Wooranna Park's Woolanderings



Friday 6 December 2024

Hi everyone,

On a following page is the learning structure for Wooranna Park PS for 2025. A huge amount of time and effort has gone into trying to meet the needs of our students, staff and families all with the aim of trying to set every student up for success in the 2025 school year, with both confidence and enthusiasm. If your child is concerned by their placement, which they will find out on Tuesday 10 December, 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 we have had to consider to make these grades balanced, we have aimed 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. It is important to respect that we will not be taking further requests, as at this late stage of the process any changes affect other students as well. I would like to thank those families 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 made our job a lot easier. To those who identified a specific teacher, we took no notice time, this makes the process far too difficult. If by chance you did this and ended up with the 'teacher of your choice' then you can consider that pure luck.

You will notice that we have some shared grades, almost one in each year level. As I am sure you can appreciate, teachers are the same as most other people in the workforce in that they are entitled to work in a part time capacity. This is common practice in most schools and here at Wooranna Park. In these situations, teachers communicate regularly to plan the learning program as well as establish shared classroom routines and practices. In most of these arrangements these teachers are well known by our community, are very experienced and have been teaching at Wooranna Park for a significant time so as you know, they are aware of our school processes. Most have successfully shared a grade previously and all have solid communication protocols.

You will notice some familiar names are missing including **Bethany Schlag, Kirsty Soo, Madhi Rajapakse, Michelle Trotter and Leanne Vancuylenberg** as they will each be pursing new oppournities in 2025. As such, there are a few new names listed in our 2025 team! We are looking forward to welcoming **Emma Doyle, Liz Hodder, Giselle Karaan, Jessica Marson and Gill Thomson-Cook** to Wooranna Park Primary School.

I look forward to everyone being 'as happy as can be' come the evening of Tuesday 10 December because the effort we have put into this process has been thorough, inclusive and has met all your needs!

We also wish our Grade Six's all the best as they head off on their transition day on **Tuesday 10 December,** getting to spend the day at their secondary school!

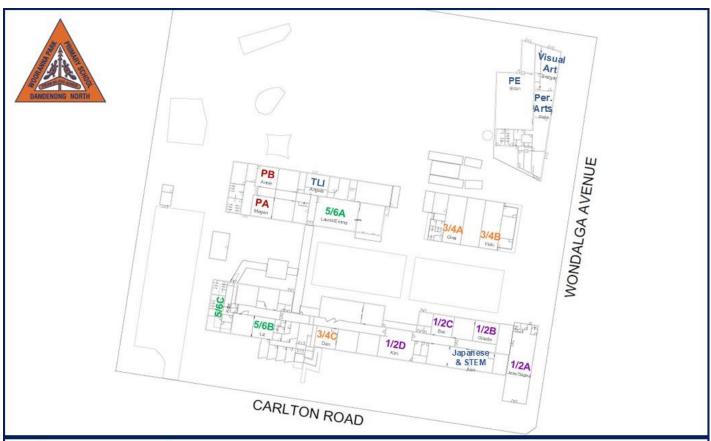
2025 LEARNING COMMUNITY

	Teachers
Prep	Megan van der Velden
	Annie Praveen
	Kim Campbell
1/2	Jess Marson (M, T, F) /Sapna Vats (W, Th, F)
1/2	Bec Kofler
	Giselle Karaan
	Vicki Ross
3/4	Dan Alexander
	Gina Vongue
	Laurel Heisman (M-W, F) / Emma Doyle (F)
5/6	Kate O'Donnell
	Liz Hodder

Leadership	
Becki Kinsella	Inclusion Leader
Emma Doyle	Leading Teacher
Sue Bitzios	Business Manager
Rachael Rydqvist	Assistant Principal
Amanda Ellaby	Principal

Specialists				
Alexander Twieg	Japanese / STEM (P-6)			
Brian Macmillen	Physical Education (1-6)			
Bridget Wong	Visual Arts (1-6)			
Felix Meagher	Performing Art (P-6) / PE (Prep)			
Rachael Rydqvist	Visual Arts (Prep)			
Acceleration				
Angela Borstelj	Tutoring			
Cassie Bongers	Leadership release			
Courtney Graf	Occupational therapist			
Gill Thomson-Cook	Leadership release			

Education Support			
Classroom	Chaplain		
Alice Avraam	Sam (Chappy) Bond		
Allison Esmonde			
Helen Overmars	Administration		
Michelle Price	Lyn Mitsios		
Nicole Zerella	Ness Moodie		
Priya Potluri			
Rita Estrada			
Sahar Fatima			
Suraya Yawari			
Tanja Supljeglav			
Tracy Fisher			
Victor Jeffry			



Class Locations

2025

Whole School Athletics Carnival

Our Grade 5/6 students have been doing a great job preparing to lead our whole school Athletics Day planned for Monday 16 December. All students will be involved in a series of novelty sports stations, on school grounds and at the tennis courts.

To build our community spirit we are encouraging all children to come in their team colours. We recognise that many children do not yet know their team colour so stay tuned for a specific communication on that. For your reference, siblings will share the same team so the colour t-shirts can be handed down.



To ensure every student has the best day possible we ask that they wear comfortable running shoes, a SunSmart hat and a drink bottle filled with water. For their safety, please ensure that you have applied suncream in the morning.

Feel free to come along for the whole or some part of the day to cheer your team on. Let's hope the weather is just perfect so that we can enjoy a wonderful day together!

End of Year Student Reports

Your child's end of year report will be uploaded to XUNO on Wednesday 18 December. You will be able to download your child's report from XUNO, as well as access their June reports. Please make sure you are <u>accessing XUNO</u> following the instructions located on our website.

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.



Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Your ongoing financial support ensures that we can enhance the learning experiences beyond the mandated curriculum.

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 oppournities, as well as school buildings and ground maintenance and enhancements.

Please refer to the <u>Parent Contribution Arrangements for 2025</u>, either on the following pages or via <u>our website</u>, which includes an overview of the Department of Education's Parent Payment Policy for further details.

In 2025, all classroom supplies will be provided directly to the classrooms in bulk. Teachers will distribute stationery and other supplies to the students as needed.

Online payments can be made via XUNO (Events and Fees) from **22 January 2025** or alternatively the school will be open as of **28 January 2025** to receive Parent Contributions.

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.

I would also like to share that the park, opposite the school, is not supervised by staff before or after school. While I respect that some families use this area as a meeting place, it is important to understand that children must be supervised by an adult, in this Council area.

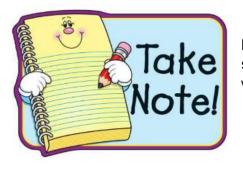


Mobile Phones in Government Schools

In line with the Department of Education's <u>Mobile Phone policy</u>, 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.

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 polices.



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

AFTER SCHOOL CARE IN 2025



WOORANNA PARK ARE YOU READY FOR OSHC IN 2025?



FILL OUT THE FORMS



CREATE AN XPLOR ACCOUNT





CLICK ON THE DATES NEEDED OR FOR REGULAR BOOKINGS EMAIL US DIRECTLY



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AFTER CARE

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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 with 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:

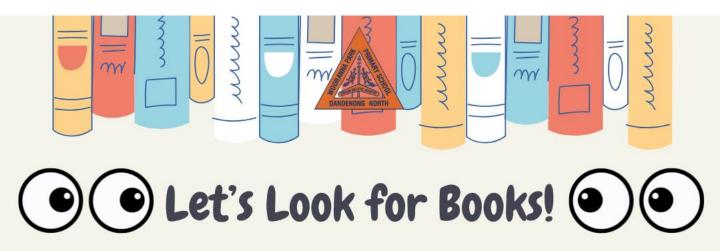
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Library Update

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 that our Library inventory is updated ready for more literary adventures next year!



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.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Your ongoing financial support ensures that our school can enhance the learning experience beyond the mandated curriculum.

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

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

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

All classroom supplies will be provided directly to the classrooms in bulk. Teachers will distribute stationery and other supplies to the students as needed.

Please find attached our 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	
 Classroom consumables, materials and equipment 2025 Wooranna Park Student Diary Printing and photocopying of learning materials Digital Learning: Essential Assessment – Literacy & Numeracy Sunshine Online 	\$80
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS	\$35
ICT DevicesSchool grounds maintenance & improvements	\$25
TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS (per family)	(Parent/Carer to complete
Building Fund (Suggested amount \$25.00)	\$
• 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 <u>all</u> 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**



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

White, Black, Navy



(White, Black, Navy)

NEW UNIFORM ITEM



NEW ITEM JUST ARRIVED



SHORT SLEEVE MESH POLO

FROM \$3.50 EACH

NOW AVAILABLE AT PSW HAMPTON PARK STORE

IMPORTANT DETAILS

CURRICULUM DAYS

The last day of Term Four is **Friday 20 December**.

School finishes at 1:30pm.



XUNO

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

officially authorised

representatives of the school.

Please like our <u>Facebook page</u>. 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

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.

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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

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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 polices.

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, navyblue 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











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

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	07First day of Term Four Don't forget your school, sun smart hat!	08 Maths Competition (Elected 5/6 Students)	09	First Aid Incursion (All students)	11 Gala Day (5/6s) Last day to order a sausage sizzle lunch!
ber	14	15 Student Advisory Meeting (Elected Leaders)	16	17	Whole School Colour Run @ 2:40pm
October	21	22 RACV Road Safety incursion (P-2) School Council @ 6pm	23	24 Student Advisory Forum (Elected Leaders)	25 #1 PRINCIPAL for the Day (Elected Students) Whole School Assembly @ 2:40pm
	28 Swimming closes today! Curriculum Day No students at school	29 Maths Competition (Elected 5/6 Students)	30	31	Whole School Colour Run @ 2:40pm
_	04	05 Melbourne Cup Day - No School	06	07	08 Whole School Assembly @ 2:40pm
Q			Swimming Pro	gram (4 days)	
Q	44	19 2025 Prep Transition	40	4.1	45
November	11	12 2025 Prep Transition (2:30-3:15pm) Cranbourne Botanical Gardens excursion (3/4s)	Cranbourne Botanical Gardens excursion (1/2s)	STEM Camp @ Lyndale SC (5s)	15
	18	19 2025 Prep Transition (2:30-3:15pm)	20	21	Pyjama Day (Gold Coin Donation) Whole School Assembly @ 2:40pm
	25	26 2025 Prep Transition (2:30-3:15pm)	27 Student Advisory Meeting (Elected Leaders)	28 Move and Groove @ 2:15pm (Prep and 5/6s)	29
		School Council @ 6pm		Dental V	an onsite
December	02	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	10 Year 6 > 7 State Transition Day Meet your 2025 Teacher! 2025 House Leader Elections	11 Grade Six Graduation	12 Christmas Stall	13
De	Mhole School Novelty Sports Carnival (Wear your House Colours)	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



