WONTHAGGI PRIMARY NEWS

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Our School Core Values: RESPECT SELF AWARENESS CREATIVE THINKING GROWTH

Number 08 **20th July 2022**

From the Principal

Welcome Back! I hope that you have all had a wonderful break from school-based routines and are ready for the busy term ahead! **There will be quite a few events on the school calendar, so please ensure that you check it regularly.**

While there continues to be a lot of media attention about the impacts of the last two years on students and their education, I can only say that it has been an energised and engaged start to Term 3. Students have been enthusiastic about their return to school and leapt back into learning and routines.

During the final week of Term 2, we celebrated NAIDOC Week. NAIDOC Week provides an opportunity to learn more about our First Nations history, art, culture and achievements. During the week we were joined again by Senior Boon Wurrung Elder, Aunty Fay. Students engaged in a range of activities from composing reports about First Nations Peoples, responding to the Uluru Statement of the Heart and created art pieces to represent this wonderful country that we share. NAIDOC week wrapped up on Friday with representatives from WPS participating in the Reconciliation March across the San Remo – Newhaven Bridge. Symbolically, bridge walks have been a uniquely Australian way of sending a message of reconciliation and desire for change. Photos on following pages.

You may have noticed that our students compose and read a morning Acknowledgement of Country daily. Each week, a different grade takes responsibility for this task and take great pride in working together to compose their agreed acknowledgement. They then elect the students who will read the acknowledgment at 9am daily. This has become a significant part of our morning routine and is helping us all to understand how we can best recognise our First Nations Peoples and work together to protect our unique flora and fauna.

Our students have spent time during the first week of Term 3 preparing for the **Student, Parent, Teacher Conferences.** They have been busily selecting their work samples and goals ready to share with their families this week. This will be the first time that students will be leading their conferences and they are very excited to share with their families their learning from Semester 1. If you have not booked in for your conference, please contact our office staff who are more than happy to assist you.

Our 2023 Foundation (Prep) parents and guardians are invited to join us on Wednesday 17th August 6-7pm for our Information Evening. During the evening we will be sharing:

- **enrolling for Step into Prep (selecting session times)**
- information about the Step into Prep program
- what services are available at Wonthaggi Primary School
- how to best support your child in the lead up to starting school

If you know of any families that are looking to enrol at WPS for the 2023, please encourage them to contact the school. We are beginning to plan our staffing profile for next year and are looking to **close our enrolments at the end of August.**

Finally, it was great to finally meet with the design and construction team for our **sensory garden/playgrounds** project. We have clarified the final details and, weather permitting, the project will commence during the September school holidays, taking approximately 7 weeks to complete. Fingers crossed that our students will have the opportunity to enjoy the new spaces before the end of the school year.

Warm regards,
Wendy Truett

Enrol Now!

WE ARE CURRENTLY TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR 2023
Visit via our Virtual Tour at
http://www.wordpress.wonthaggips.vic.edu.au/
Under the Enrolment Link
Contact the Office on 5672 1600 for more information
(See Page 2 for Group Tour Dates and Bookings)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY

Tuesday 19th
- Parent, Teacher, Student Conference—2.45pm to 6.00pm. Bookings via Compass

Thursday 21st
- Parent, Teacher, Student Conference—2.45pm to 6.00pm. Bookings via Compass.

Tuesday 26th
- School Council Meeting at 6:30pm.

Wednesday 27th
- 10am—School Tour (see below)

2023 FOUNDATION ENROLMENT GROUP TOURS

If you have a child starting Foundation (Prep) in 2023, this is your opportunity to have a look around our school and ask questions so that you can make an informed choice regarding where you would like your child to begin their educational years.

We have one more Group Tour date coming up as follows.

• Wednesday 27th July at 10:00am

If you would like to attend this Tour, simply contact our friendly office staff on (03) 5672 1600.

AUGUST

Wednesday 3rd
- Raffle tickets due back at the office

Friday 5th
- WPS Fundraiser Movie Night—Rise of Gru (more info in the newsletter)
- Raffle drawn at the Movie Night

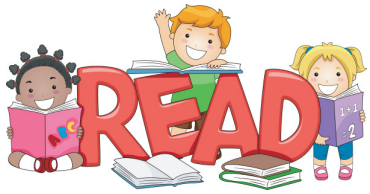
Wednesday 17th
- Grade 3 & 4 Camp forms and payment due
- 2023 Foundation (Prep) Info Evening 6-7pm

31st August to 2nd September
- Grade 3 & 4 Camps

SCHOOL COUNCIL AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS - JULY

Finance
Wednesday 17th August - 4:00pm.
Buildings and Grounds
Wednesday 17th August - 4:30pm.
Policy
Thursday 18th August - 4:00pm.
School Council Meeting
Tuesday 30th August - 6:30pm.

READING AWARD RECIPIENTS
Term 2 Week 8



Grade Reading Award Recipients—50 and 100

3A Makayla D, Zaviar P, Kemi R,

Charlotte L, and Cameron K

UNIFORMS

As the weather is becoming increasingly colder, it is time to consider ordering uniform for your children. Our school uniforms and sports polos are supplied by TWW—Totally Workwear in Wonthaggi, located opposite Safeway Petrol at 11 Murray Street. Turn around time for orders are generally 10 days so please get your orders in. Orders can be made directly at TWWorkwear.

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 any of these items, please contact us on 5672 1600.

Did you know that all voluntary contributions to the School's Building Fund are tax deductible? Please contact the office for more information on how you can make a voluntary contribution towards school improvements.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK—Term 2 Week 8

Grade	Awarded to	Student of the Week Awarded for
Foundation A	Evelyn S.	Listening carefully to feedback and always trying her best.
Foundation B	Scarlett M.	Using feedback to make growth in her writing.
Foundation C	Nell R.	Working hard to achieve her writing goal.
1A	Ziggy O.	Working extremely hard to achieve his goals.
1B	Will B.	His positive attitude to learning in a different class. Well done!
1C	Ivy O.	Great focus and effort with her learning.
2A	Evelyn N.	Challenging her learning, especially in Literacy.
2C	Riley S.	His growth in his sounds recognition and blending.
3A	Angus W.	Putting great effort into his learning after being away for an extended period.
3B	River S.	Eagerly diving into his research for his Information Report
3C	Isabella N.	Putting in a great effort to researching your Information Report. Well done.
4B	Harper P.	His growing independence and confidence as a learner in our classroom.
5B	Steele R.	Using his growth mindset in learning and asking for help

DOLPHIN AWARD RECIPIENTS — TERM 2

School Value—Learning Growth

Grade	Student
Foundation A	Declan G.
Foundation B	Jenson H.
Foundation C	Rhyder L.
1A	Amelie H.
1B	Vincent C.
1C	Letty-Brooke S.
2A	Eli W.
2B	Norman Q.
2C	Tate G.
3A	Kemi R.
3B	Skylah T.
3C	Rory B.
4A	Frankie W.
4B	Harper G.
4C	Maisie J.
5A	Axel D.
5B	Ruby H.
5C	Oliver P.
6A	Blake D.
6B	Sophie T.

Our School Values:
Respect - Learning Growth -

SWPBS Expectations:
Be Safe - Be Respectful -
Be a Learner

Term 2 Week 9 - Focus Value:
Learning Growth

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Winter Raffle
This week, raffle ticket books were sent out to all students for the Winter Raffle—thank you to those families who have returned them already. We have more books if you think you can sell more!! Some of the prizes we have to offer are a family meal voucher, food hamper, standard clean, electrical appliances, beach umbrella and so much more. The raffle will be drawn on the 5th August at the Movie Night where you will be able to purchase last minute tickets too. The fundraising will go towards improvement of school grounds including goal posts.
So many amazing donations! A full list of businesses who have made a donation will be published next week

Minions: The Rise of Gru (2022)- 5th August
The Fundraising Committee is inviting you to the 1st showing in Wonthaggi of the latest Minions movie at the Wonthaggi Art Centre. Doors open at 6pm, screening time starts at 6.30pm. Our tickets are priced as follows for the night - $15 adult/$10 child/ $10 concession/$35 family ticket (2 adults+2 children). Ticket sales are open via TryBooking www.trybooking.com/CBFHR
Children are encouraged to design and create their own Minion hats, goggles, dolls prior to the event to bring on the night.

A big thank you—Funds raised from the Free Dress Day last term raised a huge $582 which covers over half of the cost of the blinds for our Science Room. A big thank you parents for their support and students for your participation.

WALK FOR RECONCILIATION

Thank you to our school's First Nations students, SRC representatives, staff and families for representing our community by attending Friday's Walk for Reconciliation over the San Remo Bridge.

Aunty Fay and students enjoying the Campfire Conversations Afternoon Tea on June 22nd

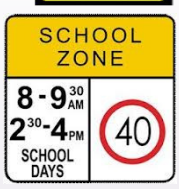
Some beautiful artwork completed by Grade 3's during our NAIDOC week activities

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 and one incident reported from 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

IN THE MUSIC ROOM

In the Music Room throughout Term 3, students will be focusing on World Music; sounds, songs, instruments, history. We will enjoy a live performance on the 15th August, when 'Musica Y Risa' multicultural music show comes to our school (more on that later....).

Grades 5 and 6 students will once again be welcome to borrow a school ukulele, to take home and return by the following Monday. See Ruth or Marc for more information.

Ruth Chambers
Classroom Music Teacher/Cultural Awareness Team Leader

BREAKFAST CLUB
EVERY MONDAY AND FRIDAY IN THE WOODEN QUADRANGLE AT 8:15am.

EXCITING NEWS

CompassPay is now available at WPS

Hello Parents/Carers

You will now be able to consent and pay for events such as camps and excursions via CompassPay which is a feature of Compass.

Some of the benefits are:

* **Convenience - you can do it all on your phone/device**
* **Improved privacy of private information and credit card details**
* **Guarantee that the school receives consent and payment (no lost notes in the school bag)**
* **You can set and forget for regular instalments**
* **A record of payment sits on Compass for your future reference**
* **Staff can access consent/payment status straight away**

Looking into the future, this will also be a payment option for Parent Payments (school fees)

Please note that this is an OPTION that parents can use to consent and pay. If you would still prefer to sign the paper copy and return with cash/credit payments or attend the office, these methods are still welcome. We hope that eventually we move to a paperless and cashless process, however we are happy to work with parents depending on their individual circumstances.

CSEF, Centrepay and payment plans are also still available to families.

Please find attached a flyer about Compass Pay for your information.

Georgie Kibble
Business Manager

IN SPORT

Congratulations to Imogen B (75th), Jaxon C (51st) and Billie P (34th) who took part in State Cross Country today.

The three had qualified for this major event through their strong performances in House, Division and Regional events.

We are very proud of you Imogen, Jaxon and Billie.

Will Rankin
Sports Teacher

WONTHAGGI PRIMARY SCHOOL

MINIONS: THE RISE OF GRU MOVIE NIGHT

PRESENTED BY WONTHAGGI PARENTS & FRIENDS

WINTER RAFFLE DRAW

MAKE A MINION AND GOGGLES

SCHOOL POEM READING

PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUME

FRIDAY 5 AUGUST
DOORS OPEN 6PM FOR 6:30 START
WONTHAGGI CINEMA
$15 ADULT $10 CHILD/CONCESSION FAMILY $35
BOOK ONLINE: WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CBFHR

Engaging Parents in Career Conversations

Wednesday, 10th August 2022 at the Country Universities Centre Bass Coast
21-23 Baillieu Street E, Wonthaggi

Refreshments Provided

Afternoon Workshop: 2pm -3pm

Evening Workshop: 7pm -8pm

Bookings Essential
Use QR codes to book your spot

These FREE workshops are designed to provide parents the skills to have effective conversations with their children about future careers

Career Conversations expand children's horizons

Country Universities Centre BASS COAST

South Gippsland Bass Coast Local Learning and Employment Network

Anglicare Victoria

ParentZone Gippsland in partnership with TRAK Forward present:

Raising Resilient Kids
When: Tuesday 26th July
Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

- Do you want to help your child cope in a chaotic world?
- Improve your child's confidence and self esteem?
- Help your child to cope with change?

When Kids Refuse To Go To School
When: Tuesday 16th August
Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

- Do you want to understand and respond to your child's feelings?
- Help reduce your child's anxiety?
- Open up the lines of communication with your child?
- Work together to find solutions?

WHERE: Wonthaggi Primary School, 18 Billson St Wonthaggi
COST: FREE. Bookings essential.

To RSVP please contact Wonthaggi primary school at wonthaggi.ps@education.vic.gov.au or call 03 56721600.

For further information you can also contact ParentZone Gippsland at parentzone.gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au

PARENTZONE

WONTHAGGI PRIMARY SCHOOL

WINTER RAFFLE

Presented by the WPS Fundraising Committee

Support upgrades to our school grounds including goal posts for our oval!

PRIZES INCLUDE

- Wonthaggi Workmen's Club — $100 family meal voucher
- Betta — Hair dryer and hair styler
- Groceries gift hamper
- Standard clean service

and prizes from Harvey Norman Wonthaggi, Goodyear, Capeview Mitre 10

Tickets $2.50 each or 10 for $20

Raffle drawn at the Minions Movie Night: Friday, August 5, 2022
Raffle tickets can also be purchased on the night.
Sold/unsold tickets to be returned to the school office by Wed, August 3

Music Scholarships are offered to students entering Newhaven College in Years 5, 7, 9 and 11 in 2023.

Music Scholarships will be awarded to students who are passionate and dedicated to music and demonstrate strong musical potential. The recommended minimum standard will vary dependent on the instrument. Please refer to the Music Scholarship application document for details. Music Scholarships include individual tuition and academic tuition fee reductions for the duration of the student's enrolment at Newhaven College, subject to satisfactory progress.

There is a recommended minimum standard of:

Year 5 - a high pass in Grade 2 AMEB or equivalent
Year 7 - a high pass in Grade 4 AMEB or equivalent
Year 9 - a high pass in Grade 5 AMEB or equivalent
Year 11 - a high pass in Grade 6 AMEB or equivalent

Each candidate must complete a Music Scholarship application form. Successful applicants will be invited to an audition and interview with the Director of Music.

Applications close Friday 22 July 2022
Audition date: Friday 19 August 2022

More information and Application Forms can be found on our website:
https://www.newhavencol.vic.edu.au/enrolments/scholarships

1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Program

Free live ONLINE program for parents of children aged 2 to 12

Tired of yelling and nagging?

Resolve difficult behaviour in children aged 2 to 12.

In 3 sessions parents will learn:

- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking;
- How to handle challenging behaviours;
- How to use emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour;
- Strategies for encouraging good behaviour;
- How to sort behaviours and choose correct strategies using "The 3 Choices Model".

We'll also work on strategies so you can:

- Strengthen your relationship with your child;
- Strengthen your child's emotional resilience.

Parents will receive:

- **A FREE workbook (valued at $12) to apply the concepts learnt**
- **A Certificate of Completion**

Do this highly sought after parenting program FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME -Hurry! Places are limited-

When?
11:30am – 2:30pm
Over 3 Tuesdays:
August 9th
August 16th
August 23rd, 2022

Cost?
FREE

Get in touch
Bookings are essential!

Please contact:
Mark Brookes
Uniting Gippsland
5662 5150
gippsland.leongatha.reception@vt.uniting.org

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** THERAPEUTIC DANCE & MOVEMENT **

A new and exciting DANCE & MOVEMENT group is created for South Gippsland and Bass Coast!

All ages and abilities catered for, with 2 Saturday classes being offered at different times…

5 – 12 years: 11.30am – 12.15pm
& 13 + years: 12.30pm – 1.30pm.

Introductory price of $15 for Juniors and $20 for 13+ when you call and mention this ad.

Starting SATURDAY 16TH JULY and running school terms only, at LEONGATHA HEALTH HUB, 57 McCartin Street, Leongatha.

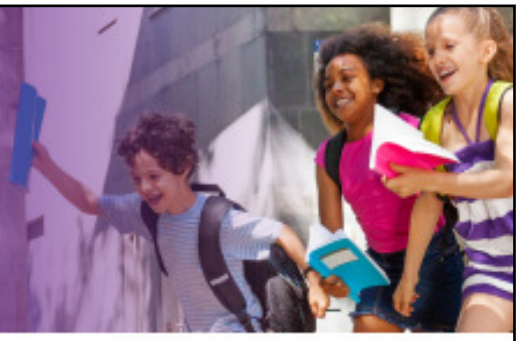
All NDIS Self managed participants welcome. NDIS Plan managed participants please contact your plan manager to confirm activity acceptability.

Expressions of Interest and all enquiries to Emma 0466114222.

Welcome

to Wonthaggi Primary

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE



Our Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program at Wonthaggi Primary School complements your child's school experience with engaging activities and opportunities to socialise with peers.

PROGRAM DETAILS

We tailor our OSHC program to support each child's individual interests and ideas. We perform a variety of planned and spontaneous activities that help children develop life skills and enhance their autonomy.

Children are actively encouraged to engage with their peers from all year levels.

Some of our activities include:

- Active play outdoors
- Board games and puzzles
- Construction and engineering
- Cooking and baking
- Music, singing and dancing
- Dramatic and imaginative play
- Homework items and reading
- Sustainability initiatives

HOURS, FEES AND CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

SESSION TYPE	HOURS	SESSION FEE	FEE AFTER MAX CCS*
Before School Care (permanent booking)	7:00am - 9:00am	$20.00	$4.00
Before School Care (casual booking)		$22.50	$4.50
After School Care (permanent booking)	3:30pm - 6:00pm	$25.00	$5.00
After School Care (casual booking)		$27.50	$5.50
Pupil Free Day (numbers pending)	7:00am - 6:00pm	$80.00	$16.00

*MAX CSS is the out of pocket fee paid by families who qualify for the maximum Child Care Subsidy percentage (85%). The fees above are calculated at 80% subsidy to allow for the 5% withheld by Services Australia to reduce the chances of an overpayment.

Please note: the Y also operates a School Holiday Program in the local area at Bass Coast Aquatic & Leisure Centre.

Quick step-by-step guide to enrol

STEP 1 – REGISTER
www.childrensprograms.ymca.org.au

ADD CONTACT AND CHILD

BILLING AND DECLARATIONS

MAKE A BOOKING

CONTACT US

E: wonthaggiOSHC@ymca.org.au
P: 0499 799 346
W: childrensprograms.ymca.org.au

the Y

Dear parents and carers

We are writing to you as parents/carers of a child or children in government, Catholic and independent schools across Victoria.

The Victorian Department of Health strongly recommends that face masks are worn in indoor settings.

As a result, we are asking all students aged 8 and over and all staff in all schools across Victoria to wear masks when in class (except where removing a mask is necessary for clear communication) from now to the end of winter.

Students won't be required or expected to wear masks when outdoors, and this expectation won't stop student participation in the full range of school activities, including music, sport and performances.

We are asking for your support in explaining to your child or children the importance of this simple step that will help keep our schools as safe as possible.

We also ask that you make sure your child (or children) takes a mask to school (and wears it if they are travelling on public transport) or collects a mask when they arrive at school.

We all appreciate how important it is for students to be back at school. This action will help make sure as many students and staff as possible are protected from COVID and other winter illness.

Thank for your help with this collective effort to keep our communities safe and healthy.

Dr David Howes
Deputy Secretary

Victorian Department of Education and Training

Michelle Green
Chief Executive

Independent Schools Victoria

Jim Miles
Executive Director

Catholic Education Commission of Victoria

COMMUNITY NEWS

RITCHIES IGA

We have some exciting news to share, we have a new look Ritchies card and App with new features & exciting offers.

Please note from 20th July

All members will be required to log into their account at https://loyalty.ritchies.com.au to update their account. Please inform your members and ensure they're choosing your organisation as their nominated club, school or charity.

Ritchies App users will receive an update notification – simply update your app and complete the required fields.

New Marketing material will be sent out to share with your support base to spread the word.

$52Million since 1993
Given back to the community

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR THE SAVER PLUS PROGRAM?

- Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card AND an eligible Centrelink payment*
- Be studying yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting next year)
- Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

saverplus

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Want $500 to help you with school costs?

Make an enquiry to see if you are eligible.

COMMUNITY NEWS

BASS COAST

Kinder registrations now open

Central registrations are now open for all children starting kindergarten next year

Kindergarten improves your child's health and wellbeing, helps them to develop strong social skills, encourages a love of learning and a smooth transition into primary school.

How to register

- Fill out the registration form at basscoast.vic.gov.au/kinder or scan the QR code
- Hard copy forms are available at Council offices, participating kindergartens, and Maternal and Child Health services
- First round registrations close 30 June

For more information visit basscoast.vic.gov.au/kinder or contact the Kindergarten Registration Team, email: kinder@basscoast.vic.gov.au phone: (03) 5671 2211 or 1300 BCOAST (226 278).

Not all kindergartens in Bass Coast participate in central registration.

BASS COAST

Will your child start kindergarten in the next 2 years?

Register your interest for 3 and 4-year-old kindergarten

- stay up to date with kinder information
- get notified when registrations open

When kindergarten registrations open (mid-year) Council's Central Registration Team will contact you to complete a registration form. You will only need to **complete one form** for each child to register for all participating kindergartens.

To register your interest or for more information visit www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/kinder

Hardcopy forms are available from Council offices and kindergartens.

SCAN ME

* Kindergarten places are allocated in the year before a child starts kindergarten and in accordance with DET Priority of Access and the Kindergarten Central Registration Guidelines. Kindergarten places are not allocated based on date of registration.

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Connected by culture

VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD CARE AGENCY

Every child deserves to smile

Become a foster carer with VACCA

www.vacca.org

Have you been thinking about becoming a foster carer? Kids in your area need care!

Are you able to provide Aboriginal children and young people with a positive and nurturing family life experience that will support their needs?

Will you be prepared to support a child's cultural and emotional needs?

At VACCA we are seeking carers who are open to a journey that is both challenging and rewarding; carers who believe that they can make a positive impact on a child's life.

Make this the year you make a difference, express your interest by visiting **www.vacca.org** or by calling one of our offices.

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COULD YOU FOSTER A CHILD?

We **URGENTLY** need **Foster Carers in your area.** Enquire now on how you can help change a child's life.

Canifoster.com.au | 1800 932 273