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WYPS NEWS

21st June 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope your weekend was better than mine, unfortunately I went to the Carlton vs Fremantle match, saying that it was disappointing would be a grave understatement.

Flick and I have been reading student reports over the past week and there are a few things that I thought about as I was reading. Firstly, teachers spend lots of time assessing student learning using a variety of strategies and this approach really does provide an accurate and holistic over-view of where students are placed on the continuum of learning.

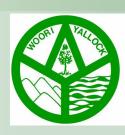
Secondly, teachers then use the information collected, as well as their thorough knowledge of every student, to write reports that are truly individualised and aimed at providing a clear picture of how every student has progressed in their education journey.

It should be acknowledged that teachers spend many hours going over assessment data and writing student reports in their own time, often at home and usually on weekends. We are so very fortunate at WYPS to have dedicated and 'student centred' teachers who work very hard each and every day to provide our students with such great learning opportunities.

Thirdly, having read student reports from our senior school, I'm just VERY proud of the way our senior students are going about their year (in the case of our grade six students, their FINAL year of primary school!). I've loved reading about the leadership qualities of our senior students and their successes with leadership roles including school and house captains, environment, science, junior school council and the prep buddy system. So many senior school reports mentioned qualities such as responsibility, maturity, diligence, high expectations as well as a friendly and caring attitude. As you can probably tell, I've simply LOVED reading semester one reports!

SPEECH COMPETITION

At WYPS we value the teaching of public speaking. As we are with most things, we teach public speaking in a whole school way. Our speech competition highlights the progression and the complexity of expectations at every level. Kyra Cathie highlighted this as the first grade 3 speaker. Her speech went for around 2 minutes, she memorised her speech and used good strong content to persuade the audience (the speech was about homelessness). Every year level was impressive and I could see how much work had gone into the speeches. The confidence of the junior school was brilliant particularly our Preps.

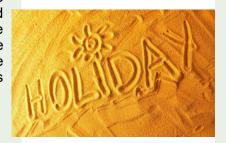




IMPORTANT DATES

2018

Thursday 21st June
Woori Archi Art Expo
Friday 22nd June
5/6 Interschool Sports
Wednesday 20th &
Tuesday 26th June
3 way conferences
Wednesday 27th June
Friday 29th June
Grade 3/4 Camp
Friday 29th June
Last day Term 2
Dismissal at 2:30pm





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Every year I go to the Yarra Valley Inter-School Speaking competition and I can see the difference in preparation between our students and others. I believe our students do well because they are taught, voice projection, content, timing and the structure of a good speech. Most importantly the way we structure the class competition and then the final gives our students many examples of good speakers.

The grade six final this year was exceptional and I was very glad I was not judging. I would have been happy to send any of the seven that competed to the next level to represent our school. I hope to have some of the speeches uploaded to our website sometime soon so that you can all see just how amazing these speeches were. I would like to thank our teachers and parents for how well taught and prepared all the students were.



Our 2018 Speech Competition Winners

PHOTOS TAKEN AT SCHOOL EVENTS AND PLACED ON SOCIAL MEDIA

I would like to remind parents of the issues around taking photos of student events at school and then posting them on social media.

Something that a parent may think is an innocent photo may have someone in the background that when posted may put a family at risk. In every school there are students that have court orders attached to them and are not allowed to have photos published because of a range reasons. These reasons are always to keep the child safe. Photos that we publish in the newsletter and on our website have parent permission.

I ask for your understanding on this matter.

3 WAY CONFERENCES

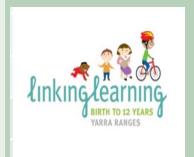
On <u>Wednesday 20th June and Tuesday 26th June</u> we are holding our three way conferences. Conferences will be from 3:20pm – 7:00pm parents can book a conference using the COMPASS app. If these days and times do not suit, please contact your child's teacher to make an alternate time. If parents cannot access the compass app please see your child's teacher to book in a conference time.

Of course the student is the most important part of the conference as they will be talking about their goals, what they have achieved and what they need to continue working on.

As a parent your role in the process doesn't change. Parents can ask any questions or make comments during the conference.

Reports were available to parents on Monday via COMPASS. If parents cannot access the app please contact the office for a printed version of the report.







CURRICULUM DAY

Every school in Victoria has four curriculum days for the year. We always choose to use two at the start of the year, one in third term and one in fourth term. These days are used to further teacher learning, which our school values greatly to make sure we are continually up to date with the best teaching practices to benefit our students.

Our third term curriculum day is: Friday 27th of July.

Have a great week!

And remember when life gets a little difficult, escape to the wonderful world of a book!

Oliver Thockloth Principal

Aussie of the Month



Woori Yallock & District Community Bank* Branch

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Welcome Everyone!-Wellbeing Report

Term 3 Dates-

Woori Wallabies Playgroup –starting back 24th July

Tuesdays1:30-3:00pm

Breakfast program Tuesday & Thursday-cooking room

8:15am onwards

Every Thursday 9-10am-parent morning coffee in the staffroom Interchange sibling club- Thursday 3:10-5:15pm





Helping Children Roar

Eating Well

Many children are complaining early in the day they are hungry. At school, we notice the impact on their learning when children do not eat breakfast, as they can be irritable and have difficulty concentrating. We are aware that a number of children do not like to eat when they get up for school so I would like to encourage you to be creative with finding solutions, eg: warm milk or milo or perhaps a toasted sandwich for the car. Don't forget, our school breakfast program operates on Tuesday and Thursday mornings too.

Your child's eating habits are mostly influenced by the way your family eats and then by how your child's friends eat. Your child looks to you as the main eating role model, so be sure to provide healthy meals and snacks at home. Try exercising as a family – it can be fun!

Pester power and peer group pressure are often the main reasons a snack is bought. It can be difficult to be constantly arguing with your child. Remember two things-

- 1. It's your money and your decision what is bought.
- Your child probably doesn't understand what is good for them and why the good habits learnt in childhood are more likely to stay with them when they are an adult.
- 3. Food companies put a lot of time and money into marketing their product in a way that teaches children to pester their parents, don't give them the satisfaction of winning!
- 4. When shopping include your child in the decision making but parents get the last say. Try letting them choose from a small selection.



Jumper Police!

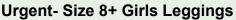
The kids are getting better! I love hearing grumbles from students that their parents are "making them" put on a jumper, so good job parents! Well, it has been quite cold lately so I see there has been some improvement.



Glasses for Kids Program-Preps-Grade 3



Over 100 students were seen by Sudha in our eyes health check and Glasses for Kids program. Some students missed out due to being absent. If parents have any concerns please make an appointment at your local optometrist to get your child checked over the holidays.





We've had a number of children slip over and we try hard to avoid asking parents to come down to change their child. If your child comes home wearing a spare pair of clothes please wash them and return them to me. At present we have no spare black leggings and any donations will help out enormously. Thank you!

Don't forget about second Hand Uniform!

Veronica and I accept and appreciate all second hand uniform donations. Thank you to those parents for the donations of spare clothing. We regularly assist children with toileting accidents and we are desperate for small sized girl's underwear and socks. We try hard to avoid asking parents to come down to change their child so any donations will help out enormously. We also ask parents to, provide your child with a change of underwear in their bag. All funds raised support our school breakfast program. Your generosity



allows all our children to have a healthy start to the day. Keep them coming!

State School Relief

We can help families who are experiencing financial hardship to purchase school uniform. Please see me for assistance.





Attendance

Schools are required to work towards IMPROVING THE ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY RATES of our students. It's fantastic news that parents are using COMPASS and I am pleased that parents are calling to explain absences. This really helps us as we are able to communicate effectively with all relevant staff early in the school day. Thanks everyone!

Medication

For children who need medication our Office ladies, Lani, Ellen and Libby administer treatment. At required times students are called up to come to the Office to have their medicine. Parents need to bring medication before school to the Office and inform staff of the action needed.

Lost Property

This is a shout out for parents to collect lost property. We have a large stock pile of lost jumpers in the alcove (in the corridor near the staff room). Please drop by and go through them, if clothing is found around the school it eventually makes it way here. Thanks!

First Aid Training!







Intervention Programs & Fast 4 Word at Home

Students are thriving in their support programs. Many classrooms in junior school have started Fast for Word and all students across the school will have access to the program. Out students in Grades 3+ will be able to access the program from home and if you would like further information please speak to me. Last year the feedback I had from many families was extremely positive, that parents were pleased to see their children's enthusiasm and they were motivated at home. If you would like to know more about our intervention programs please talk to staff about your child's progress at-

- LLI
- Quick Smart Literacy
- Quick Smart Numeracy

Woori Wallabies Playgroup

Thanks everyone for supporting our program this term, Veronica and I hope you all have a fantastic break and we'll see you all back on Tuesday the 24th of July 1:30-3:00pmJ



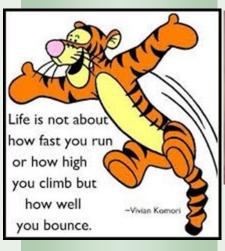












Friendship Skills

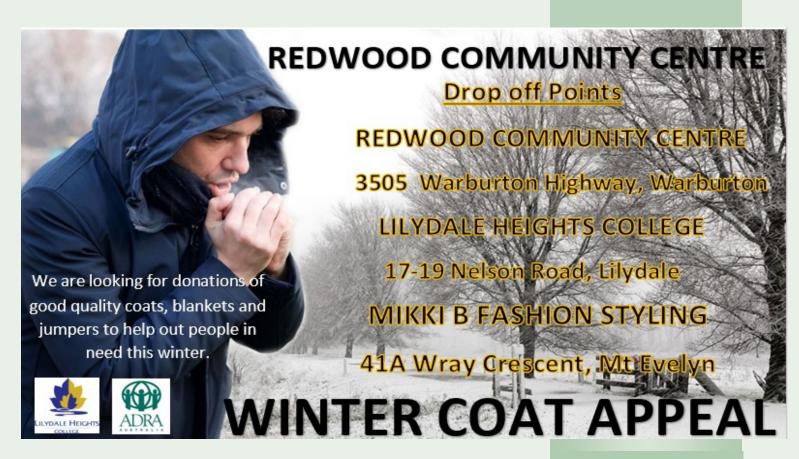
Teaching and supporting friendship skills is an essential part of parenting. As children start to grow up their definition of friendship changes. Their opinions may alter and there will be a shift in self-awareness. It's really important to keep the lines of communication open.

It's critical that parents make regular one-on-one time with your child, where there is just "hang out time" and minimal feedback. This is just when it's you and him/her in the car, in their room at night chatting, while you are running an errand or just taking a break watching TV. Even if it is just 10 minutes a day, these opportunities can strengthen the foundation in relationships. It's important not to assume they know what makes a good friend. Ask your child "What do you think attracts friends?" "What pushes friends away?" Assess how they are doing in these areas. If there is a trouble spot, set some small clear goals daily. Whether it is complimenting a friend, giving in to a disagreement, asking others questions, or helping three people. This will not only bolster their friendship skills, it will help them gain confidence.

The third key is to provide feedback if you do see them making some mistakes. Ask them "How would you feel if they did this to you?" "What else could you have done to make the situation go better and it could have turned into a win-win?

Kids love listening to your stories about how you handled friendship issues. We may not always think of sharing our experiences, but kids really "lock into" our lessons learned. They love seeing their parent more human as they can really gravitate and learn from your own solutions to friendship problem. As always, if you need any support around friendship issues please come in and see me. Good luck





Award Winners for 2018





Chaplain's Chat

One of my absolute favourite things to do, is to have a special day to spend with my 24 year old daughter. With her studying and working part time and me busy with work, we both sat down at the beginning of this term and scheduled a day together. We were on our way back to the car at Box Hill Central Car Park on Monday this week, when we noticed that there was a long cue of cars waiting to go through the boom gates. I was in a hurry and I have to admit, my focus was on the inconvenience this was going to be joining the back of this long line. All of a sudden my daughter and I looked at each other and saw that the man at the head of the cue appeared to be having some difficulties with the exiting process. We both turned around, my daughter leading and went up to the man and gently offered if he wanted some help. He seemed a bit frazzled, aware that there were many cars behind his. Rachael softly explained what was needed for the boom gate to open and with his permission, completed the task with his bank card. He was so grateful for her help. Such a quick and simple intervention, made the difference. I didn't have the answer for her when she asked why no one else in the line of cars waiting, bothered to get out and help when they saw that the man was struggling? And from the size of the que, he must have been there for a few minutes. Hopefully, the man drove off feeling much relieved that a young girl had come to his rescue. I felt very proud that my daughter had seen someone in distress and her immediate thought was to try and help, rather than just be an inactive bystander. As I reflect over this last term, I have to say that my heart has been warmed by so many stories of our community of parents showing acts of kindness to others. I have heard the gratitude of those on the receiving end, saying that without this help and support, they would not know what to do. What I love, is that a lot of these people haven't asked for help, but members of our wonderful community have been observant and chosen to not only see a need, but have gone into action where they have been able. That's awesome!

I'm hoping that many more amongst us will choose to become active deliverers of Random Acts of Kindness. That this trend will spread like fire and our children encouraged to do the same. Perhaps our conversation with our children can include, "What have you done to brighten someone's day?" Let's remind our children that it is often the simple and kind words and actions we share that contributes to making a positive and endearing impact in the lives of others. "What do we live for if not to make life less difficult for each other?" George Eliot

May you all have a safe, warm and happy holiday time with your families.

Blessings,







Fun for kids during the school holidays









Badger Creek

WEEK 1 2nd - 6th Jul

> Gardening & Winter vegetable

> Soap making & tie dyeing day

> Indoor camping (build a tent,

make damper and create a fake

> Slice & High Tea day

patch day

Woori Yallock

WEEK 1 2nd - 6th Jul

- > PJ's and movie day
- > Team sports day
- > Craft day
- > Pizza day
- > Chirnside Park Adventure Mini Golf excursion

> Yarra Valley ECOSS excursion WEEK 2 9th - 13th Jul.

- > Science day
- > Ace Space Indoor Play Centre excursion
- > Movies @ Healesville Cinema with our friends from Woori Yallock excursion
- > Minute to Win It game day everyone wins a prize
- > PJ's and pizza day

WEEK 2 9th - 13th Jul

- > Ace Space Indoor Play Centre excursion
- > Sensory play day slime, play-dough, clay, kinetic sand, goop, & water play
- > Movies @ Healesville Cinema with our friends from Badger Creek excursion
- > Christmas in July
- > Bring your electronics day

Woori Yallock Primary School now taking bookings

Mt Evelyn

WEEK 1 2nd - 6th Jul

- > Games & hot chips at the 'Cattle Yard' Reserve
- > Clay creations day
- Movies @ Boronia Cinema
- Make your own Terrarium a little garden in a jar
- > Yarra Valley ECOSS & picnic lunch excursion

WEEK 2 9th - 13th Jul

- Movies @ Boronia Cinema
- > Men's Shed learn woodwork skills and make a wooden box.
- > Learn Karate day
- > A Collaborative Collage create a collage representing our Torres Strait Islander people
- Games & hot chips at the 'Cattle Yard' Reserve

children's services

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- Managing power and control issues
- Finding equality in relationships
 - Options to increase safety

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- Looking after yourself!



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