

WELCOME TO OUR

Wooragee PS Newsletter

From the Principal's Desk

TERM 4 WEEK 8 2024

TERM 4 CALENDAR

WEEK 8 MONDAY 25TH SCHOOL COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 27TH TO FRIDAY 29TH
NOVEMBER YER 3-6 CAMP TO SOVEREIGN
HILL.

THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER - 1-2
SLEEPOVER & F DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT.

WEEK 9 FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER WHOLE
SCHOOL BIKE RIDE
NO ASSEMBLY

WEEK 10 TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER
STATEWIDE TRANSITION DAY
THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER - GRADUATION
AND AWARDS NIGHT

WEEK 11 THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER LAST
DAY FOR STUDENTS & REPORTS GO HOME.
FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER CURRIUCLUM DAY
LAST DAY FOR TEACHERS



Attendance Data

Our attendance data shows that a lot of our students are missing school particularly on a Monday. I would like to emphasise the importance of regular attendance at school, particularly on Mondays.

Mondays set the tone for the week, introducing new concepts, schedules, and activities essential for learning. Missing a Monday can make it harder for students to catch up and disrupt their routine.

Here are key reasons to prioritise school attendance on Mondays:

1. ****Foundational Learning****

Teachers often introduce new topics and set the week's goals, making Monday crucial for understanding later lessons.

2. ****Developing Good Habits****

Consistent routines help students build punctuality and responsibility. Missing Monday can hinder motivation.

3. ****Social Connections****

Mondays allow students to reconnect with peers and teachers, fostering community and belonging.

If your child cannot attend school on a Monday due to illness or another valid reason, please notify us via Compass.

Thank you for ensuring your child attends school every day, including Mondays, to maximise their educational opportunities.

Whole School Bike Ride

Next Friday, students will travel to Eurobin with either their families or school staff.

Students who are confident and competent at riding their bikes will leave at 9 AM from the rotunda at Eurobin. Students with limited bike riding skills and stamina will meet at Porepunkah Park and leave for Bright at approximately 10:30 AM, which is about half an hour before the first group departs.

We will all meet up at Bright Water Park for lunch followed by a swim. Students will NOT be allowed in the water until there are enough teachers on-site to supervise. Even if you are with your own children, we ask that you do not let them enter the water, as this encourages other children to think they can swim as well.

Lunch will be served from 12:00 to 12:30 PM, and students can swim until 1:30 PM. Students will return to school at 2 PM. Transport back to your car at Eurobin will be provided via the school's mini bus. Please let us know how your child is travelling to Eurobin and if you need to borrow a bike [HERE](#).

Awards Night & Graduation

On Thursday, December 12th, we will hold our annual Awards Night and Graduation Picnic. This event will take place behind the tennis courts, and families are encouraged to bring chairs, blankets, and anything else needed to enjoy a lovely evening. The program will feature students singing, speeches, awards, and the graduation ceremony for our year six students. The fundraising committee will be again providing you with the opportunity to purchase a picnic/platter box. These will contain a variety of savoury and sweet items. Keep an eye out for the order form on compass will full details of the cost and contents.

To close the night, Santa will make a special appearance and bring a gift for each child, which is typically a book supplied to the front office by the parents. This is a wonderful community event, and we hope to see as many families there as possible!

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

From the Principal's Desk Continued...

Book Packs

This year, we will be ordering book packs for each student. These packs will contain the essential items that every child needs for the entire 2024 year, including pencils, glue sticks, workbooks, handwriting books, etc. We kindly ask that parents purchase these packs via Compass.

The packs will be available for collection from the school at the beginning of the year. After picking them up, you can take the packs home and label them according to the school's instructions. All items must be returned to school, where teachers will store them in the classroom and distribute them as needed.

School Savings Bonus

The Victorian Government is delivering the School Saving Bonus – a one-off \$400 support for government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025. From Tuesday 26 November 2024, you will receive an email from the Department of Education with your unique \$400 School Saving Bonus code. The School Saving Bonus will help families cover the cost of uniforms, textbooks, excursions, activities and more.

If you have multiple children enrolled in Victorian government schools for 2025, you will receive one School Saving Bonus code email per child. These emails might arrive on different days. Please make sure to check your spam/junk email folder. Parents and carers can use the School Saving Bonus code in store at school nominated suppliers.

Parents and carers can also choose to access the School Saving Bonus online system, where they can allocate part or all the \$400 bonus to use at school nominated-online suppliers or for school activities. To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, visit School Saving Bonus | vic.gov.au (www.vic.gov.au). A step-by-step user guide will be available on the webpage on 26 November.

If you have not received your School Saving Bonus code via email by Friday 29 November, please contact the Department of Education by emailing school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au

Second Hand Uniform Giva Away

Next week we will put all our second hand uniforms out in the library, please come in and grab any uniforms you may require. Our cupboards are bursting with excess uniforms.

Statewide Transition

All students from Wooragee Primary School participate in State Wide Transition Day.

On this day, Grade 6 students will visit their future high schools, while all kindergarten students will visit their primary schools for 2025.

At Wooragee Primary School, your child will learn which room will be their classroom, meet their 2025 classroom teacher, and see the other students in their class on this day.

State Wide Transition Day is on Tuesday, December 10th, from 9:00 AM to 3:20 PM.

Classroom teachers for 2024

Foundation and Year 1 Class - Olivia Jacobs (Mon,Tue,Wed) Maura Hansen (Thu, Fri)

Year 1 and 2 Class- Amanda-Jane Flint

Year 3 and 4 Class- Jess Marshall

Year 5 and 6 Class- Geoff Weppner

New Teachers

Hi Wooragee school community.

I'm really thrilled to be teaching at your lovely school next year. I am currently at Melrose Primary in Wodonga, having moved over from Shepparton last year. My wife Cheryl and I have four adult children, with seven grandsons; but now it's just the two of us, with our little dog Bella. My recent teaching background has been at various rural schools as the Principal. I have a love of the natural environment, history and literature (as well as the Geelong Cats!), all of which I'm excited to share with my new class.

I will be at Wooragee all day on December 10th for Transition Day with my new 5/6 class and would be happy for you to come and say hello.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and an enjoyable holiday break, and look forward to working with you in the new school year.

Regards,

Geoff Weppner.



ABOUT *me*



This is me ...


Favourites
Colour: Changes daily, today it's pink!
Food: Pizza and mango
Band: Can't choose! Aussie bands and late 90's/early 00's boy bands
Movie: Shrek
TV show: Brooklyn 99

Hello, my name is Maura Hansen and I am very excited to be teaching at Wooragee Primary next year! I have been teaching for nearly 20 years in both Victoria and Western Australia. We moved back to Victoria in 2022 to be closer to family. In my family there is Mr Hansen and our kids Violet and Jack. I also have 2 dogs (Lucy and Pearl) and 2 cats (Alice and Emmett). I love to read, go on caravan trips, go to the beach and collect colourful earrings and shoes.

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™

Mindfulness

What is Mindfulness? Mindfulness is the practice of attention regulation. Focusing on what you are doing, needs a space while you are doing it. This includes; thoughts, feelings and actions.



Nellie News



Oh gosh the welcome back from Nellie when Grace arrived back at school. There was lots of little cry noises and holding of toys to displace her big emotions.

Nellie had the BEST time on the farm with Megan. It seems so much fun that Grace now needs to save money for a farm.

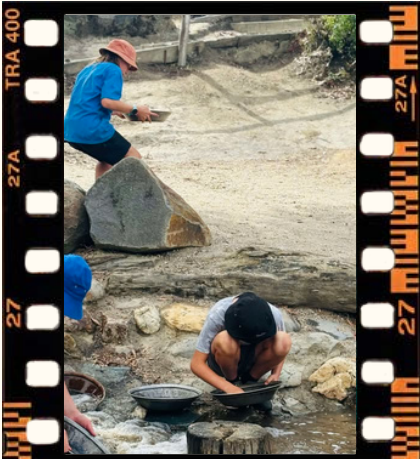
Thank you so much again Megan for looking after Nellie while I was away.

Grace

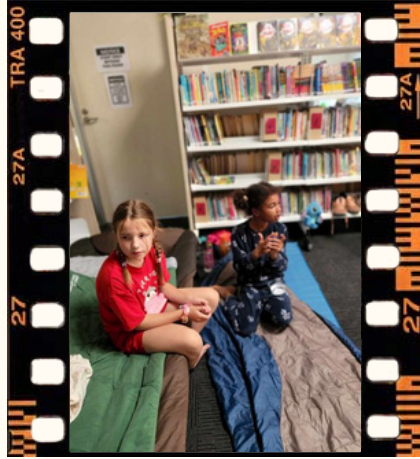
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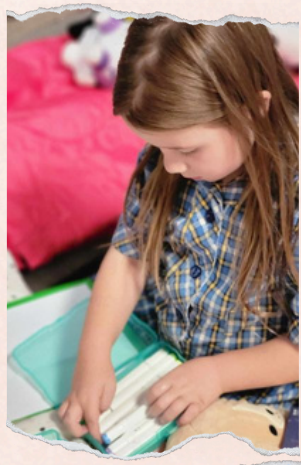
We have been on camp!

What a great few days we have had learning about Australian History!



1/2 Sleepover





Around the school



School Events

 **BEECHWORTH**
secondary college ASPIRE RESPECT CONTRIBUTE

Year 7 transition

Wednesday 4th December - Year 7 2025 Transition Information Evening from 6pm at
Beechworth Secondary College

Monday 9th December - Wednesday 11th December - Three full transition days at
Beechworth Secondary College

WOORAGEE FAMILY BIKE RIDE

LET'S RIDE TOGETHER

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

[CLICK HERE](#)



DEC | 6 | 8AM
9 AM MEET AT EUROBIN AND
RIDE TO BRIGHT WATER PARK
LEAVE 2PM

BOOK CLUB

Just a reminder that you can order book club online. This is preferred to cash as Grace has to use her personal card to order the cash payments. Please talk to Grace if cash is your only option. Thank you very much

How to Order Online

SCAN THIS QR CODE TO ORDER THROUGH LOOP.

OR

DOWNLOAD THE HANDY LOOP APP.

**BOOK CLUB
LOOP**
for parents
Linked Online
Ordering Platform



Ways to Pay

RISK OF LOSS TRANSFER'S SUPPLY AGREEMENTS OR OTHERWISE. PURCHASED THROUGH THIS BOOK CLUB OFFER MAY NOT BE RESOLD. TEACHERS ARE ACTING IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THEIR STUDENTS, THEY ARE NOT AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES OF SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUBS.

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CREDIT CARD – Visit [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) OR download the LOOP app. Your order will be electronically linked to the rest of your school's order. You do not need to complete the order form.

WOORAGEE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WORKSHOPS



SOURDOUGH WORKSHOP- 29TH AUGUST 5-7PM



THIS WORKSHOP INCLUDES HANDS ON TUITION IN AND INTRODUCTION TO SLOW FERMENTATION, SOURDOUGH BAKING, SHAPING AND MOULDING.

WORKSHOP COST \$60



BEE KEEPING WORKSHOP SEPTEMBER 14TH 1-4PM

SO, YOU THINK YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE A BEEHIVE AT HOME? BEFORE COMMITTING SPEND 3 HOURS WITH AN EXPERIENCED BEEKEEPER TO FIND OUT IF BEES REALLY ARE RIGHT FOR YOU.

WORKSHOP COST \$60



WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP - 5TH DECEMBER 5-7PM

IN THIS HANDS-ON WORKSHOP, YOU'LL LEARN HOW TO CONSTRUCT AND BUILD BEAUTIFUL WREATHS. YOU WILL DESIGN, STYLE, AND CREATE YOUR OWN DOOR/WALL WREATH.

WORKSHOP COST \$70

*Book!
Now!*



PAINT AND PLATTER - WOORAGEE HALL 6-9PM 1ST NOVEMBER

OUR PAINT AND PLATTERED WORKSHOP IS THE PERFECT WAY FOR YOU TO EXPLORE YOUR CREATIVITY IN A RELAXED AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT. EACH PARTICIPANT WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO UNLEASH THEIR IMAGINATION ONTO CANVAS WHILE ENJOYING DELICIOUS SNACKS WITH ASSORTED SHARED PLATTERS AND REFRESHMENTS

WORKSHOP COST \$80



Acknowledgements

Margaux, for your great attempt at writing dialogue in your narrative story.

Lilja, for your great attempt at writing a sizzling start in your narrative writing piece

Evelyn for your great attempt at including dialogue in your narrative writing.

Audrey, for your great attempt at writing a sizzling start in your narrative writing piece.

Piper, for your great attempt at writing a sizzling start in your narrative writing piece.

Louie, for his AWESOME singing during our morning song.

Eviee, for using her words and explaining clearly what had happened when she was upset.

Lottie, for starting her work straight away.

Zaccy, for helping others and making sure they are ready for play.

Macy, for her AWESOME singing during our morning song.

Lexi, for her neat handwriting.

Zya, for helping younger students feel safe and connected in the playground.

Frankie, for writing a beautiful acknowledgement of country in LOTE, using Dhudhuroa language.

James for packing up immediately when the timer went off.

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 SOPHIE FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK IN THE IN THE GARDEN

THANK YOU MEGAN FOR LOOKING AFTER NELLIE

THANK YOU TO TOM, FOR FIXING THE BASKETBALL BACKBOARD


Community Events


Previous attachment


Community Meeting


UNDER 12'S 2025!

YFNC Would like to invite those families who have players wanting to play u12's football in 2025 to come to a community meeting on:

 **MONDAY, DECEMBER 2nd**

 **6:30PM**

 **BUTSON PARK, YACKANDANDAH**





DESIGN COMPETITION

DESIGN THE ARTWORK FOR OUR 2025 POSTER & PROGRAM!

We're calling on all young artists to help design the poster and program cover for our 2025 Golden Horseshoes Festival!

This is your chance to get creative and showcase your talent in front of the whole town. The winner will have the incredible honor of opening the festival alongside the mayor, featuring in our grand parade, and receiving a fantastic hamper full of surprises.

So gather your art supplies, let your imagination soar, and show us what you've got!

open to all primary school children living or attending school in 3747 postcode

 **visit here for more information**
www.beechworthgoldenhorseshoes.com.au/design-competition
Competition closes: 21st November 2024



Ready, Set
RECOVER

Community Training Program



\$30/weekend
lunch
included

FOOD HANDLING & FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Sat 7 & Sun 8 Dec

- Yackandandah
- 20 places available
- Min age 12 years

D&K **CLEANING SERVICES**

General & Contract Cleaning
Floor Stripping & Cleaning
After Build Cleans
Window Cleaning
Carpet Steam Cleaning
Upholstery Cleaning
Tile & Grout Cleaning
Pressure Washing
Gutter Cleaning Services

Mobile **0427 265 346** dandkcleaning@bigpond.com

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 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

Search Beechworth Wanderers on Play Cricket