

WONTHAGGI PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - 29th April 2024

Our School Core Values: BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE A LEARNER



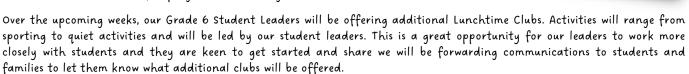
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It was fantastic to see so many visitors join us last week for our annual Special Friends Morning. Moving around classrooms, I could hear the hum of conversation between students and their visitors and see so many smiles. The students also appreciated

their visitors staying for lunch and cheering them on for their Cross Country run.

We had 10 students from Grade 5 and 6 selected to attend the 8-day Somers Camp Program. This program provides an opportunity for students to challenge themselves, physically, emotionally, and socially. The feedback from attending

students has been overwhelmingly positive with students keen to share their activities and talk about all the new friends they have made. Many thanks to teacher, Kelsey Thompson who volunteered to attend the full program as a Visiting Teacher.



We have been talking to our students about what it means to care for our environment, especially caring for our trees and gardens. We know that students love to use natural materials to build cubby houses, and while we encourage this, we do have some guidelines:

- We only use branches and natural materials that are already on the ground.
- We use the natural materials carefully, being mindful to not wave long sticks around where they can inadvertently injure others, etc.
- We can play and construct during our play break, but no one 'owns' a construction. Once we leave to return to class, it can remain there for anyone else to use, or students can dismantle the cubby, so that the natural materials can be reused by those or other students.

Our Grade 3 and 4 students will be heading off on their camp in the coming weeks. While attending the same camp venue at the same time, they will be offered different programs to best suit their age groups. Many thanks to the staff that are attending this camp and making the program possible.

We are working through the final planning details of our fencing project, with the plans going out to tender in the coming weeks. We are really looking forward to having our students work and play in a secure environment. More updates to follow.

A reminder to check the calendar page of the newsletter and add dates to your diary. We have a Reporting and Assessment, Student Free Day coming up on Monday 27th May. Families are reminded that there will be no staff available to offer learning programs on that day and care arrangements will need to be made for students. For those families that attend the out of hours care program, please contact them directly.

Part of our reporting and assessment program will see students and teachers working on student reports over the coming weeks, with reports being 'published' on Compass in the final week of Term 2. We will be holding our Parent, Student, Teacher Conferences in the first week of Term 3. Please check the calendar for details.

Warm Regards, Wendy Truett Principal

We Acknowledge the Bunurong people as the Traditional Custodians of this land on which we work, live and play. We recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community. We Pay respect to Elders past, present and future.



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 2

MAY Wed 1st - District Athletics.

MAY Friday 10th - District Soccer.

MAY Mon 13th—Wed 15th - Grade 3 & 4 Camp Rumbug.

MAY Thursday 23rd - Division Cross Country at Stony Creek Recreation Reserve.

MAY Friday 31st - District Football (boys) Netball (girls).

MAY Monday 27th - STUDENT FREE DAY—Teacher Learning Assessment and Reporting Day.

MAY Mon 27th—Fri 3rd June - National Reconciliation Week.

JUNE Thursday 6th - Regional Cross Country.

JUNE Friday 14th - District AFLW (boys netball & girls football).

JUNE Thursday 20th - Division AFLW (TBC if qualified).

JUNE Friday 28th - Last Day of Term 2 - dismissal at 2:30pm.

JULY Sun 7th-14th - NAIDOC Week.

TERM 3

JULY Monday 15th - First Day of Term 3.

JULY Wednesday 17th - NUDE FOOD DAY - Every Wednesday.

JULY Thursday 18th - Twilight Parent, Student, Teacher Conferences (3:45pm-6:15pm).

- STUDENT FREE DAY—Daytime Parent, Student, Teacher Conferences.

(9:00am-2:00pm).

SEPT Friday 20th - Last Day of Term 3 - dismissal at 2:30pm.

ASSEMBLY DATES AND TIMES:

Subject to change

MAY Monday 13th at 2:45pm.

JUNE Monday 3rd, 17th & 24th at 2:45pm.

SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MAY 2024

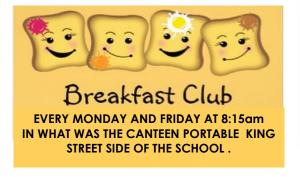
SCHOOL COUNCIL

Finance

Wednesday 15th May - 3:45pm. **Buildings and Grounds** Wednesday 15th May - 4:15pm.

Policy
No Policy Meeting
School Council Meeting

Tuesday 28th May - 6:00pm.





SEE PAGE 7 FOR MORE DETAILS

Breakfast Club would love some support !!



Are you able to volunteer some time?

Do you have a current working with children's check?

Breakfast Club would love your help. For more information and to leave your details simply contact the lovely ladies in the school office on 5672 1600.



SCHOOL VALUE AWARDS TERM 1 Wk 1 & 2

Class	Be Safe — Be a Learner — Be Respectful
FA	Kye H for being respectful
FB	Lila S for being respectful
1B	Riley B for being a learner
2A	Ava W for being a learner
2B	Taj B for being a learner
2C	Taio H for being a learner
3A	Isabella A for being a learner
3B	Heath S for being a learner
3C	Jacob W for being a learner
4A	Jenson P for being respectful
4B	Noah W for being respectful
5A	Daniel H for being a learner
5B	Gibson C for being a learner
6A	Porscha R for being respectful
6B	Frankie W for being a learner

Class	Be Safe — Be a Learner — Be Respectful
FA	Luca S for being a learner
FB	Stella K for being a learner
1B	Ava S for being a learner
2A	Gracie R for being a learner
2B	Arthur B for being a learner
2C	Sienna M for being a learner
3A	Ariya S for being a learner
3B	Ryder M for being a learner
3C	Knox B for being a learner
4A	Jazmin M for being a learner
4B	Evie-Lee W for being a learner
5A	Lennox J for being respectful
5B	Marco M for being respectful
6A	Maisie J for being a learner
6B	Nash G for being a learner
Art	Miles C for being a learner & respectful
Music	Riley H for being respectful
PE	Harper P for being a learner





HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

Last Wednesday we had a fantastic day with special friends visiting our students in the morning, a sausage sizzle and then our House Cross Country Run. The Major Events Sausage Sizzle raise a amazing \$1,300.

Cross Country Awards

Under 9/10 Boys

3rd Place Samual A. 2nd Place Landon G. 1st Place Lincoln D.

Under 9/10 Girls

3rd Place Daisy M & Evie-Lee W. 2nd Place Ruby R. 1st Place Leuka N.

11 Year old Boys

3rd Place Rory B. 2nd Place Daniel H. 1st Place River S.

11 Year old Girls

3rd Place Sailor D. 2nd Place Harlie C. 1st Place Hannah T.

Under 12/13 Boys

3rd Place Nash G. 2nd Place Charlie M. 1st Place Jaxon C.

Under 12/13 Girls

3rd Place Alexandra M. 2nd Place Jaida N. 1st Place Zali L.

House Winner



Will Rankin PE Teacher



IS YOUR LOLLIPOP PERSON THE SWEETEST? CLICK HERE

VOTE FOR YOUR LOLLIPOP PERSON

A lot of our families have met our wonderful School Crossing Supervisor Bill Barbour. The link below (Or click the image left) is a great opportunity for anyone who would like to acknowledge a School Crossing Supervisor and show your appreciation for their tireless efforts, rain, hail or shine to keep our students and staff safe while crossing the road. Nominations close Friday 31st May 2024. Alternatively, you can head to www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au and complete an online nomination.

On behalf of School Crossings Victoria nominations are open now for the 2023/2024 Supervisor of the Year!

So if you know someone who is deserving of this award click the link to the left and tell us why your School Crossing Supervisor is the sweetest

Nominations close on Friday 31st May 2024. Lets get nominating.

ANZAC DAY Lest We Forget 25 APRIL —

Our Student Leaders respectfully laid a wreath on the school's behalf at the ANZAC Day Service.

It was wonderful to see other students in school uniform paying their respects and also Emerald who was playing in the band. We all thank Bronwyn for taking the time to make the beautiful wreath.















Enrolling your child into Foundation (Prep) in 2025

Dear Parents and Carers Starting school is an exciting and important time for you and your child or children. We want to help make the enrolment process as easy as possible for you. If your child is turning 5 years old by 30 April 2025 and is eligible to start school next year, it is time to decide where they will go to school. We have set aside some Tour Dates, where you can have a good look around our wonderful school and ask all the questions you may have.





Visit our Enrolment Page at Www.wordpress.wonthaggips.vic.edu.au/ index.php/enrollment/

CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD

Foundation (Prep) Enrolment Information Pack for Parents and Carers.

Guidance for parents and carers of children starting Foundation (Prep) in a government school in 2025

Please find some useful clickable links below that may be helpful for you as your child starts primary school in 2025:

Find my School - findmyschool.vic.gov.au

Information on school zones - vic.gov.au/school-zones

Enrolling in Foundation (Prep) - vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep

Enrolling in school - vic.gov.au/how-choose-school-and-enrol

Disability and inclusive education - vic.gov.au/disability-and-inclusive-education

Regional office contacts - vic.gov.au/office-locations-department-education-and-training



Starting Wednesdays Term 2

What is Nude Food?

Nude Food is food without excess packaging. It is food that comes to school without disposable packaging such as extra plastic bags, soft plastic, paper bags, wrappings or cling wraps.

We encourage you to package snacks and lunches in durable, reusable containers. They are a great way to bring food and keep it fresh, promote healthy eating, provide long term cost savings and environmental benefits with reduced packing and waste.



By reducing the amount of excess packaging this will reduce the amount of waste that needs to go in our bins to be sent to landfill.



- AVOID cling-wrap, zip-lock or plastic bags, foil, single use cutlery or pre-packaged foods.
- Involve children in packing/making their own lunch and snacks – they're more likely to eat it.
- Many snack items can be bought in bulk and decanted into smaller reusable containers. This can reduce packaging and save money.

Examples of Nude Food

Nude Food includes a wide array of options, as long as there is no extra packaging. This could include:

- A sandwich in a reusable container
- A sectioned lunch box with snacks in compartments
- Yoghurt in a reusable container
- Muesli bars and snack in reusable containers and wraps
- Fruit and berries in a reusable container





FROM THE WELFARE TEAM

ROAD AND BIKE SAFETY

PARKING AND SPEED LIMITS

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 LILEGAL AND VERY DANGEROUS NOT ONLY FOR YOUR CHILD BUT FOR OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY.

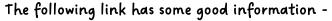
Recently we have seen people park across driveway and pathway entries to the school and students have been seen getting out on the road side of the car. While this may seem convenient, it is illegal and dangerous.

SCHOOL ZONE 8-9³⁰ 2³⁰-4_{PM} SCHOOL DAYS



BIKE/SCOOTER SAFETY

Please remind your child/ren of the importance of riding to and from school safely. We have had a few very close calls reported recently of students not following simple bike/scooter safety rules. This is not only a danger to your child but to others such as pedestrians, particularly the elderly. Please review bike and scooter safety regularly to ensure everyone arrives at school and home safely. The school zones can become extremely busy with not only cars and buses, but pedestrians with prams, babies and other children.



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





ATTENDANCE—LATE DROP OFFS

Over the course of each year there are many reasons why your child may be late to school, for example; appointments, medical issues, weather, or simply running late. When you drop your child off at school late, they must come to the office to collect a late pass to take to class. This also ensures that the roll, which is marked at 9am, is altered to reflect the presence of your child.



It is preferable that you accompany your child to sign them in on the compass kiosk. If you are unable to do this, please give the office a quick call so that we can enter a reason for their late attendance.

Please note that if a parent/guardian does not attend the office with the child, and we do not receive a call from you to say that you have sent your child in to the school late, their late attendance will reflect as unexplained.

BOOK CLUB LOOP

Book Club is now ordered completely online via the Book club Loop for Parents.

Regular monthly order catalogues are sent home with your child, however all orders are now to be placed online via the Book Club Loop for Parents.

No orders can be taken via the school.

Simply head to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP Create an account and add your child/ren for easy ordering at your leisure.

You can also download the Book Club Loop App from your Android or Apple Playstore.

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Book Club LOOP

for Parents





LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, LOOP makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our iPhone and iPad app from the App Store or get it on Google Play for Android.

- For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogues
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic, Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date
- There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on HELP in





ALL ORDERS ARE TO BE PLACED ONLINE NO ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE. THANK YOU

LUNCH ORDERS

Gomathy's Kitchen is the supplier of our lunch orders at school. Made fresh on the day.

Lunch orders are provided on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and all orders must be in by 8pm the day before the lunch order is required. This is due to the fact that lunch orders are made fresh on the day of delivery.





Orders are place via the Spriggy Schools App available via your Android or Apple play store.

To learn more about Gomathy's Kitchen visit their facebook page at https:// www.facebook.com/foodbygomathy/



PLEASE ORDER BY 8PM THE DAY BEFORE

(eg. by 8pm Sunday for Lunch on Monday) FOR ANY FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT RAJ 0477 265 116

Introducing Spriggy Schools for online ordering

- Create a profile for your child
 Conveniently place orders online









UNIFORM ORDERING



Wonthaggi primary school UNIFORM ORDERING

STATE SCHOOLS' RELIEF - Online Ordering

All Wonthaggi Primary School uniforms are ordered via the State Schools' Relief online uniform shop at;-

https://ssr-online-store.myshopify.com/ collections/wonthaggi-primary-school

Online orders are delivered directly to your home. There is an \$8.80 shipping cost.

Uniforms can also be purchased at their shop in Dandenong see address below.



WONTHAGGI PRIMARY SCHOOL - Hats and Bags

Hats and bags are available directly from the office at school and can be purchased by cash or eftpos at the counter or over the phone on 03 5672 1600.





Hats \$10.00

Bags \$50



WONTHAGGI PRIMARY SCHOOL

18 Billson Street Wonthaggi Vic 3995 Phone: 03 5672 1600

Email: Wonthaggi.ps@education.vic.g.ov.au



STATE SCHOOLS' RELIEF

1/8 Johnston Court Dandenong South Vic 3175 Phone: 03 8769 8400 Email: contact@ssr.net.au



NEWS IN OUR COMMUNITY





Wonthaggi District Girl Guides

Girls aged 6 years and over are invited to join Wonthaggi District Girl Guides.

Contact: cheryl.bertrand@quidesvic.org.au or phone 0408 391 035

Wonthaggi Girl Guides meet during school terms at -

the Wonthaggi Scout Hall,

cnr. Wentworth road and Parkes street Tuesdays from 4.30pm to 6pm.

Girl Guides are an international volunteer organization for girls and women with 11 million members from 145 countries.

There is a 7 point program

: leadership - the outdoors - teamwork - promise & law - international guiding - community service - guiding traditions.

Cheryl Bertrand -District leader, Wonthaggi Girl Guides



NEWS IN OUR COMMUNITY







Leongatha Scout Group

Joey Scouts are amazing! Check them out for your child!

Joey Scouts are girls and boys aged 5-7. Wednesday 4.30 pm

They enjoy adventure, imagination, and being outdoors during their weekly one-hour meeting, and occasional sleepovers and camps.

Less screens - and more action, more fun, more friends, and more social skills!

Enquiries:

gl.leongatha@scoutsvictoria.com.au Karrie Whitten 0427 456 575

NEWS IN OUR COMMUNITY





REGISTER TODAY IN 3 EASY STEPS:



Download the Ritchies App, or go to loyalty. ritchies.com.au and click the 'register' button.

Complete the registration with your email address or mobile number.

2

A 'onetime passcode' will be sent to your email address or an SMS will be sent to your mobile number. (If registered by phone number) Key in the 6 digit code to activate your account.



Login to your newly created account to select your favourite Club, School, or Charity from the Community page.

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You asked, we've delivered. Add your card to your digital wallet.





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