Hi everyone,

I hope that everybody had the opportunity for some enjoyable family time over the school break, and that you have been able to make the most of the extra sunlight and warmer weather now here. It's the perfect time to get involved in some more physical activity, which we know has innumerable benefits to both our physical and mental health, for adults and children alike.

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 <u>Dress Code policy</u> such hats are required 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/ren learn 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 sun smart hats on sale in the front office for \$5.

Fundraising Efforts

We are excited to be running some fundraising events to support our school community!

Students can enjoy a candy apple, a fairy bread treat and a sausage sizzle for lunch, — all completely optional.

- Candy Apples Orders must be placed and paid for via XUNO by 4pm on Friday 24 October
- Fairy Bread Available to purchase for \$1 on Friday 17 October
- Sausage Sizzle Available to purchase for \$2.50 on Friday 24 October

Thank you for supporting our school's fundraising efforts — every little bit helps make a big difference!



Event Name

CANDY APPLE FUNDRAISING 2025-10-09 2025-10-09

In the event of an emergency where I and my emergency contacts are not contactable, I hereby authorise the teacher supervising the event to authorise medical treatment for my child as the teacher or doctor deems

Cost: \$6.50 by Friday, October 24th 2025

Orders are to be processed via XUNO by 4pm Friday 24 October.

Following these steps will ensure your order is processed smoothly and everyone gets their delicious candy apples on delivery day!

Step 1

Select your chosen apple flavour and quantity (either *Original* or *Sour Sugar*) by entering the price as per the quantity that you want to order:





Colour Run

Our fundraising team will be hosting a Colour Run from 2:40pm on Friday 24 October! 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 classmates, 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. More information about this powder can be found

at: https://www.qualitycolouredpowder.com.au/fags

More help to prepare the colour powder would be appreciate if you are available on Friday 17 October from 2pm till 3:30pm.

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! If you or your child does not want to be splashed in colour please ensure they are wearing a dark t-shirt so that volunteers and staff are aware of their choice. Students in full school uniform will not be able to participate. This is to ensure their school uniform is not damaged by the colour, and so staff are confident they have your permission to take part.

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

If you have decided that you <u>do not</u> want your child to participate in this colour run, then please communicate to your child's teacher via email or XUNO.

Updating your details

It is very important the school has your most **current emergency contact** telephone details, email and home address. If you change telephone details, email or home address at any point, we ask that you update the school with your accurate contact details as soon as possible.



This is a reminder that schools do not provide **personal accident insurance or ambulance cover** for students. Parents and carers of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance and any other transport costs. This is particularly important as this time of the year in support of you having access to the <u>School Saver Bonus</u>.

Principal for a Day

I will be handing over my job, to selected students to be Principal for a Day on Friday 31 October! Students interested in this challenge are encouraged to write an application These applications need to be submitted by Friday 26 October so that I can select a P-2, 3-4 & 5-6 Principal. I can't wait to share this day with three successful applicants!

Time to Plan Ahead!

I respect that it is scary to think about 2026, 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 ASAP. 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 2026. 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 2026, 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 given that offers are now being send out.

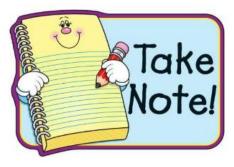
Parent Requests for 2026

I do like to invite parents to put in writing any information about their child/ren that they want considered by our staff as they go about forming our new grades for 2026. The information you provide should focus on your child's needs (whether they be academic, medical physical, emotional or social) and the type of person that you believe they respond to best. Please refrain from identifying a specific teacher as it may lead to disappointment for you and your child. We ask that you complete a request even if you have communicated with a staff member at any stage during the year as this will ensure we have an up-to-date record.

A new request also needs to be completed, if you have made a request in previous years. To ensure we have a centralised place for all the requests we ask that you submit a separate request, via the link below, for each of your children and be mindful that naming specific teachers or friends will not be considered as this makes the process far too difficult.

https://forms.gle/Yoqxg7t63EZk5JNv6

Requests must be submitted **by 9am on Monday 10 November**. Using this information, we can then endeavour to select the teacher who we think will best meet your child/ren's needs as well as the needs of their 2026 classmates.



Please take note that there is no school on **Monday 27 October.** <u>DS Sports</u> will be offering childcare if you need it, but you will need to register ASAP to secure a place.

Tuesday 4 November is also s public holiday. This will mean that students are not required at school on both days.

GRADES OF THE WEEK



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

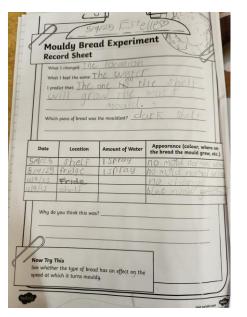
- respecting others' right to learn (respect).
- keeping our body parts to ourselves and their personal space (safe).
- Looking after classroom and school equipment (responsible).

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!

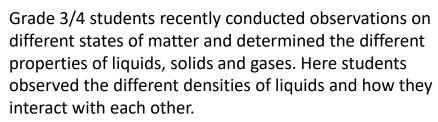
Congratulations to Prep A & B, 1/2B, 3/4A, 5/6B & 5/6C for being our grades of the week in the last fortnight!



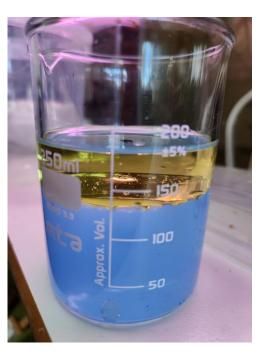
Our Prep students recently finished learning about how public buildings and spaces contribute and add value to our communities. To consolidate their learning they had the opportunity to design and build their own park, library or other community building using Duplo.

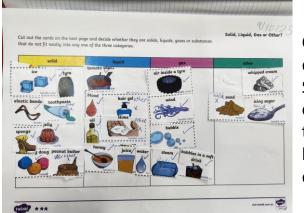


To complete their learning on food waste, grade 1/2 students conducted an experiment to determine which conditions would cause bread mould to grow. Students placed samples of bread in fridges, cupboards and shelves and recorded their observations.



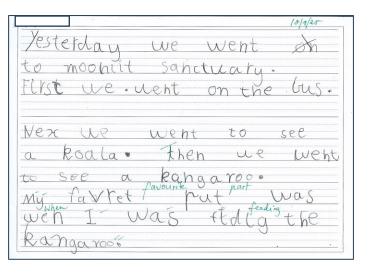






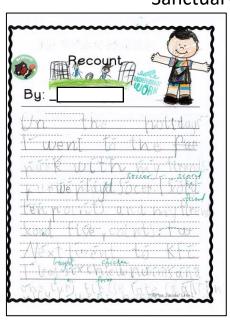
Our 5/6 Students have been learning to classify different materials based on their states of matter. Students explored how some materials can be classed as being in more than one state of matter at a time and how although all materials are either liquids, solids or gases it is not always easy to determine which state a material is in.

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Our Prep students have made fantastic progress with their writing this year. Each morning during phonics sessions, they practise letter formation, reading and spelling words, including highfrequency words. Writing can be a tricky skill to master, but their determination and effort have really paid off. There's been wonderful improvement in how they form letters, leave finger spaces between words, and confidently 'have a go' at spelling new words. At this level, the emphasis is on using the sounds they hear in words to write those words, not necessarily on correct spelling and you can see that they are making quite good attempts to write the words they are using. We hope you enjoy reading some of the Prep students' recounts about the holidays, Fire Ed, and the Moonlit Sanctuary excursion.

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Prep

Our Prep students have been given lots of opportunities to build skill, independence and create for joy! The projects they have been working on are as follows:

- Creating 3D cardboard building sculptures, strengthening the muscles in their hands by cutting, ripping and sticking.
- Exploring Primary Colours (red, blue and yellow)through artist Piet Mondrian and then explored how to use these three amazing colours to mix other colours.
- Playdough monster sculptures, mask making

 Life drawing and painting using watercolour paints. Students have been learning to observe flowers in front of them, and have a go at drawing and painting the shapes and colours they see.



Students across the school from Grade 1-6 have been working on the same concept, with exploration in class tailored to their curriculum level of exploration. Our I can statement has been; "I can express a chosen emotion using the Art Elements of Colour, Line and Shape"

We delved into exploration of feelings, look at different artists who primary use colour to express an emotion or idea, and students created their own colour palettes to express a chosen emotion. From here, students planned and created their own individual work of art based on their chosen emotion or emotions. It was all about expressing our feelings! Students were encouraged to express their own uniqueness and their works are impressive! Watch this space for a very special exhibition of their works!

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/



Colour Run

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READ MORE



Scholastic Book Club

The Scholastic Book Club flyer will be distributed this week with orders closing on Monday 3 November. Be sure to do your ordering online or return the order form to school so the books will then be delivered to the school and distributed to the classes for students to take home.

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.

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se refer to XUNO for our latest Magnie alert!

Swimming Program

This year the school's swimming program will take place at Splash's Learn to Swim school, Stud Road Dandenong.

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Wooranna Park Primary School
Published by Amanda Ellaby ⊚ 15h ♂



Today we had a successful training session with the NRL coach in preparation for our 5/6 team competing in the Billy Slater rugby festival!







Our Student Leaders are treating our students to Fairy Bread on



BRING ALONG \$1 IF YOU WOULD LIKE THIS SPECIAL TREAT.

COINS WOULD BE APPRECIATED TO HELP WITH CHANGE.

SWIMMING PROGRAM

This year the school's swimming program will take place at Splash's Learn to Swim school, Stud Road Dandenong.

Learning to swim is a crucial part of your child's growth and development and an important component of the school curriculum. Splash's Learn to Swim school focus is to provide high quality experienced instructors in an environment where students of all ages are able to progress rapidly. The approach to the Swim & Survive program is two prong: water safety & stroke development. Auswim qualified instructors who will focus on providing an environment that enables students to fulfill their swimming potential will run the classes.

The swim sessions will be 45 minutes in duration. Qualified instructors will teach ability groups of a maximum of 8 students. Students will be transported by bus between WPPS and Splash's Learn to Swim school, by Victorian Touring Coaches throughout the day.

Please approve on XUNO by **4pm on Monday 27 October** to secure your child/rens position for this program.

You will also need to complete this electronic Swimming Skills assessment form for each of your children participating in this swimming program:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qEbaKxTnWU6hYiwvumF-OS-CzzvVwppEqLOKuXfUPSpUQTVUSjFLTVVETFQ3V04zRUIXRjdEMFQ2Ti4u

This form needs to completed by 4pm on Monday 27 October.

Parents will be welcome to meet us there to watch their child's swim progress. If you would like to help your child dress after swimming, you **must have a Working with Children Check.** This is a legal requirement that Splash's Learn to Swim school must adhere to. Any parents wishing to attend will need to make their own way to and from the centre as we **do not** have any spaces available on the bus. Please note, that while we encourage parent help during this time, it is also important to assist the children in further developing their independence, and to learn to dress and dry themselves.



Junior School Council Event

Friday 31st October



Students can come 'dressed like a teacher' for the day. Think jackets, ties, lanyards and other professional clothing you might see a teacher wear.

No gold coin donation required

GREATER DANDENONG NETWORK LOGO COMPETITION



Students from Foundation to Year 12 across the Greater Dandenong Network of schools

Theme:

- M Celebrates the diversity of our community
- Honours our Aboriginal heritage, recognising that we live and learn on the lands of the Bunurong people

m Competition Dates:

Open: 1 September 2025 Close: 31 October 2025

How to Enter:

Submit your design (digital file or clear photo of your artwork) with your name

- · In person: Dandenong Primary School
- Email: gdnlogo@gmail.com
- Text: 0421 876 237

Design Tips: Be creative and original
Reflect community and inclusivity
Honour Aboriginal culture and heritage

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY - HONOUR HERITAGE - INSPIRE COMMUNITY

SUNSMART REMINDERS from Mr. Mac

At Wooranna Park we promote being sunsmart in the playground and during physical education sessions year round.

Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world due to its strong UV rays, and children are particularly vulnerable. Here's why it's essential:

1. Prevent Skin Cancer

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in Australia, and early sun exposure significantly increases the risk. Educating young students about sun safety can help protect them throughout their lives by reducing their risk of skin cancer later on.

2. Skin Damage Prevention

Unprotected exposure to the sun can cause immediate damage like sunburns and long-term damage like premature aging and skin damage. Teaching kids how to protect their skin early on helps them develop healthy habits to prevent these issues.

3. Building Lifelong Habits

By instilling good sun safety habits from a young age - like wearing sunscreen, seeking shade, wearing protective clothing and avoiding the sun during peak hours - students will carry these habits with them into adulthood.

4. Raising Awareness of UV Index

Australia has a high UV index, which means even on cooler or cloudy days, UV rays can still harm the skin. Educating students about the UV index helps them understand when sun protection is necessary, regardless of the weather.

5. Supporting Health Education

Sun safety education is an important part of a broader health curriculum, teaching students not only how to protect themselves from harmful environmental factors but also the importance of looking after their overall well-being.

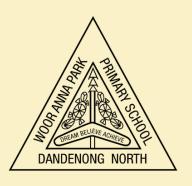
Ways to Teach SunSmart Habits:

- Wear protective clothing (wide-brimmed hats, long sleeves etc.).
- **Use sunscreen** (SPF 30 or higher) and reapply it regularly.
- Seek shade during peak UV times (between 10 am. and 4 pm.).
- **Wear sunglasses** with UV protection when outside.
- Encourage water breaks and staying hydrated.

By teaching children to be sunsmart, you help ensure their health and well-being as they grow, equipping them with the knowledge to protect their skin for life.







WEAR A HAT & SUNGLASSES

To ensure that every child has their hat and/or sunglasses when needed, we kindly ask that you encourage your child to leave their sun smart items at school.

This will help us make sure they are always prepared for outdoor activities.

FUTURE ENROLMENTS

If you have a child who will be starting Prep in 2026, 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 2026, please encourage them to call the Office to organise a school tour.

Details about the 2026 Prep enrolment process can be found on our website at https://www.woorannaparkps.vic.edu.au/page/12/Enrolment

STEPPING UP INTO SCHOOL IN 2026!

Transition and information sessions for enrolled students and their families!



From 2:30pm till 3:15pm

- Thursday 13 November
- Thursday 20 November

Enrol Now



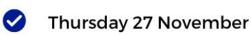
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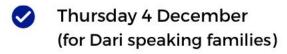
(03) 9795 2007



Visit Website Us

www.woorannaparkps.vic.edu.au









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



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Long Earrings

Nail Polish



Make-Up



IMPORTANT DETAILS

CURRICULUM DAYS

The following days have been endorsed by School Council:

- Monday 25 August
- Monday 27 October

Students do not attend school on these days. DS Sports will be providing childcare on these days.

On the last day of Terms One, Two and Three we have an early dismissal time of **2:30pm** and on the last day of Term Four we finish at **1:30pm**.

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

- ✓ 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 <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 <u>Facebook page</u> 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.

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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 3:45pm.

Our gates are locked each afternoon at 3:45pm. Students in the school grounds after this time will be cared for at <u>DS Sports</u> 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



DS Sports will be providing Outside School Hours Care at Wooranna Park Primary School from 3.30pm to 6pm, every afternoon, Monday to Friday.

DS Sports provides an adventurous and stimulating After School Care program, in a safe and inclusive environment.

DS zones are a place for growth and nurture the building of life-time skills. Our zones incorporate Health, Play, Leisure, Language, Real Life Connections and promotes the building of positive relationships with peers and our staff.

All families are strongly encouraged to register their child/ren for DS Sports 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. For information about this program, please contact this service directly at: https://www.dssports.org/wooranna-park-

MOBILE DEVICES

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In line with the Department of Education's Mobile Phone policy, all phones brought to school must be switched off and stored securely in the front Office, during the school day.

A mobile phone is a telephone with access to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network. For the purpose of this policy, "mobile phone" refers to mobile phones and any device that may connect to or have a similar functionality to a mobile phone such as a smartwatch.

When a student is not complying with this mobile phone policy, we will be required to follow a process in accordance with our existing student engagement 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

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











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.





Download the XUNO Family app from Google Play or 9795 2007 iOS app store to receive notifications to your phone of







Ever wanted to give athletics a go? Meet new friends, spend quality time with family, have fun and achieve your personal best?

Participate in a variety of running, throwing and jumping events whilst being surrounded by a supportive community!

What are you waiting for?





Dandenong West Cricket Club Is now recruiting

For

Junior Programs

Play cricket every week against other clubs

Under 10 and 12s teams

Training Thursdays 4.30-5.30pm

Games 5:15-7pm Friday Evenings

Boys and Girls of any skill level welcome

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Dandenong West Woolworths Cricket Blast Program. Teaches kids the foundation skills in a fun game based learning environment preparing them for junior cricket.

-----Make New Friends-----

10am-11am Saturday Mornings for ages 5 and up

Recruiting and starting all programs from 10 October 2025. Club Location: Greaves Reserve 1 (Dandenong Show Grounds) 2 Bennet Street Dandenong.

Visit Our Website



On the website click on the Woolworths Cricket Blast banner on the top of the page. Information also in Dari, Hindi, Singhalese and Urdu.

Contact Greg Siwes 0412531761 or Abbie Pascoe 0413544875

www.dandenongwestcricketclub.com



Mon and Tues: 3 year old 8.45am-4.15pm 4 year old 8.15am-3.45pm

Wed, Thurs and Fri: 3 year old 8.30 am-1.30 pm



4 year old 9.30am-2.30pm 15 hours=\$0.00





