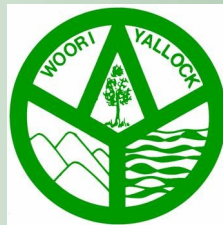


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WYPS NEWS

30th January 2020

ACROSS OLIVER'S DESK

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2020 school year.

WE'RE BACK

One of the great things about working in a school is that the start of the year is always full of excitement and full of new things. In my nine years at Woori Yallock P.S. the school has never looked better. It's been a really busy but productive January with lots of the work of our previous school council coming to fruition. The new playground has finally been built, along with new carpet, new painting, new olive trees, new building, new interactive boards and we even have three new teachers starting this week.

Jolene Clark 1/2B, Katherine Bolton 1/2C, and Elisha Dedman 5/6B have joined our growing staff. Some schools in the outer eastern suburbs have trouble recruiting talented teachers due to teachers not wanting to drive so far. We luckily do not have that issue, with lots of applicants wanting to teach at our school. I believe this is due to the high regard the school is held in educational circles. I do wish all our three new teachers a long and happy career in education. Our 65 new Preps are off to a fantastic start and are being beautifully looked after by their older buddies. I also wish them a wonderful start to their formal education. I can say with a lot of confidence that they are in the best school with the best teachers.



IMPORTANT DATES 2020

Friday 31st January
No Assembly
Thursday 6th February
New Parents Morning Tea
Monday 17th February—Friday
21st February
5/6 Wilson's Prom Camp
Friday 6th March
House Sports
Monday 9th March
Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 10th March
Preps Attend Full Time



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

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UNIFORM

A real push at the start of the year is to make sure we get our uniform right. On the first day of school we had a number of students who didn't have black shoes as a part of their uniform. It is our school rules that our uniform includes predominately black shoes, (see photo) with white or black laces. This year staff and our school council will be pushing our motto, "take pride at all times", which includes wearing your uniform correctly and with pride. Thank you again for your support of the school's uniform policy, we really look smart as a school when everyone is on board.



GRADE 5/6 CAMP

Every year our grade 5/6 students go on camp in February, (week 4 of this term) as it is a great opportunity to bond the groups together in what is such an important year of learning for both year levels. This year the 5/6 camp is to Wilsons Promontory where the students spend a week camping in one of the most idyllic spots in the world. The students will learn about endangered species, swim, learn to surf, canoe, climb Mt Oberon and do a lot of walking. Something for our senior students to already look forward to. Having been on the Prom Camp many times myself, I feel every child should visit the Prom as it is such a special place.



CHANGES TO MOBILE PHONE RULES

Last year the state government announced that there would be changes to the rules for the use of mobile phones in schools. Rules are now uniform throughout the state, any student with a mobile phone must hand the phone to the office in the morning and retrieve the phone, from the office after school. The phones will be signed in and out by office staff and will be turned off through the day. Parents who need to contact their children through the day may leave a message at the office, which will be then communicated to their child.

BUSHFIRE AT RISK REGISTER

We have been identified as a school that closes on days that are deemed to have a fire danger rating of code red (catastrophic). Luckily there haven't been any significant fires in our immediate vicinity this year considering the fires that have yet a large part of our state. See below for more information regarding our school being on the Bushfire-At Risk Register.



School procedures for the bushfire season.

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life. Schools – and children's services – identified as being at highest bushfire risk have been included on the Bushfire-At Risk Register (BARR) and will be closed on days determined by fire authorities to be Code Red.

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Our school has been identified as a school at highest bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR. Where possible, we will provide parents with up to three days notice of a planned closure following the issue of a Code Red warning by the CFA. We will contact you directly by email, SMS or letter sent home with your child with advice on planned closures and will confirm the decision to close by 12 noon the day before the planned closure.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. No staff will be on site on days when the school is closed by the risk of fire.

Out-of-school care will be cancelled on these days. School camps will be cancelled if the area where the camp is taking place is at risk. There may also be changes to school bus routes. Depending on routes, this may also occur on days when the school is not closed.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – on such days, children should never be left at home unattended or in the care of older children.

For those of us living in a bushfire-prone area, the safest option when a Code Red day is declared may be to leave the night before, or early in the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for the threat of fire we have updated our emergency management plan; reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our school grounds and gutters.

What can parents do?

Make sure your family's Bushfire Survival Plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements for your children in the event that our school is closed.

Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website, and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency plans. Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.

If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's Bushfire Survival Plan. You can access more information about school closures on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/emergencies.aspx>.

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season and Bushfire Survival Planning, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.

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WEATHER – HATS

In term 1 and term 4 our school policy is that all staff and students need to wear hats when outside at recess and lunchtime.

With the extreme heat we have been subjected to we have been ensuring all of our students are drinking enough water and that they are in the shade on some days.



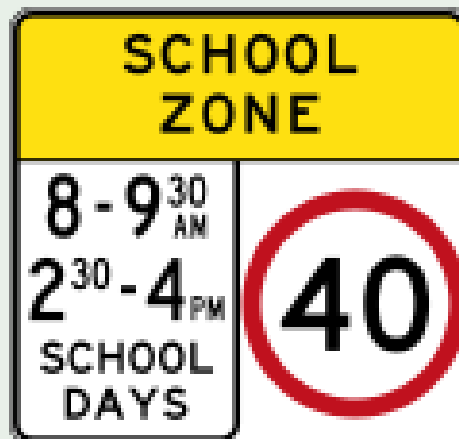
SCHOOL SPEED ZONES

A reminder to everyone now that we are back at school that the speed limit in the school speed zone during specified times from 8.00 - 9.30 am and 2.30 - 4.00 pm is 40 km/h. Each year we consistently have marked and unmarked police patrolling the stretch of road outside the school. Our new flashing signs should be a great reminder to all.

I'm looking forward to another outstanding year for our school. We have many exciting things in the pipelines which I will communicate with you throughout the year when ideas become reality. I'll see you around the school!

During the break I read a couple of great books, my favourite read this year was Dark Emu, because it was so thought provoking, the book is about Aboriginal history and how they farmed, irrigated, controlled burned the land and built dam walls. After all our summer issues with fires, there is no doubt in my mind we can learn a lot from our indigenous people.

Oliver Thockloth
Principal



A very warm welcome back to everyone as we begin a new year together for 2020. New beginnings are all always exciting. For some, there may be some nerves and trepidation as they prepare to meet new teachers, new classrooms, new schools and new friends. Then we have last year's grade 5's now becoming the seniors in the school and the Preps coming up from Kinder and beginning their journey into Primary School.

As we move through these first few weeks, let's have our eyes open to doing what our community does well. We are a community that cares; a community that goes into action when this is needed. This requires us to be sensitive and tuned into the way other people are going and may be feeling. This may only need us to ask the simple question, "How are things going for you?" It's amazing what this question may open up in the form of a conversation.

It is a powerful thing to know that others care. I know this for my own life and I have seen how transformational it can be in the lives of others. It brings people together, rather than separate and isolated. Being connected to a community/others is healthy. Our brains are hard wired that way. I believe it helps us to be better people. So the invitation is out there for you to join our weekly parent morning tea group, help out with our bi weekly Breakfast Club, help out with our Playgroup or speak to your child's teacher and ask them how you can be involved. Can I encourage you to make this step and I guarantee, you will be so pleased you did.

Next Thursday, February 6th at 9am, we will be having a special welcome morning tea for all the Prep parents and any new families who have joined our school. You will have the opportunity to learn about all the ways you can be connected to this community. I look forward to seeing you there.

Blessings,

Veronica



Chaplain's Chat

Grade 5/6 Wilson's Promontory Camp Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2020

As the camp is scheduled very early into Term 1, we will require full payment by the 10th February.

Payment Plan Schedule 1

Deposit	Due 19/11/2019	\$ 100.00
Payment 1	Due 16/12/2019	\$ 155.00
Payment 2	Due 10/02/2020	\$ 155.00
Total		\$ 410.00

Full Payment Schedule

Deposit	Due 19/11/2019	\$100.00
Payment 1	Due 10/02/2020	\$310.00
Total		\$410.00

**Grade 6, 2019 Uniform
Black Bomber Jacket & Polo Shirt
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school office

2020 NEWS



You are invited to

Morning Tea

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We would like to welcome you and your child to Woori Yallock Primary School and hope that you have had a great start to the year.

On Thursday 6th February, we would like to invite parents and guardians to a morning tea to be held in the staff room starting at 9:05am and finishing by 10:00am. It will be a great opportunity to meet and chat with new and returning parents as well as a chance for Oliver Thockloth (Principal) to talk about the school, the day-to-day running of prep and an opportunity to become involved in the Woori Yallock Parents Association.

Coffee, tea and biscuits will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you all on Thursday morning.

Oliver Thockloth
Principal



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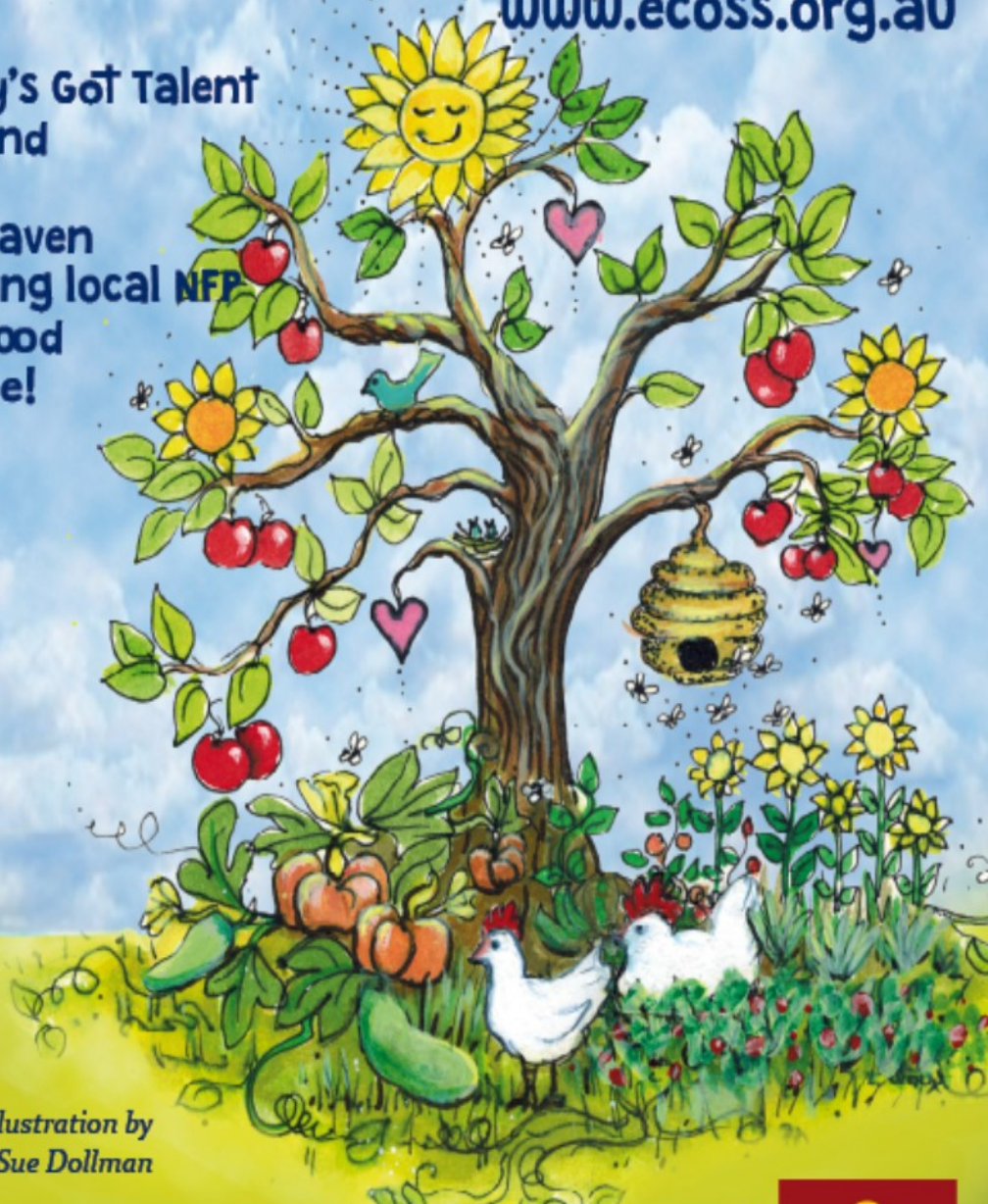
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