

WONTHAGGI PRIMARY NEWS



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Our School Core Values: RESPECT SELF AWARENESS CREATIVE THINKING GROWTH

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From the Principal

Firstly, welcome back! It has been wonderful to see our students and families back with us and ready to learn. A special welcome to our **Foundation students and any new students to Wonthaggi Primary School.** I hope that your years with us are enjoyable and challenging!

Thank you everyone for your assistance in helping make our **morning routines** effective and supporting your children to enter through the allocated doorways each morning. Not only does this support our current COVID safe structures, but also ensures that as we grow as a school, we can move around our school in more streamlined ways.

In keeping with the COVID theme, thank you for your support in **completing 2 Rapid Antigen Tests** with your children each week. Phoning through positive results helps us keep our whole community informed and supports families to make decisions about contact with other students.

As you can imagine, the current directives around **Close Contacts and isolation periods** have had, and will continue to have, **impacts on our onsite staffing.** Please know, that we will do our very best to ensure that all grades will have a teacher every day, but on days that we are really stretched, grades might have different teachers throughout the day.

For students that are in isolating (positive or close contact), we have set up a few weeks of **Informal Home Learning Tasks.** These resources are located on Compass and provide a structure for your children while at home. On their return to school, students are encouraged to bring along the tasks that they completed to share with their classroom teacher. Of course, if your child is unwell, their priority is to rest and recover, ready to return to school.

Our Water Safety program kicked off on Thursday and while the weather was a little on the cool side, the students were ready to go. Our Water Safety program aims to support our students to feel confident in the water and what to do when you begin to feel unsure about your own safety, or the safety of others.

As we continue to support our students to settle back into school life, we will be holding our first round of **Parent-Student-Teacher conferences in the week of 21st February.** We will be offering onsite, virtual and phone conferences to best support all our families. More information and booking details soon.



Warm regards,
Wendy Truett
Principal



All public entry in to the school buildings is by appointment only

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

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

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

Week Starting Monday 21st

- Parent, Student, Teacher Conferences. More details & booking information coming soon.

MARCH

Tuesday 15th — Friday 18th

- Grade 5 Prom Camp– More information to follow.

Monday 14th

- **Labour Day Public Holiday**

APRIL

Friday 8th

- **End of Term 1—School dismissal at 2:30pm.**

Monday 25th

- **Anzac Day Public Holiday.**

Tuesday 26th

- **Term 2 Commences.**

Wednesday 27th

- **Foundation Students now attend on Wednesdays.**

TO ASSIST US IN MAINTAINING A COVID SAFE SCHOOL:

We ask that parents remain outside the brick and wooden quadrangles and Senior Building unless you have made an appointment by calling the school office on 56721600.

When entering the brick quadrangle for an appointment, we ask that you please wear a mask check-in and show proof of vaccination at the office.

Most matters can be handled over the phone. For example;

- * If you need to speak to your child's teacher, call the office and we can organise the teacher to contact you.
- * If your child is late, you can simply call the office and let us know that you are sending your child in to the office to collect a late pass, we can mark them late for you.
- * If you need to collect your child early, come to the front gate, call the office and we can bring them out to you.
- * If you need to pay for contributions or wish to buy a bag or hat for your child, we take credit card payment over the phone and can then organise a hat to be given to your child.

If your matter can be handled over the phone this is preferable to avoid too much traffic through areas where students are present. If you find you need to visit the office please be mindful that there are only 2 people allowed in the office at a time. If the office is busy simply wait outside in the foyer until you can enter. At this current time a mask is required by anyone entering a building or internal area at the school or when you cannot socially distance outside. **If you enter the school you must use the QR Codes that are placed around the school to register that you have attended at the school. If you do not have a phone you can sign the QR code form at the office.**

Thank you for your assistance and understanding.

COMPASS

The Compass Parent Portal is an integrated, online portal that allows you to access up-to-date information about our school and your child's progress. Compass includes many different features, including the ability to:

- Monitor your child's attendance, and enter an explanation for your child being absent or late.
- Update your family contact information
- View your child's timetable and the school calendar
- Monitor your child's homework and assessment tasks
- Download and view your child's semester and progress reports
- Book Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences, when available.
- (Please note that at this point we do not have the finance module for payments via Compass.)

If you do not have a Compass login yet, need help with using Compass, simply contact the office and we can assist you. If you already have compass you can familiarise yourself with how Compass can benefit you by downloading the Parent Guide using the following link:

http://www.wordpress.wonthaggips.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/AParentGuideToCompass_compressed.pdf

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

If your child is unwell, the best place for them is at home resting. If your child is showing any signs of covid a RAT or PCR test is recommended. If your child tests positive to covid or is a close contact to someone with covid and has to isolate, please contact the office on 5672 1600. Returning your child to school before they are completely well can set them back and cause them to have more time off from school. That one extra day could really help. This also helps to prevent the spread of illness within the school community. To mark your child absent simply log on to compass, or call the office. If you do not have compass, please contact the office for your unique login details.



PARENTS OF BUS TRAVELLERS

We need your assistance - Communication is key.

With the growing numbers of bus travellers we rely heavily on our bus rolls being correct for the bus monitors and for the timely departure of the bus. Letters were sent home recently to all bus travellers to update their travel days. These travel days will be recorded on the bus roll as the usual days your child/ren will travel on the bus. If you have not returned this sheet please do so as soon as possible or contact the office to update your child/ren's bus travel days.



If there is a change to your child/s normal travel days (eg. they are usually on the bus tonight but will be picked up/or visa versa) **an adult must ring the school to let us know by 3:00pm**. Sending a message with your child is not acceptable, as many messages do not come through to us. **It is your responsibility as the adult to make sure we have received any messages**. When the bus co-ordinator is marking the bus roll, last minute messages can cause delays for all bus travellers.

We do understand there may be sudden and unavoidable last minute changes, again, a call to the office to advise of this late change is needed and greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your help in keeping this system running smoothly and your child/ren safe and accounted for.

Administration Team
Wonthaggi Primary 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.

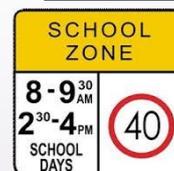
Recently we have seen people park across driveway and pathway entries to the school and students have been seen getting out on the road side of the car. While this may seem convenient, it is illegal and dangerous.

Please remind your child/ren of the importance of riding to and from school safely.

We have had several very close calls reported at the end of last term of 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>



FROM THE OFFICE

We welcome parents to make payment of the 2022 Parent Contributions via the following ways:

- Direct Bank Deposit – please include your child's name in the reference
- Cash/EFTPOS at the office
- Complete the form with Credit Card details
- Payment Plan/Centrepay

If you hold a Pension/Veterans Affairs/Health Care Card you may be eligible for the \$125/child Camps Sports Excursions Fund, please see the office for more information.

If you wish to discuss a payment plan or need assistance please contact Georgie Kibble, Business Manager at the office for a confidential discussion.

Welcome Wonthaggi Primary School Families!

We are proud and excited to be a part of the Wonthaggi Primary School Community for Outside School Hours Care (OSHC). We provide both Before School Care and After School Care throughout the school term.

Sam is our new YMCA OSHC Coordinator.

- He loves sport and Basketball is his passion. He has been playing basketball for 20+ years!
- He has a twin sister but they aren't identical
- He loves hanging out at the beach and reading a book
- His favourite colour is blue
- His favourite food is a Chicken Parma!

Sam has already met some of you and is looking forward to continue to meet many of you, so please come and say Hi and some fun facts about yourself!



OSHC Location and Operations:

We will be operating OSHC out of the Art Room, so please go to this room when dropping off and picking up your children.

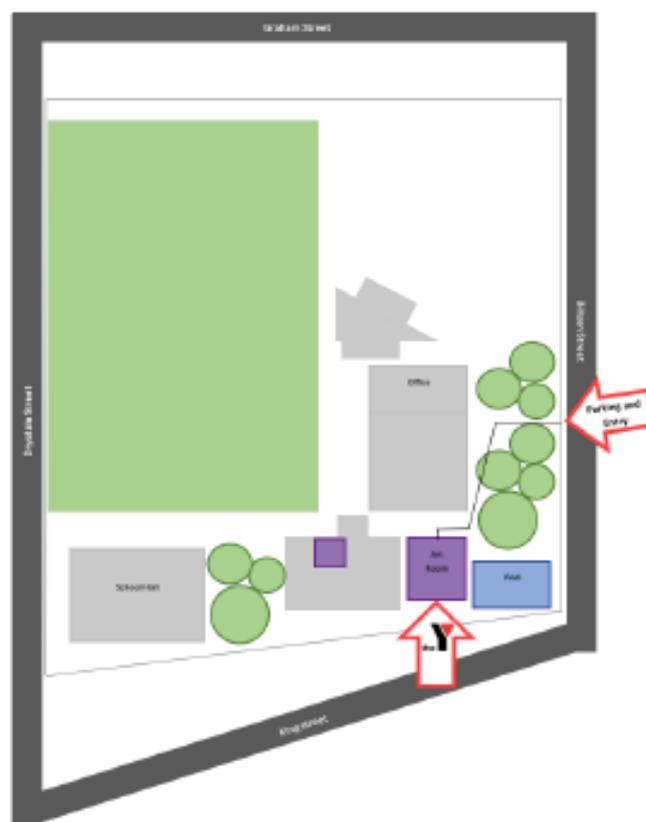
At the start of the After School Care program, we will be operating out of the spare kitchen room for the first 30 minutes of the program. This is where children will have the opportunity to have some afternoon tea, play games, do arts and craft and much more! We will then transition across to the art room where the fun will continue for the remainder of the session.

For details on how to book or more information about the service of the Y, please visit our website or contact Sam.

WEBSITE: <http://childrensprogramms.ymca.org.au/before-after-school-programs/wonthaggi-primary>

Email: wonthaggiOSHC@ymca.org.au

Telephone: 0499 799 346





Welcome to Wonthaggi YMCA

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

BENEFITS TO YOUR CHILD

Our before and after school programs are designed to complement your child's school learning through activities and socialising. Your child and family will benefit from our programs because we focus on:

- ✓ Building their emotional intelligence.
- ✓ Improving cognitive development through activities.
- ✓ Offering families flexibility and support.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Your child will enjoy a nutritious menu (light breakfast and afternoon snack) and a range of activities planned by our experienced educators to keep even the most active of minds entertained! We offer a variety of activities, including:

- ✓ Sports, ball games and team games
- ✓ Arts and crafts
- ✓ Cooking
- ✓ Creative and expressive arts such as drama, singing and dancing
- ✓ Board games and puzzles
- ✓ Homework time
- ✓ Gardening and recycling

THE TEAM

Our passionate and experienced educators are there to support children and their families and are accredited with Safeguarding Children Training and Working with Children's Checks.

HOURS

To accommodate our families, we provide before school care from 7.00am to 9.00am and after school care from 3:30pm to 6:00pm. We also offer care on Curriculum Days (numbers pending) and run School Holiday Programs.

FEES/ CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

The below is the full paying fee per day.

These do not include access to Child Care Subsidy (CCS) amounts you may be entitled to.

SESSION TYPE	HOURS	SESSION FEE
Permanent Before School Care booking	7.00am – 9.00am	\$20.00
Casual Before School Care booking	7.00am – 9.00am	\$22.50
Permanent After School Care booking	3:30pm - 6:00pm	\$25.00
Casual After School Care booking	3:30pm - 6:00pm	\$27.50
Curriculum Day	7.00am - 6:00pm	\$80.00
School Holiday Program	7.00am - 6:00pm	As Advertised

For further information and details on how to register for your Child Care Subsidy (CCS) entitlements please contact the Family Assistance Office (FAO) on 13 61 50.

Please note that if you are only attending School Holiday Program you will be required to reconfirm CCS before each program commences.

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Inspiring children to reach their potential through discovery and adventure.



ENROLMENT / BOOKING PROCESS

All enrolments, bookings and cancellations are managed via our quick and easy online booking system. Below is a step-by-step guide.

STEP 1 – REGISTER

- Visit our website www.childrensprogramms.ymca.org.au
- Click on the sign-in button (top right hand corner) then click on register. You will then be asked to set up an account with a username and password.
- Once registered, you will be sent an email with a link to complete your enrolment.

STEP 2 - ADD CONTACT

- Enter primary contact details for the person responsible for the account. This should be the parent/guardian registered for Centrelink benefits.
- Add a secondary contact which is usually the other parent/guardian.

STEP 3 - ADD CHILD

- A separate enrolment form needs to be completed for each child being enrolled.
- It's important to include which centre/service you want to attend (top right).
- Ensure you detail any medical or dietary requirements and read all information thoroughly. This is where action plans, birth certificates and immunisation history statements can be uploaded. Alternatively, they can be photocopied at the centre.

STEP 4 - BILLING INFORMATION

- Your child cannot commence care with us until a payment method has been set up.
- To enter your payment details, click on the tab (top right hand side of main screen).

STEP 5 - DECLARATIONS AND CONSENT

- Please read and agree to the YMCA terms and conditions and type your name in the box.

STEP 6 – SUBMIT

- Click on **submit** when you have completed all of the above. Any missing information will be highlighted red at the top of the page.

STEP 7 - MAKING A BOOKING REQUEST

- Recurring booking requests are for permanent early learning or before and after school programs. Once a position becomes available, you will be sent an offer for your acceptance.
- Casual bookings are for before and after school or school holiday programs. This can be done via the casual booking calendar.

CONTACT US

To learn more about our program, check out childrensprogramms.ymca.org.au
Or feel free to contact us for a tour, We're always happy to answer your questions.

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 (03) 83710597 or 0499 799 346

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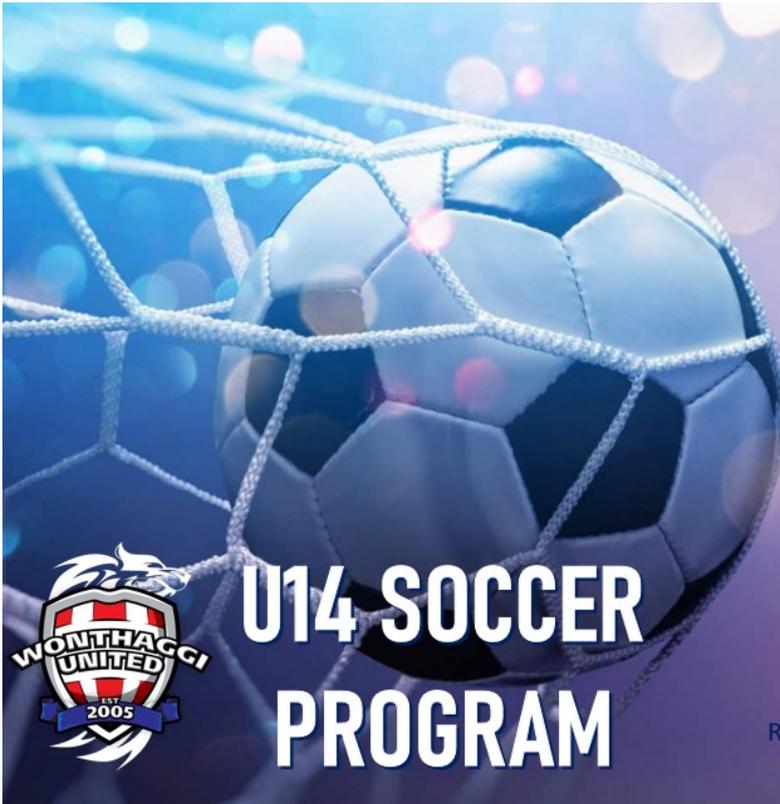
LOST PROPERTY

To avoid your child's clothing/items including drink bottles ending up in lost property, **please clearly name their property**. We already have a lot of lost property gathering.

FOUND

We have had a **semi precious ring** handed in to the office. If your child has lost a ring, please contact us on 5672 1600.

COMMUNITY NEWS





GET ACTIVE 6 WEEK SOCCER PROGRAM

Commencing: THURSDAY 17th FEB 2022
4.30-6.00pm

Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve #2 Oval

For Boys & Girls Born 2008 & 2009
(Players born 2007 may be eligible please contact the club)

Registration includes:
Socks, Shorts, Shin guards & Training Tops

NO SOCCER EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

Register @ <https://www.gofootball.com.au/play/pick-your-location/Wonthaggi-Soccer-Club>



U14 SOCCER PROGRAM

