

NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR

Curriculum Day - Monday 7th March

On Monday, March 7th, we will be having a Curriculum Day (Student Free Day).

This day provides an opportunity for all staff to complete some professional development with Berry Street.

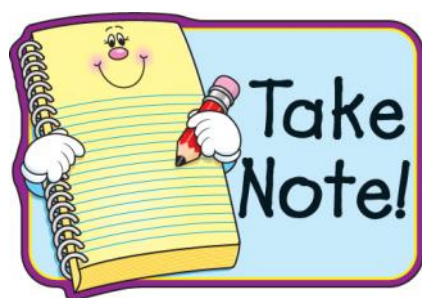
Upcoming due dates

March 3rd - Grade 6 Summer sports consent due

March 11th - Grade 5 beach program payment and consent due

March 17th - Grade 6 camp final payment due

March 25th - Grade 3 Camp deposit and consent due



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

MARCH

2nd - Prep free Wednesday

3rd - Grade 6 Summer sports consent due

4th - Grade 6 Summer sports day

7th - Curriculum Day (student free Day)

9th - Prep free Wednesday

11th - Grade 5 beach program payment and consent due

11th - Year 6 Summer sports day

14th - Labour Day (Public holiday)

16th - School Council AGM & meeting

16th - Grade 5 beach program

17th - Grade 5 beach program

17th - Grade 6 camp final payment due

18th - Grade 6 Summer sports day

21st - Grade 6 camp departs

23rd - Grade 6 camp arrives back

25th - Grade 3 Camp deposit and consent due

JOKE OF THE WEEK

What sound
does a nut
make when it
sneezes?

Cashew!



Look at 2H's Sunflowers!



Did you know that the seeds of a sunflower come from the middle of the flower? Last year Fin from 2H brought along a dead sunflower to school. Our class harvested the seeds from the centre of the sunflower and we dried them out in the classroom. That was almost a whole year ago!

After we returned from remote learning in Term Four, 2H planted the sunflower seeds in small pots. We named them, took care of them and each day watched them slowly grow. Over the school holidays something magical happened, our tiny seeds turned into the most magnificent sunflowers!

Recently, many of my old students have been so excited to share stories and photographs of their beautiful sunflowers. The pictures were so special that I had to share them with the rest of our school community!

This week 2H 2022 harvested the sunflower seeds from a ginormous flower that had grown from one of Fin's tiny seeds. We will start the lifecycle all over again.





Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you so much for supporting our school in these last few interrupted years of learning. This term, we are hosting a **Colour Explosion School Fun Run** to help us fundraise for updating our basketball area precinct. To achieve our goal, we aim to raise \$30,000 as a school community. The school has already commenced the update over Summer with the refurbishment of the amphitheatre around the perimeter of the basketball court.

When is the Colour Explosion School Fun Run? We will be hosting our Colour Explosion School Fun Run on Friday April 1st. Students will be able to order a WPS Colour Run T-Shirt or bring their own WHITE shirt to wear during the Fun Run. They will be covered in non-toxic, biodegradable colour powder from head to toe!

Is the powder safe? The non-toxic colour powder is made of high-quality corn starch and permitted food colours, so it's safe for skin and eyes. Students with asthma are advised to be careful in their decision to participate.

How does my child fundraise? Fundraising for the update of our Basketball Area precinct is easy – simply follow the instructions outlined in your child's sponsorship booklet. Your child can accept donations online by creating a cybersafe fundraising profile at www.australianfundraising.com.au. The school will not be collecting any cash payments for our fundraising. Please complete your donations by Friday the 1st of April.

How do I order my child's incentive prizes? You can order your child's prizes online between Saturday April 2nd and Friday April 8th. Order one prize based on the total amount of dollars raised, or mix and match smaller prizes.

Share in \$200,000 worth of extra prize credit! Achieve bigger prizes by helping your child earn bonus credit on their online profile. By creating an avatar, sharing your page with friends and reaching milestone donations, you can share in \$200,000 of extra prize credit!

Monstar Madness. There are heaps of prizes you can win when you fun-raise with Monty! Create your fundraising page in the next 7 days, and you will receive a Holographic Monty Sticker! Check out your sponsorship booklet for more awesome Monty prizes up for grabs, like a Monty Plush toy, a bag tag or a high-bounce handball!

Win a \$10,000 JB Hi-Fi Shopping Spree. Do you think you can top our school's leaderboard? The highest fundraising student in our school will go into the draw to win a \$10,000 JB Hi-Fi Shopping Spree, including your choice of televisions, laptops, phones, home accessories and more! Start fundraising at www.australianfundraising.com.au for your chance to win.

Fund-Razor of the Year Award. Do you think you can top the national leaderboard? Australia's highest fundraising student in Australia will win a Razor Prize Pack, worth \$3,000!

Thanks in advance for your support, and happy fundraising!

Woodlands Parents N' Friends Association

Statement of Commitment to Child Safety

Woodlands Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making, with particular attention paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability and vulnerable children

Woodlands Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse and is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives.

Every person involved in Woodlands Primary School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

In its planning, decision-making and operations, Woodlands Primary School will

1. Take a preventative, proactive and participatory approach to child safety
2. Value and empower children to participate in decisions which affect their lives
3. Foster a culture of openness that supports all persons to safely disclose risks of harm to children
4. Respect diversity in cultures and child rearing practices while keeping child safety paramount
5. Provide written guidance on appropriate conduct and behaviour towards children
6. Engage only the most suitable people to work with children and have high quality staff and volunteer supervision and professional development
7. Ensure children know who to talk with if they are worried or are feeling unsafe, and that they are comfortable and encouraged to raise such issues
8. Report suspected abuse, neglect or mistreatment promptly to the appropriate authorities
9. Share information appropriately and lawfully with other organisations where the safety and wellbeing of children is at risk
10. 10. Value the input of families and carers and correspond with them regularly.

The Woodlands Primary School - Child Safe policies can be found on our school website
<http://www.woodlandsps.vic.edu.au/>

THRIVE AWARDS

Term 1 Week 3

'RELATE Well'

Class	Recipient Name		Class	Recipient Name
FE	Arabella W		4C	Gemma R
FG	Ashar M		4H	Josh M
FI	Brooklyn T		4MR	Leehe G
FS	Paddy P		4P	Lily H
FT	Riley F		4R	Coco B
FW	Mila A		5A	Tj G
1A	Ivy S		5D	Asa M
1C	Oliver C		5P	Haiden A
1J	Elwood W		5S	Maddie L
1JE	Willow H		5W	Will W
1M	Annabel D		6BP	Lily B
1S	Evie P		6D	Matthew J
2D	Davis J		6G	Maddison D
2H	Jimmy P		6S	Lydia A
2I	Esther F		6W	Maddison S
2F	Chelsea M		PERFORMING ARTS Mr Gough	Bayne Sellars 2F
2M	Cadence P		PE Mr Dowling PE Mr Birnie	Keara B 5S/Emily S 2H Thomas W 6S/Cruze D 2I
2MU	Liliana B		STEM Mr Schaus	Mackenzie B 3G
3G	Sam L		VISUAL ARTS Mrs Block	Jaida P 1A
3L	George W		VISUAL ARTS Mrs Clowes	Lilah B 4C
3S	Nathan D		VISUAL ARTS Mrs Livera	Mila B 2M
3WH	Daisy P		ICT Mr Hall	Abbi M 1C
3W	Jessica K		MEDIA Mr Hall	Seth D 5D
			PE Mr Hall	Jack S 1A

THRIVE AWARDS

Term 1 Week 4

'Get INVOLVED'

Class	Recipient Name		Class	Recipient Name
FE	Parker S		4C	Madison C
FG	Sophie F		4H	Scarlett S
FI	Ava R		4MR	Levi K
FS	Norah H		4P	Bella C
FT	Lexi Mc		4R	Ellie D
FW	Angus L		5A	Paisley R
1A	William D		5D	Jackson M
1C	Lucas M		5P	Ruby H
1J	Levi J		5S	Tyler S
1JE	Ava R		5W	Ruby V
1M	Oki P		6BP	Billy J
1S	Tia P		6D	Kira N
2D	Tyler B		6G	Chelsea C
2H	Riagan J		6S	Tahlia S
2I	Jonah G		6W	Isla S
2F	Airlie J		PERFORMING ARTS Mr Gough	Norah H FS
2M			PE Mr Dowling PE Mr Birnie	Jacob B 4H / Lincoln S 2Mu Adelaide H 2D / Edan M-B 4Mr
2MU	Hudson B		STEM Mr Schaus	Archer G 6BP
3G	Marissa L		VISUAL ARTS Mrs Block	Kipper O 2H
3L	Katie B		VISUAL ARTS Mrs Clowes	
3S	Finlay L		VISUAL ARTS Mrs Livera	Logan Ho 2I
3WH	Sierra W		ICT Mr Hall	Creed M 1J
3W	Archer P		MEDIA Mr Hall	Ruby F 5P
			PE Mr Hall	Greer H 1C

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



Dear Parents & Carers,

As a school community the safety and wellbeing of our students is always our main priority. With this in mind we wish to share the school's official position concerning student use of social media. The school has consulted with an eSafety Commissioner [Trusted eSafety Provider](#) to ensure we provide you with up to date and evidence-based advice.

All social media platforms (*including Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, Discord and Tik Tok*) have a minimum age of 13 that is clearly outlined in the terms of service. Irrespective of the age rating mentioned in the App Store, 13 years is the mandated minimum age whether or not they have parental permission. For example, these are the terms of service directly from Instagram:

Who Can Use Instagram. We want our Service to be as open and inclusive as possible, but we also want it to be safe, secure, and in accordance with the law. So, we need you to commit to a few restrictions in order to be part of the Instagram community.

- You must be at least 13 years old or the minimum legal age in your country to use Instagram.

As a school we do not recommend any student under the age of 13 has access to their own social media account.

In addition to the age restriction, social media presents a myriad of issues related to the unsuitability of content (sexual references, language, drugs, alcohol and broader adult themes) on these platforms. These social media platforms have not been designed, managed or filtered with primary school age children in mind. The risks of cyberbullying and inappropriate messaging are increased when developing brains are presented with disappearing direct messages such as those featured in most social media. Another significant risk is the exposure to other users wishing to harm and abuse young people. The evidence is very clear that wherever young people gather online via social media platforms there will always be a risk of predators. We acknowledge that there is a time and a place for social media however these challenges of social media present much greater risk for primary school aged children.

Recommended: A messaging app that has been designed specifically for users under 13 is **Messenger Kids** (www.messengerkids.com). Parents require a Facebook account to manage and supervise their child's account. Using an app such as this provides a perfect opportunity for parents to introduce messaging and social media in a safer environment where open conversations can set up families for success down the track.

Further information about specific social media platforms, as well as games and apps, can be accessed via the parent [eSafety Guide](#) (Australian Government eSafety Commissioner).

In 2022 we are taking a proactive approach as a school. Students in F-6 will be participating in termly online safety incursions delivered by Inform & Empower. **We are also supporting parents and carers in this space with Cyber Safety Tip Sheets each term following the student sessions.**

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Matthew Amery – Assistant Principal

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**.

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>

WOODLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Welcome back to all Woodlands Primary students! For those families who are new to Woodlands we offer a Before & After School Care service from 6:30 – 9 in the mornings and 3:30 – 6:30 in the afternoons. We offer a healthy afternoon tea with fruit and our daily special.

We had an amazing summer holidays entertaining over 40 children a day and doing some amazing activities like Rock Climbing, Movies & Inflatable world.

Our term has got off to an amazing start already hosting a Teddy Bears Picnic & welcoming our new preps into our service.

If you ever have any questions regarding our program feel free to pay us a visit anytime before or after school.

TEAMKIDS CLUBS ASC WEEK: 5-6



MONDAY

Week 5 – Cooking Club
Week 6 – Epic Sports Club

TUESDAY

Week 5 – Musical Theatre Club
Week 6 – Cooking Club

WEDNESDAY

Week 5 – Lego Masters
Week 6 – Musical Theatre Club

THURSDAY

Week 5 – Mindfulness Club
Week 6 – Lego Masters

FRIDAY

Week 4 – Epic Sports Club
Week 5 – Mindfulness Club

IMPORTANT DATES



Monday March 7th 2022

Pupil Free Day

Thursday March 17th 2022

Team Kids Rainbow Party

Friday April 1st 2022

Team Kids End Of Term Party



Service Mobile: 0427 890 744

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Service Email: woodlandsp@teamkids.com.au

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NOTICE BOARD

MOUNTERIN.VIC.EDU.AU

MOUNT ERIN COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday, 23rd March 2022
5.00 – 7.00pm



School tours running every 20 minutes from the front office.

To book your spot, please contact our friendly administration team on 5971 6000, or make your booking via our school website.




Families transitioning to year 7 in 2023 and beyond are invited to attend our college open night.




COVID-SAFE PRACTICES

- ✓ QR Code Check-in on arrival
- ✓ Proof of COVID vaccination required
- ✓ Mask wearing is mandatory indoors




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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

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




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**

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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!

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