

WYPNS NEWS

12th October 2017

ACROSS OLIVER'S DESK

Dear Parents,

LETTER FROM DANNY HYNDMAN

I'm writing to you today to officially notify you that I recently resigned from the Department and therefore my position as principal at WYPNS. I knew that this was the most likely outcome for most of this year, but you can never be too sure with these things!

I'm hoping that the timing of this allows for some certainty for the school heading into 2018. My decision has an obvious flow on effect to the principal, assistant principal and classroom teacher positions going into the future at the school.

I arrived at my decision because of the exciting work that I've been able to do this year, which includes:

- co-facilitating Leading Literacy at Bastow with Keay and Steve
- facilitating a number of courses for the Queensland Education Leadership Institute, including: Leading Literacy, Leading Numeracy, High Performing Teams, and Aspiring To Lead
- Coaching a range of educators across Australia in leadership
- Working in schools and running curriculum days, etc.

The key ingredient behind my enjoyment this year has been the steep learning curve that I've been subjected to. Trying to keep up with Keay and Steve in particular is not easy! I've also loved crossing paths with so many amazing educators like yourselves and learning with them.

Obviously I remain connected (as I always will) to WYPNS through our two beautiful children, and I will always be very proud of everything we achieved together from 2011-16.

All the best and stay in touch.

Regards,

Danny.

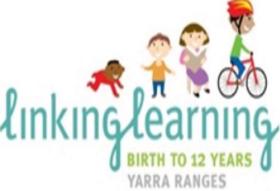


IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 18th October	Basketball Reg. Finals
Thursday 19th October	Prep Transition 9:00am Homework Club Starts Grade 1 Dinner at School
Monday 23rd October through to Friday 3rd November	Preps Swimming
Tuesday 7th November	Melbourne Cup Day
Wednesday 8th November	Grades 5/6 Jackie French
Thursday 9th November	Spelling Bee



**IT'S NOT OK
TO BE AWAY**



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I would like to again take this opportunity to thank Danny formally for everything that he did for Woori Yallock Primary School and for me personally. When Danny arrived at the school in 2011 the school statistically was the one of the worst performing schools in the Yarra Valley. When Danny was nominated last year for Primary Principal of the Year (only three are nominated), and the school was nominated for, 'Outstanding School Advancement'. The school had transformed into the best performing school in the Yarra Valley.

We have a lot to thank Danny Hyndman for, as his leadership has had a direct positive impact on the lives of many children at our school and I wish him well in his endeavours to improve teaching and learning across not only the state but the country.

I feel Danny has forever etched his mark on the history of our school. He is undoubtedly the best leader/principal I have ever seen in my many, many years in education.

WELCOME BACK!

I hope everybody had a fantastic holiday break and enjoyed time with family and friends. I'm looking forward to a great finish to the year. Congratulations to all of the Tigers supporters out there!

We have a lot to look forward to this term including the following:

Graduation
Christmas Carols & the Christmas Market
Prep Swimming Program
Grade 1 afternoon tea
Grade 2 sleepover
And much more!

Welcome to our three new students this term Dylan in grade one, Abi in grade three and Storm who joins our grade six students for her final term before high school.

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

It wasn't very good timing, but it was World Teachers' Day on the Thursday just gone. This day is internationally set so it is unfortunate that it coincides with school holidays.

I'm sure you all remember teachers that made an impact on you, for me I remember my Year 6 teacher. The strong, capable woman who gave me an A++ for my assignment on local government because I found the White Pages in my parents' bedroom one afternoon, tracked down the number for my local council and asked to speak to the mayor. I asked him what he liked about his job and whether he liked helping people. He laughed — but he answered. And it may have been all those years ago, but she gave me the confidence to think that I could do that.

The teachers at our school work so much harder than the teachers I had a long time ago. The expectations on them are massive and the time we give them to do the work is not nearly enough which is why you see so many of teachers trudging home at 5:30pm with a full tub full of work to do at home. We have dedicated, vibrant, amazing and brilliant teachers at our school and I don't think they can ever hear that enough. So if you get a chance please thank our amazing teachers and remind them of how important they are to us all.



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2018 INFORMATION

Parents have started to come to me asking about 2018. Below is how we decide on where students are placed for next year. The first part of the process is that we get every student to nominate three students that they would like to have in their grade next year. We tell the students that they may only get one of these friends, but we do guarantee that they will get at least one. The next step is that classroom teachers use their knowledge of the students to work together and make draft class lists for 2018. These draft lists are then taken to our School Improvement Team for discussion/input and the final decision on grade lists are made. While we do other transition activities throughout this term, our official 'Step Up Day' is on December 12th. On this day students will spend time with their 2018 classroom teacher where they will be engaged with getting to know activities, etc.

We also value parent input in regards to class allocations and I will take parent requests during the next three weeks, the cut off day being October the 30th. We take into account all parent requests, but can't guarantee that they will be granted. Ideally we would, but as you can see there is a lot to take into account. Some other factors are that we have a system in place where staff are expected to change to another level in the school after a maximum of three years for their own development and growth. We also feel that students should only have the same classroom teacher for a maximum of two years, although there are times that due to special circumstances that this rule is sometimes flexible.

Although most of our staff know they will be teaching at Woori next year not all positions are yet confirmed and staff vacancies and interviews will be held this term. I myself are one of these as you can see from the letter above from Danny Hyndman. Staff will not know in what area of the school they will be teaching until all positions are finalised, which will not be until mid to late November.

I would like to assure parents that at Woori Yallock Primary School we spend a great deal of time and effort making sure that the best available teachers are employed and that our application and interview process is rigorous.

At this stage our structure for next year is looking like being the same as this year:

3 x Prep class
4 x 1/2 classes
3 x 3/4 classes
3 x 5/6 classes

So, as you can see there is a lot to take into account and time moves fast!

PREP ENROLMENTS

As you can see from above we are planning for 2018 in regards to grade structure and staff placement. If you have a child that is going to be in Prep next year (or know someone who does) we encourage you to get your enrolment paperwork in as soon as possible. We already have a healthy amount of enrolments and do not want families to miss out as it may be that we reach a cut-off point.





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HATS/UNIFORM

A reminder that we require all of our students to wear hats at recess and lunchtime. If students don't have a hat they are asked to be in an undercover area which limits what they can do during break times.

This year our whole school uniform is the best it has been at my time at the school. There is still a small percentage of students who are not wearing black shoes and I ask for your support with this as having 100% of our students in full uniform upholds our school motto of 'Take Pride At All Times'.

If there is a reason why your child is out of uniform can you please contact the classroom teacher to explain why. Thanks for your help with this.

PRODUCTION

As a staff we are still buzzing from the success of our home made production late last term. Thank you to all of our parents for your support of this initiative who bought tickets, and in particular to **Cheryl Sinclair and Michelle Callaway** and a number of parents who put in countless hours to help make the production what it was.



I am very proud of all of our students for their talent, commitment and exceptional behaviour throughout the production. The same has to be said for our amazing staff who have banded together as always to ensure that our students have wonderful opportunities such as this. A special thank you in particular to student teacher **Sarah Geddes** who led us to such an excellent end result.

I hope you managed to make it along to the show and enjoyed it! I will keep you posted on the timeline of when DVD's from the show will be available.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our active school council has begun discussions about some major building works that council feels needs to be completed in 2018. At the top of the list is under cover walk ways attaching the portables to the main building and an up-grade of our toilets. Our partnership with the Yarra Valley Youth Theatre and the Woori Yallock and District Community Bendigo Bank hopefully will continue to support the upgrade of facilities in our hall. There are other ideas as well and I will keep you informed of any decisions that are made. Ideas from our parent community are always welcome, just speak to one of your school councillors or myself.



Have a great week!

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

Oliver Thocklo
Principal

A.P.'s Report

Running Club

Miss White will be doing Running Club.

Tuesdays at 8.10am
Meet in 5/6A,
3-6 students only.



Hot Dog Day

On the last day of term we held our annual Footy Colours Day and Hot Dog Day. Students had a fantastic time outside doing a variety of footy activities and then coming back in to their classrooms to enjoy a hot dog. A huge thanks to Michelle Gaylard, Sharyn Cotton & Laura Marchione who organised and successfully sent over 300 hot dogs in 30 minutes. Over \$450 was raised on the day to go towards Year 6 Graduation.

Signing In

Just a reminder to all parents, families and friends that you need to sign in and out at the main office when you come in to school to assist. It is important that we know who is in the school at all times for Emergency Management purposes.

Concreting

I am looking for someone to quote the school for some concreting work. If you know of anyone or have any contacts, could you please come and see me and pass on their details.

Running Club

Running club will start next week on Wednesday morning. It will run from 8:10-8:30am on the basketball court. Running club is open to grade 3 —6 students.





Supporting School Success!-Wellbeing Report: Week 1

- Woori Wallabies Playgroup – starting back 17th Oct Tuesdays in the Multi-purpose classroom 1:30-3:00pm
- Whole School Head Lice Screening-date to be confirmed
- Breakfast program Tuesday & Thursday-cooking room 8:15am onwards
- Gr 3-6 Homework club-starting back Thursday 19th Oct
- 3:10-4pm Multi-purpose classroom
- Every Thursday 9-10am-parent morning coffee-Multi-purpose classroom
- Interchange sibling club-every Thursday afterschool 3:10-5:15pm
- Whole school Inspiro Dental Screening Program-Week 7-Monday 20th Nov-Friday 24th Nov



Welcome Back!

Welcome back everyone and we hope you enjoyed a relaxing break. This term we have many events planned and we look forward to supporting your child's learning and development. Anglicare Youth Worker Damien Litchfield will be running social skills building groups for some of our boys in Grades 3-6. In November the Inspiro health team will be running a free dental screening for all our students, so watch out for information coming home. Playgroup and Homework club will start back next week along with our break time activities. This term will be super busy and a lot of fun so please see me if you have any questions.



BIG THANKS TO
LAUNCH FRESH
FOR PROVIDING
FRESH FRUIT
FOR OUR
PLAYGROUP



Save the dates-Kinder Transition visits!

Children enrolled for Preps next year are invited to be a part of the transition program. Please bring along a piece of fruit

- Thursday 19th October 9-10:45am
- Tuesday 31st October 2:15-3:00pm
- Thursday 16th November 9-10:45am
- Tuesday 28th November 2:15-3:00pm
Step Up Day

Please bring along playlunch and a hat.
Tuesday 12th December 9:30-12:30pm



State School Relief

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



Medication

For children who need medication our office staff, Lani, Ellen or Libby will administer it. 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 complete the medication at school form.

Week 7 Inspiro Dental Program- 20th Nov-24th Nov

This service is open to all children including pre-schoolers. Last year a number of our playgroup families participated, and overall, we had a great result - 94 students. Notices and information will be sent home to all families shortly.



Homework Club Thursdays Gr 3-6 3:10-4pm Multi-purpose room

Homework Club will start back next week, if parents are looking for additional support to assist your child please speak to teachers. I have to say the students who are coming along are getting value out of the sessions. Each week a teacher helps me and I've loved hearing their feedback about when they work with the kids, that they have enjoyed the growth in the students particularly when it comes to reading. Please speak to teachers if you are having any issues and we can work together to improve homework independence.



Labelled Jumpers

Every week there are parents hunting down lost jumpers through-out the school. This is a nuisance when jumpers aren't found and I would like parents to regularly check names. Thanks!



Don't forget about second Hand Uniform!

Veronica and I accept and appreciate all second hand uniform donations. At present we are need of polo t-shirts especially now with our days warming up! 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!



More than tea & toast

Please Notice This



Food Bank Victorian School's Breakfast Program- Breakfast Club Tuesday & Thursday at 8am

A good breakfast can not only change a child's morning it can make a big difference to their learning and behaviour. Unfortunately 1 in 7 Australian children arrive at school each day without having had breakfast (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2013). We are lucky to be one of the 500 schools across Victoria that receives breakfast staple foods including oats, wheat bix, canned fruit, UHT milk and baked beans. This program provides us with most of the resources to run our Breakfast Program. Don't forget, Breakfast Club at school on Tuesdays.

School Notices & Parent Consent forms

We have offered a number of outside events including sports days and camps and our time is absorbed with chasing consent. Please return notices including all consent forms as soon as possible.



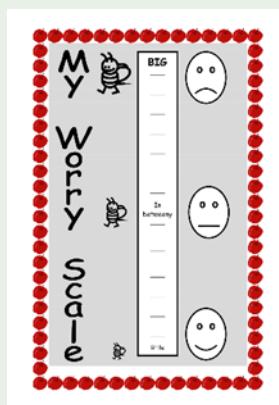
Attendance & Absences

Schools are required to work towards IMPROVING THE ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY RATES of our students. 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. Don't forget to check out Compass, where absences can be recorded. Dave and Flick can support anyone with questions. Compass provides our school community with a range of facilities that will streamline communication and provide enhanced access to information. It will also improve many of the school's administration processes.



Emotional Tip!

The BEST playground bouncing back advice from physical and emotional bumps is teaching your child resilience. Rate the bump on a scale of 1 to 10 and then ask your child what would help to make it better (even one number less is a good start)!



Parent Morning Tea-every Thursday 9-10am

Don't forget to come along to our parent morning tea after 9am drop off, in the multipurpose room! It's a lovely space for parents to meet others and grow strength in sharing parenting experiences. Veronica and I hope to see you there! All are welcome.



Woori Wallabies Playgroup

Woori Wallabies Playgroup is open to anyone in the community every Tuesday from 1:30pm-3:00pm. We welcome parents to sit and join in with our activities and share in the fun and the pleasure of experiencing our playgroup. I have a great program planned where we will have Story Time with Eastern Libraries and we'll have an Inspiro Speech Pathologist visit for parents to learn more about language and speech development. Please see me if you have any questions and remember, Veronica, Carol and myself can help support you with any parenting worries.

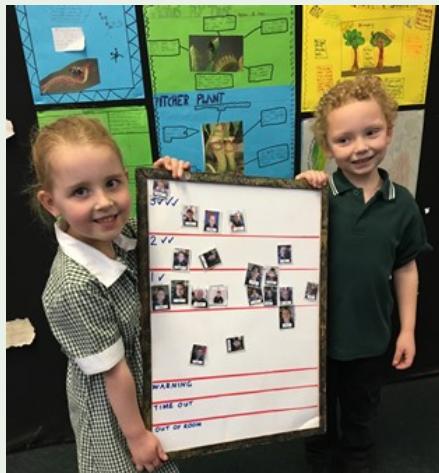
Term 4 Playgroup Dates & Themes-

- 17th Oct-Kings, Queens & Dragons
- 24th Oct-Frogs
- 31st Oct-Jungle/Story Time with Eastern Libraries
- Prep transition
- 7th Nov-Melbourne Cup Day - no playgroup
- 14th Nov- Teddy Bears Picnic
- 21st Nov- Nursery Rhymes
- 28th Nov- Christmas
- 5th Dec-Xmas break up party at Symes Rd Park

Pre-Loved Children's Books Thank you!

In Playgroup we love sharing and exchanging books with our toddlers and pre-schoolers. Some donations have trickled in and our library is looking healthy with all the brightly coloured books. The children are enjoying swapping their books and taking them home each week. If parents have any books that you would like to donate please drop them off at the Office or see me-thank you in advance!

Action From Around the School!



The image features the 'Easy Peasy Kids' logo at the top, which includes a colorful illustration of various icons like a house, tree, and people. Below the logo is a list of affirmations in a purple font:

- Remember you are good enough
- Everyone is different
- Stop comparing yourself
- Individuality rocks
- Learn something new daily
- Involve yourself in what you love doing
- Enjoy things that make you happy
- Not everyone can be 1st, 2nd, or 3rd
- Care about yourself and others
- Expect that some days won't be great

At the bottom of the box is the website address: www.easypeasykids.com.au



Primary Welfare Officer
Andre Campbell



Hillcrest Fire Brigade 2017 Kids Art Competition

Open to students attending schools within the Hillcrest response area

Woori Yallock – Launching Place – Don Valley

Prep/Grade 1/Grade 2

- Colouring "Call 000"
- Colouring sheets can be collected from your teacher or school office
- Write your name and school on the back of the sheet please
- Prizes
 - "Derwent" colouring pencils (Valued at \$20)
 - Beanie Kid
 - CFA Teddy
 - Fire Extinguisher for your home
 - Fire Blanket for your school

Grade 3/Grade 4

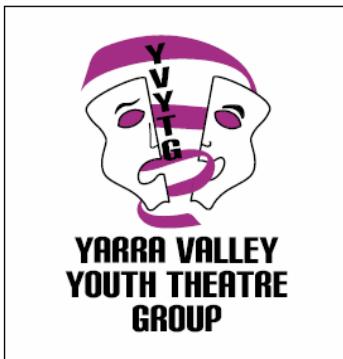
- Draw yourself or your family as Firefighters
- All entries on "A4" please, with your name and school on the back please
- Prizes
 - Mont Marte 90 piece Art Set in a metal case (Valued at \$50)
 - Fire Extinguisher for your home
 - Fire Blanket for your School

Grade 5/Grade 6

- Design a logo about what to do with your pets in a bushfire
- All entries on "A4" please, with your name and school on the back please
- Prizes
 - Mont Marte 174 piece Art Set in a Wooden case (Valued at \$119)
 - Fire Extinguisher for your home
 - Fire Blanket for your school

Entries can be left at your school office and will be collected at the end of the day on Monday 23rd of October. Winners will be announced at the Hillcrest Brigade Open Night on the 25th of October at 8pm





**Do you want to be a part of an exciting theatre show?
Do you want to act and perform?**

The Yarra Valley Youth Theatre Group will be back next term with two exciting shows that you can be a part of!

More news coming soon!

**For enquiries, please contact Sarah
sarahjadegeddes@gmail.com**

**TERM 4
2017**



AUSSIE HOOPS

Aussie Hoops is Basketball Australia's official junior game development program for children aged 5–10 years.

PROGRAM DETAILS

WHEN: Saturday 14th October - Saturday 9th December (No session Cup weekend)
WHERE: Cockatoo Reserve Stadium, Mountain Road, Cockatoo Mel. Ref. Map 311 J3
TIME: 11:30am until 12:30am (approx.)
COST: \$80 for new players
\$60 for returning players

All Participants Receive:

- 1 x Peak Aussie Hoops backpack
- 1 x Spalding size 5 Aussie Hoops basketball
- 1 x Peak Aussie Hoops reversible singlet.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Email: hoops@sherbrookebasketball.asn.au or juniors@sherbrookebasketball.asn.au

Detach and bring with cheque made payable to: Sherbrooke B.A., P.O. Box 1121, Upwey, 3158.

Name..... Age..... Birthdate..... Gender M/F

Address.....

Postcode..... Phone number..... What school do you attend?.....

Parents Names.....

Do you require any medication? Y / N If yes, for what condition?.....

Singlet size: 8 10 12 14 Email Address.....





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Transition Visits to Woori Yallock Primary School

Key Points For New Parents

- School Tours can be arranged by appointment
- Alternate transition dates
- Personalised transition for all students
- Further enquiries please phone the school office • 5964 7258

Dear Parents,

You are invited to bring your pre-school child to Woori Yallock Primary School for the following transition visits during terms 2, 3 & 4.

TERM 2

Tuesday 23rd May, 2.15 —3.00pm
Thursday 8th June, 9.00 —10.00am

TERM 3

Tuesday 25th July, 2.15 —3.00pm
Thursday 10th August, 9.00—10.00 am
Tuesday 29th August, 2.15 —3.00pm

TERM4 - Please bring a piece of fruit
Thursday 19th October, 9.00 —10.45am
Tuesday 31st October, 2.15 — 3.00pm
Thursday 16th November, 9.00—10.45am
Tuesday 28th November, 2.15-3.00pm

STEP-UP DAY

Tuesday 12th December 9.30 — 12.30pm
Please bring playlunch and a hat.

We can't wait to see you at school !



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SENIOR AND JUNIOR FOOTBALL IS COMING TO WOORI IN 2018!

You are invited to our

FREE GIRLS FOOTY CLINIC

DATE: October 15th 2017

TIME: 12pm – 2pm

WHERE: Woori Yallock
Football Ground

Please come along and join us for lots of fun at our footy clinic and information session.

For further information please contact us at:

Email: contactwyfc@gmail.com

Phone: Simon: 0429 071 216

Sandra: 0437 390 809



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Catalogue on Sale Wednesday 11th October — Tuesday 17th October 2017

PHONE: 5964 7202

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WEEKLY DEALS



Moccona Freeze Dried Coffee 200/250g Selected Varieties



Lindt Excellence Chocolate Block 100g, The Natural Confectionery Company or Sour Patch Jellies 200-260g Selected Varieties



HOT DEALS



Kirks Soft Drink Cans 10 Pack x 375ml Varieties \$1.06 per litre



Sorbent Toilet Tissue 16 Pack \$0.21 per 100 sheets

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