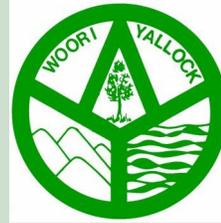


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# WYPS NEWS

26th April 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to term 2. We had a busy and successful first term with swimming, grade 5/6 camp, athletics and lots of learning.

It's been a wonderful week for our school in terms of announcements and accolades for our students.

Tim Smith (shadow Education Minister) and Cindy McLeish (local state Member of Parliament) came out to the school to announce that if the Liberal/National state government is elected, we will finally have 40km flashing signs installed to make our children safe from the busy Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road. I would like to thank Cindy McLeish for working hard on this issue for a long time.

This week we also had Tony Smith MP visit the school. He came to thank our students for taking part in an ANZAC essay competition. I was a very proud principal when it was announced that Ella Bevis was the overall winner of the competition, (I have included her winning piece in the newsletter) Patrisha Robins and Alex McFarlane also received highly commended awards. Minister Smith spoke to our students about the importance of the ANZAC spirit.



## IMPORTANT DATES

2018

- Friday 4th May—  
Adidas Fun Run
- Tuesday 8th May—  
Prep 2019 Transition 2.15pm
- Tuesday May 15th  
Cancer Council Morning Tea  
9:00am
- Tuesday 15th—Thursday 17th  
May—  
Naplan Testing
- Wednesday 23rd—29th May  
Book fair
- Tuesday 29th May—  
Grandparents & Special  
Friends Day
- Thursday 31st May—  
Mother/Daughter Evening

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

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My favourite time of every day is being outside before school listening to our wonderful students laughing, playing and looking forward to the day ahead. It is impossible for me not to start my day with a smile on my face as I scan our play grounds. The best thing about our school is definitely our happy motivated children.

### **HOMEWORK CLUB**

Homework Club begins next week for students from grades 3 to 6. If you have trouble motivating or helping your child to do their homework please enrol them into Homework Club. Homework Club is staffed by our teachers as an extra and I thank them for their continued dedication to our students.

### **READING**

Reading has always been an important skill. In our modern world it is more important than ever. Children learn about the importance of reading as they watch family members use reading and writing for everyday purposes. Reading with your child at home will help your child in all learning areas of school.

### **TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILDREN READ AT HOME**

- Be yourself. Involve children in everyday conversations.
- Read aloud to children. It helps them to learn the language of books and will encourage them to enjoy books and reading.
- Talk about books, read together and make reading an enjoyable, shared activity.
- Make sure there is a wide range of reading material for your child at home, both fiction and non-fiction.
- Make a ritual of reading with your child before bed. Doing this makes children look forward to bed time and finishes the day on a really positive fun note.

### **TEACHERS Vs STUDENTS**

Last week Ash Gibbons organised a teachers vs students basketball game. The students started well but the teachers wore them down mainly because of a considerable height advantage. Teachers won the game 48 to 28. Next up will be a teachers vs students football game. In previous years students have beaten the teachers!

### **MORNING TEA**

Our steps board winners from last term enjoyed a beautiful morning tea in my office as a reward for being number one in their grade. A special thank you to Sandy for cooking our wonderful morning tea.



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### ANZAC DAY

Thank you to all the families who participated in the Upper Yarra RSL ANZAC Day march at Yarra Junction. It was wonderful to see our students attend in their school uniforms and be so respectful during the march and the service. To me, ANZAC Day is one of Australia's most important national commemorative occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. This year was even more special as it is the centenary for the end of WW1. I feel it is really important for our students to understand the history behind ANZAC Day.

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

Oliver Thockloth  
Principal



# Ella Bevis

Ella Bevis

What A.N.Z.A.C. day Means to Me!

Every night on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April a little girl in Australia lies in bed dreaming of Soldiers. Soldiers standing silently on a boat pointing at things that they see. Then the Soldiers hear bangs, explosions, gunshots and the silence breaks. The Soldiers jump off the boat and the little girl sees them trying to hide, to dig, to stay safe. Even though it is a dream it seems so real, like she is reliving the life of our soldiers. And every year when the little girl wakes up from this dream feeling safer than before. She gets up before everyone else. She puts on her warm clothes slips on her coat, beret, scarf, mittens, earmuffs and fluffy boots and goes to wake up her family. While her family is getting ready she topples through the lounge to get her umbrella. The little girl rushes to meet her family and they start walking. She jumps in every puddle skips over each rock and twirls at each corner. They get there and it begins to rain. It pours and pours and she smiles. Then when it is time for dawn service breakfast she says to her family "let them go first" she says "the soldiers put our lives first there own so it's up to us to make them proud by doing one little good deed to make them happy."

# Award Winners for 2018



# Aussie of the Month



## Welcome Everyone!-Wellbeing Report

### Term 2 Dates-

Woori Wallabies Playgroup –starting back Tuesday  
24<sup>th</sup> April 1:30-3:00pm

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

School Nurse Head Lice Screening-Term 2

Glasses for Kids Eye Testing Program—Term 2

Homework Club- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May



### Glasses for Kids Program-Preps-Grade 3

The Glasses for Kids program is being rolled out to schools this term. All students in Prep through to Grade 3 have the opportunity to have their eyes tested and they will be eligible to receive a free (bulk-billed to Medicare) comprehensive eye examination, which have be conducted here at school. A qualified optometrist from Student Eye care will undertake the eye examinations and if needed, glasses will be dispensed for free (paid by State School's Relief). The glasses will be sent directly to the school. Parental consent will be required for students to participate in the program.

The eye testing is part of a state-wide schedule largely dependent on the availability of optometrists and I have been told to expect our screening to take place in the second part of this term. They have predicted up to 30,000 students will be given the opportunity to potentially maybe examined.

An information sheet for parents which outlines the key details about the program will be sent home shortly. A consent form and a brief eye health questionnaire will also be sent home and these should be returned to school, completed and signed, to enable children to been screened. Please watch out for this information and please speak to me if you have any questions.

### Parent Education Websites

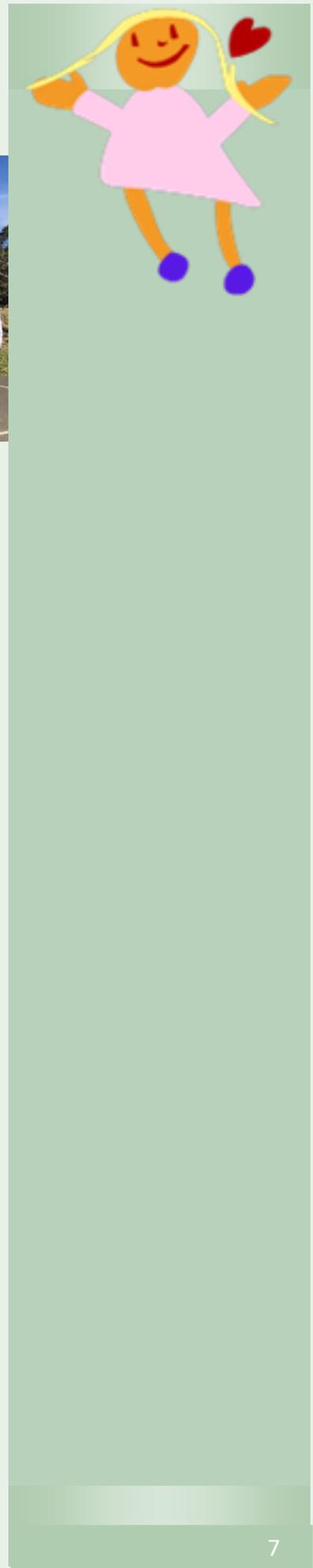
There are many websites offering tips to help parents manage everyday needs and home concerns. The DET website offers parenting information on children's development.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/childhood/parents/mch/Pages/families.aspx>



## State School's Relief

We can help families who are experiencing financial hardship to purchase school uniform. Please see me for assistance.



## Head lice outbreak

Head lice will always be a problem in schools and parents need to be vigilant and screen their children's hair regularly. We encourage families to always inform the office or tell your child's teacher when you treat your child and lice alert notes are sent home. **The Shire of Yarra Ranges School Nurse will screen all our students this term. Reminder-any child found with live lice will be excluded from school until they are treated.**

Please remember if any parents have any questions or need advice about head lice and treatment options please call the **Shire of Yarra Ranges-School Nurse on Tel: 1300 368 333.** The School Nurse (Julie) will call you back and assist you with any queries. Through our screening process it appears to be an ongoing issue where some children identified are not being treated effectively. The only way to stop lice from reinfesting is to stop their cycles, so repeat treatment and removal of the eggs is your only option.

### One popular treatment method is-

- Smother dry hair with conditioner.
- Leave for 20 minutes-this apparently stuns live lice.
- Comb through hair from the scalp to the hair ends with a fine toothed comb and wipe on paper towel to remove lice and eggs. Do this thoroughly and repeat procedure until no lice or eggs are detected.
- Following this treatment, **daily** check hair carefully.

***Treat and check your child 7 days later however, get into the habit of screening your child every week.***

Remember, if you find head lice in your family please tell anyone who has had head to head contact with the family member.

### Can I prevent further outbreaks?

Unfortunately not! Something of a fact of life, nits and head lice are just one of those things, but you can take the small precaution of tying back long hair as this reduces the chances of contact between your child's hair and that of an infested head of hair. The main thing to remember is that early detection is vital and may help you avoid passing the problem around the family and having to resort to a more radical, chemical treatment to get rid of the infestation. If your child has just got over head lice remember that regular checking for some time after is a sound way of preventing further outbreaks.



### **Don't forget about second Hand Uniform!**

Veronica and I accept and appreciate all second hand uniform donations. Thank you to those parents for the donations of spare clothing. We regularly assist children with toileting accidents and we are desperate for small sized girl's underwear and socks. We try hard to avoid asking parents to come down to change their child so any donations will help out enormously. We also ask parents to provide your child with a change of underwear in their bag. All funds raised support our school breakfast program. Your generosity allows all our children to have a healthy start to the day. Keep them coming!

### **Medication**

For children who need medication our Office ladies, Lani, Ellen and Libby administer treatment. At required times students are called up to come to the Office to have their medicine. Parents need to bring medication before school to the Office and inform staff of the action needed.

### **Attendance & Absences**

Schools are required to work towards IMPROVING THE ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY RATES of our students. We encourage all parents to log in to compass and mark your child as absent or call the office when your child is going to be away. Also a note explaining their absence is required.

### **Woori Wallabies Playgroup**

**Starting Back Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Tuesday's 1:30-3:00pm in the Multi-purpose Room**

### **Playgroup Dates & Themes**

- 24<sup>th</sup> April** -Season/Autumn
- 1<sup>st</sup> May** - Farm Animals
- 8<sup>th</sup> May** - Mother's Day
- 15<sup>th</sup> May** - Trains
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May** -Books (Eastern Library Story Time visit)
- 29<sup>th</sup> May** -No Playgroup/Grandparents and Friends Day/Book Fair
- 6<sup>th</sup> June** -Africa
- 12<sup>th</sup> June** -Under the Sea
- 19<sup>th</sup> June** -Dinosaurs (last session for the term)

Woori Wallabies Playgroup is open to anyone in the community. We welcome all parents and carers to be a part of our group and we appreciate parents helping us run the program. We look forward to getting to know you and your children over the year so please don't hesitate in speaking further with our playgroup team.

Primary Wellbeing Officer, Andre Campbell



# Chaplain's Chat

I would like to share with you a personal family story shared by Robert J Burnman, Coordinator of the National Day of Thanks.

“ANZAC Day is a time when we stop and give honour to those who have sacrificed for our freedom. Those who have protected our cherished way of life so that we can continue to live in peace and safety.

Both of my parents were returned soldiers and it is with gratitude and honour that I would like to share with you one of my mum's poems that she wrote while serving in WWII. I share this poem with you because many of us do not know what life was like back then and what a toll it took on families, so many families who never saw their loved ones return home. To those who returned and those who did not from whichever theatre of war, we say **Thank You**.

## **Thoughts of Home**

*At night when the gentle breezes blow  
Through the trees swaying to and fro  
I get an urge, a yearning to go  
Back to the home and folks I love.*

*I feel so lonely I want to cry  
I want to be back as in days gone by  
Under the green willows to lazily lie  
Back to the home and folks I love.*

*Those happy bygone carefree days  
When I, with happy carefree ways  
Under the northern sun's friendly rays  
Lived at home with folks I love.*

*But now the world is not the same  
Mother Earth is crippled and lame  
The heathen has played his death-dealing game  
Parted us from home and the folks we love.*

*But through the smoke and din of war  
Honouring those who have gone before  
We see our banner of freedom, flying for  
The homes and folks we love.*

Melba Reynolds 1943



## **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.**



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This poem is about a soldier's thoughts of home free from the horrors of war. There is another point my mum makes in her poem, and that is honouring those who have gone before, securing the freedoms that she and other soldiers were once again fighting to protect. There may not be a war on our doorstep right now, but in the mad rush of life today there doesn't seem to be time to stop and show gratitude to others. Especially those who have gone before and scarified for what they believed in. There is a powerful message for each of us in this poem.

This ANZAC Day maybe you could go out of your way to find a returned soldier, man or woman, from which ever conflict they served in, and thank them.

Australia's National Day of Thanks is about more than just one day a year. It is about expressing in unity, on one day a year, a way of life that we all should be living – a way of life that expresses gratitude, and encourages others. Make this Anzac Day a day to not just remember the sacrifices others have made, but a day of expressing real gratitude to those who fought for the freedoms and blessings we can so often take for granted."

Blessings,

*Veronica*





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## PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 7.00 PM

IN THE SCHOOL HALL

Lilydale High School invites you to attend our Information Evening. This information evening will be for parents and guardians of children currently in Year 6 who will be starting in Year 7 at secondary school in 2019.

Speakers will provide information and printed material will be distributed. There will be several student performances and tours of the school featuring displays of students' work and interactive demonstrations.

Tours of the school at other times can be arranged by contacting the school office on 9735-5644.

Have you enrolled your child for  
**PRESCHOOL** in 2019?

## PRESCHOOL OPEN DAY



Wednesday 23<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Woori Yallock Preschool - 2.15 - 3.15pm

Launching Place Preschool – 2.15 - 3.15pm

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Woori Yallock Preschool- 59647498  
28 View St Woori Yallock

Launching Place Preschool – 59646088  
Mathers Ave, Launching Place



For Enrolment enquiries please call Yarra Ranges Kindergartens Inc - 59662225



## Information for parents

### WHAT IS GLASSES FOR KIDS?

State Schools' Relief has partnered with Student Eyecare and other charitable and corporate partners to provide eye testing, and glasses for free if required, for all Prep to Year 3 students in your school. The Victorian State Government supports Glasses for Kids as part of its commitment to the Education State.

### WHY IS THIS PROGRAM IMPORTANT?

Children with vision problems often do not tell anyone, assuming that everyone sees the world the same as they do. Undiagnosed vision problems can affect a child's education and potentially lead to learning and behavioural problems.

The Glasses for Kids program means that vision problems are identified and treated early, before they can impact on a child's education, identifying and addressing vision problems early makes sure students do not fall behind in the classroom.

### HOW DOES THE GLASSES FOR KIDS PROGRAM WORK?

If you give your consent for your child to participate in the Glasses for Kids program, he or she will receive a comprehensive eye examination, bulk-billed to Medicare, at your school, given by a mobile optometry service called Student Eyecare. If required, Student Eyecare will prescribe glasses during the appointment which will subsequently be delivered to your child's school.

### CAN I ATTEND MY CHILD'S EYE TEST?

Yes. However, the optometrist will not be available for individual consultations.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD IS AWAY ON THE DAY OF THEIR APPOINTMENT?

The Glasses for Kids program is expected to enable at least 30,000 students in Prep to Year 3 across Victoria to be tested for glasses.

There is only limited flexibility to negotiate an alternative date if your child is absent from school on the day of their scheduled examination. If your child is absent, please contact your school's nominated contact, who is named at the end of this information sheet.

### HOW LONG WILL MY CHILD'S EYE TEST TAKE?

The eye test will be conducted individually and take approximately 20 minutes.



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### DOES MY SCHOOL NEED MY MEDICARE DETAILS?

Yes.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT HAVE MY MEDICARE CARD?

With your permission, the participating optometrist will be able to verify Medicare details you supply on the consent form to enable the testing to be bulk billed.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD NEEDS GLASSES?

Our optometrist will fit your child with glasses during their appointment and will order the custom glasses and arrange to have the glasses delivered to the school to give to your child.

### HOW LONG IS THE WAIT IF GLASSES ARE PRESCRIBED?

Delivery time may vary depending on the complexity of the script but in most cases glasses are delivered within a fortnight.

### DOES MY CHILD HAVE TO PARTICIPATE?

While it is recommended that all children participate in the program to have any potential sight issues identified and addressed, participation is voluntary.

### WHAT IF I FORGET TO RETURN THE CONSENT FORM?

Your child will not be able to participate in the school eye testing without a signed consent form.

### WHAT IF MY CHILD ALREADY WEARS GLASSES?

Students who already wear glasses may choose to be tested in the program. However, the parents may choose to continue their current arrangements with optometrists and glasses providers.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD HAS A VISION PROBLEM THAT GLASSES WON'T CORRECT?

The optometrist will discuss the results of your child's eye test with you as part of the appointment. If required, the optometrist will refer you to an appropriate specialist for further testing.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD BREAKS THE GLASSES?

Your child is entitled to a single pair of glasses. If the glasses are fitted incorrectly or faulty, the normal returns policy of the retail outlet where the glasses were provided will apply.

These glasses are covered by normal consumer law requirements. Returns policies will not apply if the glasses are broken.



### WHY DO I NEED TO COMPLETE THE EYE-HEALTH INFORMATION ON THE BOTTOM OF THE CONSENT FORM FOR MY CHILD?

The information requested includes information which is normally requested as part of testing process. The questionnaire also seeks information which will assist in evaluating the success of the Glasses for Kids program.

### HOW WILL MY CHILD'S PRIVACY BE PROTECTED?

Your child's health information collected for this program will be held by your child's school, DET, State Schools' Relief (an external organisation) and Student Eyecare, all of which must comply with Victorian privacy law.

### I HAVE OLDER CHILDREN AT THE SCHOOL. CAN THEY BE TESTED TOO?

The Glasses for Kids program is being delivered to Prep to Grade 3 students in participating schools. Depending on your circumstances, if you have children in other year levels in the school, you may qualify for eye care assistance through:

Victorian Eyecare Service - for further information see:

<http://www.aaco.org.au/eye-care-services>

Victorian Aboriginal Spectacle Subsidy Scheme – for further information see the Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet website:

<http://www.healthinfonet.edu.au/keys-resources/aboriginals-activities?oid=1090>

Local health or community centres and General Practitioners can also undertake eye testing for older children. Please check with your local health service or provider for further details.

### WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Your school has nominated a staff member as the key contact to support the Glasses for Kids program in your school and to be the main point of contact for parent enquiries.

If you would like more information, please contact:

**[Insert school's contact here!](#)**



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