

WELCOME TO OUR

# Wooragee PS Newsletter

TERM 1 WEEK 1 | FEBRUARY 2024

## TERM 1 CALENDAR

MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY - THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY  
SSG'S

WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY  
NO SCHOOL FOR FOUNDATION STUDENTS

FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY  
NERSSA SWIMMING SPORTS 3-6

MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY  
PARENT INFORMATION AFTERNOON 3:30-5:00  
AFTER-SCHOOL CARE AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL

MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY  
NOMINATIONS FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL OPEN

WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY  
NO SCHOOL FOR FOUNDATION STUDENTS

MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY  
NOMINATIONS FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL CLOSE

WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY  
NO SCHOOL FOR FOUNDATION STUDENTS  
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY  
NO SCHOOL FOR FOUNDATION STUDENTS

THURSDAY 29TH FEBRUARY  
WORKING BEE 3:00-5:00  
1ST MARCH  
SCHOOLS CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY  
WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH  
NO SCHOOL FOR FOUNDATION STUDENTS

MONDAY 11 MARCH LABOUR DAY  
NO SCHOOL FOR STAFF OR STUDENTS

WEDNESDAY 13-19TH MARCH  
NAPLAN TESTING

THURSDAY 21ST MARCH  
LANGUAGES DAY @ BEECHWORTH

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH  
FOLK FESTIVAL PARADE

MONDAY 25TH MARCH  
STUDENT LEAD INTERVIEWS  
STUDENTS FINISH SCHOOL 12:30PM

WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH  
TABLOID SPORTS DAY

## From the Principal's Desk

### School Update

We're thrilled to welcome all our students back from their summer break! Our new foundation students have settled in beautifully with no tears on day one. As we start the new year, all classes are developing their routines and expectations, which is a crucial step in setting up for a successful year.

### Swimming for Years 3-6

This year, all students in years 3-6 are invited to attend the NERSSA Swimming carnival at Tallangatta swimming pool on Friday, February 9th. The carnival offers two types of events: one for children wanting to try swimming **25m** in their age level and another for those students who would like to compete for a place at the next level of swimming sports **50m**. It will be a great community building event for our students, and we encourage everyone to participate in at least one event.

### CASEA

Starting this year, a psychologist or registered nurse from CASEA will attend the school each Monday to observe classes, support teachers, and offer small group and individual sessions to support students. We also hope to run parent support groups throughout the term. A consent form has been sent out, and further information will be later on in the newsletter. A team member will be presenting on Monday, Feb 12th, at our parent information afternoon.

### Site Works

We've been busy over the break with many site upgrades, including two new toilet blocks, a new shed, stairs down to the playground, and concrete in front of the kitchen. It's been a busy time, but we're almost done. Thank you for your patience!

**We're looking forward to another fantastic year at our school!**

School Hours

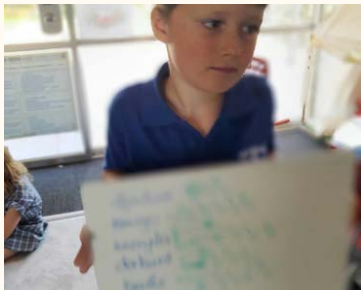
Start 9:00am Finish 3:20PM

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



# First Day



# Welcome to our new Staff Members

## Introduction of New Staff Members at Wooragee Primary School

We are delighted to announce the addition of four new members to our staff at Wooragee Primary School. Please join us in welcoming them to our team:



- Olivia Jacobs, who will be teaching Year 3/4, on a Tuesday, STEM on a Thursday and Tutoring on a Monday. She has previously worked at Belviour Specialist School.



- Bree Colliccoat, who will be working alongside Erin in the foundation classroom on Thursday and Friday. She comes to us with extensive experience as a teacher at Glen Katherine Primary School.



- Lisa Black, a local Wooragee resident, will be providing education support in the grade 3/4 classroom. Her calm and gentle demeanour will surely be a great addition to the team.

- Ronnie Mayhew, who will be our new performing arts teacher and tutor, has previously taught at St Augustine's Wodonga. Ronnie will be teaching every Wednesday



- Helen Clohessy is our New MAC Van Art teacher she has come from Rutherglen PS. Helen will be in our school every 2nd Monday.

We kindly ask everyone to extend a warm welcome to our new staff members by introducing yourselves when you see them around the school.

# Meet the Newest Members of Our School Community!

My name is Ty. I am four years old. My favourite thing about Wooragee PS is playing on the kookaburra with Zaccy. I love my cat named Schmoogy.

My name is Macy. I am five years old. My favourite thing about Wooragee PS is playing on the wobbly bridge. My Mummy works kind of near this school.

My name is Renn. I am five years old. My favourite thing about Woorgaee PS is I like doing my learning. My favourite food is capsicum.

My name is Lexi. I am five years old. My favourite things about Wooragee PS are drawing and playing in the Doctors. I love going to work with my Mummy.

My name is Georgetta. I am five years old. Frankie and Eddie are my brothers. My favourite thing about Wooragee PS is wearing my school uniform. I have a dog named Saphy and she has one blue eye.

My name is Artie. I am five years old. My favourite thing about Wooragee PS is that my Mum is one of the teachers! I have a dog named Penny and she is a baby and she is three months old.

My name is Adeline. I am five years old. My favourite thing about Wooragee PS is the kookaburra because we can climb on it. I have two dogs!

My name is Matilda. I am nearly five years old. It is almost my birthday. My favourite thing about Wooragee PS is trying to do the monkey bars and going on the kookaburra. I love my three dogs named Winnie, Diesel and Jeffy.

My name is Zaccy and I am five. My favourite thing about going to school is everything! I care about people. I help people when they are hurt.

My name is Aninda. I am five years old. My favourite thing about coming to school is playing on the playground. I like my friends at school. I like coming to school.

My name is Eviee. I am five years old. My favourite thing about Wooragee PS is that you read books. I like to read scary books, I like to read with somebody. I love my teachers.

My name is Lottie, I am four years old. My favourite thing about Wooragee PS is going to the playground. I like going on the kookaburra. I like snuggling with my Mum.

My name is Frankie. I am five years old. My favourite thing about Wooragee PS is the wobbly bridge and the Frog Bog. I found a book with frogs in it. I love Erin. My dog Angel likes to have a hug with me when I am sleeping.

My name is Anushka. I am five years old. My favourite thing about Wooragee PS is going to the library and reading. I chose The Magic Hat and Mole in a Hole. When I grow up I want to be a teacher. I love cuddling my Mum.

My name is Piper. I am six years old. My favourite thing about Wooragee PS is playing on the playground, making new friends and playing doctors. I like playing with my new friends. I have made new friends at school.

# New Parent Communication Platform

Starting this year, Seesaw will no longer be utilised to communicate with parents. All communication will be handled through the Compass app, which features a new Compass Connect component. When you talk with teachers through the app, please keep messages polite and short. Please do not expect a response immediately, as the teacher may be teaching. Teachers will not respond to messages after hours or on weekends.

Any longer discussions should be either by email or a phone call to the front office to book a meeting time.

## Parent Information Afternoon

We would like to invite all parents to our Parent Information Afternoon on Monday, the 12th of February, from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. The purpose of this afternoon is to introduce you to the different initiatives that will be rolling out this year and to give you an opportunity to meet and greet your child's classroom teacher.

The session will start with a welcome from the principal, followed by a representative from the CASEA who will explain the support they are able to offer families and students this year. We will also be introducing our new social emotional program, "The Resilience Project". The afternoon will then conclude with a presentation by the teachers.

Leisha, our PE teacher, has kindly offered to stay after school and look after any children on the tennis courts with some fun games. Therefore, we invite all new parents and parents who have been involved in the school for a while to come and engage with other families and learn about the year ahead.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## Nellie News

As I am sure you all saw in the holiday letters Nellie had a wonderful break. Swimming at the beach, dog park and visiting an Aged Care Facility in Melbourne.

I also think 6 weeks is far too long for Nellie to be away from school (as I am sure some of you also felt). She destroyed a pillow, dug many holes in the backyard and annoyed Nancy to madness.

Nellie is definitely happy (as am I and Nancy) to be back at school.

**Just a reminder to leave dogs in cars or outside the school grounds if Nellie is in the yard.**



## CYMHS and Schools Early Action (CASEA) Program

Your school is participating in the CASEA program in 2024.

CASEA is a part of the Child and Youth Mental Health Service, and is a team of allied health professionals who will work with school staff over the year to help support the social and emotional wellbeing of students, and to support staff professional development. Our primary role is to support students in Foundation to Year 6, their educators, and their parent/care givers.

The CYMHS And Schools Early Action (CASEA) Program will be in your school on **Mondays**. We will be popping into classes for observations and be meeting with school staff and parents whilst we are in the school. There is nothing specific you need to do, we are just there to watch your typical day.

If you have any questions please speak to Erin or Angela, email our team [casea@awh.org.au](mailto:casea@awh.org.au) or call 02 6051 7900.

### CASEA Team Members:

<p><b>Erica Watchorn</b> CASEA Practice Lead Ed and Dev Psychologist</p>	<p><b>Evelyn McDiarmid</b> CASEA Clinician Psychologist</p>	<p><b>Lucia Torrisi</b> CASEA Clinician Occupational Therapist</p>	<p><b>Maggie Thompson</b> CASEA Clinician Registered Nurse</p>
			



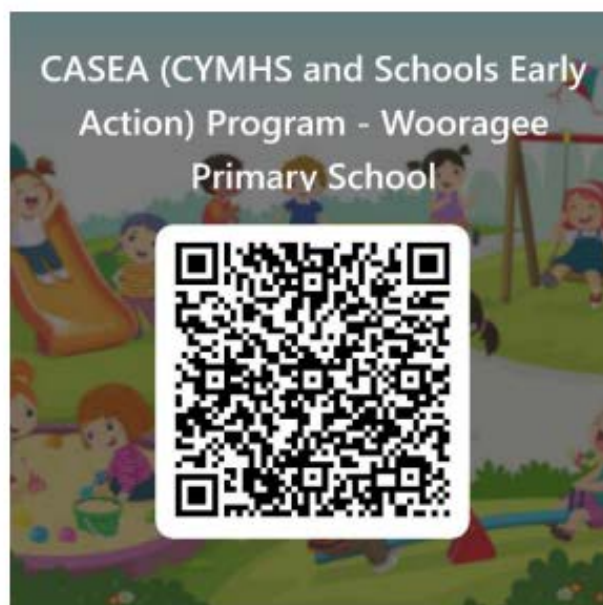
### **CYMHS and Schools Early Action (CASEA) Program**

Your school has volunteered to take part in the CYMHS and Schools Early Action (CASEA) Program. CASEA is run in partnership between Child and Youth Mental Health Service (CYMHS) and local primary schools. CASEA is a team of allied health professionals who will work with school staff over the year to help support the social and emotional wellbeing of students, and to support staff professional development.

Over the coming weeks, our CASEA team members will be spending some time in the classrooms and working with teaching staff. Teachers will have the opportunity to have discussions with the CASEA clinicians about any strategies or recommendations that may support your child within the classroom setting. We will also be offering support to parents and carers around questions or concerns with their child's social and emotional wellbeing, and sending out information about how you can support these skills at home.

We encourage parents and carers to talk with their child's classroom teacher if they have any further questions about their child's involvement in the CASEA activities. Parents are also welcome to contact the CASEA team on 02 6051 7900 or [casea@awh.org.au](mailto:casea@awh.org.au)

Below you will see a QR code that will take you to a short survey. We would like as many parents/carers as possible to participate in this survey to provide feedback to the CASEA team around any support that you would like to receive while we are at your school.



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Landon, for working super hard this week, well done.

Logan, for playing a riveting game with Grace during maths.

Elcie, for helping a new friend join in with P.E

Nikita, for being brave and taking part in P.E and Performing Arts.

Sophie, for helping a classmate with their learning.

Aninda, for your engagement with the lessons on the first day of school.

Renn, for remembering to walk when we move around the school buildings.

Renn, for using a learning body when listening to a story.

Eviee, for kindly reminding your friends to walk safely around the buildings.

Cassie, for making a great transition to the 1/2 class.

Sebby, starting his writing task straight away.

Audrey, for making good choices in regards to personal space

Vincent, for making good choices in regards to personal space

Evelyn, for your great ideas when writing a book response.

## Birthdays

January	February
3 Piper 4 Finn 14 Evelyn 27 Jackson 30 Hunter- Rose	11 Finlay 19 Abel 21 Lottie 23 Sophie- Maree 24 Matilda Logan

## Thankyou

BEC FOR ORGANISING CONTRACTORS OVER THE HOLIDAYS  
SOPHIE FOR DOING A FANTASTIC JOB IN THE GARDEN



# Community Events

## JUNIOR FOOTBALL PRESEASON DETAILS

### UNDER 12S

OUR FIRST TRAINING SESSION WILL KICK OFF  
- THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY  
- @ 4.30PM  
- BUTSON PARK

TRAINING WILL BE OPEN TO THOSE WHO ARE TURNING 10 (11 AND 12) DURING 2024, UNFORTUNATELY DUE TO THE PREDICTION OF LARGE NUMBERS WE CANNOT OPEN TRAINING TO THOSE YOUNGER THAN 10 (IN 2024) AND ENCOURAGE THESE PLAYERS TO CONTINUE WITH YACKANDANDAH AUSCKICK.

DUE TO THE PREDICTION OF LARGE NUMBERS IN U12 FOR THE 2024 SEASON WE ASK THAT ALL PARENTS/CARERS BE BACK AT TRAINING AT 5.45PM TO DISCUSS THE UPCOMING SEASON.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THURSDAYS 8TH FEBRUARY.

### THE WOORAGEE WAY

RESPECT: For self, others, community and environment

RESILIENCE: Trying hard, bouncing back, persisting

RESPONSIBILITY: For our learning, our thoughts and our actions