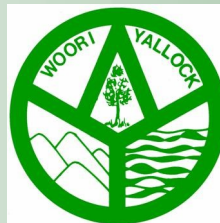


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WYPS NEWS

1st February 2018

Dear Parents,

WELCOME BACK!!!!

Welcome back to another exciting year at WYPS!

I hope that you had a great relaxing summer holiday with friends and family. It has been a great start to the year with excited staff and students getting straight into our start up program.

As a community we need to extend a big welcome to some new staff, students and parents. Sheridan Eagleton grade 1/2A, Sophie Young grade 1/2D, Sara-Jane Vaughan 5/6C, Olivia McAlpine Prep B, Ashley Gibbons P/E, Mel Noorbergen teacher aide, and Josie Venville teacher aide, have joined our growing staff. We are very lucky to have so much talent coming to our school. – I hope you really enjoy your time at WYPS. Our 48 new Preps have made a fantastic start to life at primary school. They look so wonderful in their beautiful new uniforms and have already impressed their new teachers. As well as our new Preps we have some new students starting across the rest of the school. A big welcome to Keira Riggins, Ruby Gates, Molly Gates, Selena Wilkinson, Malachi Wilkinson, Ruben Hurley, Ryan Harrington and Kaitlyn Harrington!

‘TAKE PRIDE AT ALL TIMES’

You will have noticed over the holidays that we have had all five bathrooms in the school renovated and a new staff toilet built, these decisions were taken through our school council last year. We also had bag pigeon holes built for our 3/4 students and a wall installed to divide a 3/4 and a 5/6 classroom. We will also be putting up a new back board on the basketball court. We are continuing to strive to present our school in the best way possible for our school community.



IMPORTANT DATES

2018

Wednesday 7th February

- Information Evening

Monday 12th February

- 5/6 Wilsons Prom Camp

Friday 16th February

- Return from Camp

Monday 5th— Friday 9th March

Inspiro Dental Visit

Friday 16th March

-House Sports Day

Monday 19th March -

Thursday 29th March

- Swimming Program

- Grades 1—6

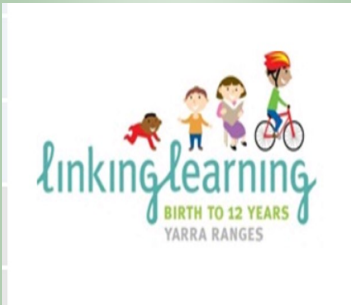
Thursday 29th March

- Last Day Term 1

Friday 30th March

- Good Friday

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



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2018

The focuses for our school in 2018 are the following:

- Writing
- Reading
- Assessment
- Our school values
- Presentation of the school
- Student Leadership

We are really excited as a staff with what we are going to achieve with our students this year.

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. Last year school council debated our uniform rules and decided 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

Excitingly it is not long now until our grade 5/6 students head down to Wilson's Promontory for a week of fun and learning.

The timing of this camp is fantastic as it will set up our 5/6 team for a brilliant year.

3 DAY START UP

We are currently in the midst of our 3 day start up 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 this Friday from 2.15pm. 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 this summer.

See below for more information regarding our school being on the Bushfire-At Risk Register.

School procedures for the bushfire season

The way schools in Victoria respond to bushfires is being constantly revised. 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.
- 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.





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- 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

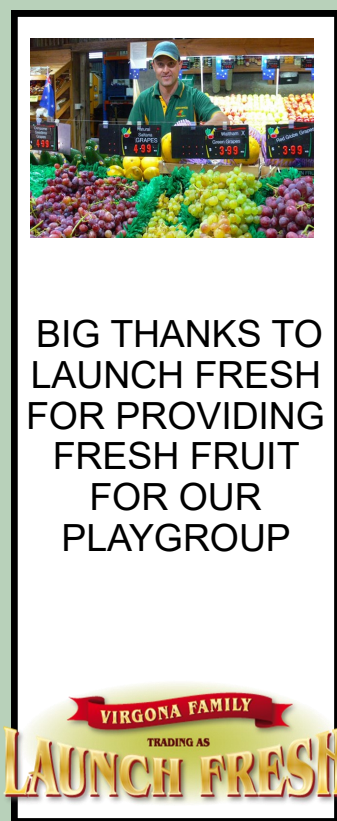
A reminder to everyone now that we are back at school that the speed limit in the school speed zone during specified times from 8.00 - 9.30 am and 2.30 - 4.00 pm is 40 km/h. Each year we consistently have marked and unmarked police patrolling the stretch of road outside the school.

INFORMATION EVENING

This Wednesday, February 7th, our school will be running its annual information evening for all grade levels commencing at 6:00pm. 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 2018. Parents will have an opportunity to ask questions towards the end of the session.

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

Level	Information session time
Preps	6:00pm – 6:20pm
Grades 1 & 2	6:25pm – 6:45pm
Grades 3 & 4	6:50 – 7:10pm
Grades 5 & 6	7:15pm – 7:35pm



And remember when life gets a little difficult, escape to the wonderful world of a book! I'm currently reading Peter Fitzsimons book, Burke and Wills. I'm very glad I wasn't part of that expedition in 1860.

Oliver Thockloth
Principal

Chaplain's Chat

A warm welcome back to all our families as we begin a new and exciting year at Woori Yallock Primary School. We are all geared up and ready to start 2018 in a positive and enthusiastic way.

One of the many things I love about our community, is that we are a community that cares about each other. We walk along side each other and go the extra mile to help and support in any way we can.

For those new to the school, my name is Veronica and I am your chaplain. I am part of a dynamic wellbeing team that are particularly focused on getting to know our families and then seeing what we can do to assist. I am really passionate about changing the culture to one where it is "OK" to ask for help. We all go through a range of challenges in our life and we were not meant to suffer or go through these on our own. We count it a real privilege to let families know that we are here for them. No matter how big or small that challenge may be. So please come and see us anytime all it takes is a conversation.

Just a reminder that we have a FREE Breakfast Program that operates each Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8 – 8.50 am where a number of healthy options are available for our students. We also have a weekly Parent Morning Tea that meets each Thursday straight after Breakfast Club. This is a warm and friendly space where you can meet other parents and feel connected to the Woori Community.

I am available, as a chaplain, to offer support sessions with your child, if there is the need. You will need to come and have a chat and then fill out a parent permission form. I work within the school on a Tuesday and Thursday.

We also have some second hand uniforms available for students and are happy to accept out grown items in good condition that can be recycled on to others. Costs of second hand items are kept to a minimum to help families.

Looking forward to seeing you all around the school.

Blessings,

Veronica

Parents!

There are loads of unclaimed lost items at school. Please come in and have a search for your child's items

Any unclaimed clothing will be recycled by Veronica through our second hand uniform initiative.





VISION

Strengthening the Upper Yarra community to enable all children 0-14 years to thrive and reach their full potential.

PURPOSE

The Upper Yarra Partnership will lead engagement and activation of key stakeholders to build stronger and connected services and schools that are responsive to the needs of children and families across the Upper Yarra from Woori Yallock to Warrumburn.

WHY?

UPPER YARRA: OUR COMMON CHALLENGE

The Upper Yarra region is an area of natural beauty, however, pockets of the Upper Yarra community experience high levels of challenging social and economic circumstances. Residents are impacted by many of the issues that are typically associated with living in a regional area, such as a lack of public transport, social isolation, and limited access to services. Almost 20% of children in the area are developmentally vulnerable when they start school and the Upper Yarra has the highest rate of family violence referrals in the Eastern Metropolitan Region. There is a need for schools and services to work closely together to support families to gain aspirations and find better outcomes for their children.

Upper Yarra Includes:

Woori Yallock, Launching Place, Hoddles Creek, Don Valley, Yarra Junction, Gladysdale, Warrumburn, Millgrove, Warrumburn and surrounding townships.

WHO?

PARTNERING ORGANISATIONS

- Yarra Ranges Council
- Department of Education & Training
- Eastern Domestic Violence Service
- Cire Services
- Yarra Ranges Kindergartens Inc
- Eastern Health
- Eastern Volunteers
- EACH
- Warburton Primary School
- Woori Yallock Primary School

HOW?

UPPER YARRA PARTNERSHIP PROJECT GROUPS & OBJECTIVES

Using a collective impact approach involving the above organisations working together to achieve long lasting social change, the Upper Yarra Partnership supports working groups in five priority areas:

Linking Communities: Increase social connection and transport options for people in isolated communities

How: Design and test new transport models

Safer Families:

Reduce prevalence and impact of family violence on children

How: Challenge community attitudes that disrespect and stereotype women and improve service response for women and children experiencing family violence

Linking Families:

Increase participation in kindergarten, Maternal and Child Health and other early years services

How: Improve access to services

Linking Learning:

Decrease developmental vulnerability and increase educational achievement

How: Support for early home learning, school transition and high quality oral language education

Linking Middle Years:

Improve wellbeing in Middle Years 8-14 years

How: Pilot a wellbeing program focusing on children 8-14 years

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