

Here's to the start of a bright and exciting year!

To our new families, welcome to Wallaroo and welcome back to our returning families. I hope everyone has enjoyed a well deserved break over the Christmas and New Year period. I would like to give a special welcome to all of our new students joining us in 2023. I wish you all the very best and look forward to getting to know each of you better throughout the year. Also, a big welcome to our new staff member classroom teacher Claire Turner.

Our community has had a very positive start to the school year and we look forward to a fantastic year of learning. From Prep to Year 6, students have quickly settled into routine. School gates open at 8:30am, just in time for brekkie club, which is available to every student, every day. At 8:50am, music will play to signal our 'Ready to Learn' program, which starts the school day in each classroom.

All classroom learning spaces focus on Literacy, Numeracy, Science, Humanities and Digital Technology, with Investigations located within the Library and available for students in Prep to participate in weekly. In every class, our teachers provide enabling and extending prompts within the lessons they teach to support and enhance student learning. This allows for all students to access the curriculum at their point of readiness, to learn, grow and excel at their individual learning pace.

All grades continue to implement our school wide Values Education and Positive Behaviours for Learning program that focuses on making positive choices and developing important skills to take charge of our learning. Classroom discussions about our school values and classroom expectations have taken place and are posted in classrooms. At the forefront of this is our school values Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Your Best. All members of the school community, including our students, staff and families are expected to abide by these values. Our values support the positive journey our school community is on, one where Wallaroo PS is acknowledged as a well-loved place to learn, work and grow.

Students will continue to receive a *School Values ticket* when they are observed displaying one or more of our values. These tickets can be used to purchase items at our Values Shop! All School Values tickets will be collected once spent and placed in our School Values display box. As this display box fills up, the whole school is rewarded with fun activities. When the School Values display box is completely full, everyone will participate in a special event, last year we all enjoyed a fun day out and lunch at an indoor play centre. Stay tuned for more exciting School Values news in our upcoming newsletters.

Sincerely,

Jenny Brennan
Principal

Year 6 students Mary Grace, Lennox, Bianca and Cooper visited the Values Shop to make a purchase using the Values Tickets they earned in their first week of school.

Great start to the school year kiddos and your Senior polos look great too!



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- ⇒ **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- ⇒ **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





9TH FEBRUARY WALLAROO TWILIGHT MARKET

Wallaroo Community Centre is excited to be offering our summer twilight market, bringing the community together with a wonderful array of hand made goods. Come along and enjoy our new outdoor BBQ Gazebo area, wander through the community garden, find something unique and enjoy the summer festive vibe!



Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand

Our Vision is that all women, girls and families are safe, well, strong and connected.



We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to their history, their living culture and to future generations.

Boutique Market

Variety of
Stallholders

Bespoke Items

Gourmet Sausage
Sizzle

Valentine's Day
gifts

**WALLAROO
COMMUNITY
CENTRE**

6 Wallaroo Place

Hastings

5970 7000

Thursday 9th Feb

3pm - 7pm

Rego Day
101 Hendersons Rd
Bittern

Sunday, Feb 19th
10am - 2pm



PLAYERS WANTED



6-16yrs

Girls
&
Boys
Teams



WESTERN PORT FC
101 HENDERSONS ROAD - BITTERN



WesternPortFC



0493 593 665

All Abilities Welcome - No Experience Required - New Members Welcome

www.WesternPortFC.com.au

enjoy 1st Friday every month



Scones on Hastings



A great way to meet other locals
and make new friends in our
community over a cuppa and freshly
baked scones with jam 'n cream.

Cost \$2

10-11.30am 1st Friday every month
Hastings Bowling Club
40 Marine Pde, Hastings

Patrons must be fully vaccinated.
We are looking for more
volunteers to help with baking
and serving and welcome
help from business sponsorship.

Ring 0404 696 366 if you can help.
Thank you to the Hastings Bowling
Club for providing the venue for
'Scones on Hastings'



JOIN THE FUN!

Tuerong & Surrounds:
All Girls Auskick Centre

RM Hopper Reserve
20th February - 20th March
4:30pm - 5:30pm



For more details, contact chloe.beck@afl.com.au

Wallaroo Primary School Important Dates to Remember:

8 Feb	Prep rest day
15—17 Feb	Yr 5/6 camp
15 Feb	Prep rest day
22 Feb	Prep rest day
23 Feb	School Council meeting
24 Feb	Curriculum day

February Student Birthdays

5th Ella	20th Parker
9th Lily B	24th Hayley
15th Imogen	26th Ollie
19th Abdullah	



Annual Privacy Reminder for 2023

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 remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website www.wallaroops.vic.edu.au

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#).

Expression of Interest

**FREE beginner
guitar lessons**

Years 4 – 6

**Please see office for
details**



Wallaroo School Values

