

WELCOME TO OUR

# Wooragee PS Newsletter

## From the Principal's Desk

TERM 4 WEEK 10 2024

### TERM 4 CALENDAR

WEEK 11 THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS & REPORTS GO HOME.

FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER CURRIUCLUM DAY  
LAST DAY FOR TEACHERS

#### 2025 CALENDAR

FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY - PICK UP BOOK PACKS

#### WEEK 1

TUESDAY 27TH JANUARY PICK UP BOOK PACKS  
WEDNESDAY 20TH JANUARY FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL  
FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 1-6

THURSDAY 20TH JANUARY FIRST DAY FOR  
FOUNDATION STUDENTS

- **Last day of school for students 2024 is Thursday 19th December.**
- **Pick up time is 3:20 pm.**
- **First day of school for students in years 1-6 2025 is Wednesday 29th January.**
- **Foundation Start Day Term 1 2025 is Thursday 30th January, as Foundation students have Wednesdays off in Term 1 until 12th March 2025**
- **No assembly next week.**

#### Book Packs

In 2025, the supply of materials to the classroom will look a little different.

Instead of parents paying a requisite fee and these bulk supplies being distributed in the classroom, families will order an individual book pack for each student at a cost of \$50 per pack. The school's choice of supplier is Kookaburra Educational Resources. There will be some variation between book pack contents depending on which year level your child is in for 2025.

**How to order/pay for them-** there will be a line in Compass that says 2025 Stationary & Book Pack. It will be found on Compass on the right-hand side under the Payments Centre tab.

**When to pick books up- Friday 24th January or Tuesday 28th January 2025.**

We will be sharing with families instructions on how to organise and name these items when you pick up your book pack. All items will be expected to be brought on the first school day of 2025.

If you have any questions or require assistance in purchasing a pack, please do not hesitate to address queries to the Business Manager, Bec Davis, at [wooragee.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:wooragee.ps@education.vic.gov.au) or on (03) 57287255.

#### Uniforms:

We have plenty of second hand uniforms available for families to collect prior to the end of the year. Please come into the library and go through the cupboards and take what you need. Additionally, you can order your uniforms through Bec and use the new school bonus to pay for them.

#### Headlice:

We have received reports of head lice cases. Please be vigilant in checking your children's hair for any signs of head lice. It's a good idea to keep special shampoo at home in case you need it. Ensure that your child brings their own hat to school and does not borrow hats from other children, as this will help prevent the spread of head lice. Please note, that if your child has long hair, tie it up every day. After treating with the special shampoo, children can return to school immediately.

#### 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



## 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 RESILIENCE PROJECT™

## Emotional Literacy

Is being able to name different feelings and identify them in our bodies.



## Nellie News



Nellie worked extremely hard on transition day.

She helped some new students settle into the classroom by staying nearby to receive hugs and treats. It was so lovely to witness her power once again with the students.

She has earned a well-deserved break!  
Well done, Nellie.

Last night, we gathered together to celebrate the achievements of students, to thank school council, to acknowledge the efforts of all of our wonderful Wooragee PS community members. Our Year Sixes also graduated!



For me, this has been a long time coming, this graduation I mean. I first met one of our graduating students way back when I worked in early childhood in Beechworth, and he was a tiny, redheaded 3yo. Some of them, I've known just a year, and the rest, somewhere in between. I know many a thing about these wonderful kids.

I mean, anyone who knows me knows that I could talk about them for hours.

And well, now I have a microphone, so settle in.

I jest. But I would like to tell you a few things that I know about these kids.

I know that between them is a sense of cohesion and belonging that has formed a bond which means that they'll always have each other, even when they make new friends at high school. I've heard words like, "You don't need to be worried or nervous. You'll have us, you'll have me."

I know that some of them love to pretend they don't like school when in fact we hear them occasionally say things like, "Well, school isn't that bad," or, "I think that was the best camp ever!"

I know that they love to perform, and that this takes a particular type of courage when it's sometimes hard to even answer a question in the classroom or to speak up about something that's bothering them. Watching them at the production in Term Three was one of the proudest moments of my teaching career.

I know that between them, they love dirt bikes, video games, opal mining, and electric guitars. I know they love farming, driving trucks, craft, and training dogs. I know that they get excited to tell us stories about where they've been and what they've done. I know that they ask deep, thought-provoking questions that challenge me and make me think about something differently. I feel incredibly honoured every single day that I get to be the person they ask these questions of.

I love that we can tell when something is up, that they allow themselves to be vulnerable and for themselves to be seen by Megan and I. We have seen all of them cry, more than once. They have seen me cry. We have heard them speak about how they feel with honesty and bravery. I wish you could all know them the way we do, and see how brilliantly they shine in my eyes, even on tough days.

Mostly I know that my classroom will never be the same. Cooper, Cade, Cameron, Larissa, Nate, and Brok, you have filled my days with joy and frustration, laughter and tears, excitement and despair, and a whole lot of admiration for the humans you are, and for who you will become.

Thank you for the gift of being your teacher. - Jess



# Bike Ride





# Awards Night



# Acknowledgements

Foundation/1

Respect: Renn

Responsibility: Louie

Resilience: Eviee

1/2

Respect: Audrey

Responsibility: Stella

Resilience: Sophie-Maree

3/4

Respect: Freya

Responsibility: Isabella

Resilience: Landon

5/6

Respect: Zya

Responsibility: Hunter-Rose

Resilience: Cameron

## Birthdays

November	December
5 Jaxon 7 Macy 13 Winnie 14 Larissa 18 Poppy 27 Piper 27 Freya	1 Daisy 9 Stella 16 Artie 20 Zya 25 Sebastian

## Thankyou

THANK YOU TO THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE FOR THE PLATTERS  
THANK YOU TO THE FAMILIES FOR TRANSPORTING BIKES FOR THE BIKE RIDE  
THANKS TO JESS P, SOPHIE, JESS W AND ANNETTE FOR COOKING THE BBQ  
THANK YOU TO THE COLCOTTS FOR LOOKING AFTER THE CHICKENS  
THANK YOU TO SOPHIE FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK IN THE IN THE GARDEN

# Community Events



**COME  
AND TRY  
GYMNASTICS**

1 hour sessions

PRICE \$20.17

Ages 6-12yrs

Tuesday 17th Dec

4pm & 5pm

Book your spot via  
<https://portal.iclasspro.com/indigo-gymnastics/camps/2?sortBy=time>



**DROP & SHOP**  
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TAKE THE STRESS OUT OF CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.  
OR GIFT WRAPPING, COOKING, CLEANING, OR  
ANYTHING ELSE!

TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2024  
3.45PM-6.30PM  
COST : \$45  
AGES 6YRS UP

BOOK VIA OUR PORTAL  
<https://www.Indigogymnastics.com.au/>



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Gutter Cleaning Services

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## SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2024/2025

School Holidays are fast approaching, and we are aiming to finalise our cleaning schedule for the summer.

Do you require any carpets steam cleaned, Floors Stripped and Sealed, Gutter Cleaning, Windows Washed or any Pressure Washing completed?

Could you please email us on [dandkcleaning@bigpond.com](mailto:dandkcleaning@bigpond.com) or ring on 0427 265 346 to organise your School/Kinda/Care Centre needs.

D & K Cleaning Team – Merry Christmas from us all!

# Wooragee Primary School Supports



**Beechworth  
Community  
Christmas Lunch**

A COLD CHRISTMAS MEAL  
FOR YOU TO  
SHARE WITH OTHERS OR  
TAKE AWAY TO ENJOY

Wednesday 25 December | Beechworth Memorial Hall

     



**Girls, JOIN  
THE TEAM!**

[Q Play cricket](#)

**PLAY  
CRICKET**

**Now is the time to join the  
Beechworth Wanderers All Girls Team**

**Open to All Girls Under 14**

**A fun way to get into cricket**

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