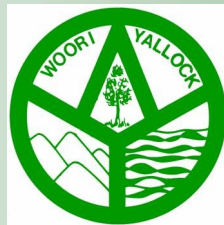


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WYPS NEWS

31st January 2019

Dear Parents,

WELCOME BACK!!!!

I love the excitement of a new school year and I would like to formally welcome our new preps, new parents, new students from other schools and new teachers who all started this week. You could definitely say that the heart of Woori Yallock had a few palpitations this week as eager students ran to meet their friends and to see their new teacher.

It's been a really busy but productive January with lots of the work of our previous school council coming to fruition. The new undercover walkway is fantastic and makes the school feel as one instead of being disjointed. The new building that will house 1/2A and 1/2B is almost ready and we finally have 40km flashing signs to make our children safer while crossing busy Healesville road. You may have also noticed our great new mural that is on the wall behind our glass entrance doors. The idea for that fabulous quote came from one of our parents Suzanne Rottinger who saw it on a facebook post and sent it to the school.

Deeon Toogood Prep D, Vicky Athey 1/2A, Rachael Cantwell 1/2C (first full year at Woori Yallock PS) Katie MacDonald 3/4B, Ashley Shanks 3/4D, Bonnie McKercher 5/6B (first full year at Woori Yallock P.S.) Natalie Potter (Business Manager) and Lily Dix (student welfare), have joined our growing staff. We are very lucky to have so much talent coming to our school. I wish all our new staff a long and happy career in the wonderful world of teaching. Our 57 new Preps have started really well but a few were disappointed that they didn't learn to read after their first day! Something for them to keep working towards though.



IMPORTANT DATES 2019

Wednesday 5th February
Information Evening
Thursday 7th February
Melbourne FC Player Visit
Friday 15th February
Curriculum Day
Wednesday 27th February -
Friday 1st March Inc.
5/6 City Camp
Monday 11th March
Labour Day Public Holiday



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

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CURRICULUM DAY

I know a lot of parents will be annoyed that we have only just returned to school and already have a curriculum day booked on **Friday 15th of February**. There is a reason for this. The Department of Education mandates that schools have four curriculum days per year. Most schools use the first two days of term one as curriculum days to help set up the year. This year we only used one day at the start of the year, we would have used two, except that our literacy consultant who we have worked with for years can only do the 15th of February. We have outstanding results at our school because we invest heavily in our teachers' development and our consultant Keay Cobbin is one of the reasons we are doing so well. I do apologise for any inconvenience the curriculum day will cause parents.

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 first, (week 5 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 the city where students get to experience lots of wonderful city excursions like the Polly Woodside and the Old Melbourne jail. The students catch public transport to everywhere they go which is a lot of learning in itself. Something for our senior students to already look forward to.

3 DAY START UP PROGRAM

We are currently in the midst of our 3 day Start Up Program in all classrooms which is designed for us to have the best possible classroom environment set up for learning. This culminates with us having a celebration at school, **Friday 1st February at 2:40pm, on the oval.**

If you are available to come and see this event that would be great.



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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. Luckily there haven't been any significant fires in our immediate vicinity this year considering the extreme heat we have experienced at times this summer. 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. 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.



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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.

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.

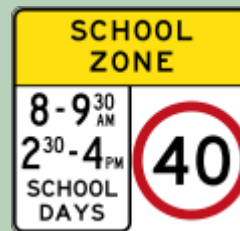


SCHOOL SPEED ZONES

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.

INFORMATION EVENING

This Wednesday, February 6th, our school will be running its annual information evening for all grade levels commencing at 6:00pm for the Preps. You will have the opportunity to attend your child's classroom and listen to their teacher speak about the exciting year of learning ahead. Each level session will be twenty minutes in duration. Information will be provided in relation to, classroom routines, homework expectations, camps and other curricula activities that have been planned for 2019. Parents will have an opportunity to ask questions towards the end of the sessions.



It is particularly a great opportunity for grade five and six parents to ask questions about the upcoming camp to the city.

| Level | Information session time |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| Preps | 6:00pm – 6:20pm |
| Grades 1 & 2 | 6:20pm – 6:40pm |
| Grades 3 & 4 | 6:40 – 7:00pm |
| Grades 5 & 6 | 7:00pm – 7:20pm |

And remember when life gets a little difficult, escape to the wonderful world of a book! I was able to read a couple of books on the holidays and loved them both.

Oliver Thockloth
Principal



Welcome Everyone!-Wellbeing Report

Supporting School Success-Wellbeing Report

Dates-

Woori Wallabies Playgroup –starting 19th Feb Tuesday 1:30-3:00pm in the Multi-purpose room

Breakfast program Tuesday & Thursday-cooking room 8:15am onwards

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

We've had a great start back to school. One of the reasons for this was seeing how well prepared the students are and the time parents have invested in setting their children up for a successful year. It's a normal reaction for some parents to feel nervous about a new school year. Some children will experience separation anxiety and so will parents. Speak to them about their worries and listen with empathy. Always acknowledge their feelings as this will give them a sense of control. Predictability is important for children to feel confident from the beginning so please be punctual at drop off and pick up time at the end of the day. Children pick up on what is being modelled so showing them that you are calm, supportive and positive will help your child feel confident and competent. Following a routine, getting plenty of sleep and eating healthily supports good physical and mental health and promote a successful school experience.

Health

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 in the classrooms. 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 a toileting accident please supply a change of underwear in your child's bag.

We have also had a number of hot days this summer 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.

Head lice will be a problem from time to time at Woori Yallock Primary School and it is important to work together as a school community to minimise the frustration caused by the problem. I ask all parents/carers to regularly screen your child and please tell us in order to minimise the concern in the school.

Attendance & Absences

We encourage parents and carers to refer to COMPASS for information happening at school. 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 and to notify the school through COMPASS. This really helps us as we are able to communicate effectively with all relevant staff early in the school day.



Supports

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.

- Students can be referred to DET psychologist or speech therapist.
- DET school nurse for general health checks including vision and hearing.
- Student counselling-students can access counselling via a mental health care plan referral from a GP. Shine Bright Psychology-counselling service for students & clinical psychologist Simone Turner.
- Eastern Health-Nutrition and Health support
- School Chaplain-Veronica Tirchett (Tues & Thurs)
- Inspiro Dental Program-
- Shire of Yarra Ranges Head Lice Program-whole school screening once per term screened by the Shire nurse.

Programs-

- Breakfast club (Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:15am onwards)
- EACH/Inspiro Health Promotion programs
- Woori Wallabies playgroup (Tuesdays 1:30pm-3:00pm)
- Outer East Interchange Sibling Respite Program (Thursdays 3:10pm-5:15pm)
- Parent Forums-Healthy Lunchboxes & strengthening families
- Gender programs including:
- 5/6 Girls Mother/Daughter event
- 5/6 Boys Father/Son event
- 5/6 Sexuality Program
- Social skills programs to small groups

We offer playgroup on Tuesday afternoons, student mentors, weekly parent coffee catch ups, parent forums, chess at lunchtime, social skills groups at recess/or lunch breaks, holiday camps for students, and many other activities throughout the year. We would love to meet you so see myself or Veronica for further information!

Intervention Programs

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

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

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

A very warm welcome back to all our families and especially our new families who have chosen this school as the best place for their children to become life long learners who are encouraged to excel and reach their personal best.

As this is our first newsletter for 2019 and with our expanding numbers, I thought I would take this time to introduce myself and let you know a bit about my role within the school as your chaplain.

I have had the pleasure and privilege of working at this school for over 12 years and really love this community. I have a son and daughter and a beautiful grand-daughter, all of whom I love to spend time with and enjoy. Along with working at the school, I also work for Yarra Ranges as a relieving Maternal and Child Health Nurse where I get to work at a number of different centres across the region. I love working alongside families, this has always been one of my passions.

Chaplains are people of faith, this underpins who I am, but it certainly doesn't mean that I use this position to preach or convert those I help to support. Chaplaincy has often been referred to as the 'ministry of presence.' I think this is a lovely description of how we get alongside and journey with families. Being present within the school community and building key relationships is core to chaplaincy and student wellbeing.

Within the school I have been involved in many areas of support, some include the following:

- Behaviour management
- Social relationship issues such as anger, peer relationships, loneliness and bullying.
- Family relationship issues.
- The development of the self – sense of meaning, purpose, self-esteem and supporting healthy mental health and wellbeing.
- School engagement and motivation.
- Pastoral care and support to the whole school community – including students, families and staff.
- Educational and small group programs to address specific needs.
- Building connections and forming partnerships with the wider community.
- Intervention and trauma support in crises and emergencies.

It must be said that my role within the school is to work closely with the Student Wellbeing Team, which consists of Oliver, Flick, Andre and our school psychologist, Simone. I feel so privileged to be part of this team and know that we only achieve the great results that we do, because we work collaboratively. The service and support we provide is confidential and we work WITH you. Your voice and needs is important. Our door is always open to any inquiry and you will never be judged or discriminated against.

For families especially wanting the support of a chaplain, you will just need to come and have a chat and complete a permission form for your child. It is always worth a conversation. Please feel free to come and have a chat about how we may be able to best support you.

I look forward to meeting you as we journey through this year together.

Blessings, *Veronica*

Chaplain's Chat



GIRL GUIDES VICTORIA AND YARRA
JUNCTION GIRL GUIDE UNIT PRESENT

GIRL GUIDE POP UP DAY

ANY GIRLS AGED 7-17 COME AND
TRY GIRL GUIDES FOR A DAY

WE WILL BE LAUNCHING A NEW
UNIT - YARRA RANGES ADVENTURE
GUIDES - AGED 13-17

COME AND HAVE YOUR SAY ON
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