

WOORI YALLOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



“IT’S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY”

2nd March 2017



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MARCH

Monday 6th — Friday 17th March	Grades 1—6 Swimming
Monday 13th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Thursday 16th March	Close the Gap Day
Wednesday 22nd—24th March	Grade 5/6 Urban Camp

Icy Pole Friday
Kids can buy an Icy Pole for \$1 Each Friday

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Dear Parents,

I love the start of a new school year. It such an important time for our community because it establishes the foundation for the rest of the school year. It is a time of optimism and anticipation as the children begin building the trusting relationships with their teachers and peers that will sustain them throughout the year. I hope when we look back on 2017 it will be punctuated by many individual highlights as each child achieves their personal best. I hope they feel more empowered through our *Junior School Council* and enjoy the efforts being made by all our great teachers with the offer of electives at recess and lunch times.

It was a joy for me to wonder down the corridors last week and see what our school does best, the core business of ‘teaching and learning’.

KISS AND DROP

The positive problem the school has is: our sustained improvement with academic results equals many more enrolments. This means our kiss and drop zone, before and after school is very busy. When using the kiss and drop please move your car as far forward as possible so the traffic continues to flow as best it can.

CORDS AROUND OUR SCHOOL HATS

An issue with our school hats was brought to my attention last week by one of our parents, thank you Jade! The South Australian Education Department has ordered schools to cut the cords off their hats due to two choking incidents that have occurred since the start of the school year. The cords around our hats have the same plastic quick release that led to the choking incidents in S.A. and I have been informed that we also had an incident last year with one of our students being choked after their hat become stuck on play equipment.



(Girl in S.A. that was choked when her hat was stuck on a school slide)

I cannot order parents to cut the cords off hats as our Education Department has not yet mandated the removal of the cords. However, I would strongly advise all parents to cut the cords off their child’s hats or send a note to school advising that the teacher can cut the cords off. In my opinion the cords are not really needed and I would like us to get on the front foot and make sure our kids are not at risk while playing in the yard.

MEDIA TEAM AND NEW COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

Mr Mac and Seth Spenceley have begun organising the first videos that our Media Team will put together. The meeting I walked in on was extremely motivating and I can’t wait to see what they will produce. The school is investing heavily this year with iPads and other technologies to help improve student outcomes and engage them with their learning. Felicity Curnow is our ICT leader and is working incredibly hard to make sure every dollar the school spends counts.

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OUR WEBSITE

While talking about Flick I would also like to thank her for the work she has done improving and upgrading our website. If you go to our webstie, www.woorips.vic.edu.au you will notice that is now up-to-date and has lots of information for parents to access.

SEPARATION ANXIETY FROM PARENTS

At the start of the school year we often have students that find it difficult to part with mum or dad. Not every child goes through this but it is not an uncommon occurrence especially with some of our Prep students. Separation Anxiety normally only lasts for a short period and does improve as children get older. Below is a few tips to try if your child is experience separation anxiety.

- Explain beforehand your drop-off procedure so he/she is completely aware of what will happen. And then tell him/her when you'll be back, and from where you'll be picking him/her up.
- Involve your child's class teacher in the process as he/she will be left with your crying child.
- Don't hang around at school or prolong the goodbyes. You may need to run through the pick-up process again.
- Never sneak out – make sure he/she knows you've left.
- Try to appear relaxed with a happy or calm expression.
- Set up a reward chart in which your child works towards something special, putting a sticker on each day he/she separates from you without too much trouble.

If you have a questions or queries please come and see Dave (our Assistant Principal) or myself, we are on duty before and after school every day.

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

Oliver Thockloth
Principal



Award Winners for 2017



Wellbeing Report—Welcome Everyone!

Dates-

Woori Wallabies Playgroup – Tuesdays in the multipurpose 1:30-3:00pm

Breakfast program Tues & Thurs-cooking room 8:15am onwards

Homework club-will start in Term 2

Head Lice Program- Thurs 2nd March

Every Thursday 9-10am-parent morning coffee in the multipurpose room

Interchange sibling club-starting Thursday 11th Feb 3:10-5:15pm

*Helping
Children
Soar*



This fortnight we have continued to settle back into school with parents and carers happy to have every day routines in place. Good routines at the beginning of the day can set the tone for the remainder of the day. Children who come to school feeling refreshed and settled are ready to learn and the quality of their persistence and coping skills are usually increased. Children don't understand time the same way as adults do and this can cause pressure on families to follow through on home routines. As children get older revise your routines to assess the skills your children have learnt because good routines help children to become independent and responsible. If you think you are repeatedly asking your children to do things this is a clue that developing a new routine needs to happen. Routines are helpful when you are trying to make new habits including good personal hygiene, organisation, completing jobs and homework.

Health

I've noticed some sleepy heads in the mornings trudging into school! The swimming program will start shortly and this can often contribute to children becoming very tired. Could we please encourage parents to support their children through the last weeks of term with reasonable bed times and adequate rest and nutrition. Autumn has arrived and we have experienced some chilly mornings and hot days. Already staff are collecting lost jumpers and placing them in lost property for parents to find. Talk to your child to increase their personal organisation of their belongings and the steps needed to ensure successful completion of this. Please check your child's clothing is clearly labelled so it can be returned if it is found in the school grounds. Remember, Veronica our school chaplain and myself can help out with spare uniform.





I encourage parents to please investigate any potential sickness complaints. Please encourage your child to practise good personal hygiene by washing hands regularly. All the classrooms have hand sanitiser available for children to use. It isn't fun to be sick at school and there are exclusion periods for some health conditions. Don't forget to tell us of any phone or emergency contact changes so we can reduce your child's concern if they need to be picked up. In case of any toileting accident please supply a change of underwear in your child's bag.

We have also had a number of hot days so freezing cold drinks and adding them to your child's school bag will help keep lunchboxes fresh longer. A reminder that school hats are compulsory and I would like parents to be active with encouraging children to wear sunscreen.

Icy-pole Grade 6 Graduation Fundraising Drive



I have to say there are a lot of smiles at lunchtime and afterschool, especially on these hot days the icy-pole sales are going strong! Thank you so much parents for buying and supplying icy-poles AND giving your child \$1.00 to buy one. All proceeds go towards Grade 6 Graduation.

Activities at Recess & Lunchtime

We are up and running! There are some fantastic activities scheduled at break times across the school, so please talk these options through with your child.



	Recess	Lunch
Monday	Running-Miss White & Mr Round	Chess-Andre
Tuesday	Board Games-Miss McDonald & Jess H	Reading-Mrs Harris Bat Tennis-Fiona
Wednesday	Skipping-Miss Greig & Mrs Symes	Mindfulness-Libby
Thursday	Pokemon-Flick	Finger knitting-Kerri D
Friday	Basketball-Mr Fielding Drawing-Jess W	I-Pad-Miss Ward



We promote many opportunities for families and students to be an active part of our local community and encourage parents to be a part of our extra-curricular activities. Our welfare team are available to support families in times of need as we have established partnerships with a number of services. We offer playgroup on Tuesday afternoons, Homework Club in Term 2, student mentors, weekly parent coffee catch ups, parent forums, chess at lunchtime, regular activities at recess/lunch breaks, holiday camps for students, soup days in winter and many other activities throughout the year. We would love to meet you, so see myself or Veronica for further information!

2017 Intervention Programs

We offer a number of programs that help strengthen student learning outcomes

- LLI
- Fast for Word
- Quick Smart Literacy
- Quick Smart Numeracy

Attendance & Absences

Schools are required to work towards IMPROVING THE ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY RATES of our students. We encourage all parents to call the office when your child is going to be away. Also a note explaining their absence is required.



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. Also, 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!



Playgroup Tuesday's 1:30-3:00pm Multi-purpose Room

Welcome everyone, our starting time is at 1.30pm, but please don't be put off coming if you can't get here in time - just come when you can! This term we will look at a number of themes starting with connections between families and people. We hope to offer stimulating craft activities and we will have Maria from Yarra Junction Library come along to share and read popular books again!

Playgroup Dates & Themes

14th Feb-Belonging

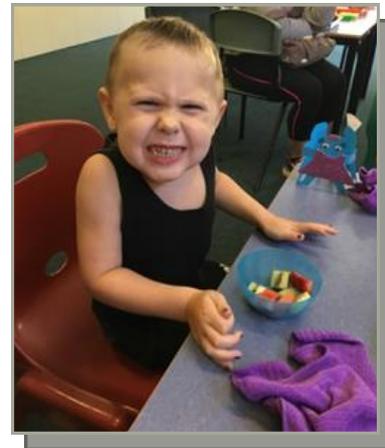
21st Feb-Cats & Dogs

28th Feb-Friends

7th Mar-Pirates

14th Mar-Books (Eastern Library Story Time visit)

21st Mar-Easter (last session for the term)



State School Relief

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

Staff Car Park

It would help staff enormously that parents please park only in the public parking areas, not in the staff car park.

Promotion

ANZ Saver Plus

Saver Plus provides an opportunity to have every dollar saved (up to \$500) matched with an additional dollar for your own or your family's education-related expenses.

Plus is an initiative of Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, with ANZ providing matched savings for participants. For further information contact the ANZ bank or-

Call or SMS your name and postcode to **1300 610 355**
Email-saverplus@bsl.org.au



SHOP NOW. WEAR NOW. PAY LATER. INTEREST FREE. afterpay

Our school requires students to wear formal black school shoes and black running shoe styles. The best time to shop for new shoes is after play or at the end of the day when the foot tends to be more swollen. Trying on a new shoe while the foot is swollen will ensure the best fit for your child throughout the day.

The Athlete's Foot stores offer a promotion to support families to purchase school shoes. Please see their website for further information- <http://www.theathletesfoot.com.au/blog/fit-tips/buying-your-kids-first-school-shoes/>



Our school proudly has a partnership with Interchange where we support a sibling respite program in the cooking room on Thursday's afterschool.

INTERCHANGE OUTER EAST (IOE) is a non-profit, community based organisation which supports families who have a child or young person with a disability, living in Melbourne's outer eastern regions of Knox, Maroondah and Yarra Ranges.

Through offering a range of programs and services, Interchange opens opportunities to families and allows them the choice of how this support is provided. If you are looking for further information or you know someone here in the Yarra Valley please see me or contact-

Yarra Valley office

Coordinators: Heather Sayer & Sarah Ward
Address: Yarraburn Centre, 1 Park Rd, Yarra Junction
Phone: (03) 59672433 Email: activ8@ioe.org.au

Back to School Tips

- Support your child with schoolwork and school life. Show interest by asking what your child has done during the day, what homework they are working on, and whether they need any help.
- Get involved in school life, through parent-teacher interviews, helping out in the classroom, or volunteering in the many projects and activities running at school.
- Focus on your child's strengths and the effort they put in. Praise your child for what they're good at, and let them know you're proud of them for trying things they find difficult.
- Talk with the teacher/staff to find out how your child is going. A good relationship between school and home will ensure the best outcomes for your child.

Primary Wellbeing Officer
Andre Campbell



Thank You!



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

Chaplain's Chat

How wonderful it is to have aspirations and dreams. When I was a young girl having ballet lessons, I dreamed that one day I would be a prima ballerina and get to dance on a magical stage wearing beautiful costumes. Sadly, this never came to be, but I did have my one moment of fame, having to step into a jazz dancer's position for a final performance when she hurt her leg playing netball.

Dreams and aspirations should be a part of all of our lives. I believe it is healthy to contemplate possibilities and hopes, if there was nothing to hold us back or prevent us from pursuing them. I think many of us are afraid to think about these possibilities for a number of reasons. Maybe some of us are afraid of failing or looking like a fool, maybe some of us are scared. Most dreams never come true, not because we don't have what it takes to make it happen, but because we're unwilling to take the necessary risks to reach them.

On April 11th, 2009 a 47 year old Scottish singer, Susan Boyle came to international attention when she appeared as a contestant on the television program, 'Britain's Got Talent' and sang 'I Dreamed a Dream' from Les Misérables. She received a standing ovation even before the song had finished and eventually went on to finish in second place overall. She has gone on to release six successful albums and even perform in front of the Queen. It is ironic that the song which brought her to fame, speaks of having a 'dream,' which undoubtedly was what encouraged Susan to audition for this talent show.

Just imagine if she thought that she was too old or not good enough and had allowed her 'negative self talk' to dominate her thinking. Susan would never have had the pleasure of seeing her dreams become a reality. She found the strength to have a go and take the risk to reach her dream.

What are you going to do about working towards making some of your dreams a reality?

What risks are you prepared to take? Better to have tried and failed than to never have tried at all!

Blessings,

Veronica



It's Back !



Dear Footy Fans,

If you wish to join the tipping competition please use the following steps:

Google: <https://tipping.afl.com.au/tipping/index.html#/tipping>
Click on the BLUE: Sign up Now

If you tipped last year you should be able to update your competition details, if not, start by creating your **own profile** by entering your details. Do not use your full surname just your 1st initial. Choose your tipping alias where it says username, ie: Blueslose **not your real name**, this will be displayed on the AFL tipping site. After you have done this please go to your account settings and at the bottom of the page you can opt out of receiving advertising for betting on footy.

When you have completed this stage you can then join the Woori Yallock Primary School tipping competition.

Click on: Comps
Then Click on: Join a Comp
Search for: WYPS or enter code: 2JN95W44

Results of search will show WYPS, Click **JOIN**.

This is where you get to marry up your personal profile with the Woori Yallock Primary School profile.

You should then be a member of our group competition. You may not see your alias on the list as it only displays the top 6 members but it should increase membership by 1 when you are on.

Students with any queries are welcome to come to the office and see Ellen on Wednesdays.

Good Luck !



LAUNCHING PLACE NETBALL CLUB



Registration Day Friday 3rd March

In conjunction with UPPER YARRA NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Where: Yarra Centre

Time: 4.30 - 5.30pm

Players for all age groups welcome.

Games are played on Friday nights at the Yarra Centre, starting in term 2.

Net Set Go: 5-7 years Girls and Boys

Under 9's Girls and Boys

Under 11's Girls and Boys

Under 13's Girls and Boys

Under 15's Girls

Cost: \$160

A minimum \$60 deposit per player must be paid at Registration with balance to be paid in full by the end of grading games.

UYNA also has competitions for:

Intermediate Mixed: (High School ages)

Played on Monday nights.

****New to UYNA if we can get teams together!*****

Intermediates Girls: (High School age) - Fast Fives Competition

To be played on a Friday night after the 15's age group.

Coaches and umpires needed for the upcoming season, please let us know if you're interested.

For more information/queries contact

Shelley: 0410 626 353 or

Maryann: 0419 590 766.

****For news and updates you can also find/join us on Facebook!**

Launching Place Netball Club

UPPER YARRA NETBALL ASSOCIATION JUNIOR NETBALL REGISTRATION DAY!!

where: THE YARRA CENTRE,
WARBURTON HWY,
YARRA JUNCTION

when: MARCH 3rd

time: 4.30 to 5.30pm

ages: 5 - 7yr Old

Under 9's

Under 11's

Under 13's

Under 15's

Intermediates





Woori Yallock
Township Action Group

WYTAG COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Saturday 18th March 2017

9am—1pm at WYTAG Reserve

Cnr Healesville Road & Woori Court
Woori Yallock

Do you have unwanted items to sell, yet not enough to hold your own garage sale?

Don't want the stress of holding your own garage sale?

Book a \$10 stall and make some extra \$\$\$.

COME ALONG AND BROWSE, YOU MAY EVEN PICK UP A BARGAIN.

Bookings can be made at Woori Yallock Newsagency

Contact Nicky 0400 203 389 or Rickelle 0414 657 383 for further information.



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Check website
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yarraranges.vic.gov.au/
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Fire Conditions. Please check CFA Website on the day.
Wet weather contingency - Warburton Primary School



NEWS



communities working together

Woori Yallock, Hoddles Creek, Yellingbo, Launching Place, Don Valley

February 2017

WYTAG Garage Sale
Saturday March 18, 2017
9 am - 1 pm
WYTAG Reserve
Healesville Koo Wee Rup Rd
Woori Yallock
wytag1502@gmail.com

Woori Open Day
Saturday March 25, 2017
10 am - 2 pm
Woori Community House
& WYTAG Reserve
Woori Yallock
woorihouseinc@bigpond.com

WHYLD@Wickhams
Sunday March 26, 2017
3 - 6 pm
Wickhams Reserve
Wickhams Road
Launching Place
welcome@whyld.org.au

Winter Warming
Sunday June 18, 2017
3 - 7 pm
Wickhams Reserve
Wickhams Road
Launching Place
welcome@whyld.org.au

Woori Kid's Fest
Thursday October 26, 2017
3 - 6 pm
Presbyterian Church
Healesville Koo Wee Rup Rd
Woori Yallock
woorihouseinc@bigpond.com

**Camelot Castle
Medieval Village Fair**
Sunday November 12, 2017
10 am - 4 pm
Healesville Koo Wee Rup Rd
Yellingbo
info@medievalvillagefair.org

Welcome to WHYLD country and our inaugural newsletter. WHYLD is an acronym that stands for the towns of Woori Yallock, Hoddles Creek, Yellingbo, Launching Place and Don Valley. As residents of these towns you are all considered to be part of WHYLD. The WHYLD community group have been around for a few years now, and our vision is to unite these five small towns to form a larger and more connected community. WHYLD have facilitated a number of free local events aimed at bringing residents together. This newsletter provides a snapshot of previous events with details for 2017. Keep these diary dates on the fridge as a reminder and bring the family and friends along to support your community events this year. See you soon!

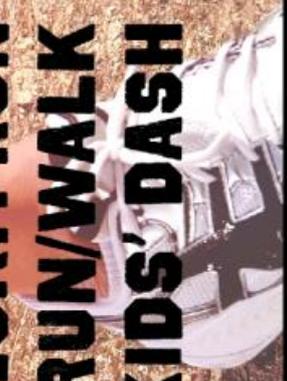
WHYLD welcome new members, so if you are interested in any of our events or activities, please feel free to contact us by email: welcome@whyld.org.au, message and please do like us on Facebook: WHYLD Community Group, or for more information visit our website: whyld.org.au.



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Catalogue on Sale Wednesday 1st March —Tuesday 7th March 2017

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Birthday SALE

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- Schweppes Soft Drink, Mineral Water or Mixers 1.25L Selected Varieties (Ambient Only) \$1.15 EA (Save from \$1.15)
- Juicy White & Yellow Peaches \$2.79 KG
- Sweet Green Seedless Grapes \$3.99 KG

CATALOGUE ON SALE WED 1 MARCH TO TUE 7 MARCH 2017



FREE DELIVERY MONDAY - FRIDAY

Orders must be in before 11.00 am to be delivered before 12 noon.

Min purchase \$40

