

## ATTENDANCE

As we settle into the new school year, I would like to take this opportunity to emphasize the importance of attending primary school regularly and the impact of missed school days.

Every day in school is important for your child's academic and social development. Each lesson builds on the previous one, and missing even a single day can put your child behind. In fact, research shows that students who miss just 10% of the school year (or about 18 days) are more likely to fall behind in their studies and have lower test scores. Long term evidence suggests that attendance is a key factor in determining academic success and graduation rates.

You may have noticed more communication from the school regarding your child's absences. Minimising student absences is a Woodlands and Department of education goal in 2023. Even just one absence a fortnight adds up to 20 days per year, 140 days in primary school and 260 days from Foundation to Year 12. This equates to more than a year of missed school days.

We understand that sometimes absences are unavoidable due to illness or family emergencies, and we encourage you to keep your child home in those situations. However, we ask that you make every effort to schedule doctor's appointments and other activities outside of school hours to ensure that your child does not miss valuable classroom time. Always upload your child's absence on Compass the night before or the morning of their absence.

In addition to the academic impact, regular attendance is important for building good habits and developing social skills. When students miss school, they miss out on opportunities to interact with their peers and learn important social skills like teamwork and communication.

We appreciate your partnership in ensuring your child attends primary school regularly and on time. Let's work together to help your child succeed academically and socially.

**Matt Gallagher**  
Principal



WOODLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL IS ON  
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COUNTRY



## CALENDAR

### MARCH

Friday 10th — Curriculum Day

(NO students at school)

Monday 13th — Labour Day

Holiday

### APRIL

Monday 3rd — Year 5 Science

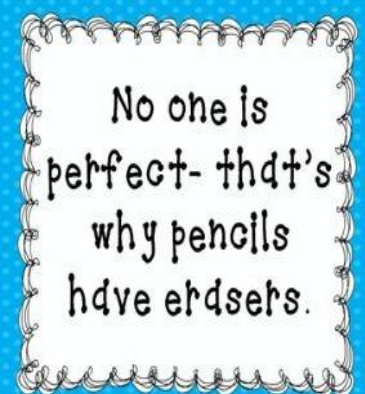
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Wednesday 5th — Athletics

Thursday 6th — Last Day of

Term 1 — 2:30pm finish

### *Joke of the week !*



# CONGRATULATIONS !

A big congratulations to all the staff and students for such a great achievement with our Naplan results and for making their way in to The Age and The Herald Sun.

A job well done !



Woodlands Primary School students celebrate their NAPLAN results. L to R: Hanna, Locky, Evie, Stella, Finn, Liam. Picture: Mark Stewart

# Privacy Collection Notice

## Information for students, parents and carers

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

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 read our school's collection notice, found on our website <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>

We ask parents to also review the guidance on how we use [Google Workspace for Education](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information.

If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

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

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





# IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES



## ***Important School Dates for Term***

### **2023 TERM DATES**

Friday 10th March—Curriculum Day

Monday 13th March—Labour Day

### **2023 Foundation only.**

Foundation students will also have **every Wednesday off school until** after the long weekend in March.

**First Wednesday back will be 15th March**, and the following week will be the foundation students first full week of Primary School (Full week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March).

**TERM 2            Monday 24th April to Friday 23rd June**

**TERM 3            Monday 10th July to Friday 15th September**

**TERM 4            Monday 2nd October to Wednesday 20th December**

## Woodlands Lunch Club Information Semester One 2023

Club & Teacher	Room	Club Information
<b>Monday</b>		
	1:40-2:20pm	
Signing Club - Ms. Morgan	Media Room	Students will learn how to use Auslan when signing different songs. Once a song is mastered, another song of the students choice will be chosen and then practised each week.
Coding Club - Ms. Gordon	Library/Resource Room	Students will learn the basics of coding by playing games and completing problem solving challenges.
<b>Tuesday</b>		
	1:40-2:20pm	
Art Club - Mrs. Clowes	Snr Art Room	Art Club involves Mindfulness colouring, Free draw, How to draw activities as well as Art games. Music will be played in the background with a theme each week such as Wiggles, Classic, Pop and Rock. Hope to see you there!
Yoga Club - Mrs. Schuurman	Yr1 Rm14	Yoga club on Tuesdays is a great way for students to move their bodies, learning basic yoga skills and poses while listening to engaging children's stories. The club is a great place for students to relax, unwind and reset for their afternoon in the classroom.
<b>Wednesday</b>		
	1:40-2:20pm	
LEGO Club - Mr Schaus	STEM Room	LEGO Club is run for all ages! We have Duplo for the little ones, Lego city and lego trains for mid school age and lego techniques for the older kids.
Sport Club - Mr Dowling	Basketball Stadium	Wednesday lunchtime club for Mr Dowling will consist of some structured sport sessions in the stadium. Due to the numbers we will allow certain year levels for each session. This term we will start with our foundation kids-year4, the focus of the session will be on "making new friends" our grade 6 leaders will be overseeing the session and they will be making these sessions super fun for the kids.

## Woodlands Lunch Club Information

### Semester One 2023

Thursday	1:40-2:20pm	
Dance Club - Mr. Gough	Music/Performing Arts Hall	Every Thursday students can come along and have a dance at Dance Club. Sometimes we have a freestyle session where you can dance however you want. Other times students will be in groups. You will make up your own dance then get up on stage in a 'Dance Off' and Mr Gough will choose a winner.
Art Club - Mrs Block	Junior Art Room	Each Thursday students can join us in the Art Room for Art Hub drawing classes, Zen colouring and drawing with different mediums of their choice. Sometimes we may even watch snippets of famous artists' lives. See you at 2:40pm in the Junior Art Room!
Friday	1:40-2:20pm	
Friday Fun Club - Ms. Eldridge	Foundation Room 8	Friday Fun Club offers students a calm place to unwind and participate in some independent and quiet activities such as colouring, lego, play dough, felt boards, peg boards and picture story books to read. Children are welcome to bring along their own story to read if they would like to.
Woodlands FM - Mr Birnie	Radio Studio / Stadium Deck	Woodlands FM is organised by Mr. Birnie and our Year 6 Media monitors. This year students will present shows on the stadium deck and also in the radio studio. Students will be able to enjoy the great atmosphere, around the basketball courts where they can dance, sing and have fun listening to the music. When the radio show is live from the studio, students will not only have great music but be able to listen or participate in some great interviews, games and quizzes along with a whole lot more. Stay tuned each Friday for Woodlands FM.

# Art Room News:



Mrs.Livera's amazing Year 2 artists were feeling the love this Valentine's Day!

Students worked on a bright and colourful pop-art inspired piece. They had such a fun time working on each character's facial expressions! Beautiful work Year 2's!!



# Library News

Welcome back to 2022

Children are welcome to visit the library to read and or borrow before school and the first half of recess. Please use backdoor entrance.

To borrow books students in all grades must have a [waterproof library bag](#).

Despite all good intentions, [PLEASE DO NOT MEND](#) any books (library or take home readers). If a book is in need of repair please send to the Resource Centre or give to your class teacher.

Book Club brochures will come home twice per term.

We also host two Book Fairs during the year June 5th – 9th and November 20th – 24<sup>th</sup>

Wishing everyone a fantastic year,  
Ms Burke.



**Book Club LOOP**  
The EASIEST way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!

**Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?**  
LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for LOOP receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!

Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) and register today!

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# THRIVE AWARDS

Term 1 Week 3

'RELATE Well'

Class	Recipient Name		Class	Recipient Name
FE	Eli D		4AW	Lily B
FG	Dario P		4D	Samantha Mc
FM	Mia C-B		4I	Bonnie B
FN	Conor V		4MR	Dittek D
FS	Lachlan R		4W	Colin W
FT	Lacey T		5A	Zayvier T
1A	Amelia L		5B	Zach Z
1E	Jed V		5D	Levi K
1F	Nathaniel N		5S	Misha Y
1J	Elora M		5W	Mason M
1S	Peyton R		6BP	Veronica T
1SR	Summer M		6C	Abigail J
2F	Lacey P		6H	Evie P
2H	Abi M		6P	Cooper K
2I	James W		6S	Emmanuel N
2J	Max E		PERFORMING ARTS Mr Gough	Olivia Healey 1A
2M	Ava R		PE Mr Dowling PE Mr Birnie	Max P 6C Jackson M 6P Laurence Mc FT Abi M 2H
2MU	Annabel D		STEM Mr Schaus	Billie M 4 MR
3E	Ruby C		VISUAL ARTS Mrs Block	Torah A 1SR
3H	Savannah A		VISUAL ARTS Mrs Clowes	Airlie J 3L
3L	Tahnee C		VISUAL ARTS Mrs Livera	Piper M 2M
3P	Lola J		ICT Mr Hall	Avery R FT
3W	Charlotte H		MEDIA Mr Hall	Grace H 5S
			PE Mr Hall	Harper A 2I
			Prep PE Mrs Schroth	

# THRIVE AWARDS

Term 1 Week 4

'Get INVOLVED'

Class	Recipient Name		Class	Recipient Name
FE	Colton W		4AW	Emmett H
FG	Harley A		4D	Hudson C
FM	Hudson D		4I	Hayden D
FN	Harvey P		4MR	Liam M
FS	Chevy L		4W	Willow M
FT	Jordi C		5A	Sophie A
1A	Allie W		5B	Willow G
1E	Alyssa H		5D	Amber L
1F	Ava M		5S	Liam A
1J	Grayson B		5W	Georgie A
1S	Arlie K		6BP	Jayden B
1SR	Austin J		6C	Kiku M
2F	Ollie C		6H	Addison S
2H	Harvey L		6P	Oakley G
2I	Mason H		6S	Matilda J
2J	Eve T		PERFORMING ARTS Mr Gough	Harper B 2I
2M	Xavier M		PE Mr Dowling PE Mr Birnie	Harper R 5A Blake S 3E
2MU	Hayden PS		STEM Mr Schaus	Michael B 4I
3E	Cadence P		VISUAL ARTS Mrs Block	Willow L 1F
3H	Davis J		VISUAL ARTS Mrs Clowes	James S 3W
3L	Amitty M		VISUAL ARTS Mrs Livera	Lucas B 2H
3P	Grace H		ICT Mr Hall	Sophie B 1S
3W	Jack S		MEDIA Mr Hall	Chance C 4D
			PE Mr Hall	Norah H 1F
			Prep PE Mrs Schroth	Sonny J FN

## Elections of School Councillors for 2023

The Department of Education and Training has approved the commencement of the electoral process for the elections of School Councillors for 2023. 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:** Lisa Meddings, Daniel Boyle, Will Sederino, Simon Maddock and Zac Critsilis

Retiring members are eligible for re-election

**Parent Positions Available:** 5

**Staff:** No staff retiring in 2023

**Staff Position Available:** 0

### **Timeline for Elections**

- Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Feb: Call for Nominations (Nomination box located at the office).  
Nomination forms can be collected from the Principal's office.
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb: Nominations close 4:00 pm.
- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb: Nominations displayed at School. Election held if Required.
- Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Feb: Close of Ballot and Votes counted.
- Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> 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 the 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.

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

## OPEN NIGHT

**Monday March 27th 5:30pm - 7:00pm**

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 **2024** are opening soon. For more information visit the college website at [www.emc.vic.edu.au](http://www.emc.vic.edu.au)



## Discovery Mornings

Term 1 - Thursday 23 March

Term 2 - Thursday 15 June

Term 3 - Wednesday 2 August

9:00am - 11:00am

See the College in action as you tour our grounds and facilities, engage with our students and enjoy a morning tea with our leading staff and College Principal.

Register online at [jpc.vic.edu.au](http://jpc.vic.edu.au)



**JOHN PAUL COLLEGE**  
with Him is the fullness of life

Enrolments for Year 7 2025 close on 18 August 2023

McMahons Road, Frankston VIC 3199 | 03 9784 0200 | [johnpaul@jpc.vic.edu.au](mailto:johnpaul@jpc.vic.edu.au) | [jpc.vic.edu.au](http://jpc.vic.edu.au)



**ROWVILLE SECONDARY COLLEGE**

Presents

## SCHOOL OPEN NIGHTS

### EASTERN CAMPUS

SPORTS ACADEMY  
INSTITUTE OF THE ARTS

Monday 27 March  
5:30pm & 7pm

### WESTERN CAMPUS

GENERAL EXCELLENCE  
MATHS & SCIENCE ACADEMY

Wednesday 29 March  
6:30pm

Bookings & Program Information Nights visit:  
[ROWVILLESC.VIC.EDU.AU](http://ROWVILLESC.VIC.EDU.AU)



**ROWVILLE** *One great school*



Holiday Camps  
Doxa

2023

#### WHAT IS ON OFFER?

During the summer and term 1 holidays, Doxa will be running camps in both the city and our bushland camp in Malmesbury. They will cater for children aged 10 to 12 years and will be free for participants registered with the Victorian Government Positive Start Programme.

#### MALMSBURY CAMP

Our Malmesbury Camp is located in an idyllic bush setting in Central Victoria where campers will have exciting outdoor adventures. Onsite there are all sorts of facilities including a giant swing, a climbing wall and trampolines and we visit stand out local attractions such as the steam train.

#### CITY CAMP

Located in the heart of the Melbourne CBD, our City Camp will offer participants the opportunity to discover all the things that our vibrant city has to offer. From the large iconic attractions to the hidden gems of Melbourne's laneways, sporting activities, and even an amazing race, the experience they have will be like no other.

#### DATES FOR BOTH OUR MALMSBURY & CITY CAMP

January 9 to January 13  
5 days and 4 overnights

January 16 to January 20  
5 days and 4 overnights

April 11 to April 14  
4 days and 3 overnights

April 17 to April 21  
5 days and 4 overnights

#### TRANSPORT

We will provide buses to and from central pick up points at the Southern Cross Station in Melbourne and the regional towns of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong and Traralgon or you can pick up and drop off your child from the camp.

#### FURTHER INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS

For further information, to book or help to register for a free camp with The Victorian Government Positive Start,

email: [info@doxa.org.au](mailto:info@doxa.org.au)  
or phone: Marianna Anthony on (03) 9046 8200  
or see our website:  
[doxa.org.au/holiday-camp/](http://doxa.org.au/holiday-camp/)

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## LIVE STREAMED INCURSIONS

Dear Parents & Carers,

In 2023 our students will be participating in the Inform & Empower **digital safety & wellbeing** program. This means that your child/children will be tuning in to live streamed incursions (with their teachers) every term that focus on healthy and safe digital habits. The incursion content is all written and delivered by qualified teachers who are endorsed by the eSafety Commissioner as a Trusted eSafety Provider.



These sessions aim to help children better navigate the online world and become more aware, clever, brave and kind. They will focus on topics

including navigating unwanted contact, cyberbullying, help-seeking strategies, unsafe content, balancing screen time with "green time" and sharing personal information. While Foundation (Kinder/Prep) students do not participate in live streamed sessions, they will be exploring the basics of the online world through guided activities.



You, the parents and carers, will also be given resources to support conversations with your children at home. You will receive a concise "tip sheet" each term that outlines what your child learned about in class and how you might open up these important conversations.

### Student Surveys

In Years 3-6, Inform & Empower will invite students to complete anonymous surveys asking them about their digital habits. **No identifying information, such as name or school, is collected.** This survey is **optional**. You or your child may choose to opt out at any stage, please inform the school if you do not wish your child to complete these surveys. Questions examples include: *What online games do you like to play? How many hours do you spend online each day/week? What are the best/worst things about the internet?* The survey data will be used by Inform and Empower to help improve their programs and may be published online.

As a school, participation in this digital safety and wellbeing program forms part of our ongoing commitment to child safety.

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## Why MyTime?

MyTime is for parents and carers of a child with a disability, chronic medical condition or other additional needs including developmental delay.

Unwind and share experiences with others who understand

### FIND US AT:

BAM Arts Inc  
1 Rosella Street, Frankston  
Monday 10:00am – 12:00pm

### CONTACT:

Facilitator: Kate Rogers  
Phone: 0413 091 651  
Email: [katier@mytimevic.com.au](mailto:katier@mytimevic.com.au)



[mytime.net.au](http://mytime.net.au)

## MyTime term plan

[mytime.net.au](http://mytime.net.au)

DATES	GROUP ACTIVITY	CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY
30/01/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Come along and join us for morning tea and a chat.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dancing</li> </ul>
06/02/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Get to know other families from the area while pre-school aged children are kept engaged by our Play Leader.</li> </ul>	
13/02/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group activities to be confirmed based on member interests but may include:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guest speakers</li> <li>Facilitator led discussions</li> <li>Self-care activities and workshops</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Craft activities</li> </ul>
20/02/2023		
27/02/2023		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Toys and blocks</li> </ul>
06/03/2023		
20/03/2023	<p><b>BAM DETAILS</b></p> <p>Bam Arts Inc are dedicated to providing arts programmes, events and opportunities for people with disabilities of all ages. MyTime at BAM Arts Inc will be a creative and fun time for children and adults. We will host a 30 minute weekly music and movement session where we will sing and dance and make new friends.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stories and Singing</li> </ul>
27/03/2023		
03/04/2023		
<b>NO GROUP 13/03/2023 DUE TO PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>		



It's support for you



It's free to join



Professional support



Pre-school aged children are welcome



## Calling all U12 Boys

Who wants to play footy this season?

Register your interest today via the link provided



Register | PlayHQ

[www.playhq.com](http://www.playhq.com)

Langwarrin Junior Football Club are looking for Under 12 Boys to play footy this season. Register via the QR Code or contact: [registrar@langyjfc.com](mailto:registrar@langyjfc.com)

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## Occasional Care Langwarrin Community Centre



**MONDAY TO FRIDAY  
9.00 AM - 3.00 PM**  
**POSSUM GROUP (6  
WEEKS TO 4 YEARS OLD)**  
**KOALA GROUP (3+)**

2-6 Lang Road  
Langwarrin Vic 3910  
Booking is essential.  
Please call 9789 7653



**COST: \$56.95 FULL FEE**  
**APPROVED SERVICE FOR CHILD CARE SUBSIDY**  
**(ELIGIBLE FAMILIES COULD PAY AS LITTLE AS**  
**\$10.96 APPROXIMATELY WITH MAXIMUM**  
**SUBSIDY AND EVEN LESS FOR 2ND CHILD)**  
**ANNUAL ADMINISTRATION FEE \$25.00**

This program provides opportunities for children to interact with other children while enjoying a play based learning environment in the care of qualified educators for eligible families.

