



Welcome back to the 2022 school year.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and that your break was a relaxing one and that you all managed to spend some down time with your families. Again, in 2021, we were faced with many challenges and, as a school community, we rose to the challenge and made it a very productive and successful year.

Despite the disruptions predicted for early in the year I am confident of a more settled and, dare I say it, normal 2022. From a school perspective, we are looking forward to the return of some of the events that make school special. Camps, excursions, sports days, concerts and other community events are things we can look forward to this year.

We've had a wonderful start to the school year with all students, including 147 new ones, arriving with a smile on their face and ready to do their best. On the first day I visited each classroom to have a chat to the students. Together we identified two things that we all need to focus on to ensure it is a fantastic year. They are to 'Be Your Best' at all times and to treat each other with kindness. If we do these things every day, everything else will take care of itself.

I wish you all the very best for a wonderful 2022 school year.

Matt Gallagher
Principal

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2022

11th - Call for School council Nominations

13th - Cyber Safety payment and consent due

14th - Cyber Safety session

15th - Cyber Safety session

15th - Swim Trials - 6.45am

16th - Prep free Wednesday

18th - Student individual & Class Photo Day

18th - Nominations for School Council close 4pm

21st - Nominations displayed at school

23rd - Prep free Wednesday

24th - District Swimming

25th - Sibling Photo Day

28th - Close of ballot and votes counted

26th - School & Sibling photos

MARCH

2nd - Prep free Wednesday

9th - Prep free Wednesday

14th - Labour Day (Public holiday)

16th - School Council AGM & School Council meeting

17th - Grade 6 final payment due

21st - Grade 6 camp departs

23rd - Grade 6 camp arrives back

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Q: WHY DID THE BANANA GO TO THE DOCTOR?



A: BECAUSE IT WASN'T PEELING WELL!

2022 TERM DATES



TERM 1 - Thursday 28th January to Friday 8th April

TERM 2 - Tuesday 26th April to Friday 24th June

TERM 3 - Monday 11th July to Friday 16th September

TERM 4 - Monday 3rd October to Tuesday 20th December

WELCOME BACK



**A big welcome back to Jessica
Atchison and Lauren Palmer**

NEW STAFF

Please welcome our newest staff members,. We are thrilled to have you with us at Woodlands and look forward to a fantastic 2022

Matthew Gough
Performing Arts



Amelia Frawley
Grade 2



SCHOOLS PRIVACY POLICY

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found [here](#).

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in nine community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese.

CANTEEN

MY SCHOOL CONNECT – easy access to order through the mobile app

We've been busy over the break and we're excited to announce that we've made some improvements to make ordering lunch for your child easier than ever!

Our new streamlined mobile design means you can access everything you need to place an order from just one screen.

Key changes:

- Access your menus with the drop down arrow at the top of the screen
- Select your student and order date from the bottom navigation bar
- Click on the cart icon to check out

And that's it!

THRIVE AWARDS

Term 1 Week 2

'Be HEALTHY'

Class	Recipient Name		Class	Recipient Name
FE	Hendrix B		4C	Jai N
FG	Jordyn R		4H	Zoe B
FI	Chloe J		4MR	Brax K
FS	Mattias E		4P	Amelia B
FT	Asher Z		4R	Jeriya B
FW	Willow L		5A	Kiku Mc
1A	Rhys B		5D	Annaliese B
1C	Ezra F		5P	Chelsea G
1J	Scarleit E		5S	Keara B
1JE	Jude C		5W	Indi L
1M	Hayden E		6BP	Ethan S
1S	Charlie T		6D	Tennessee D
2D	Avi P		6G	Billy B
2H	Alyssa L		6S	Jayla D
2I	Logan Ho		6W	William A
2F	Kobe D		PERFORMING ARTS Mr Gough	Jackson B 3S
2M	Archer E		PE Mr Dowling PE Mr Birnie	Tahnee C 2Mu/Ava L 6D Logan H 2I/Charlotte F 6G
2MU	Lincoln S		STEM Mr Schaus	Blake C 3 G
3G	Mackenzie B		VISUAL ARTS Mrs Block	Harper S 1M
3L	Tobin P		VISUAL ARTS Mrs Clowes	Justin B 6S
3S	Keira Mc		VISUAL ARTS Mrs Livera	Hunter L 1Je
3WH	Malachi B		ICT Mr Hall	Hudson F 1A
3W	Leo C.		MEDIA Mr Hall	Harry C 5A
			PE Mr Hall	Jett C 2M

First Week of Foundation!

The Foundation students have had an excellent start to the year. They have settled into school beautifully and finished off their first week by making crowns!



Foundation E



Foundation I



Foundation G



Foundation S



Foundation T



Foundation W

PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION BELOW

With our Main School Photography Day fast approaching, below you will find many important points to help prepare.

- **Friday 18th February** - Student individual & Class Photo Day
- **Friday 25th February** - Sibling Photo Day (**Siblings only not cousins**)

PLEASE NOTE: Unfortunately, no changes to our very full timetable can be made if your child/ren will be away either of these days.

Personalised Order Flyers:

- Your personalised order flyers were handed out last week by the classroom teacher. Please check your child/ren's bag if you have not yet seen it.
- All orders are to be processed directly online through school pix. Cash orders not accepted
- **Alternate family orders:** If you are the alternate family and would like to order photos, please contact the office for your child/rens unique code to order.

Who will be photographed?

- All students individually as well as in their class group whether an order has been placed or not.
- Only siblings that have ordered online by 8am Friday 25th March will have a sibling photo taken.

School Uniform:

- **Foundation to Year 5**, to wear full school uniform (**No sports tops for the year 5's**) No coloured hair pieces, coloured socks, coloured shoes or anything else deemed not school uniform. (Uniform Booklet attached to this post)
- **Year 6 students** have been asked to wear their year 6 tops.

ORDERING ONLINE AT www.schoolpix.com.au

- Early bird orders receive free delivery. This closes on Tuesday 1st March. Orders placed after this day will incur a \$7.95 postage fee as orders will be sent directly to the nominated address.
 - Orders place online before midnight on photography day (18/3/22) will receive a bonus black and white print with a bookmark (Does not apply to sibling orders only)
 - Free delivery to the school applies to orders placed online up to 2 working days after photography.
 - Parents can order up to 2 working days after photography without their personalised code using our "student search" function. This requires the student's first and last name and date of birth to be provided.
 - There is no need to return the order flyer to the school on photography day.
 - **25% FAMILY DISCOUNT**Families with 3 or more children will receive a 25% discount when ordering individual packages online (Does not apply to Group only, Class book only online orders)
- Any queries please contact SchoolPix on 1300 778 987, unless it is for your unique family code then please call the office.**

Woodlands Swimming Trials - Tuesday 15th February

Below is some information regarding the upcoming swimming trials for selection in the Woodlands swim team. The trials are open to students from years 3 to 6 who are experienced swimmers and can swim their chosen stroke under the qualifying time in a 50m pool (see attached sheet).

If your child is interested in attending the trials, please print and read the below document carefully, and return the slip at the bottom of the page to either myself or Mr. Dowling by Friday 11th February.
If you have any further questions regarding the trials, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,
Mr. Birnie and Mr. Dowling

WOODLANDS SWIM TRIALS

Date: 15TH February
Time: Students arrive at 6:45 am ready for a 7:00 am start
Venue: Pines Swimming Pool Forest Drive, Frankston North
Cost: No cost to students; covered by the Woodlands Sport Department

Staff: Mr Dowling & Mr Birnie

Students are invited to come and trial for an individual event/s. We will be timing each event throughout the morning with the top two fastest times for each stroke, age and gender to represent Woodlands Primary School at the Murdoch District swimming event (24/2/2022 also @ the pines swimming pool).

Please be aware that this is a trial for very experienced swimmers and is not open to all students to 'have a go'. Your child must be able to swim the allocated stroke under the below times in order trial. There is no limit on how many events you can enter, however each student may only choose two events should they qualify in all strokes.

Below are the qualifying times required to progress to the District event, these have been put together by the district president in accordance with the Physical Education staff amongst our district. If students do not finish within these times we unfortunately cannot enter a competitor for that event.

MURDOCH DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS ASSOCIATION **QUALIFYING TIMES TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE DISTRICT SWIM TRIALS**

AGE GROUP	FREESTYLE	BACKSTROKE	BREASTSTROKE	BUTTERFLY
9/10 Years	≤ 59:00 seconds	≤ 1:08:00 min/sec	≤ 1:12:00 min/sec	≤ 1:10:00 min/sec
11 Years	≤ 55:00 seconds	≤ 1:03:00 min/sec	≤ 1:10:00 min/sec	≤ 1:05:00 min/sec
12/13 Years	≤ 50:00 seconds	≤ 1:00:00 min/sec	≤ 1:05:00 min/sec	≤ 1:00:00 min/sec

Could you please fill out the below form if your child will be attending, along with the stroke they wish to compete in and return to Mr Dowling or Mr. Birnie by Friday 11th of February.

Name:

Age Group: (please circle) Please note that your child's age group will match their age on the day of the 31st of December 2022

9/10 Year Olds

11 Year Olds

12/13 Year Olds

Swimming Event/s: (please circle)

Breaststroke

Freestyle

Backstroke

Butterfly

Book Club

Dear Parents,

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of books and the joy and benefits of independent reading for fun. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our school is participating in **Scholastic Book Club** this year. Up to twice a term, during the school year, students will bring home a Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages.

You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. The books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and because they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$2).

It is easy to order. The **Book Club LOOP** platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to Scholastic safe and sound and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at **[scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)** or using the **LOOP** app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

*Important note: NO MONEY will be accepted at school, ordering is only available through the LOOP.

Owning your own books is something special! Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school, however, there is **never any obligation** to order. There is no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

Brochures for Book Club will be sent home this week. Orders must be place through the LOOP and before the 16th March.

Sincerely,
Mrs Burke



2022 CSEF

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a **valid** means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

It is important that funding made available in 2022 supports students to participate in school trips, camps and sporting activities this year rather than being held for future years. This funding can also be used in conjunction with any funding accrued from previous years. Please note these activities will only take place if they meet COVIDSafe requirements.

HOW TO APPLY

FAMILIES WHO APPLIED LAST YEAR

- If you applied for CSEF through our school last year and have a Foundation child start this year, then you will need to fill out an application form and attach a copy of your Healthcare Card.
- If you applied for CSEF through our school last year and have no new children begin this year you will need to either email or bring in your Healthcare card to be copied.

FAMILIES WHO HAVE NEVER APPLIED AND ARE ELIGIBLE

If you would like to apply for the first time, please either print the form attached to this post or come into the office to collect a hard copy.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office **as soon as possible**.

HELLO TERM 1



WOODLANDS PRIMARY



Welcome to TeamKids
2022! We have an
EXCITING year planned.
See you soon!

What's on this term...



FEBRUARY

**TEDDY BEARS
PICNIC**

MARCH

**END OF TERM
CELEBRATIONS!**

APRIL

**AUTUMN SCHOOL
HOLIDAYS**

Team
Kids

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HOW TO REGISTER?

Head to teamkids.com.au/register

Allow 10-15 min to set up your account.

HOW TO BOOK?

1. Sign in to your TeamKids account.
2. Select the following: » Add/change bookings » Care Type » Child's Name » Date (it will turn green).
3. Click "Next".
4. Double check your bookings and click "Confirm Changes".



See you soon!

**AWESOME PARTIES
YUMMY SNACKS
HOLIDAY FUN
EPIC EVENTS
FUN CLUBS**

BEFORE AFTER + VACATION CARE
1300 035 000
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Team
Kids

**=SCREEN
FREE FUN**

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2022 SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

ELECTORAL PROCESS

The Department of Education and Training has approved the commencement of the electoral process for the elections of School Councillors for 2022. Below is an outline of the process and a timeline for the completion of the elections. I have also included some information about the School Council, its membership establishment and role within our school.

Membership

Our School Council consists of 8 elected parent members, 4 elected members of staff, and the Principal, with two optional School Council appointed community members.

Terms of Office

The term of office is for two years.

Retiring School Councillors

The following members of the School Council retire at the end of this month.

Parents: Glenn Heatley, Steven Brown and Sheree Maguire

Retiring members are eligible for re-election

Parent Positions Available: 3

Staff: Matt Amery, Eve Campbell, Josh Dowling and Jessica Allan

Retiring members are eligible for re-election.

Staff Position Available: 4

Timetable for Elections

Fri 11th Feb: Call for Nominations (Nomination box located at the office).
Nomination forms can be collected from the Principal's office.

Fri 18th Feb: Nominations close 4:00 pm.

Mon 21st Feb: Nominations displayed at School. Election held if Required.

Mon 28th Feb: Close of Ballot and Votes counted.

Wed. 16th Mar: School Council AGM & School Council Meeting.


What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected parent category.

More than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department employees can be parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school. 

A mandated elected school employee category.

Members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional community member category.

Its members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be community members.

The term of office for members is two years. Half the members must retire each year and this creates vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Vaccination Information from DET

It's been really fantastic to see such excitement around the return to school and we want to keep it that way. A crucial part of that is getting as many students vaccinated as possible.

Alongside ventilation and other vital COVIDSafe steps such as regular rapid antigen testing, supporting as many students as possible to be vaccinated will help make our school as safe as possible.

Bookings for children aged 5 to 11 to receive the paediatric Pfizer vaccine are open and we encourage parents and carers to get your child vaccinated, if you haven't already done so.

The [Pfizer vaccine is safe and recommended for children](#). The vaccine will help protect your child from getting sick from COVID-19, help to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and help ensure kids can have more time at school and playing with their friends.

Vaccinations for children aged 5-11 years old are delivered at 2 appointments, 8 weeks apart. Children with specific medical vulnerabilities can access their second dose 3 weeks after their first dose.

If you'd like more information about this, you can read a recent statement from the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI): <https://www.health.gov.au/news/atagi-update-following-weekly-covid-19-meeting-19-january-2022>

To book an appointment

You can book at your local GP or pharmacy: <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/booking>

You can also book at a family-friendly vaccination centre by calling the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398.

You can also make vaccination centre bookings for your children online, though you will need to use an email address that has not been used in the system before: <https://portal.cvms.vic.gov.au/>

Helping children to get their vaccination

Vaccination centres understand that children may feel anxious about vaccination or have other support needs. A range of options are available to help children get vaccinated. Please discuss your child's needs with the vaccination centre when you book an appointment.

Appointments are also available at Aboriginal Controlled Community Health Organisations.

Find out more about vaccination for kids: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-information-children-and-teenagers>

NOTICE BOARD CONT...

SATURDAY 19 – SUNDAY 20 FEBRUARY




THE WATERFRONT FESTIVAL 2022


FRANKSTON FORESHORE
GARDEN BAR ♦ VENTANA FIESTA ♦ MARKETS
SNEAKY SOUND SYSTEM
JACK JONES ♦ ANDREW SWIFT ♦ GRETTA ZILLER ♦ SPIRIT LINES
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FREE ENTRY





ELISABETH MURDOCH COLLEGE
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Elisabeth Murdoch College cares about our students' future success. We offer pathways for every aspiration.

OPEN NIGHT






Monday 28th March 5:30pm - 7pm
80 Warrandyte Rd, Langwarrin
 Check in at the senior school entrance

Please note: Street parking only, on-site car park will be closed


We welcome the community to:

- See our outstanding facilities and grounds
- Speak with students about our broad range of programs
- Meet with our dedicated teachers
- Hear about our future direction and unique opportunities that we offer
- Learn about our specialist programs

Applications for 2023 are opening soon. For more information visit the college website at www.emc.vic.edu.au

MORE FUN THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE!



MyGolf is Australia's introductory golf program for 5 to 12 year olds. The program introduces kids to golf in a safe and friendly environment. Participants learn new skills, make new friends and most importantly, HAVE FUN!

Here at Centenary Park Golf Course PGA Professionals Jack Donaldson and Scott McDermott are passionate about growing the game of golf in the local community while having a good time.

There are plenty of clinic options on the Golf Australia website for after school and on weekends. If this sounds like something your child would be interested in then don't wait.

REGISTER NOW AT MYGOLF.ORG.AU