

WELCOME TO OUR

# Wooragee PS Newsletter

TERM 2 WEEK 1 | APRIL 2024

## From the Principal's Desk

**Easter Market:** *THANK YOU* to all of the parents and students who supported our market on easter Monday. I am so proud to be a part of a school where parents give so much of their time to help out. Thanks to the McKeemans for making the cow poo lotto yard, thanks to the Warners for providing the cow, thanks to the parents who helped with the hot potatoes, especially Adam and Kirsty who were here for set up and cooked all day and helped pack up. Thank you to those who made cakes and slices, especially Kara Cook. A huge thank you goes to the teachers who took a day out of their holidays to come in and support the plant and produce stall. Approximately \$9000 was raised and will go towards Stage 2 of our new playground.

**Sunshine Circles Parent Information Afternoon:** All parents are invited to attend an information session on Monday 22nd April at 2:45pm (for approx. 20 mins) where an overview of the program will be provided alongside some further ideas and activities that you can complete with your child at home. The CASEA team will also be available to answer any questions regarding your child's social and emotional wellbeing and/or mental health.

Year 1 & 2 students will participate this term and F/1 students will participate next term. Additionally, a small group of 3/4's will be trialling the program.

**Mother's Day Breakfast:** This is an invitation to all mothers, grandmothers, and special people in your child's life to come for a lovely breakfast in the kitchen on Friday, May 10th. If you are available, you can stay and join classes for the first hour.

**Uniform Swap:** Next week, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, come in and swap your small jumpers for some bigger jumpers. If you have lost jumpers, come and grab some more. School uniforms will be on tables out in front of the year one and two classroom.

### TERM 2 CALENDAR

MONDAY 15TH APRIL FIRST DAY TERM 2  
MONDAY

THURSDAY 25TH APRIL ANZAC DAY

MONDAY 22ND APRIL 2:45 SUNSHINE  
PARENT GROUP

WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY SCHOOL PHOTOS

WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY SCHOOL COUNCIL  
MEETING

FRIDAY 10TH MAY MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST

13TH TO 17TH MAY EDUCATION WEEK

TUESDAY FOUNDATION OPEN DAY

FRIDAY 17TH MAY CROSS COUNTRY @ YACK

MONDAY 10TH JUNE KINGS BIRTHDAY

TUESDAY 11 JUNE CURRICULUM DAY (NO  
STUDENTS)

WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE SCHOOL COUNCIL  
MEETING

WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE MARC VAN NAIDOC  
DAY

24TH TO 29TH JUNE SWIMMING LESSONS

27TH JUNE REPORTS TO GO HOME

28TH JUNE FINAL DAY OF TERM 2 2:20  
FINISH



School Hours

Start 9:00am Finish 3:20PM

Supervision begins @8:35 and Ends @3:45(For those travelling on the Late bus)

Children will be unsupervised if dropped off or picked up outside these hours



# First Week Back





# School Council Members



We are thrilled to announce the confirmation of our School Council membership for 2024, marking a smooth transition in our governance without the need for a ballot due to the perfect match of five vacancies and five nominations. The successful candidates stepping into these roles are Jess Padbury, Adam Davis, Bec Davis, Chris Jacobs, and Tyla McKeeman, along with Louisa Watkin. Their contributions will be invaluable as we navigate the key directions and policies that will shape the future of our wonderful Wooragee Primary School.

The engagement and perspectives from our parent community are instrumental in this process, and we encourage open communication with the newly appointed Councillors. Serving as your representatives, the Parent Councillors include Jenna O'Hara (President), Bonnie Greenwood, Julia Dielman (Treasurer), Françoise Speissegger, Tom Colcott (Vice President), alongside our new members Jess Padbury, Adam Davis, Chris Jacobs, Tyla McKeeman, and Louisa Watkins. Complementing this team from the educational staff are Angela Gray, Grace Panjari, and Bec Davis.

This collaboration between parents and staff is pivotal to fostering a supportive and dynamic educational environment. We invite our school community to reach out to any of the Councillors to share insights, concerns, or suggestions that can help steer Wooragee Primary School towards continued success and excellence.

# The Resilience Project - Empathy

Working on empathy helps us to identify, understand and feel what another person is feeling. When we show empathy or we do something kind for someone else our brain releases oxytocin. This leads to increasing our self-esteem/confidence, energy levels, positivity and overall happiness.

## Whole Family Activity: Neighbourhood Kindness Challenge

As a family, choose an act of kindness from the list below that you would like to do for a neighbour or family friend. Each family member can select one to commit to, or you can choose to do one together.

Cook them something delicious like a cake, hot bread, or cookies.

Write a note to put in their letterbox thanking them for being a great neighbour or friend.

Design them a Thank You card.

Pick or buy some flowers to deliver to them.

Choose a little plant from your garden to give them.

Make them a gift from things around your house.

Offer to do a job for them, like wash their car or water their garden.

Offer to take their pets for a walk.

Invite them over for afternoon tea.

Invite them on a walk.

Recommend one of your favourite books to borrow and read.

Ask them if they need anything from the shops next time you buy groceries.

Say hello next time you see them, and ask them how their day is going.

Feel free to do more than one and spread the kindness even further!

Report back to each other in one week and share how your acts of kindness were received, and how doing them made you feel.

## Family Habit Builder:

Every night at dinner, have each person thank another family member for something they've done or said today, or give another family member a compliment.

## Nellie News

Nellie was well and truly ready to come back to school after the break.

She had a lovely time down in Melbourne.

Nellie finally found a puppy who will play with her (my Aunties 5 month old mini schnauzer, Lola). They pretend wrestled for hours.

Nellie was very excited to come back to school and see her little friends. Lots of pats and treats are being consumed.

Nellie will also be having many sleepovers with Jess, Erin and Megan while I am on leave so that she can still attend school.

Grace





# Thank you to the following sponsors for their support with the Easter Market!

(Fingers crossed we didn't forget anyone!)

Old Beechworth Gaol

Sorrenberg Vineyard

Kneading Change Therapeutic & Remedial Massage

Beechworth Pizza & Takeaway

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Bridge Road Brewers

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Porepunkah Pines Holiday Park

POCK&watt

Washington Cyclisme Bicycle Store

Goldfields Greengrocer

What Percy Wore

Billson's Brewery

Beechworth Pharmacy

Pepo Farms

Balance Beechworth

Wild Emery



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Freya for encouraging her friend during NAPLAN.

Hudson for finding Frankie's keyboard USB.

Landon for working amazing during LOTE.

Ripley for working wonderfully during LOTE.

Macy, for working so hard on your letter formation this week, your letter 'a' is looking beautiful!

Lottie, for getting started on your learning as we were coming into the classroom!

Matilda, for being brave and playing with some new people in our classroom.

Frankie Kelly, for making our days with your stories, jokes and huge smile.

Matilda, for helping Erin with a job - thank you!

Piper Johnson, for getting started with your learning as we were coming into the classroom

Ted, for writing a bold beginning to his story

James, for the amazing effort he is putting into his writing.

Daisy, for sharing her knowledge of Minecraft with the staff

Vincent, for the confidence he is developing when presenting

Cassie, for her lovely work with drawing she is doing to match her work

Tucker, for calmly redoing his work when it got lost

Margaux, for her work with describing the setting of a story

Nellie, for helping a friend when she was having big feelings.

Addie, for setting a brilliant example to all those around her.

## Birthdays

| April                                         | May                                                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5 Darcy<br>11 Brok<br>21 Sophie<br>30 Anushka | 2 James T<br>7 Arlo<br>10 James O<br>13 Landon<br>16 Cade<br>24 Nate |

## Thankyou

A HUGE THANKYOU TO ALL THE PARENTS WHO HELPED VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME AND BAKING SKILLS FOR THE EASTER MARKET! IT WOULD NOT BE THE SUCCESS IT IS WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT

OWEN FOR VOLUNTEERING IN THE GARDEN

# Community Events

**Yackandandah Football Netball Club** 8 h · 🌐

Net Set Go is back!! Starting this Wednesday 17th April.

Woolworths NetSetGo is netball's official program for kids aged 5-10, it's where netballers start.

A chance to learn the netball basics, the program helps kids gain confidence, get active, and make friends in a safe and inclusive environment.

The program is divided up into three tiers; Net, Set & Go. Where your child begins depends on their age, but no skill is required to get started!

When: Wednesday's 4pm-5pm  
 Where: Butson Park, Netball Courts, Yackandandah  
 Duration: 10 weeks (will run Term 2, in line with Victorian Schools)

If you are interested in joining us for our NetSetGo Program please register below

<https://netball.com.au/netsetgo>

## Parenting Programs - Term 2 2024

\*There is no cost to attend these programs



| Location   | Program                                                                        | Duration  | When                                                      | Where                                                          | Register                                                                                                           |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wodonga    | Mother Goose (0 - 2 years)                                                     | Full Term | Wednesdays<br>17th April - 26th June<br>10.30am - 11.30am | Gateway Health<br>155 High Street<br>Wodonga                   | Scan the QR code to register  |
| Wodonga    | Parenting after Separation                                                     | 5 weeks   | Mondays<br>29th April - 27th May<br>6pm -8pm              | Gateway Health<br>155 High street<br>Wodonga                   | Scan the QR code to register  |
| Wodonga    | Tuning into Kids<br>Emotional intelligent parenting                            | 5 weeks   | Wednesdays<br>15th May - 12th June<br>12.30pm - 2.30pm    | Gateway Health<br>155 High street<br>Wodonga                   | Scan the QR code to register  |
| Wodonga    | Parenting Trans & Gender<br>Diverse Kids & Teens                               | 8 weeks   | Fridays<br>3rd May - 21st June<br>10.30am - 12.30pm       | Gateway Health<br>155 High street<br>Wodonga                   | Scan the QR code to register  |
| Chiltern   | Tuning into Kids<br>Emotional intelligent parenting                            | 5 weeks   | Mondays<br>6th May - 3rd June<br>5.30pm - 7.30pm          | Chiltern Community Hub<br>Crawford St<br>Chiltern              | Scan the QR code to register  |
| Wangaratta | Tuning in to Teens<br>Emotionally intelligent parenting<br>(10 years and over) | 6 weeks   | Mondays<br>6th May - 10th June<br>5.30pm - 7.30pm         | Gateway Health<br>45-47 Mackay St<br>Wangaratta                | Scan the QR code to register  |
| Lavington  | Mother Goose (0 - 2 years)                                                     | Full Term | Mondays<br>29th April - 1st July<br>10.30am - 11.30am     | Orana Community Centre<br>40 Cardo Drive<br>Springdale Heights | Scan the QR code to register  |

For more information on our programs please call 0457 970 706

[gatewayhealth.org.au](http://gatewayhealth.org.au)

### THE WOORAGEE WAY

RESPECT: For self, others, community and environment

RESILIENCE: Trying hard, bouncing back, persisting

RESPONSIBILITY: For our learning, our thoughts and our actions