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# WYPS NEWS

13th September 2018

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy few weeks at Woori but a wonderful two weeks because we again know that as a school we are doing really well with what a school should be good at, learning!



***Our interschool speech competition winners with their proud parents at the Rotary Dinner Awards Night.***

## NAPLAN

We received our NAPLAN results last week which we as a staff celebrated as they were our best results ever. Although NAPLAN has its flaws as measure of what a student can do. It is the only measure we have to compare schools. Most of our grade three and five parents would have been very pleased with how well their children went. As a school we are measured against schools that are of a similar size and demographic. We had fantastic results in all domains except for one, the highlight for us is that over the last three years against the schools we compete with the whole state, we are number one for grade three numeracy and the number two in grade five numeracy. These results are incredible. It is another example of how good our teachers are and how dedicated our students are to their learning.

## Father's Day Stall

A big thank you to our wonderful PA who ran a superb Father's Day stall last week. Thank you also to every-one who supported the stall and who helped make it such a great success. I hope all our dads had a fantastic Father's day! A particular thank you to Kellie Scott who is an unsung hero at our school.



## IMPORTANT DATES

2018

Thursday 12th September  
Parent Morning Tea  
Monday 17th September  
Hot Dog Orders must be in  
Friday 21st September  
FOOTY COLOURS DAY  
Last Day Term 3

Monday 8th October  
1st Day Term 4



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

## Education Support Staff Week

Last week we celebrated the often unsung heroes of schools as we acknowledged the significant contribution that Education Support staff (teacher aides, office staff) make to student learning and wellbeing. Woori Yallock Primary School is blessed with absolutely outstanding Education Support staff who bring significant skills and knowledge to their roles and who are passionate about making a difference to the lives of students. On behalf of all our school community, a huge thank you to all ES staff.

## Prep enrolments for 2019

We are starting to put plans in place for 2019 in regards to grade structure and staff placement. If you have a child that is going to be starting Prep next year (or know someone who does) we encourage you to get your enrolment paperwork in as soon as possible. Our numbers for next year are very good and we wouldn't like to be in the situation of having to turn people away because of a flood of last minute enrolments.

## Mathspace

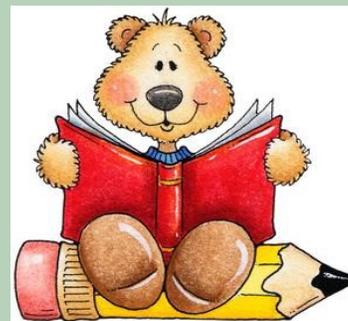
Current research states that in the next 20 years almost half of current Australian jobs are at risk of being disrupted by automation and technology. In education, we have the very real and challenging role of preparing our students for jobs that don't yet exist. One thing however, is certain - the majority of jobs of tomorrow will require strong mathematics skills and although our school is leading the way in mathematics results there is always more we can do. Westpac and Mathspace have teamed up to help assist students to develop and practice mathematical concepts and skills. Mathspace Essentials is free for everyone and you can sign up now. Mathspace Essentials is an interactive eBook. The content is aligned to the Australian Curriculum for Years 3 to 12. You can use Mathspace Essentials to revise any topic. It includes thousands of video lessons created by maths teachers, and more than 30,000 interactive practice questions with step-by-step hints.

'Mathspace Essentials, the link to sign up is: [www.mathspace.co/wespac/educator/](http://www.mathspace.co/wespac/educator/)

## Production

I really hope you enjoyed this week's production of "The Jungle Book" and I also hope you notice how much work goes into the production. Lots of schools only do production biannually, we do it every year because of the research that states how beneficial it is for students' engagement, connectedness to their school and literacy outcomes. A big thank you to the following people who went above and beyond with their help to make sure the production was a success.

- Sara- Jane Vaughan for directing and producing the show.
- Chery Sinclair and Michele Callaway for all the props and costumes, (they are both amazing for the amount of time they give up for us).
- Michele Teklenburg for making a number of the senior school lead actor costumes.
- Sheena Theobald for making a number of the junior school lead actor costumes.



- Libby Bemrose for putting the program together.
- Clive McArthur for doing everything to do with sound and music.
- Ellen Lague for doing the massive job of ticketing, particularly this year when technical issues beyond her control went wrong.
- Amy Cleary for doing the lights.
- Sandy for just doing what Sandy does and always pitching in and helping out with everything that the school does.

Last but not least all the WYPS staff for all of their help and creating the dances for their grades.

Have a great week!

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

Oliver Thockloth  
Principal



## Supporting School Success!-Wellbeing Report

Dates-

Woori Wallabies Playgroup –starting back 9<sup>th</sup> October  
(Tuesdays) 1:30-3:00pm

Kinder transition dates-

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 9-10:45am

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 9-10:45am

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 9-10:45am

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



### A Goldie for a Farmer!

We had many stylish farmers turn up last week where we raised \$514.25 for the farmers. Fantastic effort everyone!



### The Jungle Book-Production Fever!

It's show time and we are so proud of all our students who are very excited to show you our Production, The Jungle Book. There have been tears and fears along the way but it's satisfying to see student's overcome personal challenges and learn new skills. A massive thank you to everyone who has worked tirelessly behind the scenes, the quality of our costumes and props will bring a level of excellence to the show. Great job staff and parents!



## Kinder Transition/Enrolments 2019

Last week we had a fantastic morning with our future Prep's. Transition experiences build on the previous school visits and provide a great opportunity to build children's and parents confidence about future learning. If you know of anyone looking to enrol his or her child please give our Office a call to schedule a tour. Our next transition day will be on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> of October, 9-10:45am.



## Social Skills Resilience-



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)!



## Lunches

We have some children complaining that they are starving at break times. If children are hungry this really impacts on their concentration, moods and learning. When the weather is cold our bodies burn more energy to stay warm so please talk to your kids and adjust their lunchboxes accordingly. My advice is to always send extra food and then parents can monitor hunger levels and have conversations about nutrition.

## Attendance

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!

## School Notices & Parent Consent forms

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



### **ES Celebration**

A massive thank you to all of our Education Support staff who work tirelessly at school. Our ES team help strengthen the educational outcomes by working in a variety of areas including the intervention programs, classroom and office.

### **Medication**

For children who need medication, our office ladies, Lani, Ellen and Libby or the teacher administer treatment. Parents need to bring medication before school to the office and complete a medication form.

### **Second Hand Uniform**

Veronica and I accept and appreciate all second hand uniform donations. All funds raised support our school breakfast program. Your generosity allows all our children to have a healthy start to the day. Keep it coming!

### **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!

### **Head lice Update**

All families need to continue to be vigilant and screen their children's hair. A number of cases have been reported to the school. Please notify the office or tell your child's teacher when you treat your child so lice alert notes can be sent home. The Shire of Yarra Ranges School Nurse will screen all our students next term.

**Reminder - any child found with live lice will be excluded from school until they are treated.**

### **Intervention Programs & Fast 4Word at Home**

Students are thriving in their support programs. Many classrooms are using the Fast for Word program and many families have expressed an interest in their child accessing the program at home. Last year the feedback I had from families was extremely positive, parents were pleased to see their children's enthusiasm and they were motivated to do the activities. If you would like to know more about our intervention programs please talk to Michele, teachers or myself about your child's progress in-

- LLI
- Quick Smart Literacy
- Quick Smart Numeracy



## Woori Wallabies Playgroup

Woori Wallabies Playgroup is open to anyone in the community every Tuesday from 1:30pm-3:00pm. This week is our our last formal session however I am aiming to start week 2 next term. Thanks for supporting us and I look forward to challenging our parents with our craft themes, you are all too clever! We welcome parents to sit and join in with our activities and share in the fun and the pleasure of experiencing our playgroup. Remember, Veronica and myself can help support you with any parenting worries.

## Production Highlights!



Primary Welfare Officer  
Andre Campbell

# Chaplain's Chat

Today is National RU OK? Day. A day that has been set aside to raise the awareness of those who are struggling with life. It's to remind us of the fact how a simple conversation could change a life. R U OK?'s vision is a world where we're all connected and are protected from suicide.

The mission of RU OK? is to inspire and empower everyone to meaningfully connect with people around them and offer support to anyone who is struggling with their mental health.

Their goals are to:

1. Boost our confidence to meaningfully connect and ask about life's ups and downs
2. Nurture our sense of responsibility to regularly connect and support others
3. Strengthen our sense of belonging because we know people are there for us
4. Be relevant, strong and dynamic

What we do know, is that when people feel connected to others, that this is a strong protective factor for our health and wellbeing. When we take the time to ask others, "Are you ok?" and really listen, we have the opportunity to help people struggling with life, feel connected long before they even think about ending their life. It's simple really, it all comes down to regular, face-to-face, meaningful conversations about life. Asking, "Are you ok?" is definitely a great place to start. What a powerful message to convey to another, that you have concerns about their wellbeing and communicate that you care.

This is one of the reasons that I really love our PMT (Parent Morning Tea), chats each Tuesday and Thursday morning. It is a space where we can all stop, get to know each other better and hear some of the stories of the happenings of our lives, both challenging and good. We listen and we care about each other. I love that this care of each other extends beyond the morning tea time. I have heard amazing stories this year about how members in the group have gone over and above to help each other through some difficult times. I was blown away! As great as the coffee and biscuits are, how much more valuable is the culture of love, care and support that has evolved by spending some time to personally connect with each other. Priceless!

Please see the following website for further information,  
<https://www.ruok.org.au>

Finally: "Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless." Mother Teresa

Blessings,

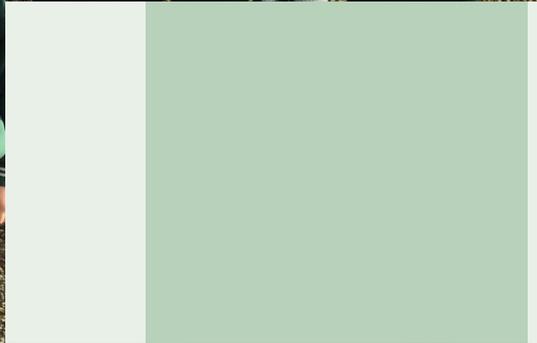
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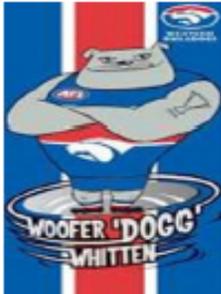


# Award Winners for 2018



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# FOOTY DAY

Friday 21st September

Support your favourite team by wearing your team colours all day !!

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Orders must be in by Monday 17th

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BARRY 'BROOSER' CRACKER



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