Parties Year 5/6 Big Day Out Student reports available on XUNO	19	20 Golden Assembly Last Day of Term 1:30pm finish

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