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**Our School Core Values: RESPECT SELF AWARENESS CREATIVE THINKING GROWTH**

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## From the Principal

It has been wonderful to hear the sounds of **students back in the pool**. It has been especially exciting for our Foundation students who have waited soooooo long to get into the swim of things! Seeing the happy faces of our youngest students and how proud they are of their efforts (and bravery) has been really heart-warming. Will Rankin has coordinated a swimming program over the past two weeks that has ensured that all students are back in the water at least once per week.



There have been a lot of questions around the Department of Education mandate on students in **Grades 3-6 wearing masks indoors**. While this directive has not changed, we are reminding students that if their family expects them to be wearing a mask indoors, that is also our expectation. If you wish for your child to **not wear** a mask at school, please send me a short email detailing outlining your reasons.

Please send all correspondence to: [wonthaggi.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:wonthaggi.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

We have finally had an update regarding the progress of our **Sensory Garden/Play Spaces**. Two weeks ago, the Department of Education (DET) outlined the tender process, which will close late December. From there DET will announce the successful applicant and they will contact the school to organise a commencement date. More details in the new year!

Today we welcomed our 2022 Foundation Students and transferring students to Wonthaggi PS for the **State-Wide Transition Day**, while our current Grade 6 students spent the day at Bass Coast College. It is always an exciting day to spend time with your new teacher and learning partners. I would like to thank the staff and especially, Jenna Elliott, who has spent countless hours trying to get the mix of learning partners and friendships just right!



All students will bring home a brief note stating their Grade, Teacher and Classroom for the 2022 school year. If your child was absent today, classroom teachers will provide the 2022 information for them to take home.

As we come closer to the end of the year, it is time to welcome some new staff to our school and of course, time to say farewell to others

### Welcome to:

Jaz Hendry, Grade 2.  
Taya Annand, Foundation Team.  
Luke Sutton, Visual Arts.  
Amanda De Marchi and Fleur Lacey, Grade 5.  
Karen Williams, Grade 4.



*We are still yet to appoint two more teachers, one for Grade 5 and one for Grade 3. More details next week.*

### Moving to new schools in the new year are:

Fiona Moldrich - Foster Primary School.  
Andrew Inglis - Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School, Cowes.  
Christie Smith - Maranatha Christian School, Officer.  
Tanya Hamilton - St Lawrence's Primary School, Leongatha.



We wish our departing staff the very best and hope that their new teaching ventures bring them great satisfaction and that other schools know just how lucky they are to have them!

Warm regards,

*Wendy Truett*  
Principal



### All public entry to the school by appointment only

- **Facemask required**
- **QR Code when arriving**
- **Be prepared to show Vaccination Status**

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



### DECEMBER

#### Step into Prep Onsite Sessions

Mondays 9:30am - 11:30am YELLOW

Mondays 1:00pm - 3:00pm PURPLE

Tuesdays 9:30pm - 11:30am BLUE

#### Tuesday 7th

- State-wide Transition Day for all Foundation and Year 7 Students Starting School in 2022.

#### Friday 10th

- SRC Orange Dress Up Day for Respect—Gold Coin Donation

#### Monday 13th

- Grade 6 Graduation. (More information to come)

#### Tuesday 14th

- Final Assembly for 2021.  
(Details to be confirmed)

#### Wednesday 15th

- Student Free Day. No students attend.**

#### Thursday 16th

- Professional Practice Days—No formal Programs offered. Students not required onsite.**

### DECEMBER—continued

#### Friday 17th

- Professional Practice Days—No formal Programs offered. Students not required onsite. Dismissal at 1:30pm**



*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year*

### JANUARY 2022

#### Monday 31st

- Student Free Day. No students attend.**

### FEBRUARY 2022

#### Tuesday 1st

- All Students return for 2022**

**Note: No Foundation Students Attend on Wednesdays all of Term 1.**

BREAKFAST CLUB EVERY FRIDAY  
IN THE SLC AT 8.15am.

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Term 4 Week 8 & 9

*Well done!*

Grade:	Students:	Awarded for:
12A	Kori B. Landen G.	Contributing to our classroom in positive ways. Sharing strategies with the class in multiplication.
12B	Emily F. Riley C.	Achieving her Reading goal of giving a Retell. Practising saying the sounds and blending the word. Fantastic Growth!
12C	Ella C. Jacob T. Riley S.	Always having a positive attitude to her learning. Being a leader in the classroom and reminding others of expectations. Practising and trying his best with his reading.
12E	Oliver R.	For contributing to classroom discussions respectfully.
12F	Miller P.	His enthusiastic approach to Maths.
34D	Brayden O.	Persevering to improve his writing and achieve his pen licence.
34E	Jasper L.	A very creative book report.
56A	Lucy P. Hamish B.	A wonderful indigenous power point. Creating a wonderful split portrait.
56D	Delilah K. Jonte K.	Working hard on her Reading project. Working hard on her persuasive letter.



### 100, 200 & 300 NIGHT READING CERTIFICATE AWARD GOES TO:

200 NIGHTS— Aurora 1/2, Oscar T 12C, Hannah S 12B

300 NIGHTS— Daisy M 12C



**FROM MAJOR EVENTS**  
**Christmas Card Fundraiser**



Our Major Events team are excited to announce a Christmas Card fundraiser showcasing the beautiful artwork of WPS students.

Congratulations to the following students in having their designs selected for our Christmas card fundraiser. It was really hard to choose just 5 with all of the wonderful submissions.

Prep - Sarina, 1/2 - Pippa, 3/4 - Mason C, 5/6 - Violet , Overall - Maisie

Thank you to the students who submitted an entry.

Orders for the Christmas cards have opened. Order forms will be sent home this afternoon or you can order through the below link. There will also be packs of cards available from some local businesses.

[Wonthaggi Primary School Xmas Cards Tickets, Tue 30/11/2021 at 9:00 am | Eventbrite](#)

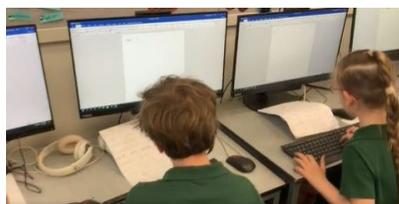


## A FEW ARTICLES FROM FACEBOOK for those who don't get to see it

**Grade 6 students** embraced their peer mentoring skills and used encouragement to assist our Foundation students in the pool!



Big excitement in **Foundation A** this morning, as they publish their writing!



### FROM THE 3/4s

As part of the 16 Days of Activism, 3/4E have been getting into the spirit of Movember! We've had some discussions about mental health and breaking the stereotypes of what it means to 'be a man'.



3/4C students did a kindness Secret Santa, creating "who am I?" posters about our classmates and dabbling with figurative language at the same time. We filled our own buckets at the same time as filling those of others! PS check out our handwriting- we love our pens!



Who is as fast as Cathy Freeman?

Who has eyes like a sparkling brook?

Who is so unique that they're irreplaceable?

\* \* \*  
Who tells you jokes that make you crack but can be as serious as Sirius Black  
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# WANTED

The Art Room is seeking old shirts or art smocks in lots of different sizes.

If you have anything you think may be useful please drop it off at the office or send your child to the Art Room to drop it off.

Many thanks!

## 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence

Students across the school have been participating in a variety of Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) Program activities over the last few weeks including acknowledging **White Ribbon Day, Movember and the International Day of People with Disability.**

Also the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence **commenced recently on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and concludes this Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December, International Day of Human Rights.**

Classes have been discussing and designing messages and posters of respect, care, kindness and promoting positive gender types. 16 Days of Activism is used as an organizing strategy by individuals and organizations around the world, including schools, to call for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls.



### What Books Can You Find At Home?

Keep looking behind doors, under beds and in sock drawers for any Wonthaggi Primary School library and take home books!

We would like them to be all returned and ready for borrowing next year. Thank you!



#### BE SUNSMART—HATS

If your child needs a hat, a new one can be purchased at the office,

- **Broad Brimmed Hats \$10.00**
- **Bucket Hats \$10.00.**

Note: Payment is available via credit card over phone



Remember  
**Not Hat No Play**



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**[HELP 'Click Here'](#)**

## COMPASS PARENT PORTAL

**New to Compass or have never had a chance to get familiar with it?**

Follow the link below. A Parent Guide to Compass is a great place to start to get to know how the program can benefit you and your student. Please keep in mind that the Guide is aimed at both Primary and Secondary Schools.

[http://www.wordpress.wonthaggips.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/AParentGuideToCompass\\_compressed.pdf](http://www.wordpress.wonthaggips.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/AParentGuideToCompass_compressed.pdf)

If you need further assistance or your Compass Login details, please contact the School.



### ROAD AND BIKE SAFETY

We would like to remind everyone of the Importance of Road Safety especially around School Zones.

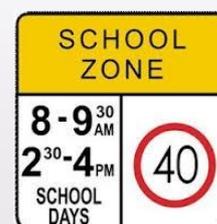
For the safety of our children please make sure that you **obey speed limits and park within designated parking areas.**

**Double parking when dropping off and picking up children is illegal and very dangerous not only for your child but for others in the Community.**

In the past we have seen people park across driveway and pathway entries to the school and students have been seen getting out on the road side of the car. While this may seem convenient, it is illegal and dangerous.

Please remind your child/ren of the importance of riding to and from school safely. We have had several very close calls with students not following simple bike/scooter safety rules. Please review bike and scooter safety regularly to ensure everyone arrives at school and home safely. The following link has some good information

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/safety/outdoor-safety/bikes-scooters-skateboards>



## COMMUNITY NEWS



# Give life. Give blood in Wonthaggi.

**Big W - 5 Biggs Dr, Wonthaggi**  
21 December to 31 December



Tuesday 21 December	11.30am – 6.15pm
Wednesday 22 December	9.00am – 6.15pm
Thursday 23 December	9.00am – 6.15pm
Friday 24 December	7.30am – 3.45pm



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