



Dear Wallaroo Primary School Community,

I would like to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful achievements and activities that have taken place at Wallaroo Primary School during Term 3 and share what we are looking forward to in Term 4.

Term 3 Highlights

One of the standout events this term was our School House Athletics Day, where students competed with great sportsmanship and energy. Congratulations to Roycroft House for taking home the trophy this year! It was fantastic to see the dedication and teamwork from all houses—every student gave their best, and the sense of community was truly inspiring.

We were also thrilled to see all grades making good use of the school bus for a variety of excursions, which brought learning to life outside the classroom.

A particular highlight for our Grade 3/4 students was their recent camp, which was an exciting adventure filled with learning, personal growth, and plenty of fun! Students had the chance to develop their independence, teamwork, and leadership skills while participating in a range of activities, from giant swing to river ecology and outdoor games. We're proud of how our students embraced the experience, and we know they've returned with new friendships, confidence, and a greater sense of responsibility. A big thank you to our staff for their hard work in making this camp such a success!



Looking Ahead to Term 4

As we prepare for Term 4, there are many exciting events on the horizon. Our End of Year Christmas Concert is scheduled for December, and students will soon begin rehearsals for what promises to be an entertaining and joyful event.

We are also preparing for our Year 6 Graduation, a special occasion that marks an important milestone for our senior students. We look forward to celebrating their achievements as they get ready for the next stage of their educational journey.

In addition, our Swimming Program will be running throughout Term 4. This is a valuable opportunity for students to develop their water safety and swimming skills, and we encourage full participation. More details will be sent home soon.

Students wishing to attend Shed 11 after school on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays can now take the school bus. To arrange transportation, families must contact Miss Katie at 0492 855 699. Please note that families are responsible for picking up students from Shed 11 at the designated time.

Finally, teachers will be working closely with students throughout the term to assess their progress in preparation for the Term 4 Student Reports.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. We look forward to another productive and exciting term ahead.

Warm regards,
Kieran Walta
Acting Principal

Dates to remember:

11 Oct	Assembly—5/6R presenting
14-18 Oct	Junior Swimming Program
17 Oct	2025 Prep Transition 2.15pm
18 Oct	Koorie Kids Day Out
21 Oct	School Council meeting

Curriculum News @ Wallaroo: Term 3 Reflections

It has been a huge term at Wallaroo PS in the Curriculum Space. The students have shown amazing academic progress, and it has been wonderful to share our **OUTSTANDING** NAPLAN results with staff and students. Our students have achieved at or above the state average for majority of the Literacy NAPLAN tests. This is a fantastic achievement, and we are so proud of the hard work and effort from all our teachers and students.

The students have again enjoyed their Term 3 Core Knowledge Units. With an emphasis on the world, the students have been learning about their topics, delving deeply into the vocabulary, historical impacts and how the world has changed since these periods of time. It is great to see the student's engagement in their core knowledge units.

P/1E: Animals and Habitats

1/2CA: Ancient Egypt

3/4G: Ancient Rome

4/5R: Ancient Rome/ Olympics Games

5/6R: The Middle Ages/ Aztek/ Maya/ Inca – Ancient Civilisations.

Next term, we will have a focus on Numeracy. We will be implementing the new mathematics curriculum and up-skilling staff in Numeracy best practice. We look forward to seeing some more fantastic results next term.

Enjoy a well-earned break. Have a safe and happy holidays.

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TUMMY BUTTERFLIES

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kids help line
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CLASS NEWS

Month of SEPTEMBER

A NOTE FROM Prep / One E

We are approaching the end of a busy Term 3! We have had amazing events and excursions like the ZOO, RUGBY CLINIC and BOOK WEEK this month, and some fun still to come... Don't forget our FOOTY DAY on the last Friday of Term!

EXCURSION Snapshot



INCURSION Snapshot



WE ARE Learning

MATHS

One of the topics we have been learning this month is data. We looked at how to represent data, identify it and answer yes and no questions to get an outcome.

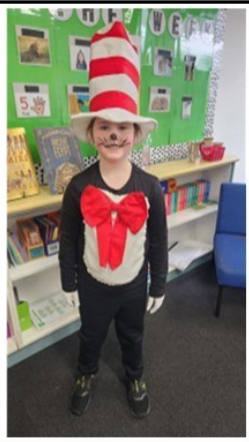
PHONICS

During our Phonics sessions we have moved onto CVCC words with our sounds of the week. We then write phrases and sentences with the words we've practiced to develop our fluency and writing stamina.

CORE KNOWLEDGE

During our Core Knowledge sessions, we continue to learn about Animals and their Habitats. So far, we have explored the Ocean and the Farm habitat along with most animals who live there.

UNTIL Next Term!



Grade 1/2CA - Book Week





Last month we celebrated Book Week by dressing up as a character from one of our favourite books



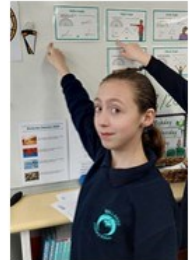
District Athletics

Some Year 4-6 students recently went to District Athletics. A great effort by all students who participated!



Maths

We have been learning about angles and have practiced finding straight, right, obtuse and acute angles around the classroom.

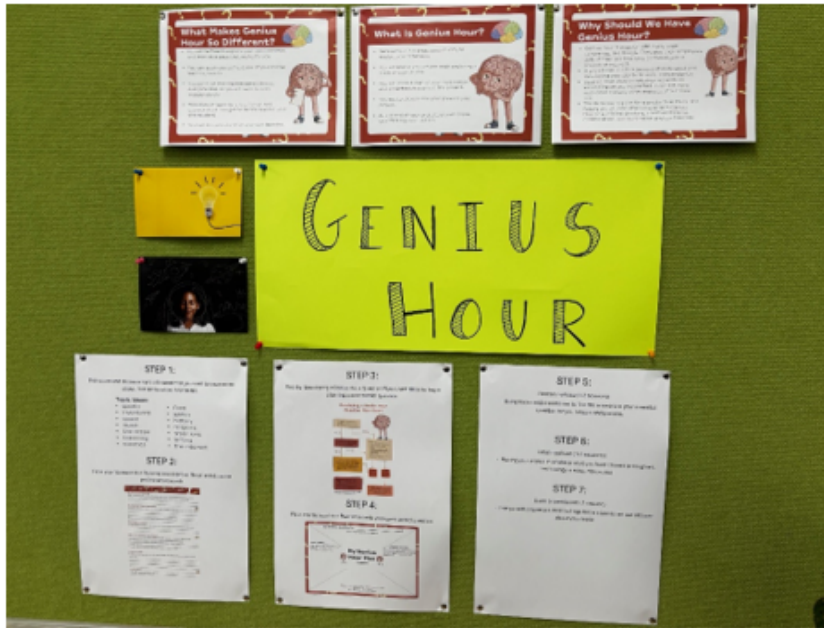


4/5R

Tech Titans Excursion

Year 4 students enjoyed a day of technology at Westernport Secondary. We coded robots, cooked apricot balls in Food Tech, and made slime in the science lab.





GENIUS HOUR!



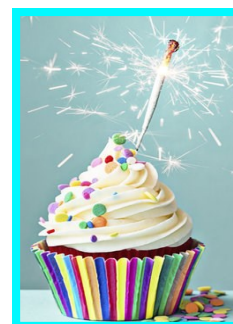
We are so excited about GENIUS HOUR in GRADE 5/6R! EVERY FRIDAY MORNING FOR A CYCLE OF 4 WEEKS, STUDENTS WILL UNDERTAKE AN INQUIRY RESEARCH PROJECT OF THEIR OWN CHOICE (OWN TOPIC AND OWN STYLE OF PRESENTATION). ACROSS EACH CYCLE, THEY WILL LEARN RESEARCH SKILLS, ORGANISATION SKILLS INCLUDING TIME KEEPING, QUESTIONING SKILLS AND THEN GET TO USE THEIR ARTISTIC FLARE TO PRESENT THEIR PROJECT IN WHATEVER MEANS THEY LIKE. EACH MONTH THE STUDENTS WILL THEN PRESENT THEIR FINDINGS TO THE CLASS, TEACHING EACH OTHER ABOUT NEW TOPICS! WATCH THIS SPACE - OUR FIRST PRESENTATION WILL BE WEEK 2 TERM 4!

Student Birthdays

October



2nd Esther	18th Curtis
3rd Faith	20th Lana
8th Natalie	20th Tilly
9th Eve-Rose	21st James
10th Jesse	21st Emma
10th Kade	22nd Paige
15th Amber	27th Rileigh



Don't forget your birthday book from Mr Walta!

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. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).

Check your contact information

Ensure your contact information is up to date with your school. You can check this information by contacting your school directly.

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 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.

The bonus can be used towards 2025 school costs, which may include:

- camps, trips, excursions and incursions
- swimming and sporting programs
- outdoor education programs
- graduations
- school uniforms
- textbooks.

The bonus can be used at your school's approved textbook or uniform suppliers either in-store or online, or through State Schools' Relief. The list of suppliers may include a school uniform or bookshop. Any amount that you choose to allocate to textbooks and uniforms will be valid until [30 June 2025. It will then transfer to your child's school account for future activities.](#)

Funds will roll over for use in future years if it is not all spent in 2025.

Families with more than one eligible child

Families who have more than one child at the same school can combine their School Saving Bonus payments to use on one child, or for a specific activity. So, for example, a family with 3 children who are all government school students would receive support to the value of \$1,200 and choose how they spend those funds. The School Saving Bonus cannot be combined across different schools.

More information

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus. Translated information will also be available on the School Saving Bonus website in the next few weeks.

BORN IN 2013?

PLAY FOR FREE

+ free shorts, socks, shinies and jersey*

Weekly Training | Sat Morning Games | New Beginner Team

*Jersey to be returned at the end of the season

CALL/TEXT: 0493 593 665



WESTERN PORT FC



WALLAROO COMMUNITY HOUSE IS A
CHATTY CAFÉ VENUE



EVERY THURSDAY FROM 2:00PM – 3:00PM

FREE TO ATTEND

ALL ARE WELCOME

'SIP, CHAT, SHARE, CARE'

6 Wallaroo Place, Hastings

Call 5970 7000

Crib Point Community Market Saturday October 12th 9am to 1pm

CHILDREN'S WEEK ACTIVITIES

Face Painting . Fun Games. Craft Activities. Lots of Bubbles.

Bring the kids down to have fun on our Cribby Koala Treasure Hunt!

Meet Paddy Platypus and enjoy the music.

Handmade products: candles, cards, jewellery, clothing, mosaics, pens, skincare, bags, footy quilts.

Recycled goods, plants, Coffee Van and Devonshire Teas. Hot Jam Donuts

Proceeds go to the Crib Point Community House and community programs.

Location: Crib Point Community House, 7 Park Rd, Crib Point, Mornington Peninsula



WESTERNPORT LITTLE ATHLETICS

Westernport Little Athletics Free Open Night!

Come along and have a go at track and field events in a community that supports children doing their best!

11th October 2024
5:00pm - 7:00pm



201 High St
Hastings VIC 3915
Australia



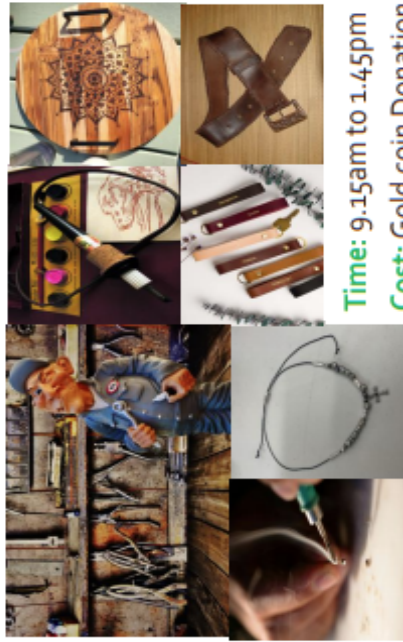
Follow the
QR code to
register!

CONTACT US

Westernport Little Athletics
www.westernportlac.com.au



Wallaroo Arts & Craft Men's Group



Time: 9.15am to 1.45pm
Cost: Gold coin Donation

Day: Monday
Venue: Good Shepherd Wallaroo Community House
Address: 6 Wallaroo PI Hastings 3915

The Wallaroo Men's Arts & Crafts Group is currently privately funded by the facilitator we just ask for a cost of a gold coin donation.

Leather Workshop there is a cost of \$5.00 to cover the materials.
If you have a project at home you need to finish, bring it in.

Good Shepherd has provided us with a comfortable cultural friendly relaxing space, we welcome all to join in with the activities weekly, or just sit with a cuppa and have a yarn, be creative with lots of Arts & crafts, or bring your own projects from home to work on at the group.

We welcome men into the group, Indigenous and Non-Indigenous peoples all welcome.
We will provide Tea & Coffee



THE GROUP WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Group Activities

PAINTING ON CANVAS OR BOARDS
JEWELLERY MAKING
SOLDERING LEATHERWORK
WOOD BURNING
NO PLACE OR TIME AT HOME TO DO YOUR ARTWORK, NEED A PLACE TO RELAX BRING YOUR OWN ARTS & CRAFTS OR PROJECTS IN TO WORK ON

Group Activities

Would you also like to be a part of working on establishing a Fairy Garden and a Dinosaur Play area at Wallaroo for the kids to play

FACILITATOR

Diane Aiello
Contact No: 0418 569 662

Group Closed During School Holidays
Open every Monday

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We will provide Tea & Coffee

There is cooking facilities available to use at the Centre.



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Group Activities

PAINTING ON CANVAS OR BOARDS
JEWELLERY MAKING
WOOD BURNING
FABRIC PAINTING
NO PLACE OR TIME AT HOME TO DO YOUR ARTWORK, NEED A PLACE TO RELAX BRING YOUR OWN ARTS & CRAFTS IN TO WORK ON

Group Activities

All Welcome
Have a dull garden gnome at home bring it in and make it bright and new

FACILITATOR

Diane Aiello
Contact No: 0418 569 662

Group Closed During School Holidays
Open every Wednesday
Time: 9.15am to 2.00pm



FREE FRESH FOOD

TUESDAY

Western Port Community Support have available fresh fruit, vegetables and other essentials (may include meat, eggs & various other items when available.)

every Tuesday.

Free to everyone & available from 2.30pm onwards. Enter via the side playground gates. One off registration required upon arrival.

Western Port Community Support 185 High St Hastings





HASTINGS FIRE BRIGADE FAMILY DAY

SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER

10AM TO 2PM

HMAS Cerberus Food Truck | Kids Activities & Packs
VR Firefighting Experience | Mini Fire Trucks
Meet Captain Koala | Meet Your Local Firefighters



**Hastings Fire Station
149 High Street, Hastings**



Footy Day

