

WELCOME TO OUR

# Wooragee PS Newsletter

## 2025 CALENDAR

TERM 1

### WEEK 6

FRIDAY, MARCH 3 SCHOOL  
COUNCIL NOMINATIONS DUE

### WEEK 7

MONDAY, MARCH 10 LABOUR DAY  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH  
FOUNDATION STUDENTS ATTEND  
SCHOOL & NAPLAN BEGINS FOR  
YEARS 3 & 5

### WEEK 8

MONDAY, MARCH 7 SCHOOL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
FRIDAY, MARCH 21 FOLK FESTIVAL  
PARADE

### WEEK 9

WEEK 10  
MONDAY, MARCH 31 1/2 DAY OF  
SCHOOL STUDENT LEAD  
INTERVIEWS - PICK UP STUDENTS  
AT 12PM.  
THURSDAY MARCH 3 WORKING BEE  
3:00 - 5:00  
FRIDAY, MARCH 4 LAST DAY OF  
TERM PICK UP AT 2:20.



## From the Principal's Desk

TERM 1 WEEK 5 2025

### Compass Calendar

In addition to the event calendar in our newsletter, all school events are also available on our Compass Calendar. This helpful tool allows you to view events by day, week, month, or term, making it easy to stay informed about what's happening at school.

We encourage all families to check the Compass Calendar regularly to keep up with important dates, activities, and special events.

### Promoting a Safe and Respectful School Environment

At our school, we are committed to ensuring a safe and supportive environment for all students. Our Bullying Prevention Policy is available on our school website, outlining our approach to addressing and preventing bullying.

It's important to understand the difference between bullying and mean or unkind behaviour.

While children may sometimes be unkind, bullying has three key features:

- ✓ It involves a misuse of power in a relationship.
- ✓ It is ongoing and repeated over time.
- ✓ It includes behaviours that can cause harm.

By working together, we can continue to foster a positive and respectful school community. If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

### 🇺🇦 🇦🇺 Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Events! 🇸🇮 🇸🇮

We need your help to make our upcoming events a success! Volunteering is a great way to support our school community while having fun along the way.

- ◆ Folk Festival Stall – Corn on the Cob 🌽 ([Corn Stall LINK](#))

We're looking for volunteers to help sell delicious corn on the cob at the festival. Click the link to sign up!

- ◆ Easter Market – Get Involved! 🐰

Can you lend a hand at one of our market stalls? We need help with:

- ✓ Baked Spuds Stall 🍷 (Can you donate your time?)
- ✓ Book Stall 📖 (Can you donate any books)
- ✓ Plant & Produce Stall 🌿 (Can you donate cakes/slices, relish or preserves?) – Please contact the school for the Tomato Relish recipe.

- ◆ Cow Poo Lotto – Donations Needed! 🐄💰

This is a major fundraiser for our school, and we're seeking prizes to make it even bigger! All proceeds go towards improving the children's playground.

◆ Please click the link to volunteer or donate – every little bit helps! Thank you for supporting our school! ([Market LINK](#))

### 🌻 Working Bee – Volunteers Needed! 🌻

We're holding a Working Bee to help tidy up the school grounds and get everything ready for the Easter Market!

📅 Date: Thursday, April 3

🕒 Time: 3:00 – 5:00 PM

🔧 Jobs include: Setting up tables, cleaning the BBQ, and general tidy-up tasks.

To say thank you, we'll be firing up the BBQ for a sausage sizzle at the end of the afternoon! 🍔

Many hands make light work, so if you're available, we'd love your help! Thank you for supporting our school community.

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

# School Council News

## Form 1: new schools – notice of first school council election and call for nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of (school name below)  
WOORAGEE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00pm on 17/02/25

The ballot will close at 4.00pm on 03/03/25.

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

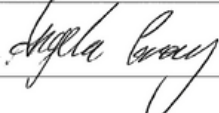
The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership category  
Parent member – two-year term of office

Term of office	Year
From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025	
to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2027	

Number of positions: 5

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Principal signature  


## Folk Festival –Friday 21st March 6pm

The theme for the 2025 Street Parade will revolve around everything BLUE and related to BLUES MUSIC!

Wooragee Primary School will adopt an under-the-sea theme, with BLUE as the primary colour. Encourage your child to dress up as a fish, jellyfish, seaweed, mermaid, and more!



## Glasses for Kids Program

This week, notes went home for the Glasses for Kids program, a fantastic initiative to support young learners in Victoria. This program provides free in-school vision screening, further testing, and glasses (if needed) for Prep to Grade 3 students, ensuring they can see clearly and fully engage in their learning.

If you haven't already, please complete and return the forms as soon as possible to take advantage of this opportunity.

For more information, feel free to contact the school office.

## Important Permissions Needed!

To ensure your child can use a computer at school, you must complete the Acceptable Use Agreement.

We also need your permission to include your child's photos in the newsletter and on school platforms.

If you **haven't** completed this on Compass, please fill out the alternative form linked below.

[LINK](#)

### **Photo and Media Policy:**

Wooragee Primary School requests that parents/carers, students and invited guests who photograph, film or record school activities only do so for their own personal use and do not publish the images in any form, including on social media, without the prior consent of persons whose children also appear in the images.

Neither the school nor the department own or control any images of students taken by parents/carers, students or their invited guests at school activities.



The screenshot shows a webpage titled "FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE" with a sub-heading "INFORMATION FOR PARENTS". It details the "CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)", explaining that it provides financial support for school camps and excursions. It lists eligibility criteria, such as holding a means-tested concession card, and provides the annual CSEF amount per student: \$154 for primary school students and \$256 for secondary school students. A "HOW TO APPLY" section includes instructions on where to get forms and lists circumstances where a new application is needed, such as new student enrolments or changed family circumstances. A "MORE INFORMATION" section provides a link to the CSEF website. At the bottom right of the page, there is a photograph of children playing outdoors.

**To Apply Click Here**

All students must hand in their mobile phones or tablets to the teacher at the beginning of the day!

# We're working with The Resilience Project

We're proud to be implementing TRP's evidence-based whole school wellbeing program. Students will engage in weekly lessons to understand and strengthen their practice of **Gratitude**, **Empathy**, **Mindfulness** and **Emotional Literacy**.

## Gratitude



Gratitude involves recognising and expressing appreciation for the people, places and things in our lives. Practising gratitude allows us to pay attention to what we have, increasing feelings of happiness and leading to a more positive outlook on life.

## Empathy



Empathy involves understanding others' feelings and perspectives and is practised through kindness, compassion and curiosity. Developing empathy fosters deeper connections, increases our likelihood of acting kindly, and helps us experience positive emotions.

## Mindfulness



The practice of mindfulness is about an awareness of life as we are living it.

It allows us to be responsive to our experiences rather than being reactive, and to live with greater balance, presence and connection.

## Emotional Literacy



Emotional Literacy involves learning to identify and label our emotions, as well as developing emotional regulation skills. When we can accurately name our feelings and emotions, it reduces the impact of uncomfortable emotions and enhances the effect of positive ones.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RESILIENCE PROJECT, HEAD TO:

@theresilienceproject The Resilience Project The Resilience Project theresilienceproject.com.au

## Nellie News

Nellie is very special to a number of our students. They love to read to her or use her as writing inspiration.

She has helped some students during difficult conversations by being an emotional support. Our new little people are starting to get to know Nellie and how we move or interact around her. Nellie does like to protect the school and her friends from people she sees outside the windows (particularly delivery men in high vis and boots).



RESTORING BALANCE

### 3 Expectations

It's easy as 1,2,3 to help our Well-being Dog to learn to relax.

- HI!  
We say hello to the person, not the dog!
- We give lots of space when we pass the dog!
- We keep moving (we don't stand around and stare).

# Year One / Two

YEAR ONE TWO HAVE STARTED THE YEAR OFF LOOKING AT DEVELOPING RESILIENCE WHEN WORK GETS TOUGH AND WAYS WE CAN WORK COOPERATIVELY TOGETHER.



WE DISCUSSED THE LEARNING PIT AND STUDENTS MADE THEIR OWN LEARNING PITS SO THEY CAN SEE WHEN WE THEY STRUGGLING, WHEN THEY NEED HELP AND WHEN THEY HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL.



IN MATHEMATICS, THE IMPORTANCE OF STRUGGLE TIME HAS BEEN LOOKED AT AS A WAY FOR STUDENTS TO BEGIN A PROBLEM WITHOUT ASSISTANCE SO THAT THEY CAN DEVELOP THEIR OWN IDEAS AT HOW TO SOLVE THE CHALLENGE.



STUDENTS WORK TOGETHER IN GAMES AND CHALLENGES TO SHARE IDEAS AND TO DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS AT WORKING TOGETHER. THEY ARE OFTEN PAIRED RANDOMLY AND SO FAR, HAVE ALL SHOWN GREAT COOPERATIVE SKILLS WORKING WITH THE PERSON THEY ARE PAIRED WITH.





## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PHOTOGRAPH



February	March
11 Finlay 21 Lottie 23 Sophie-Maree 24 Matilda 24 Logan	1 Lexi 13 Eviee 24 Ty 30 Phoebe 31 Audrey

Thank you

THANK YOU TO SOPHIE AND CHRIS FOR YOUR HELP IN THE GARDEN  
THANK YOU TO BONNIE FOR DONATING BOOKS FOR THE MARKET  
THANK YOU CWA LADIES FOR YOUR KIND DONATION TO THE SCHOOL  
THANK YOU TO ALL THE STUDENTS FOR CLEANING UP AUSTRALIA

WOORAGEE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

# EASTER MARKET

10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Monday 21st April

Plants & Produce Food trucks  
Food and wine Baked Spuds  
Clothing Jewellery  
Coffee Trash and Treasure

**COW POO  
LOTTO  
10AM AND 12PM**

1011 BEECHWORTH WODONGA ROAD  
WOORAGEE

Supporting Wooragee Primary  
School Playgound upgrade and the local  
community

# WANTED

CAN YOU DONATE A LAYING HEN TO THE  
SCHOOL?



GUITAR UKULELE & PIANO		
<i>lessons during school hours</i>		
LESSON	DURATION	COST
<i>private</i>	<i>30 minutes</i>	<i>15 each</i>
<i>group (3 - 4)</i>	<i>30 minutes</i>	<i>25 each</i>

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

UKULELE      GUITAR      PIANO

Lesson Type: \_\_\_\_\_

PRIVATE      GROUP

Parent Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Or contact Billy:  
p: 0402 490 095  
e: [livingbridgemuic@outlook.com](mailto:livingbridgemuic@outlook.com)





# Community Events

THE AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION (AEC) HAS 100,000 TEMPORARY JOBS AVAILABLE ACROSS AUSTRALIA AT THE NEXT ELECTION.

ALTHOUGH THE DATE FOR THE ELECTION IS YET TO BE ANNOUNCED, WE NEED TO ENSURE WE HAVE THE TEMPORARY WORKFORCE TO RUN THE EVENT.

THERE ARE JOBS AVAILABLE BEFORE, ON AND AFTER ELECTION DAY IN METRO, REGIONAL AND REMOTE AREAS.

WE ARE SEEKING YOUR HELP TO SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THESE JOBS. ALL JOBS ARE PAID, NO EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED AND TRAINING IS PROVIDED.

TO HELP SPREAD THE WORD THERE ARE PROMOTIONAL RESOURCES THAT YOU CAN:

- SHARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA
- ADD TO NEWSLETTERS AND WEBSITES
- PRINT AND DISPLAY

PLEASE READ OUR 'USERS GUIDE' BEFORE USING THESE PROMOTIONAL RESOURCES.

IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING, PLEASE VISIT [AEC.GOV.AU/ELECTIONJOBS](http://AEC.GOV.AU/ELECTIONJOBS)



## TERM 1 CLASSES

Book online: [quercusbeechworth.org.au](http://quercusbeechworth.org.au) or SCAN 

**Our FREE regular activities**

- Repair Cafe & Flea Market, first Saturday of each month
- IT-Helpdesk, fortnightly

If you have an idea for an activity, are interested in venue hire, tutoring or volunteering, please reach out to [operations@quercusbeechworth.org.au](mailto:operations@quercusbeechworth.org.au)



### Performing Arts

5-12 year olds

Weekly on Mondays  
3.30 - 5.00pm  
Teacher: Franja Bailey

\$90/ Term 1 from 17 Feb  
or \$17 / session



### Kid's Bootcamp

Weekly on Thursdays  
3.30pm-5.00pm

A fun, movement based session specialising in strength, stretch, tumbling and some dance elements.  
Ages 8-12yrs

\$90/ Term 1 from 20 Feb  
or \$17 / session



### Stretch, Strength & Core

Weekly on Mondays  
5.30 - 6.15pm  
Teacher: Franja Bailey

\$90/ Term 1 from 17 Feb  
or \$17 / session



### Flash Mob!

Weekly on Fridays  
5:15-6:30pm

Move, connect, socialise and have fun!

Teacher: Franja Bailey

\$75/ 5 sessions from 21 Feb  
or \$17 / session



### Rhythm, Movement & Music

2-5 year olds

Weekly on Fridays  
2.00 - 3.00pm  
Teacher: Franja Bailey

\$75/ Term 1 from 28 Feb  
or \$17 / session



### First Aid & CPR

Tuesday 18th March 9am-12pm

Accredited First Aid training delivered in Beechworth including CPR refresher.

First Aid \$165.00  
CPR Refresher (only) \$90.00



### Share + Connect

Women's Circle  
TAKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

A space to be heard, gain insight or simply spend time with like-minded Women. Please express interest via our Activities page on our website.

**External Regular Activities**

**Martial Arts**  
Weekly on Tuesdays  
6-7pm Family Martial Arts  
[info@alburywodonga-martialarts.com](mailto:info@alburywodonga-martialarts.com)

**Beechworth Dancing**  
Weekly on Thursdays  
7:00pm  
Call 0417 560 481

Quercus Beechworth, 30 Ford Street, Beechworth | 0403 865 095



**Beechworth Community  
Early Years Learning Centre**

# **Schools 2026 Information Night**



**6:30pm  
Wednesday 12,  
March 2025**



**For more  
information**

Mandy

0357 282 378



**RSVP Friday the  
7th march**

**This information night is all local schools coming together in  
the one place to provide information for new parents of  
2026 enrolments**