

## WONTHAGGI PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - 5th August 2024

Our School Core Values: BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE A LEARNER



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

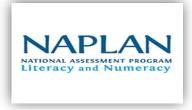
Our Grade 6 students recently entered the Parliament Prize, with their 90 second responses to the question: What would you say to

Parliament if you were a Member of Parliament?' The student's responses covered a range of topics from Mental Health to

facilities in our local area. Late last week, we were notified that, as a

cohort, our Grade 6s had been awarded the Alicia Katz Parliament Prize! The Alicia Katz award is named after the first woman to run for the Parliament of Victoria, and is presented to the school that together, had made inspiring contributions, showing a strong commitment to a diverse

range of issues. Six students will accompany Janine Wynen to Parliament House next Monday to receive recognition of their contributions and a \$1000 prize.



Our Grade 3 and 5 students recently participated in the online NAPLAN assessment program. We always talk to our students about NAPLAN results as feedback to the school about what we are doing well and highlighting areas that we need to look more closely at. As you would be aware, we have spent considerable time over the past few years, developing and refining our schoolwide Instructional Model, along with providing high level

support and professional learning resources to ensure that all staff feel equipped to best meet the needs of all students. We believe that our outstanding results reflect that work.

### As an overview:

## Our Year 3s

 Performed well above students in similar and network schools in all areas: Grammar and Punctuation, Numeracy, Reading, Spelling and Writing.

## Our Year 5s

- Performed like network schools and above similar schools in Grammar and Punctuation.
- Performed above similar schools in Spelling.
- Performed well above similar and Network schools Numeracy, Reading and Writing.

\* Similar schools are those schools that have a similar student population and economic setting.

\*Network Schools are schools that are based within the Gippsland Region.

## Continued .....

We Acknowledge the Bunurong people as the Traditional Custodians of this land on which we work, live and play. We recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community. We Pay respect to Elders past, present and future.



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL—Continue

We are also proud of the positive results in the 'needs additional support' category across all areas of Year 3s and Year 5s. We attribute this shift to:

- Our internal, explicitly planned Learning Intervention Programs that involve both Teachers and Education Support Staff under the direction of our Instructional Leader, Megan Leversha.
- Implementation of the Sounds Write phonics work. This program can only happen when all staff commit to the extensive training and professional learning that is core to its effectiveness.

While NAPLAN focuses on a child's understanding in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar, Punctuation and Numeracy on a given day, it certainly doesn't measure everything that makes a student unique.



The Parent Opinion Survey opens this week. This is a confidential opportunity for families to provide feedback to the school about what we are doing well and where parents see our areas for improvement and development.

The survey takes about 15 minutes to complete and is confidential. At the end of the Parent Opinion Survey, we receive the collated data and then work through the

information at a whole staff level so that we can continue to improve how we operate and communicate.

Please see the Compass notification for more information and log in details. Last year we had under 20 families respond to the survey, which was a jump from 3 families in 2022. I'm hoping that this year we can see many more families take time to participate in the survey!



Welcome to WPS, Sonya Teys, who is currently studying Art Therapy at Latrobe University. Sonya is working with us over the coming term and is inviting parents to make contact if they believe that their child might benefit from the program.

What is Art Therapy? Art Therapy is an alternative or complementary approach to traditional "talk therapy," involving activities such as drawing, painting, sculpting, or creating collages during sessions. These activities facilitate

non-verbal communication and engage the right side of the brain, allowing a deeper connection with inner aspects of oneself. This process fosters personal growth, insight, healing, and transformation.

What are the benefits of Art Therapy? Art Therapy can enhance self-esteem, increase self-awareness, and deepen self-understanding. It can also improve connections with others and assist in developing confidence and language skills at their own pace.

Sonya has developed a detailed information pamphlet for families which will be available via Compass. If you have any questions about the Art Therapy program, please introduce yourself to Sonya or contact Bridget O'Keefe, Wellbeing and Inclusion Coordinator, either in person, via phone message or email the school: <a href="mailto:wonthaggi.ps@education.vic.gov.au">wonthaggi.ps@education.vic.gov.au</a> Sonya will be available for a chat at the front gate (Billson Street) most mornings and afternoons.

Warm Regards, *Wendy Truett* Principal



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## TERM 3

AUG Mon 19th - Frid 23rd AUG Wednesday 21st

SEPT Thursday 12th SEPT Thursday 19th SEPT Friday 20th

## TERM 4

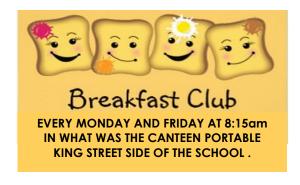
OCT Monday 7th NOV Tuesday 5th DEC Friday 20th

- Children's Book Week. (see page 5 for more information).
- Whole school Children's Book Week parade at 9.05am on the basketball courts at the front of the school. (see page 5 for more information).
- Division Athletics at Casey Fields Athletics Complex. See Compass Event.
- Grade 2 Camp Day to Phillip Island-9am to 8pm. See Compass Event.
- Last Day of Term 3 dismissal at 2:30pm.
- First Day of Term 4.
- Melbourne Cup Public Holiday.
- Last Day of Term 4 early dismissal at 1.30pm.

## **ASSEMBLY DATES AND TIMES:**

Subject to change

AUGUST Monday 19th at 2:45pm. SEPTEMBER Monday 2nd & 16th at 2:45pm.



# SCHOOL COUNCIL & SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**AUGUST 2024** 

#### Finance

Wednesday 14th August - 3:45pm.

## **Buildings and Grounds**

Wednesday 14th August - 4:00pm.

### **School Council Meeting**

Tuesday 27th August - 6:00pm.

some beautiful Artwork
on display in the front
office for all to enjoy.
It is hard to
photograph, so if you
drop by the office,
check them out.

The set is called

Fire and Grass By Jack W - 2B





## SCHOOL VALUE AWARDS TERM 4 Wk. 2 & 3

# Students who received an award for respecting our School Values of Be Safe - Be a Learner - Be Respectful

CLASS	STUDENT		
FA	Nash F & Kye H		
FB	Saige M		
FC	Emma M & Gwen T		
1A	Charlie R & Aston P		
1B	Harrison L		
2A	Roko I		
2B	Kalani D & Arthur B		
2C	Ryder P & Ariella M		
3B	Hunter B & Jacob D		
3C	Ruby P & Arthur T		

CLASS	STUDENT		
4B	Kaleb B & Ruby R		
4C	Hannah S		
5B	Zaviar P & Charlie G		
6A	Sonny C & Alexander O		
6B	Hendrix S & Destany S		
6C	Malin K & Zara B		

SPECIALIST	STUDENT	
Art	skylah T	
Science (Karyn)	Mia S. & Harper P	





## READING AWARDS

## 50, 75 & 100 NIGHTS READING AWARDS

**00B**—Sophia (50), Audrey (50), Henry (50), Leo (50), Stella (50), Shayna (100), Lila (100) & Zayn (100)

2C-Matilda C (100), Ryder W (100) & Etta O (100)

3B - Ziggy O (over 150) 3C-Zara C (100)



## Book Week, 2024: Reading is Magic!

Children's Book Week falls between the 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> August. We will hold a parade on Wednesday morning at 9.05 on the basketball courts (if it is raining, we will work out an alternative). Students are to head to their classrooms as normal in the morning and they will be marked on Compass by their teachers, before moving out to the basketball courts with their grades. Families are welcome to join us on the basketball courts to wave and cheer.

Students have the option to

- a. Dress up as something to do with a book.
- b. Wear their school uniform and bring a prop that reminds them of a book. Bring their favourite book or two.

Our main goal is to just celebrate our love of literacy!

We look forward to celebrating book week with our students and families. Here is some more information:



CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK®, 2024 With our 2024 Children's Book Week theme; Reading is Magic, we're celebrating reading stories and their amazing power to transport minds. We are encouraging kids to be curious about the wonders in our world. It is a positive and affirming message for our young people. The magic of reading also lies in its power of enticement; a good story provokes conversations. Talking about the stories with others connects the reader with other readers. Wrapped around all of this are the "tricks" and skills of our amazing writers and illustrators, as they use all their powers of language and illustration to engage the reader in this world they are building.



## IN ART

On July 25th, our Year 5 students travelled to the National Gallery of Victoria in Melbourne to see the Winter Masterpieces 'Pharaoh' exhibition.

When we arrived at the gallery, we were given a mini-lesson by NGV educator Amy, who shared her knowledge of the Pharaohs with us. We then made our way down to the main gallery where we entered the exhibition.

Each of the four main rooms in the exhibition represented the sun rising and setting over a period of one day. This meant that the first and last room were a lot darker and ambient. It almost felt like we were in an ancient Egyptian tomb!

We learnt about the Pharaohs and their roles in overseeing day-to-day Egyptian life and saw all kinds of artifacts such as jewellery, statues, paintings, hieroglyphics and even two sarcophaguses for mummies. Many of the items were almost 3000 years old!

We finished our excursion with a packed lunch from the NGV, which we happily ate in the great hall below the stained-glass roof before the long bus-ride home.

A special mention must be made to our students. They were very respectful of other people in the gallery and represented our school with pride. Well done, Year 5! We are very proud of you.

A big thank you to the NGV for having us and to Ms Truett, Miss Rose, Miss Piper, Phil T and Taryn for joining us for our excursion; it was such a fantastic day that I am sure we will be a highlight of 2024 for many of us!



Mr. Parker Art Teacher









## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

## HOLLYWOOD NIGHTS MAJOR FUNDRAISER

Tickets Selling Fast!

Join us on Saturday 7th September for a film -themed night of trivia, games and live music! Tickets are limited and moving fast so jump online and secure your spot!

Book yourself a spot, or book as a table of 10 - all are welcome to come along. This includes extended community, friends and families, especially movie buffs!

You can book your tickets at the office or directly here: <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1264597">https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1264597</a>

All proceeds will be going to upgrade our gymnasium, so grab your ticket, and let's raise some money!

Any questions at all, email Sierra at wpsfundraising@gmail.com

## Raffle Tickets - Next Week

To accompany our Major Fundraiser this year we have a pretty special raffle with some awesome prizes. Business across the region have jumped at the opportunity to support

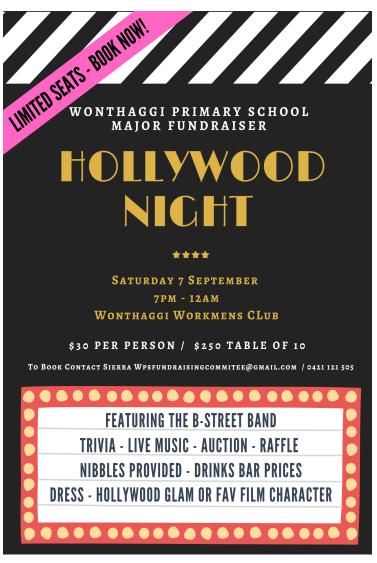
our school, and that's saying something! If you can follow WPS on Facebook, we're going to start plugging all these local champions so you know who they are. Last year our raffle brought in around \$5k, and we want to break that record!

We're going to need all hands on deck! Not everyone can attend fundraisers and buy raffle tickets, but you can still help. By asking your friends, families and neighbours if they'd like to buy a ticket, you'll be making an important contribution. Fundraising is a group effort and only works when everyone participates however they can. We value all support of any kind!

THANK YOU for being such a wonderful and supportive school community.

Let's keep kicking goals in 2024!

The Fundraising Committee





# Wednesdays

#### What is Nude Food?

Nude Food is food without excess packaging. It is food that comes to school without disposable packaging such as extra plastic bags, soft plastic, paper bags, wrappings or cling wraps.

We encourage you to package snacks and lunches in durable, reusable containers. They are a great way to bring food and keep it fresh, promote healthy eating, provide long term cost savings and environmental benefits with reduced packing and waste.



By reducing the amount of excess packaging this will reduce the amount of waste that needs to go in our bins to be sent to landfill.



- AVOID cling-wrap, zip-lock or plastic bags, foil, single use cutlery or pre-packaged foods.
- Involve children in packing/making their own lunch and snacks – they're more likely to eat it.
- Many snack items can be bought in bulk and decanted into smaller reusable containers. This can reduce packaging and save money.

#### **Examples of Nude Food**

Nude Food includes a wide array of options, as long as there is no extra packaging. This could include:

- A sandwich in a reusable container
- A sectioned lunch box with snacks in compartments
- Yoghurt in a reusable container
- Muesli bars and snack in reusable containers and wraps
- Fruit and berries in a reusable container



## **BOOK CLUB LOOP**

Book Club is now ordered completely online via the Book club Loop for Parents.

Regular monthly order catalogues are sent home with your child, however all orders are now to be placed online via the Book Club Loop for Parents.

No orders can be taken via the school.

Simply head to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP Create an account and add your child/ren for easy ordering at your leisure.

You can also download the Book Club Loop App from your Android or Apple Playstore.

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## **Book Club LOOP**

for Parents





LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, LOOP makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our iPhone and iPad app from the App Store or get it on Google Play for Android.

- For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogues
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic, Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date
- There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on HELP in





ALL ORDERS ARE TO BE PLACED ONLINE NO ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE. THANK YOU

## LUNCH ORDERS

Gomathy's Kitchen is the supplier of our lunch orders at school. Made fresh on the day.

Lunch orders are provided on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and all orders must be in by 8pm the day before the lunch order is required. This is due to the fact that lunch orders are made fresh on the day of delivery.





Orders are place via the Spriggy Schools App available via your Android or Apple play store.

To learn more about Gomathy's Kitchen visit their facebook page at https:// www.facebook.com/foodbygomathy/



### PLEASE ORDER BY 8PM THE DAY BEFORE

(eg. by 8pm Sunday for Lunch on Monday) FOR ANY FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT RAJ 0477 265 116

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## UNIFORM ORDERING



## Wonthaggi primary school UNIFORM ORDERING

## STATE SCHOOLS' RELIEF - Online Ordering

All Wonthaggi Primary School uniforms are ordered via the State Schools' Relief online uniform shop at;-

https://ssr-online-store.myshopify.com/ collections/wonthaggi-primary-school

Online orders are delivered directly to your home. There is an \$8.80 shipping cost.

Uniforms can also be purchased at their shop in Dandenong see address below.



## WONTHAGGI PRIMARY SCHOOL - Hats and Bags

Hats and bags are available directly from the office at school and can be purchased by cash or eftpos at the counter or over the phone on 03 5672 1600.





Hats \$10.00

Bags \$50



## WONTHAGGI PRIMARY SCHOOL

18 Billson Street Wonthaggi Vic 3995 Phone: 03 5672 1600

Email: Wonthaggi.ps@education.vic.g.ov.au



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## 🗦 Bookings now open! 🗧

	Monday - Friday Hours of Operation	Fees before Child Care Subsidy*	Out-of-pocket free after Child Care Subsidy**
Before School Care (BSC)	7:00 AM to 9:00 AM	\$25.00	\$3.36
After School Care (ASC)	3:30 PM to 6:00 PM	\$30.00	\$3.00
Pupil Free Day	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM	\$75.00	\$7.50
Holiday Program***	N/A	N/A	N/A

\*Standard fee costs leaforn Child Care Subsidy | \*\* Standard fee costs after maximum Child Care Subsidy | \*\*\* Standard fee costs excluding incursions/excursions

#### Cancellation Fees

(No Child Care Subsidy applied to Cancellation Fees,

BSC/ASC within 48 Hours of session start time: \$5.00

Holiday Program within 5 days of session start time: \$10.00

Same day cancellation fee is out-of-pocket session fee.

#### Late Booking Fees

(Child Care Subsidy is applied to Late Booking Fees,

BSC/ASC within 48 Hours of session start time: \$5.00

Holiday Program: book less than 5 Days from

the session start time fee is \$10.00

#### Late Pick-up Fees

(Child Care subsidy does not apply to Late Pick-up Fees)

\$1 per minute after service close time.

To register visit theircare.com.au



Service Phone number

Your service Coordinator will be available during session times.



# TERM 3 LUNCHTIME CLUBS

## Monday

Dance Club - SLC

Sports Club - Gym/Oval

## Tuesday

Quiet Activities Club - Rm 7

ICT Club - SLC

## Wednesday

Wheels Club - Front of School

Juggling Club - Gym

## **Thursday**

Art Club - Art Room

Science Club - Science Room

## Friday

Lego Club - Rm 1

Basketball Club - Gym

## Reminders

All clubs will occur in the first half of lunch.

Make sure you listen out for the announcements!!

## Southern Gippsland Junior Football Competition | BIG ANNOUNCEMENT UNDER 12 GIRLS EXHIBITION GAME

We are pleased to announce that there will be an U12 Girls Exhibition Game on Sunday, August 25th at 9.00 am on SGJFC Grand Final Day.

This opportunity is available for girls born in 2012, 2013, and 2014.

No club affiliation is required to participate in this game.

If you wish to participate kindly complete the form by scanning the provided QR Code or by the link below.

Please indicate whether you are a part of the West or East team when registering.

Registration Link. <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/234uLVrnJ6">https://forms.office.com/r/234uLVrnJ6</a>

Kind regards,

Bobbie Lee Blay
Operations Manager
Southern & West Gippsland Junior Football Competition
0417 035 913











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Parentzone offers free online education and support sessions to all families in the region regardless of your situation. For more information or to discuss our programs please contact us on: parentzone.gippsland@anglicar evic.org.au
P: (03) 5135 9555

## Communicating

Date: 27rd July 2024 When: 12pm-2pm Where: ZOOM

https://forms.office.com /r/Jb5LZsJGsP

## Parenting Tweens & Teens

Date Wednesday 17/07/2024 Time: 12:30pm - 2:30pm Where: 700M

#### Bookings

https://forms.office com/r/BZ27Xj9v4k

#### Lets Talk about Parenting

Date: 7th August 2024 When: 10am-12 pm Where: ZOOM

https://forms.office.com/ /A9vSJ0ebax

#### **Tuning Into Kids**

Date: 29th July 2024 Time: 7pm - 9pm Where: ZOOM

#### <u>Bookings</u>

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#### Bringing up Great Kids

Date: 23rd July 2024 When: 10am-12pm Where: ZOOM Bookings

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## PARENTZONE



#### **Bringing up Great Kids**

Recommended for parents and carers of children aged 2-10 years of age

Bringing up Great Kids (BUGK) parenting program is a mindful parenting program which gives parents the skills to slow down and respond to children in a calm and relaxed manner, leading to less stress in their lives and positive changes in their children's behaviour.

The BUGK program supports parents as they explore what influences their parenting practices, and the messages their passing onto their children.

When: Tuesday 23/07/2024 - 27/08/2024 Time: 10:00am- 12:00pm Where: ZOOM

To Register Click the link or scan the code



#### Supporting School Engagement and Connection

For carents and carers with children in primary school and into year 7

During this 6-week program we discuss the complexities facing parents trying to get children to school and staying there for the day. Discussions such as separation anxiety, social development and inclusion, how to work with and build on your child's resilience. Work on effective communication and positive reinforcements and dealing with your own feelings and stressors regarding this challenging time.

These are interactive sessions with parents and caregivers who all understand the position you are in. When: Thursday 25/07/2024 - 29/08/2024 Time: 12:30pm-2:30pm Where: ZOOM

To Register Click the link or scan the code https://forms.office.com/r/Hgz3Lwg5ep



PARENT/ONE



https://forms.office.com/r/ HSRVFwiVbp

## School Student Broadband Initiative

An Australian Government initiative powered by **nbn** 

# Are you eligible for free nbn broadband at home until December 2025?



Scan the QR for more information.

## You might be eligible if you:

- have a school-aged child
- have no active nbn broadband connection or have not disconnected in the last 14 days. Having the internet on a mobile phone is ok
- live in a premises that is serviced by the nbn network

## To check your eligibility, or to get help using your voucher:

- Ontact the National Referral Centre 1800 954 610 (Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm AEDT)
- www.anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet
  - Callback, webchat, translating and interpreting services are available.





24/25 SEASON

We are thrilled to announce that the upcoming 24/25 season will see the Starfish Nippers program return for its second year, running alongside our Nippers program!

WHERE IS IT?

@ Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club

Sessions will be running from 9am - 12pm on the following days:

- December: 27, 28, 29, 30, 31
- · January: 2, 3, 4, 5
- Nipper competition: 11th Jan



#### WHAT IS STARFISH NIPPERS?

Starfish Nippers is a fantastic initiative aimed at providing a safe and inclusive beach experience for children of all abilities. This program aims to create a supportive and inclusive environment where every child can participate, grow, and have fun.

#### WHY JOIN STARFISH NIPPERS?

#### INCLUSIVE

To ensure the program suits each participant, we work on adapting the program to each individual's needs

#### BEACH SAFETY AND WATER AWARENESS

The program offers young children with a disability an opportunity to develop essential water safety skills, gain confidence in the ocean environment, and learn basic surf life- saving techniques.

#### POSITIVE AND FUN ENVIRONMENT

The program promotes physical activity, teamwork, and a sense of community within the surf life

#### HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

Express your interest? Head to <a href="https://islsc.org.au/lifesaving/education/starfish-nippers/">https://islsc.org.au/lifesaving/education/starfish-nippers/</a> to express your interest in the program and ask any further questions you have before signing up. You will receive an email from starfish@ISLSC.org.au with more information about the program.

Enrolments will open on August 1st and close on November 30th 2024 unless filled prior. Don't hesitate to spread

ord and share this poster with anyone who might be interested





## Leongatha **Scout Group**

Joey Scouts are amazing! Check them out for your child!

Joey Scouts are girls and boys aged 5-7. Wednesday 4.30 pm

They enjoy adventure, imagination, and being outdoors during their weekly one-hour meeting, and occasional sleepovers and camps.

Less screens - and more action, more fun, more friends, and more social skills!

## **Enquiries:**

gl.leongatha@scoutsvictoria.com.au Karrie Whitten 0427 456 575





## **REGISTER TODAY IN 3 EASY STEPS:**



Download the Ritchies App, or go to loyalty. ritchies.com.au and click the 'register' button.

Complete the registration with your email address or mobile number.

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A 'onetime passcode' will be sent to your email address or an SMS will be sent to your mobile number. (If registered by phone number) Key in the 6 digit code to activate your account.



Login to your newly created account to select your favourite Club, School, or Charity from the Community page.

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#### WALLET **FEATURE**

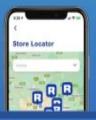
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