



“Big enough for opportunity,
small enough to care.”

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Children are supervised between the hours of 8:30am and 3:45pm within the school grounds.

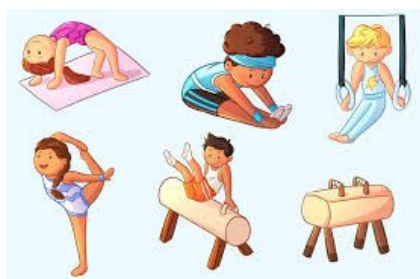
Word from the Principal

It has been a wonderful term; I cannot believe we only have two weeks until the end of term. Our Gymnastics, Wurruk Tucker and Peaceful kids' programs are in full swing and rapping up for the term. We hope you can all see the benefits of these fabulous programs as we do.

Ten benefits of our Gymnastics program:

1. It's FUN!
2. Develops Strength and balance
3. Develops Flexibility
4. Develops Co-ordination
5. Teaches Listening Skills
6. Increases Self-esteem & Confidence
7. Provides Social Interaction with Peers
8. Encourages Goal Setting
9. Develops Cognitive Abilities which help in the classroom
10. Enhances Other Sports and Great for General Fitness.

With so many valuable benefits for children's physical, social and emotional development, gymnastics is a must for our school sports program.



CALENDAR

TERM 3 - 10 weeks

SEPTEMBER

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| Wed 11 | Pupil Free Day - Staff PD |
| Fri 13th | Wellington Division Athletics School Council 2.15pm |
| Thur 19th | Share our learning from 12.30pm |
| Fri 20th | Last day term 3 - 2.15pm dismissal |

TERM 4 - 11 weeks

OCTOBER

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| Mon 7th | Frist day term 4 |
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NOVEMBER

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| Mon 4th | No Buses |
| Tues 5th | Melbourne Cup Public Holiday |

December

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| Tues 10th | Statewide Transition |
| Fri 20th | Final Day 2024 |

Pupil free day

Wednesday 11th

September

Wurruk Tucker:

I love watching our children experience eating recess and lunch together. Eating together provides a time to be connected. This helps our children feel loved, safe and secure, which in turn promotes a positive learning environment space for all. It is marvellous to see the senior students working alongside Belinda, preparing, cooking, cleaning, washing and genuinely enjoying and taking pride in feeding our whole school.

'Peaceful Kids' is a Mindfulness and Positive Psychology based program to lessen anxiety and stress and increase resilience in children. The program gives children the skills, practice and support to utilise coping strategies that lessen the symptoms of anxiety and stress. This program helps children to build their emotional resilience, so they are better equipped to deal with the day to day stresses that life brings them. You can do this program with your children at home. See link: [Meditations \(peacefulkids.com.au\)](https://www.peacefulkids.com.au)

Thank you to all our families and staff for making the Wurruk Kindergarten and School 2024 Children's Book Week a magical success! 2024 theme **"Reading is Magic"** stunningly came to life with all our fabulous costumes and trip to the library. See photos.

Don't miss exploring and celebrating the books that made this year's CBCA Book of the Year Award Winners and Honours lists. [Visit our Winners page](#) to view the 2024 Winners and Honours title.

Year 5/6 City DOXA camp with the Sale Rural Cluster was a tremendous success. Our children experienced a variety of new and exciting activities, such as travelling on trains and trams, ice skating and bowling. Although many complained about the amount of walking 😊, and our new Wurruk Tucker must feed them too well as Erick's feedback was the food was terrible. Please see photos.

Independent research in both Australia and overseas clearly shows the benefits of camps for children and young people. Amongst these are building better social skills, greater confidence to take healthy risks, increased independence and an improved capacity to work in a team.

Watch link for more information: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=faRHaQU322Y>

Our Visit from the Science Works Museums Victoria, 'ROBOTICS' was a hit. In this hands-on robotics workshop, our students designed and wrote codes for their robots, creating self-driving autonomous cars. Using block-based programming, our students worked in pairs with mBots and iPads, developing STEM skills such as problem solving, creativity and innovation as they code, debug and collaborate to achieve a motivating end-goal. Please see photos.

[Scienceworks | Think Ahead \(youtube.com\)](#)

We are looking forward to Share Our Learning Day. The children have organised a new experience for us all. Sharing the Wurruk Tucker program with you and the Potato Olympics.

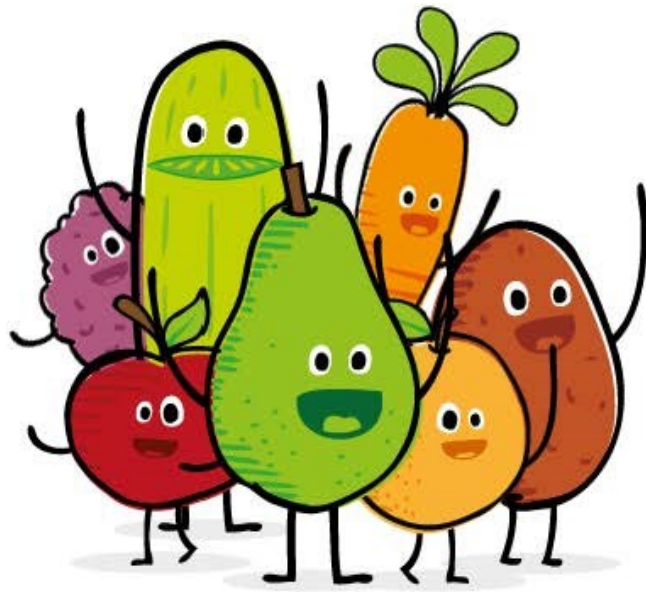
See you all at share our learning

Gayle Coleman

WANTED:

Preloved school polos & jumpers.
If your child/ren have out grown or
you no longer require any polos &
jumpers.

We would love them!



Celebration of one month into Wurruk Tucker

Each week over the past month, 2 students from the senior class have been investing a week of schooling into learning all things healthy, tasty, new and exciting with fruit, veggies, baking from scratch and a dash of protein thrown in.

Over the last month we have created:

- ✓ Sandwiches ... Salami, Ham, Cheese, Curried egg, Chicken, Honey and Vegemite
- ✓ Scones jam cream
- ✓ Lots of delicious slices
- ✓ Choc chip cookies
- ✓ Sultana cookies
- ✓ Popcorn
- ✓ Pretzels
- ✓ Fruit all types, watermelon, oranges, pears, apples, bananas, cantaloupe
- ✓ Honey vanilla yogurt (homemade)
- ✓ Homemade dips

HOT LUNCHES...

- ✓ Spag bolognaise
- ✓ Curried sausages
- ✓ Fried rice
- ✓ B.B.Q mystery burgers

The best part is we all get to enjoy our NUDEFood together with our school friends and Teachers. We look forward to sharing some of our tasty treats with you on Share our Learning Day.

Wurruk Tucker



Sale Rural Athletics

Friday 9th August we joined the other cluster schools for our annual athletics carnival. The weather was perfect! Wurruk Primary finished 4th overall a fantastic effort by all our students.

Congratulations to Aurelia & Jaxon, who both were awarded Age Champion for their age group.

Congratulations to Connie, Hudson, Hamish S & Alla. All have qualified for the next level, Wellington Division Athletics on Friday 13th September. We are very proud and wish you all the best!



FROG POINTS - PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY

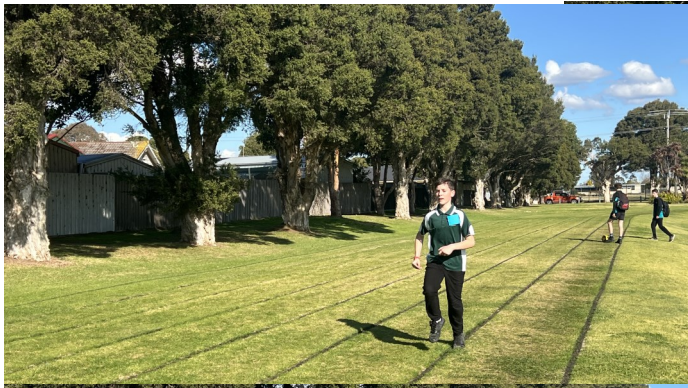
Hamish S has worked extremely hard collecting his frog points. He has managed to collect 100 frog points, Hamish decided to cash in points to be 'Principal for the Day'. Hamish decided for the whole school to watch the movie 'How to train your Dragon' with some popcorn.





Athletics



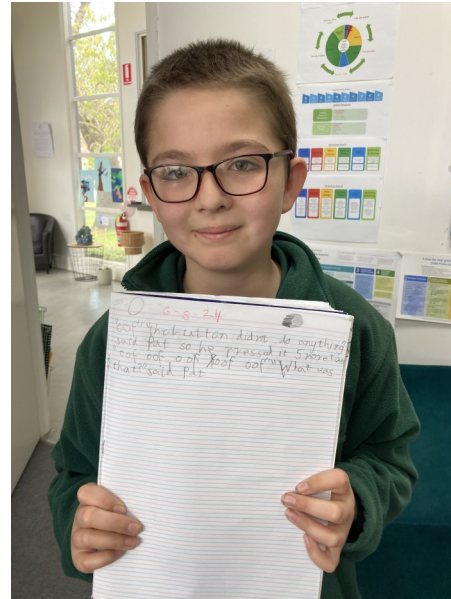
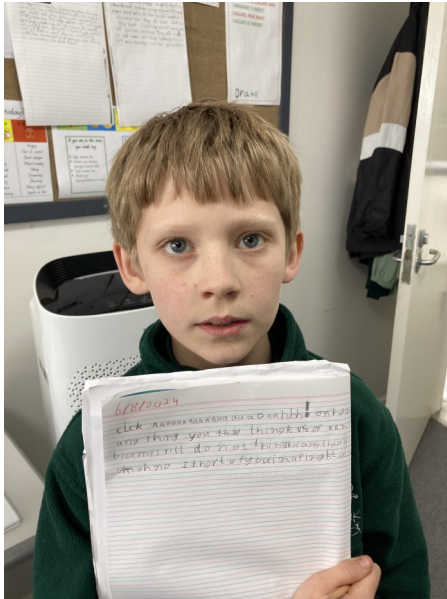


Athletics



Principal Value Awards

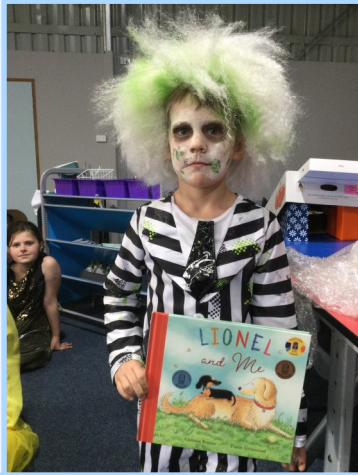
Congratulations to Mikaal & Liam for your super impressive writing.



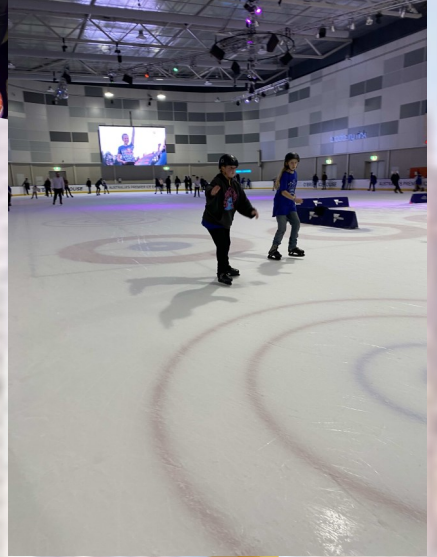
Special get together











School Saving Bonus

Dear parents and carers,

In Term 4 2024 families will receive a one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus for each child who is enrolled in 2025 in a government school from Prep to Year 12.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

Complete enrolment: If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025.

Check your contact information: Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. A form will be sent home with your child to enable you to update your email and phone contacts if necessary.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

in October, to verify your email address

in November, regarding your \$400 School Saving Bonus.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, please refer to the School Saving Bonus Information Sheet sent home with your child.

ENROLMENT FORMS FOR 2025

DUE BY FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

See Judy or Lianne in the office.

School Saving Bonus

Information for government school parents and carers

About the School Saving Bonus

The Victorian Government is making life that little bit easier for families by providing a one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

This support will help cover the cost of school uniforms, textbooks, and school activities like camps, excursions and sports.

The School Saving Bonus is in addition to existing and continuing means-tested supports for Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) and the Affordable School Uniforms Program.

The School Saving Bonus will be provided to schools and families in Term 4, 2024.

Who receives the School Saving Bonus

The School Saving Bonus is available for parents and carers of all Victorian government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025, except for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Parents and carers of children who meet the School Saving Bonus eligibility above are required to do the following by **Friday 18 October 2024**:

- **Complete enrolment**

If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025, please complete enrolment.

- **Check your contact information**

Ensure your contact information is up to date with your school. Wurruk PS will send home your contact details to update if required.

Accessing the \$400 School Saving Bonus

You do not need to apply for the School Saving Bonus.

The Department of Education will email you in November 2024 with information on your \$400 School Saving Bonus. You will be able to access it via an online system.

You can decide how to best use the School Saving Bonus for your family's needs. You can choose how to allocate the \$400 in the online system.