

Wycheproof P-12 College

A State school established in 1876



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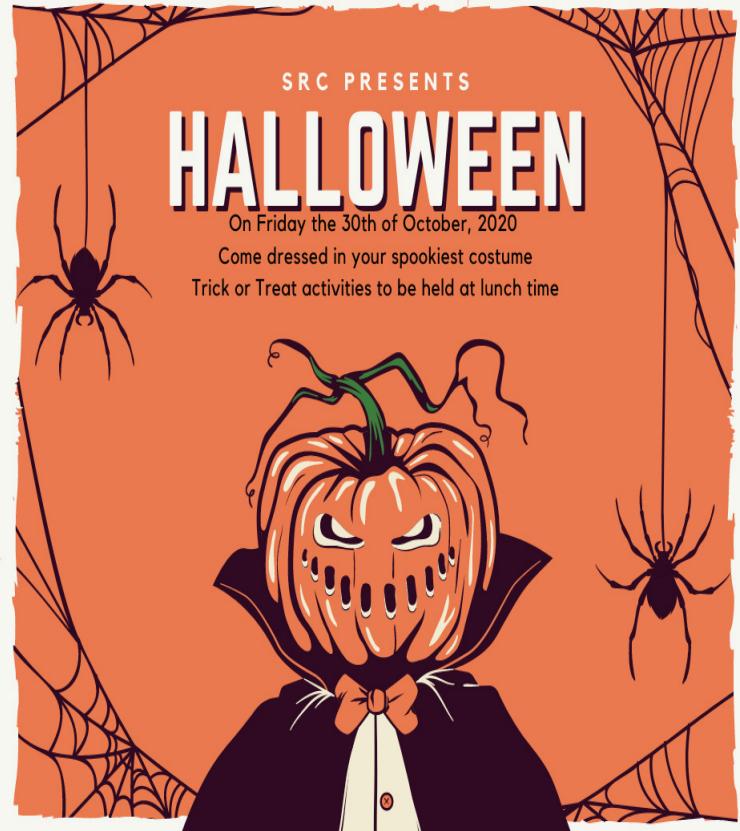


Newsletter No. 13 - 29th October, 2020

Business Expo

I was sitting in my office the other morning and I could hear students singing in the playground before the bell had rung for morning assembly. I kid you not. The sun was shining, there were no flooded classrooms to deal with and we had happy students, enthusiastic about being back at school. We have all enjoyed getting back into routine. We are starting to have most of our programs up and running, but sadly, we could not open up our Year 7 and 8 Business Expo to the whole community. They are all to be congratulated for the entrepreneurial way in which they created their various little businesses and for also creating a fun buzz in the air. What a great day it was and it was such a success that I am eagerly awaiting the next time this event will be held. Well done to all our Year 7 and 8 students and to Tessa Coles for all her organisational efforts in structuring the day. Students learn so many skills from being involved in the event and it supports their learning within the ECONOMICS class. It is also great for our younger students to see some of the stalls and to get enthusiastic about what they can do in the future. Secretly, I am hoping that some students in that class will one day open up their own businesses back in Wycheproof or Nullawil. They have such a great work ethic and the more young people we can get opening up businesses in the future – the stronger our community will be. Unfortunately, due to current COVID restrictions, we will not be able to have our fabulous PRESENTATION NIGHT. We are in the process of organising a Presentation Day event which will be different from our annual calendar highlight. Again we won't be able to open this up to the community but it is still important to recognise all the fabulous work that some of our students have been doing throughout a memorable year. No one will ever have trouble remembering what happened in 2020!

Christine McKersie - Principal



DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

- Fri 30 Halloween Dress Up Day
Fri 30 Yr 9 Try-a-VET Day @ NCTTC

NOVEMBER

- Mon 2 Last day - Yr 12
Tue 3 PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Melbourne Cup
Mon 9 Yr 8 NCTTC orientation @ Charlton
Tue 10 VCE Exams start
Wed 11 11am Rememberance Day (minute silence)
Wed 18 School Council Meeting
Thur 19 Last day - VET @ NCTTC
Thur 26 Last day - Yr 11
Fri 27 Pupil Free Day - Report Writing

DECEMBER

- Fri 4 Official last day Yr 10
Fri 4 Presentation Day
Mon 7 Last day Yr 9 @ NCTTC
Tue 8 Primary Transition Day
Tu-We 8-9 Yr 9 - First Aid
Tu-Th 15-17 Yr 9 Surf Camp
Thur 17 P-6 Break-up Party



Assembly on the Mount - Yr 12's last assembly including a special performance by the Senior Concert Band



Class of 2020



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Rowan Jones
Angus Forrester
Angus Connolly
Andrew Mens





YR 7/8 ECONOMICS SMALL BUSINESS EXPO

WEDNESDAY, 21st OCTOBER





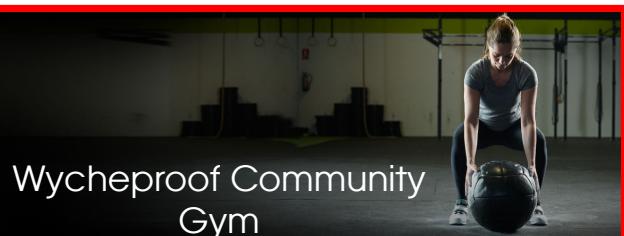
Wycheproof Youth Group

As a youth group we have decided to create a cook book. We are currently looking for recipes and would love to get some from our community. Please send some through via our email wycheprofyouthgroup@gmail.com

Thanks for your help.

PS. We would love if you put the name of whose recipe it is so we can give them credit for it.

**THE HUMAN BRAIN
IS AWESOME
IT FUNCTIONS 24 HOURS A DAY
FROM THE DAY WE ARE BORN
AND ONLY STOPS WHEN
WE ARE TAKING AN EXAM
OR
FALL IN LOVE**



Wycheproof Community Gym

The Wycheproof P-12 College Community Gym has now re-opened to the community. (COVID safe practices are required at all times).

Please contact the school if you would like a membership or have any further queries.

NOTICES HOME

Yr 9

Re: Permission Try-a-VET Day (30/10/2020)
From: Ms McKersie

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Yr 9

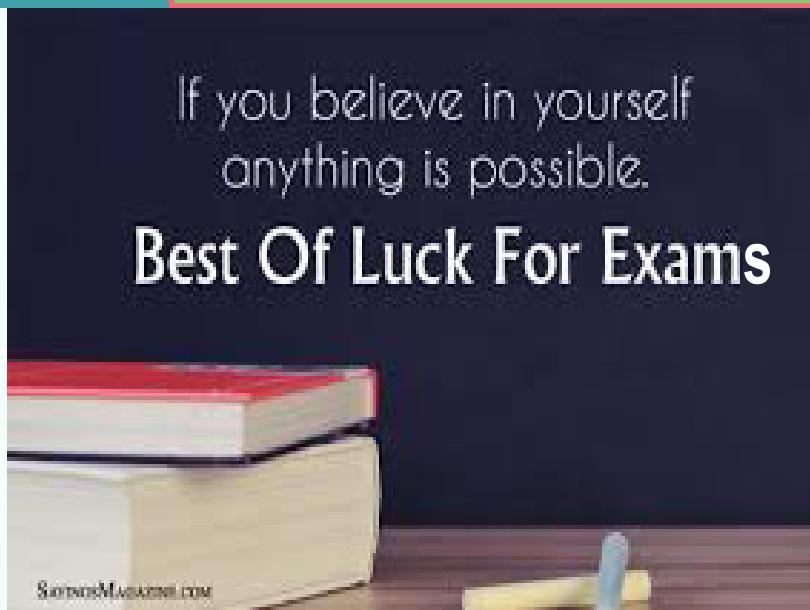
Re: not attending NCTTC (9/11/2020)
From: Ms McKersie

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Yr 8

Re: NCTTC Orientation Day (9/11/2020)
From: Ms McKersie

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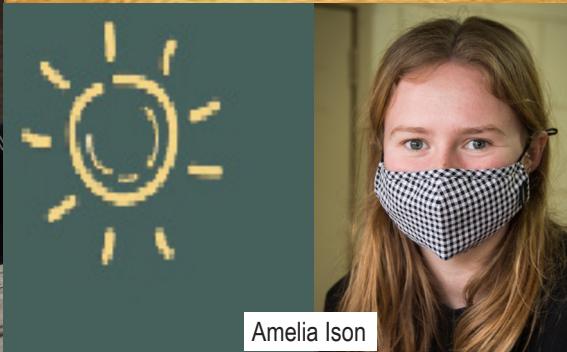


REMOTE LEARNING UNIFORM DRESS UP DAY



It was great to see people recreate their 'remote learning' uniform. These consisted of onesies, tracksuit pants and all things comfort. The BBQ at lunch also helped raise funds for a skate park for our community.

AMELIA ISON - SRC PRESIDENT



The logo consists of the letters 'VR' and the number '10' in a stylized, blocky font. The letters are dark blue, and the numbers are teal. They are positioned above the word 'UNIT' in a white sans-serif font.

ARNOTT'S BISCUIT CHALLENGE

home economics



Year 10 Home Economics students were challenged to re-create Arnott's classic Monte Carlo using their recipe which was published online.



George Forrester



Ella Sheahan



Cian Polzin



Taya Bartram

PIZZA & FOCCACCIA cooking with yeast



Ella



Joe Coles



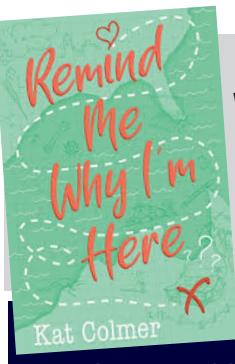
Hayley



Cian



Taya



REMIND ME WHY I'M HERE by Kat Colmer

When 18 year old Maya leaves Chicago for a 6 week Australian home stay, she assumes she's heading to beautiful Barangaroo with its famous Sydney Harbour views – NOT Barangaroo Creek, a stinking hot, fly-ridden, wi-fi dead zone hours from a decent body of water.

An easy read about acceptance, growth, family responsibility, following your dreams and a little romance for year 9 and up.



SUCH A FUN AGE by Kiley Reid

A young black woman is apprehended at a supermarket for “kidnapping” the white child she is actually babysitting, which sets off an explosive chain of events. Told from multiple perspectives that are worlds apart, this entertaining read explores interracial relationships, privilege, millennial anxiety and wealth.

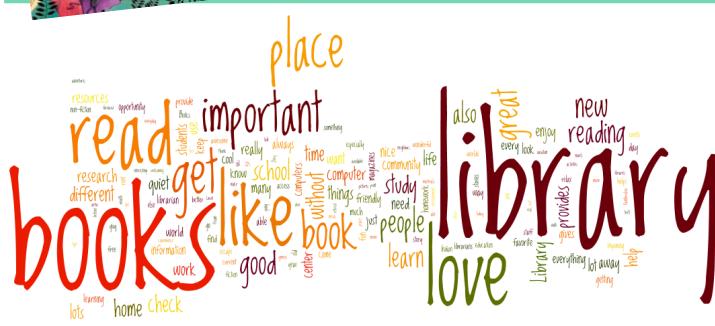


The Munny smugglers of Crumblin Castle

by Pamela Rushby

A crumbling castle, a moat full of crocodiles, a catastrophe of kittens and let's not forget the villains and the mummies!

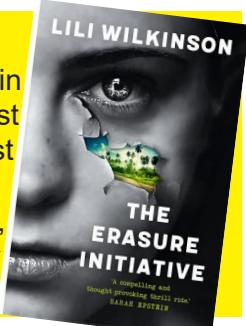
A great history and fantasy novel with a charming and fun main character. With many twists and turns, some magic cats and seriously good adventure, this book will be loved by readers aged 9-12 years.



IMPOSTERS

by Scott Westerfeld

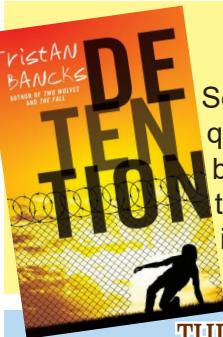
If you love action packed and really easy to read young adult books, with the right mix of rebellion, action, romance and war this book is for you! A really good dystopian adventure for secondary students.



THE ERASURE INITIATIVE by Lili Wilkinson

Imagine waking up on a bus with no memory of who you are, with six other people who are all in the same boat. Then the tests start, innocently at first, then more complicated where you must choose an outcome with the stakes getting higher and higher. Soon, you are fighting for not just your freedom, but also your life.

A fantastic, dystopian psychological thriller with themes of human nature and behaviour, rehabilitation, ethics, justice and working together to achieve results. Great read for those in Year 9 and up (especially psychology students).



DETENTION by *Tristan Bancks*

Set within a few hours and with two distinct voices, this is a thrilling story that asks the reader to question their assumptions about asylum seekers. Sima is in a detention centre with her family. After being told they will be deported to Afghanistan that night, her father organises a daring escape with the help of protesters outside. When it goes wrong, Sima tries to make it alone to her uncle's house in a town far away.

A suspenseful thriller for ages 11+



THE SECRET LIBRARY OF HUMMINGBIRD HOUSE by Julianne Negri

Hattie is trying to make sense of her life since the Big Split. It used to be the four of them – Mum, Dad, Ivy and Hattie – against the universe. But now it feels like she is a lone star in a big galaxy. And to make matters worse, her favourite place, Hummingbird House, is going to be demolished.

A classic time-travel novel with a contemporary twist, this primary novel celebrates standing up for what you believe in, dealing with change and the unstoppable power of friendship.

TERM 4, WEEK 3

Class Growth

Yr Level Average

	Average	Current
5	173%	169%
6	136%	211%
7	69%	47%
8	85%	78%
9	79%	75%
10	82%	62%

Highest growth this fortnight

Student

	Growth
H Yasa & L Barton	367%
Mark Austin	500%
James Yasa	133%
Sharna Bartram	200%
Alex Brander	133%
J Ison & J Coles	133%

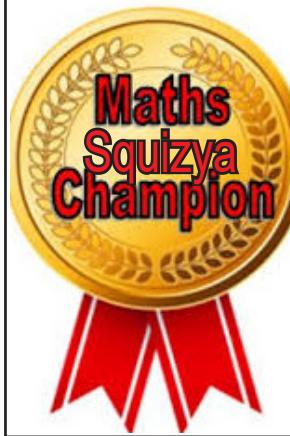
Highest individual average

Student

	Growth
Lana Fawcett	236%
Max Fawcett	221%
James Yasa	88%
Isabelle Mulquiny	246%
Spencer Nicholls	102%
Joe Coles	114%

Parents and students are reminded that Maths Pathways can be accessed from any location. The percentage score is a reflection of how much growth a student is achieving. Eg. 117% = student is learning at the rate of 1.17 years.

SQUIZYA CHAMPIONS



- Yr 5 Grace McKersie
- Yr 6 Rhys Redmond
- Yr 7 Keely Allan
- Yr 8 Isabelle Mulquiny
- Yr 9 Xavier McKersie
- Yr 10 Joe Coles



Mathletics Hall of Fame

Prep - Yr 2

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| 1. Riley Beattie | 2,240 pts |
| 2. Connor McLeod | 1,040 pts |

Year 3-4

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| 1. Gaivin Sandhu | 2,160 pts |
| 2. Morgan Beattie | 1,230 pts |
| 3. Mitchell Coatsworth | 1,100 pts |

2020 PARENT OPINION SURVEY

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst all parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All parents will be invited via email to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from Monday 12th October to Friday 13th November.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

Please contact the school if you would like more information.

Yr 3/4 Pen Pals

This term the Year 3/4 students began writing letters to community members and they were very excited to receive their first replies this week. Each week the students will write to their pen pal and Jacinta will then deliver them whilst on Meals on Wheels duty.

Two of the students were lucky enough to receive small gifts from their new friends. Zeke received a drawing of the sunset and Ever got pressed flowers from her pen pals garden.



Year 10 student participated in the 'Core of Life' Program with Secondary school nurse, Jacinta Miller on Friday 16th October. Pictured above (L-R): Lilly pritchard, Hayley Matheson, Jacinta Miller, George Forrester, Joe Coles, Taya Bartram. (Front row) Ella Sheahan, James Ison, Cian Polzin.

Be Proud of Your Choices

Earlier this year senior students met with staff from CERSH (Centre of Excellence Rural Sexual Health), 1800 My Options and the SHOUT Working Party including YACVic to talk about safe sex messaging and information in promotional posters and videos already being used in campaigns. Members of the SHOUT team have now developed new posters and videos as part of a sexual health promotion campaign for young people living in rural and regional Victoria. The 'Be Proud of Your Choices' campaign consists of six, short and snappy video clips that deliver positive messages to young people about taking the time to talk about their sexual health and contraception needs. See the campaign website at www.shoutrural.com

Wellbeing garden

We were pleased to welcome some new creatures to the garden last week. Thanks to Eliza and Eabha for their help in setting up the worm farm. Our new worms will improve the soil and help us to have a bumper crop of summer vegetables.

Building resilience

For Year 7 & 8 'Think about it Tuesdays' has gone online as we work through the *Bite Back* program this term. *Bite Back* is a skills building program that looks at six key areas to build resilience. For our first week we looked at Gratitude and students are encouraged to continue the 'Thank Tank' activity, writing down 3 things to be grateful for each day. This week we looked at Mindfulness, what it means and how it can be used to help get through each day. Videos used each week have been loaded onto the Wellbeing Classroom for secondary students.

Youth leaders and having your say

Secondary School students have many opportunities this term to have their say and participate in leadership opportunities in the wider community.

Butterfly Foundation Rural Youth Leadership: This week some students from Years 6-8

volunteered to take part in this workshop to skill up students to organise activities around good health and lifestyle messages and promote conversations among peers about nutrition, body image, teasing and bullying, body comparisons and appearance ideals on young people.

Information about body esteem, body image, or eating disorders contact the Butterfly Foundation's Helpline 1800 334 673 or www.eatingdisorders.org.au or the helpline 1300 550 236.

Victorian Youth Strategy: Wycheproof Secondary Students are invited to assist Youth Affairs Council Victoria (YACVic) draft a submission to the state-wide youth strategy. 'YACVic will host consultations so that young people and communities across Victoria can help to build a strategy that will create real, meaningful change. Think broadly about what matters most to you and to all young Victorians.' The Mallee youth meeting is online via zoom on Wednesday 4 November 2020, 4-6:30pm. For more information and to book see YACVic's Youth Central website at www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au but be quick as places are filling fast.

North Central Youth Advisory Committee: This new youth committee is being supported by North Central LLEN with the aim to bring young leaders together from Buloke, Loddon and Northern Grampians Shires. This is a great opportunity for young people to have a voice in our region and be a group to advocate for young people. But be quick to nominate by this weekend. For information and application forms see the website www.ncllen.org.au or contact Julie Slater 0409983270.

Wellbeing Classrooms

Even though we are back at school the Wellbeing classrooms will continue. These Google classrooms are a great way to distribute all sorts of information and activities useful for students and parents.

Wellbeing classroom codes: Primary School **kye5y7s** and Secondary School **y26jj3s**.

Support services & helplines

- ✓ Parentline 132289
- ✓ Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800
- ✓ DET parent resources at www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/

WEEK

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Dane Bartram - 5/6, Mitchell Coatsworth - 3/4, Neive Cotton - P/1/2.

REMINDER



It is uniform policy that students **MUST** wear a school hat when outdoors in Term 1 & 4.

Hats - \$11 each @ the Uniform Shop



WYCHEPROOF COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE: Ph: 5493 7455 - e: mwcrc@bigpond.net.au - 280 Broadway.

***SAFE OPERATION OF A CHAINSAW** - 9am - 5pm, Monday, 23rd November. Cost \$160.

***SAFE OPERATION OF A TRACTOR** - 9am - 5pm, Tuesday, 24th November. Cost \$150.

***MARINE LICENSE TRAINING** - 1-5pm, Sunday, 6th December. Cost - \$120.

***FOOD SAFETY TRAINING**; Online. WCRC has partnered with CFT International (RTO # 21120) to provide online accredited food safety training for those working or volunteering in hospitality, retail & community health. Visit www.wycheaproofcrc.org.au for more information.

***POOL LIFEGUARD COURSE** - Expressions of Interest. Course cost covered for suitable applicants (16 yrs +). Contact: WCRC or Rhonda Allan - 0427 780 109 / rhonda@malleesportsassembly.org.au

***YOGA FLOW WITH AVERYLL**; 7 - 7:45am, Wednesdays, 3rd November - 8th December at Shire Hall Supper Room. Cost - \$60/6 weeks or \$14/session; Snrs discount (65yrs +) \$40/6 weeks or \$10/session. For more information & to register please phone or email WCRC. **Limited spaces due to COVID restrictions, priority to seniors, but all welcome to register on a first in basis.

B&S MOBILE SHARPENING: Thursday 12th November at Wycheaproof P-12 College. \$5/item. Sharpening all scissors & knives (incl serrated), chisels, plane blades, secateurs, hedge clippers & axes. Sorry NO SAWS. Please leave all items at the school office with correct money by Wednesday 11th November.

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Due to COVID-19 restrictions, our annual Presentation Night will be replaced this year by a Presentation Day. The current DET Operational Guidelines stipulate that we are to restrict the number of visitors on school premises, therefore only students and staff members will be involved in the day. We will be organising an online link for parents and interested community members so that they can watch the presentation of awards.

Further details will be provided via the school newsletter and SkoolBag app.