Wooranna Park's Wonderings

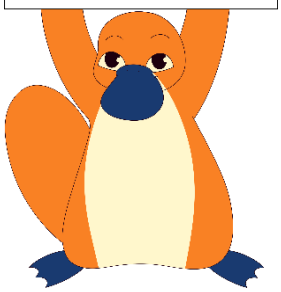
Wednesday 11 November 2026

Hi everyone,

We are now in the process of looking at our **student enrolment numbers for 2027** 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 2027 and is not currently enrolled, please encourage them to contact the Office on 9795 2007 ASAP.

Help us prepare for 2027!



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 2027 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 friends, we took no notice whatsoever as this makes the process far too difficult. If by chance you 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 2026 class on our 'meet the teacher' session on **Tuesday 8 December**.

Last Subway Lunch for the Year

The last Subway lunch orders for the year will be available on **Friday 11 December.** Orders must be placed via XUNO **by 4pm by Tuesday 8 December** for the Friday's lunch.

Late orders cannot be accepted.

Parent Payments for 2027

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 2027.

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 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 Parent Contribution Arrangements for 2027, 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.

In 2027, 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 **20 January 2027** or alternatively the school will be open as of **27 January 2027**to receive parent contributions.

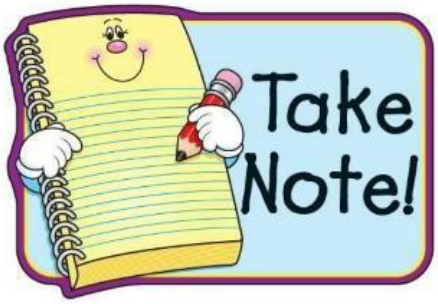
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A *mobile phone* is a telephone with access to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network. For the purpose of this policy, "mobile phone" refers to *mobile phones and any device* that may connect to or 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 the 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 18 December** is the 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

VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2027

November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter provides information about voluntary contributions you can make to support Wooranna Park Primary School for 2027 and other payments you can choose to make.

Victorian government schools provide free instruction. This means all students have free access to all items, activities and services that schools use to deliver the curriculum, including reasonable adjustments to support students with disability.

Some families choose to make a voluntary financial contribution to support the school and we are very grateful for this support. Making a voluntary contribution is your choice. There is no expectation or pressure for families to contribute.

Wooranna Park Primary School offers a range of items and activities that are additional to the free instruction provided to all students at our school. Financial help is available for extra-curricular items and activities if you are experiencing financial hardship (see further details under Financial Help for Families in the attached information). For a confidential discussion about how to access the financial help available, please contact: Sue Bitzios on 9795 2007 or sue.bitzios@education.vic.gov.au.

If you need an interpreter, please contact 03 9605 3053 and give our school's phone number 9795 2007. An interpreter can help you speak with us. This service is free. For more information, please see How to use an interpreter to contact your school.

For more information on the Department of Education's Parent Contributions policy please see the information attached. You can read the full policy at Parent Contributions: Policy | education.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Amanda Ellaby
Executive Principal

Rob Trotter
School Council President

WOORANNA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL 2027 PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS ARRANGEMENTS

Voluntary contributions

If you are the carer of a student in out-of-home care or hold a financially means-tested card (such as a healthcare card), please ignore the invitation to make voluntary contributions.

We encourage any family experiencing financial hardship to contact the school for information about the financial help available for extra-curricular activities like camps and excursions.

Voluntary contributions	Suggested amount – parents can contribute more or less	Amount
Voluntary Contribution to enhance our school's range of programs, resources and environment.	$140.00	$_____ [parent to complete]

Tax-deductible voluntary contributions	Suggested amount – parents can contribute more or less	Amount
Voluntary - Building fund: a tax-deductible contribution to support renovations and upgrades of school infrastructure	$25.00	$_____ [parent to complete]

Extra-curricular items and activities

Wooranna Park Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the free instruction provided to all students at our school. Accessing these items and activities does require payment, but financial support is available (see further details under Financial Help for Families below).

Example extra-curricular items and activities include:

- optional activities, camps, excursions and programs
- class photos
- social events like graduation.

Extra-curricular items and activities, including their associated costs, will be confirmed throughout the year. Payments may be made by instalment.

Please contact the school for advice on financial help available for extra-curricular items and activities.

Extra-curricular items and activities e.g. camps and excursions	**Indicative cost**	**Confirmed cost (where known)**
Grade 3/4 - Long day excursion – Sovereign Hill - Term 3 (TBC)	**$95.00**	**TBD**
Grade 5/6 - Long day excursion – Enchanted Adventure - Term 2 (TBC)	**$75.00**	**TBD**
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		**TBD**

Financial help for families

Wooranna Park Primary School understands families can experience financial difficulty. Help is available, including:

- **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund** – this program provides funding for eligible students, including those in out of home care, and holders of eligible financially means-tested cards (such as health care cards), to attend activities like camps, sporting activities, excursions and incursions that are offered on a user-pays basis.
- **Affordable School Uniforms -** delivered by State Schools Relief, this program helps cover costs such as school uniforms, shoes, and other essential school items where families are experiencing financial hardship or short-term crisis.
- **Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities** - flexible payment plans are available to help families manage the cost of extra-curricular items and activities throughout the school year. Families can choose a payment option that best suits their circumstances, making it easier to spread costs over time.

Applications for support from the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and State Schools Relief are submitted by the school - please contact us to discuss these and other financial help.

For a confidential discussion about how to access financial help, please contact our Business Manager, Sue Bitzios on 9795 2007 or sue.bitzios@education.vic.gov.au.

Payment methods

We will be accepting online payments via **XUNO** from **20 January 2027.**

Alternatively, Wooranna Park Primary School will be open as of **27 January 2027** to receive parent contributions at the office via **EFTPOS.**

If you want to make voluntary contributions throughout the year, you can:

- decide when to make each contribution
- choose the amount of each contribution.

Refunds

Parent 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,

Parent Contributions policy

Information for families

FREE INSTRUCTION

Schools give students free instruction in the curriculum. This includes:

- Free access to all items, activities and services that schools use to deliver the curriculum, including reasonable adjustments to support students with disability.
- The Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major, and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- Free access to all subjects, including elective subjects.
- Free access to select-entry and accelerated programs.

FAMILIES CAN CHOOSE TO CONTRIBUTE

Schools can invite 2 types of voluntary contributions:

Voluntary contributions	Tax deductible contributions
Used towards enhanced educational programs and school environment, and additional resources and opportunities offered by schools	Used towards building and/or library fund (for those schools who have such funds)

Schools must advise the carers of students in out-of-home care and parents and carers who hold a financially means-tested card (such as a healthcare card) that the invitation to make voluntary contributions does not apply to them.

In addition, schools can invite parents and carers to pay for optional:

- Extra-curricular items and activities that go beyond the curriculum - for example, school photos, some excursions and some camps.
- Learning materials for students to individually use and own - for example, textbooks, stationery, and in secondary schools only, digital devices. If these items are not bought or provided from home, schools will provide students with free access to what they need for curriculum delivery.

FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

Each school has a contact person who can discuss with parents and carers the financial supports that are available.

Schools must publish their Parent Contributions arrangements on their school website, along with a link to the department's Parent Contributions policy.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports

SWPBS @ W.P.P.S.

SWPBS

We are committed to a school wide positive behaviour support (SWPBS). This is an evidence-based framework for Victorian government schools, aimed at creating a positive, safe and supportive learning culture. We are committed to implenting the essential features of a school wide positive behaviour support.



TIERED FIDELITY INVENTORY

The Tiered Fidelity Inventory (TFI) is a tool used within the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) framework to assess how well a school is implementing their practices across all three tiers of support.

It helps schools evaluate the consistency and quality of their systems, identify strengths, and highlight areas for improvement. The TFI provides a clear picture of implementation fidelity, guiding schools in action planning and ensuring that their PBIS practices are effective and sustainable in promoting positive behaviour and student wellbeing.



RESULTS

In 2026 we scored 97% for Tier 1 systems on our Tiered Fidelity Inventory (TFI) meaning our school is implementing universal SWPBS practices with very high fidelity.

This confirms our foundational systems, practices, and data processes that support all students are well established and consistently applied across the school.

This indicates that our school has strong structures in place such as clearly defined behavioural expectations, effective teaching and reinforcement of those expectations, consistent responses to behaviour, and ongoing data use to guide decision-making.

Essentially, a 97% score shows that Tier 1 implementation is functioning at a model or exemplary level, with only minor areas for refinement.



NEXT STEPS

Our next actions will focus on:

- Consolidating improvements in Tier 1 practice
- Strengthening positive behaviour acknowledgement system to ensure families are aware of them
- Providing targeted support for students experiencing repeated behaviour incidents

GRADES OF THE WEEK



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

- Putting their hands up when they want to contribute (respect).
- Keeping their body parts to themselves (safe).
- Being truthful, accepting the consequences of their actions (responsible).

There is also a bonus point for the grades that line up straight and tall!

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 1/2C and 5/6A being our grades of the week in the last week.

SHARING OUR ♥ OF LEARNING

In the 3/4 Unit ...

Last term, for our inquiry unit, our Year 3/4 students embarked on an exciting learning journey through South America! Throughout the unit, students explored different South American countries, learning about their capital cities, famous landmarks, national flora and fauna, size and population.

Working collaboratively in small groups, students researched key facts about their chosen country, developing their research skills and practising responsible use of technology. They then used their findings to create an informative group poster or slideshow.

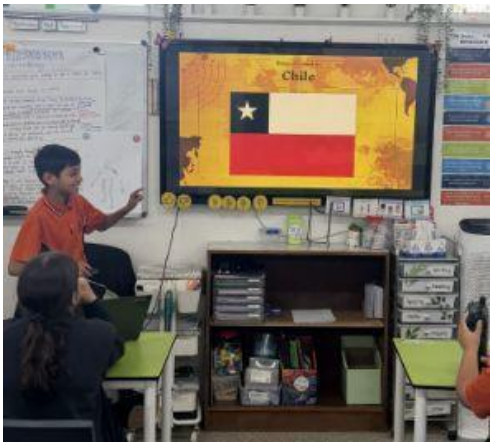
To wrap up the unit, students focused on developing their presentation skills, sharing their research and interesting discoveries with their classmates. It was wonderful to see students working together, building their confidence and sharing their learning!











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/



Glasses for Kids

In Term 1 2027, Wooranna Park Primary School are lucky to be partnering with **Glasses for Kids (GFK)**, a government-funded early intervention program that helps identify and address vision issues that may impact students' learning and wellbeing.

READ MORE



Scholastic Book Club

The Scholastic Book Club flyer will be distributed this week with orders closing on **Monday 9 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





Mental Health and Wellbeing Supports

We have a **Mental Health and Wellbeing Parent/Carer Referral Form** avaliable to families to make it easier for you to let us know when you need support.

Wooranna Park Primary School
Published by Amanda Ellaby · 4 November at 16:37 ·

3/4C this week wrote some 'spooky stories' to celebrate Halloween last weekend. Our titles included, 'Stranded' by Aiden, 'The Ghost Man' by Zara and the 'Skin Walker' ... See more











Wooranna Park Primary School
Published by Amanda Ellaby · 6 days ago ·

On Friday afternoon our community came together for a cultural smoking ceremony. The respect shown by our students was wonderful to see. ❤️💛🖤

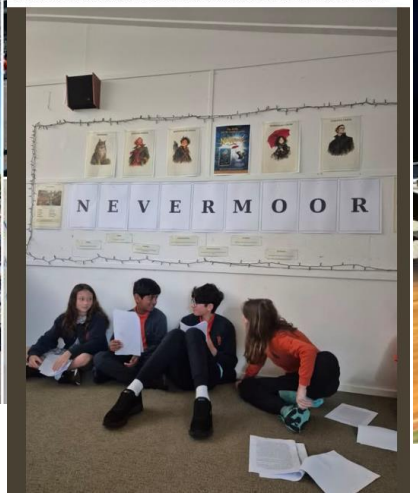






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In 5/6C, we have been exploring the magical world of Nevermoor by Jessica Townsend! ✨🚂 Students have been learning about the features of fantasy narratives and using th... See more



Wooranna Park Primary School
Published by Amanda Ellaby · 28 October at 09:26 ·

We have four student leaders representing WPPS at the Greater Dandenong Council's Childrens Forum today. We know you are going to do a great job advocating for the chi... See more



ICY POLE REMINDER



Icy poles will be on sale on:

- Friday 13 November
- Friday 4 December
- Friday 11 December

FAMILIES WELCOME

NATSU MATSURI

JAPANESE SUMMER FESTIVAL

WOORANNA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
LEARNING FOR LIFE
DANDENONG NORTH

TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER

Join us at Wooranna Park Primary School for our Japanese Summer Festival on **1 December**, from **3:30–4:50 pm!**

A variety of food, game and craft stalls will be available for students and families to enjoy. The festival is an opportunity for our school community to come together and celebrate our students' learning about Japanese language and culture.

Our Grade 3/4 classes will also present a short performance of **Sōran Bushi**, a traditional Japanese folk song and dance inspired by the movements of fishermen hauling in their nets.

FUNDRAISING SUPPORT

We are looking for volunteers to donate some of their time to help with the running of our very popular Christmas stall:
https://forms.gle/DhNyetecRkx6U32V9

If you are free on Wednesday 9 December from 2:30m till 3:30pm, we would love your help to set up the stall ready for sales on Thursday.

We would appreciate your help at the stall on Thursday 10 December, either from 9am till 1:30pm or in the afternoon from 2:20pm till 4pm.

While you are creating a special occasion for our students, you will also have some fun socializing with our community.



WELLBEING SUPPORT



Glasses for Kids (GFK)

In Term 12027, Wooranna Park Primary School are lucky to be partnering with **Glasses for Kids (GFK)**, a government-funded early intervention program that helps identify and address vision issues that may impact students' learning and wellbeing.

The program offers free vision screening, further vision testing where required, and glasses at no cost for consenting students in Prep to Grade 3, including students who already wear glasses.

For more information, please refer to the consent form sent home with your child this week, our website or scan the QR code below.

SUN SAFETY



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✓ 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.



SUNSMART REMINDERS

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.

FUTURE ENROLMENTS

If you have a child who will be starting Prep in 2027, 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 2027, please encourage them to call the Office to organise a school tour.

Details about the 2027 Prep enrolment process can be found on our website at https://www.woorannaparkps.vic.edu.au/page/12/Enrolment

STEPPING UP INTO SCHOOL IN 2027!

Transition and information sessions for enrolled students and their families!



From 2:30pm till 3:15pm

- ~~Tuesday 10 November~~
- Tuesday 17 November
- Tuesday 24 November
- Tuesday 1 December (for Dari speaking families)

Enrol Now

Call Find Us
(03) 9795 2007

Visit Website Us
www.woorannaparkps.vic.edu.au

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UNIFORM REMINDERS

The wearing of school uniform is compulsory at Wooranna Park Primary School. For our full uniform, please see the school website. All our uniform pieces can be purchased at **PSW, Unit 1, 9-11 South Link, Dandenong South, 3157**



Orange Short Sleeve Polo Shirts



Navy Blue Windcheater



Navy Blue Bomber Jacket



Summer Dress



Navy Blue tracksuit pants/full length leggings No Jeans



Navy Blue Rugby or Gaberdine Shorts/Skort



Navy Blue Hat



Orange Long Sleeve Polo Shirt





Socks – White, Black, Navy







Sport Shoes or Black Shoes





Gloves and Scarves (White, Black, Navy)

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

Jewellery



Long Earrings



Nail Polish



Make-Up

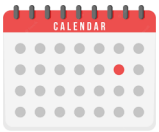


Please clearly label all clothing items including shoes.

IMPORTANT DETAILS

CURRICULUM DAYS

The following days have been endorsed by School Council:



- Friday 22 May
- Monday 24 August
- Monday 26 October

Students do not attend school on these days. DSSports 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
- ✓ School diary
- ✓ Formal meetings
- ✓ Before/After school chats

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

FACEBOOK

Please like our Facebook page. This page will be used by the school to inform families and the public of events and updates at the school. Feedback and discussion with parents/carers are welcome, but the school will not use Facebook for this purpose.

Please contact the school directly if you wish to discuss matters, as per our communication process. Only this Facebook page is endorsed by the Principal. Any other Facebook pages are not officially authorised representatives of the school.

CONTACT DETAILS

It is very important the school has your most current emergency contact telephone details, home and e-mail address.

If you change telephone details or home and e-mail address at any point, we ask that you update the school with your accurate contact details as soon as possible.

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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 DSSports 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-primary

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.

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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 much 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

BELL TIMES

08:50am	Classrooms open
09:00am	School begins
11:30am	**Lunchtime (50mins)**
12:20pm	Middle session
02:00pm	**Recess (40mins)**
02:40pm	Afternoon session
3:30pm	**End of day**

NEW

SAFETY EXPECTATIONS

Shared expectations of staff, parents, carers and students to support positive student behaviour are set out in the *Respectful, safe, engaged: shared expectations to support student behaviour statement*.

- **Students** are also supported by school staff to meet expected standards of behaviour as outlined in our *Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy, Inclusion and Diversity Policy, Bullying Prevention Policy*
- **Staff** must follow our school and department policies and the *Victorian Public Service Code of Conduct and Values.* Teaching staff also adhere to the *Victorian Teaching Profession's Code of Conduct*.
- **Parents and carers** play a vital role in helping their child understand and meet shared behaviour expectations. Additionally, information about the expectations of parents and carers to ensure schools remain respectful and inclusive places is outlined in the department's *Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy*.



It is important that we model to our children Road Safety, by using the pedestrian crossing to cross the road and always follow the School Crossing Supervisors' directions.

As a driver you must **STOP** at the pedestrian crossings when someone is crossing the road. Please be advised that the pedestrian crossing on Apex Street is ***no longer supervised***.



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



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



As the sign on the gate indicates, the ***Staff Car Park*** is for ***Staff only***. The high volume of vehicles moving in and out increases the risk of accidents, especially since children may not be easily visible to drivers.



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

Helmets



Please make sure your child is safely fitted with a helmet before leaving home on either their bike or scooter. This illustrates that we are all working together to teach our children to stay safe and responsible whilst recognising that our young people need adult guidance and teaching on important routines such as helmets. More information of bicycles and scooters safety is available online.

The behaviour of staff, parents, carers and students has an impact on our school community and culture. We must acknowledge our shared responsibility to create a positive learning environment for the children and young people at our school

KISS & GO ZONE

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

It is important to understand that the parking directly outside of the school's main entry is a now **Kiss and Go Zone** before and after school. This means:



- **Do not leave your vehicle**

To assist with traffic flow, drivers should remain in the car whilst children get in and out.

- **Be timely**

If your child does not get in or out of the vehicle within 2 minutes you must leave and re-enter the Kiss & Go zone.

- **Child safety**

Please ensure children get in or out of the vehicle on the kerb side. The back seat is the safest seat for children to travel in. Ensure children have their restraints securely fastened before driving off.

- **Stay in sequence**

Drop off or pick up your child close to the top of the zone, as far forward as possible. This allows vehicles following you to enter the zone in an orderly manner.

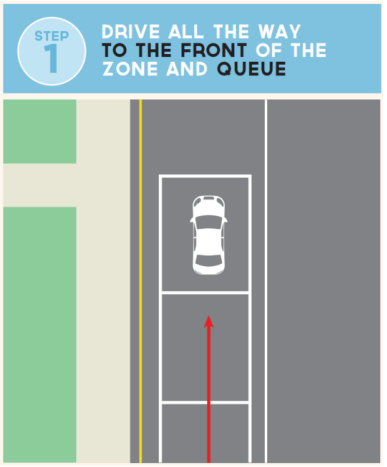
- **Driver duty of care**

Observe traffic when entering or leaving the zone. Use your indicator to advise when moving into or out of the zone.

- **No U-turns**

Do not do U-turn in busy school zones. They are dangerous and put children at risk

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











PROTECT

VICTORIA State Government | Department of Education



Everyone has the right to be safe and protected from abuse

If someone is making you feel unsafe or afraid at school, home or anywhere else – tell an adult you trust at your school.

They will help you.

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BEYOND THE VIOLENCE

A FREE 8-Week program for women and their children who have been impacted by family violence.

- Are you dealing with the after-effects of family violence?
- Does your child's anger or anxiety worry you?
- Can you identify the warning signs in a new relationship?
- Do contact visits unsettle your child?
- Do you feel alone?

This group may be just what you and your children need to move forward together.

DATES: 2nd February to 23rd March 2027
Tuesdays

TIME: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

WHERE: Dandenong area.
Details given at time of booking.

COST: Free! Bookings are essential.
Food provided.

All enquiries contact:
Iris Guasch - on 0436 007 492 or
iris.guasch@anglicarevic.org.au

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PARENTZONE



Parenting Primary School Kids

Free Online Workshops

Workshop 1

Big Feelings: Understanding Kids' Behaviour

When kids lack the words, behaviour speaks. Meltdowns and defiance aren't just "bad behaviour", they're communication.

What you'll learn:

- What meltdowns are really telling you
- Ways to calm big emotions without power struggles
- Practical tools to help your child reset

DATE: Tuesday 17th November 2026

TIME: 10:00am – 11:30am

LOCATION: Online via ZOOM

Workshop 2

Growing Brains: Why Kids React the Way They Do

A child's brain is still under construction, especially the parts that handle logic and self-control.

What you'll learn:

- Why kids can't always "just calm down"
- How brain development shapes daily reactions
- Simple ways to respond that build resilience

DATE: Tuesday 24th November 2026

TIME: 10:00am – 11:30am

LOCATION: Online via ZOOM

REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL

Scan QR code or click the link below:

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/cWnX1fDUXA

Please note, these workshops are interactive and cameras must be turned on. Workshops are not recorded.

WHO CAN ATTEND: Open to parents/carers living in the City of Casey, Cardinia Shire, and Greater Dandenong only.

CONTACT: groupwork.south@vt.uniting.org

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GILWELL PARK

A MAGICAL CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

Friday 11 December | From 4 pm

Gilwell Park Adventure Centre, Gembrook

Fun Run, Family Fun, adventure activities and more!

OUTDOOR SCREENING - 8.15 PM

Make a full afternoon and evening of it!

Adventure activities

Christmas games & market

2 km, 5 km & 10 km untimed Christmas Fun Run

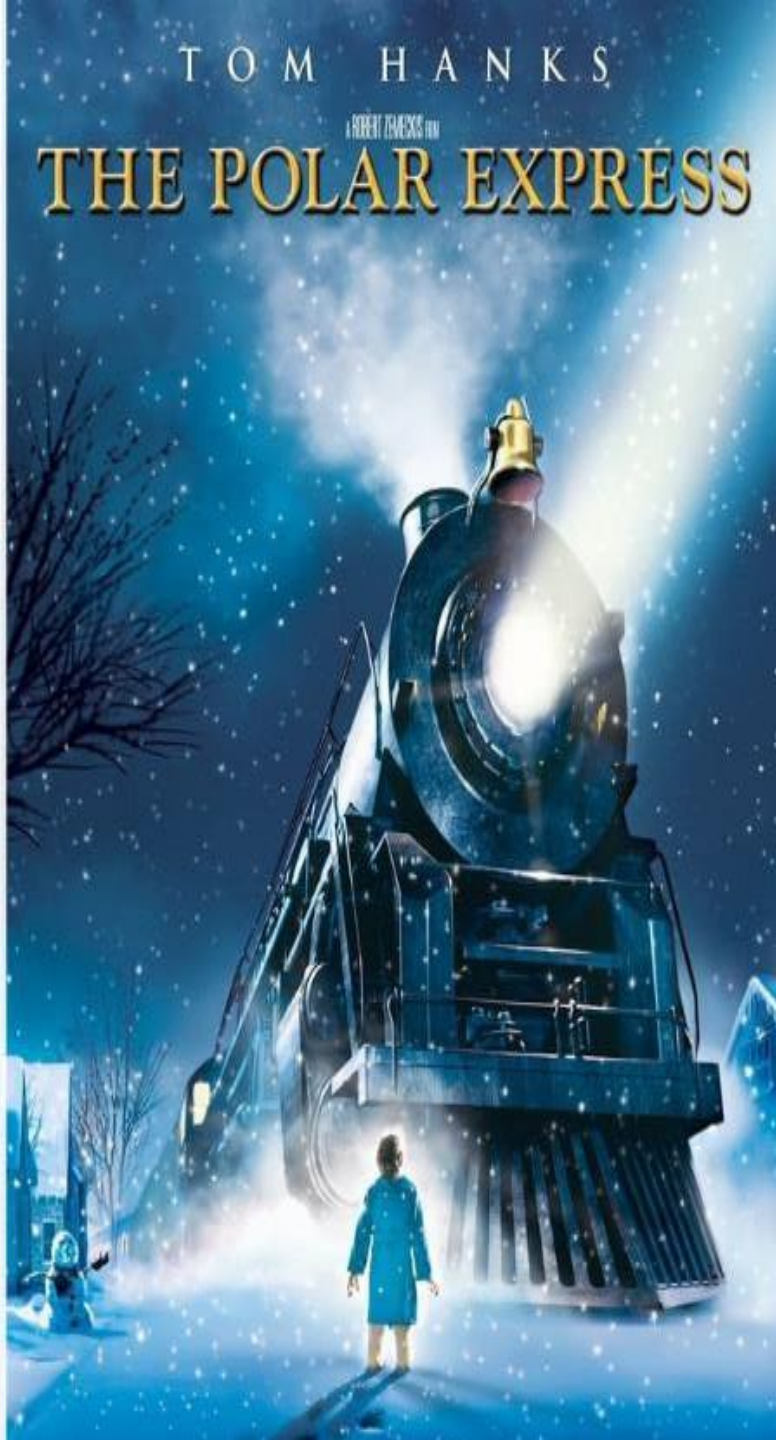
PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

$15 Movie + adventure activities

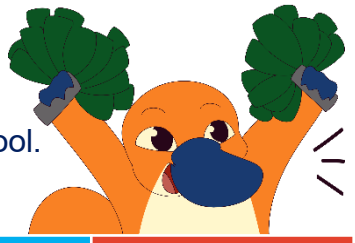
$35 Fun Run + medal + activities + movie

Family-friendly - come dressed in your best Christmas gear!

Scan to book or for more information



Term 4 2026



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	**05** First day of Term Four Don't forget your school, sun smart hat!	**06** Subway orders are due by 4pm each Tuesday, ready for a Friday lunch.	**07** First Aid Incursion (All students)	**08**	**09** Gala Day (5/6s) Whole School Assembly @ 2:40pm
	12	**13** Volleyball Carnival (Selected 5/6s)	**14** Melb. Victory Clinic (3/4s)	**15**	**16** Zooper Doopers today for $1!
	19 Dental Van onsite	**20** Celebration of Song Carnival (Selected choir members)	**21** Swimming closes today!	**22**	**23** Bring along $2.50 for a sausage! Colour Run @ 2:40pm
November	**26** Curriculum Day No students at school	**27** School Council @ 6pm	**28** Have you enrolled your child/re n in after school care? You neve r know when you may need D S Sports!	**29**	**30** Cultural Smoking Ceremony @ 2:40pm #1 PRINCIPAL for the Day (Elected Students)
	02	**03** Melbourne Cup Day - No School	**04** Swimming Program (4 days)	**05**	**06** Whole School Assembly @ 2:40pm
	09 2026 Family Requests (Due by 4pm today!)	**10** 2027 Prep Transition (2:30-3:15pm) Melb. Victory Clinic (5/6s)	**11**	**12**	**13** Zooper Doopers today for $1!
	16	**17** 2027 Prep Transition (2:30-3:15pm)	**18**	**19**	**20** Koorie Cultural Connections Day (Selected Students) STEM Camp @ Lyndale (5s) Whole School Assembly @ 2:40pm
	23	**24** 2027 Prep Transition (2:30-3:15pm) School Council @ 6pm	**25** Student Transition Forum (Selected Yrs 6s)	**26**	**27** JSC Rainbow Day (Gold coin donation and stay tuned for your year level's allocated colour)
December	**30**	**01** 2027 Prep Transition (Dari speaking families 2:30-3:15pm) Japanese Summer Festival @ 3:30 till 4:45pm	**02** Community Helper Morning Tea @ 11:40am	**03** Parliament Incursion (5/6s)	**04** Parliament Incursion (5/6s) Team Time @ 2:40pm
	07 Library closed!	**08** Year 6 > 7 State Transition Day Meet your 2027 Teacher! House Leader Elections School Council* @ 6pm	**09** Grade Six Graduation	**10** Student reports go home! Christmas Stall Bring along spending money and a shopping bag!	**11** Zooper Doopers today for $1!
	14 Whole School Novelty Sports Carnival (Wear your team colours)	**15** Year 5/6 Class Parties	**16** Class 'End of Year Parties Year 5/6 Big Day Out	**17**	**18** Golden Assembly @ 12:20pm Last Day of Term 1:30pm finish

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