

WELCOME TO OUR

Wooragee PS Newsletter

2025 CALENDAR

TERM 3 WEEK 4

WEEK 5

WEDNESDAY 20TH AUGUST 5/6

DRUMMING

FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST BOOK

WEEK DRESS UP

WEEK 6

MONDAY 25TH AUGUST NERSSA

ATHLETICS

WEDNESDAY 27TH AUGUST

YR 6 TRANSITION BSC AM

5/6 DRUMMING

WEEK 7

WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

5/6 DRUMMING

FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

WEEK 8

THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

SCHOOL COUNCIL

WEEK 9

MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 1/2

DAY STUDENT LED CONFERENCE

DANCE WORKSHOP DAILY M-F

THURSDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

WHOLE SCHOOL DISCO 4:30-
5:30

FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

SCHOOL FINISHES @ 2:20

From the Principal's Desk

TERM 3 WEEK 5 2025

Father's Day Breakfast – Date Change

Due to staffing shortages on Friday, 5th September, we have moved the Father's Day Breakfast to **Thursday, 4th September** from 8am. This change ensures we have plenty of hands on deck to prepare delicious egg and bacon rolls for all dads, grandparents, and special friends. We look forward to sharing a wonderful morning together!

Welcome to Our Pre-Service Teacher

We are pleased to welcome Alannah to the Year 1/2 class as a pre-service teacher. During her placement, Alannah will be working closely with the children, including leading small groups and lessons. If your child is in this class, please drop in to say hello and make her feel welcome!

Athletics Carnival – Monday

On Monday, all students will participate in our Athletics Carnival at the Albury Athletics Track. Students in Years 3 to 6 will compete in traditional track and field events, while our younger students (Foundation to Year 2) will enjoy fun tabloid-style sports games held in the center of the track.

Some students will travel by bus, while others will be accompanied by their parents. Please ensure that you have completed the permission form on COMPASS before the event to help us with smooth organisation and student safety.

We're looking forward to a fantastic day of sport, teamwork, and school spirit!

Book Week Highlights

This week, students have been enjoying a selection of shortlisted books, from the children's book of the year, during class reading sessions. These engaging stories have sparked great discussions and will soon be available in the library for students to borrow and enjoy again.

Today's Book Week Dress-Up Day was a fantastic success! The excitement was high as all our teachers joined in the fun, dressing up as beloved Roald Dahl characters. A big thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the day so memorable!

School Review – Parent Input Welcome

We invite all parents to attend a meeting on **Tuesday at 3:00 PM** to share their thoughts and feedback as part of our upcoming school review. This is a valuable opportunity to speak directly with the school reviewer and contribute your perspective on our school's strengths and areas for growth. Your voice matters! You should have received an email requesting you complete a parent opinion survey for the department, if you did not receive this email please request one from the front office.

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



Book Week Dress Up



Mental Health and Wellbeing at Wooragee PS

Hi families!

🌸 I'm Erin, this is my fifth year at Wooragee PS. Prior to going on maternity leave last year, I worked in a classroom teaching role. Since returning I am working two days a week in the Mental Health and Wellbeing role. I wanted to share a bit about my role and the different ways I can support your children.

This program came out of Victoria's Royal Commission into mental health and most Victorian primary schools now have a person allocated to this role. The role is not that of a school counsellor, but rather to build classroom teachers' capacity to support student mental health and help to create care pathways for families to access local support services. I am mostly working to promote positive mental health and minimise the need for further interventions. Some things I have worked on recently are:

- Attending Calmer Classrooms professional development (with Grace) to present to our staff
- Working with the wellbeing team to develop lessons for our Social and Emotional Learning curriculum
- Collecting mental health data of senior students to develop our school capacity to cater to more specific needs in our school community
- Teaching weekly social skills lessons to a class group
- Working with individual students to support them with emotional regulation strategies, developing friendships and school refusal.

My work days are Thursday and Friday, if you think I could support your child, please email erin.robbs@education.vic.gov.au



Child Safe School: With everything on the news lately about child safety, I thought it was a good time to go through how Wooragee PS keeps your children safe as a child safe school.

Our Commitment to Being a Child Safe School

At our school, the safety and wellbeing of every child is our highest priority. We are committed to providing a learning environment where all students feel safe, supported, and respected.

As part of the Victorian Child Safe Standards, we follow clear policies and practices designed to protect children from harm and ensure their voices are heard. These standards guide us to:

- Promote student empowerment – giving children the confidence to speak up and be active participants in decisions that affect them.
- Create a culturally safe environment – where the identity and wellbeing of Aboriginal children and children from all cultural backgrounds are respected.
- Engage families and the community – working together with parents, carers, and the wider community to build a strong culture of child safety.
- Ensure staff suitability and training – all staff and volunteers are carefully screened and receive ongoing training in child safety, wellbeing, and responding to concerns.
- Maintain safe environments – both physical and online, where risks are identified and managed responsibly.

We regularly review our policies, Code of Conduct, and risk management practices to make sure they meet current requirements and reflect our strong commitment to child safety.

We encourage parents and carers to be partners in this work. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions about child safety at our school, please contact the school principal or speak with your child's classroom teacher.

Together, we can make sure our school remains a place where every child feels safe, valued, and able to thrive.

PROTECT

Protecting children & young people
from abuse is our responsibility



Nellie News

It's been so lovely having Nellie in our classrooms! She does seem to enjoy pats and treats and being read to!



YEAR 1/2

WE WELCOME ALANNAH TO OUR CLASS FOR THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS. SHE IS A PRESERVICE TEACHER WHO IS DOING HER FIRST PRAC IN A PRIMARY SETTING. ALANNAH HAS A WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE AS SHE WORKS AS AN ES. THE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN GETTING TO KNOW HER AND ARE ENJOYING HAVING AN EXTRA PERSON IN THE CLASSROOM.

WE BEGAN THE TERM LOOKING AT A VARIETY OF MYTHS AND DREAMTIME STORIES THAT FOCUSED ON HOW SOMETHING CAME TO BE, SUCH AS 'HOW THE BIRDS GOT THEIR COLOURS'.

STUDENTS HAVE NOW BEGUN WORKING ON WRITING THEIR OWN MYTH STYLE NARRATIVES THIS TERM AND WHAT WONDERFUL WORK THEY ARE PRODUCING! WE HAVE STORIES ABOUT FRIENDSHIPS, HOW COLOURS CAME ABOUT AND CARING FOR EACH OTHER.

PHOTOS ARE OF STUDENTS WORKING ON A MATHS PROBLEM TO SEE WHICH SURFACE THE CAR WOULD ROLL THE FURTEST ON





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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



August	September
5 Ryder 7 Tucker 16 Quinn 27 George 28 Bella 30 Toby	5 Isla 8 Lilja 10 Summer 20 Curtis 21 Vincent 21 Scout 22 Cohen

Thank you

SOPHIE AND CHRIS FOR WORKING ON THE FROG BOG
UPGRADE.

ELLEN FOR BRINGING EXTRA COSTUMES FOR FAMILIES.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: YACKANDANDAH PRIMARY SCHOOL OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE -
TERM 3 HOLIDAY PROGRAM CANCELLED**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM ALL FAMILIES AND SCHOOL COMMUNITIES THAT,
UNFORTUNATELY, OUR OSHC SERVICE WILL NOT BE RUNNING A HOLIDAY PROGRAM FOR
TERM 3, SCHEDULED FOR 22ND SEPTEMBER TO 4TH OCTOBER 2025.
THIS DECISION HAS NOT BEEN MADE LIGHTLY. DUE TO ONGOING AND SIGNIFICANT STAFF
SHORTAGES, WE ARE CURRENTLY UNABLE TO MEET THE STAFFING LEVELS REQUIRED TO
OPERATE A SAFE, ENGAGING, AND HIGH-QUALITY PROGRAM DURING THE UPCOMING
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERIOD.
WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MAY CAUSE DISRUPTION FOR FAMILIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE
WHO RELY ON OUR SERVICE FOR CARE DURING THE HOLIDAYS, SO WE ARE PROVIDING
EARLY NOTICE TO GIVE FAMILIES AS MUCH TIME AS POSSIBLE TO SEEK OUT ALTERNATIVE
ARRANGEMENTS.
WE SINCERELY APOLOGISE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS MAY CAUSE AND APPRECIATE
YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT DURING THIS CHALLENGING TIME.**

PLEASE CONTACT US WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS YOU HAVE,

YACKANDANDAH PRIMARY SCHOOL OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE.

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