

# Wycheproof P-12 College

A State school established in 1876



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## Newsletter No. 2 - 18th February, 2021

### Remote Learning – 2021

*This year, perhaps if we go with the mindset that changes will undoubtedly occur, we will all keep our sanity? That and, DON'T PANIC. We are back in another period of remote learning which may, or may not, last awhile. We will try and post work on our GOOGLE CLASSROOMS. If you are having troubles at home please ring, email or come in and see us. It will take time to trouble shoot issues, set up new classrooms online and get into sign in and out routines. We will have most issues sorted out and it will no doubt all change again, but if we remember the above mantras for 2021, we will all survive (as we did last year).*

**Please remember to LABEL EVERYTHING that you send to school with your child/ren.** Children get excited and forget where they put things. We are more than happy to give items back to students when we know who owns what, so it is essential everything is named. Even bags, as little children do not know what bags their parents pack for them. I am sure you all know at home how items can be left everywhere (socks, water bottles, clothing, etc), well, times this by 100 students and this is how much fun we have trying to return items to students who have lost them. We take an inordinate amount of items to the OP SHOP every year because it is the nature of children to lose things. After the swimming sports we had new items of school clothing left at the pool and we could not return them as they were not named. We have started the year off well (the swimming sports were a highlight) and we will be looking forward to having everyone back fully on site.

*Christine McKersie* - Principal

### DIARY DATES

#### FEBRUARY

Fri	19	All Schools Swimming Carnival - Swan Hill
Mon	22	NCD Swimming @ St Arnaud
Wed	24	School Photos - morning
Fri	26	School Public Speaking Competition
Fri	26	headspace - free BBQ lunch

#### MARCH

Thur	4	NCD Triathlon @ Boort
Fri	5	Primary Division Swimming @ Bendigo
Mon	8	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tue	9	Primary School Nurse Visit
Thur	18	LMR Swimming @ Swan Hill
Fri	26	Casual Clothes Day
Mon-Thur	29/3 - 1/4	Yr 7/8 Camp - Roses Gap

#### APRIL

Thur	1	Last Day Term 1 - 2:30pm finish
Mon	19	First Day Term 2



Dakota Connolly



Darcy Coles



Libby Thompson

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# 2021 INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS



It wasn't your typical February day as the temperature was cold at the start of proceedings with blankets and beanies spotted in the morning before the sun broke through and we were all treated to a warm and sunny afternoon. Nullawil Primary pupils joined us again this year and they were treated to a day of records being smashed and some outstanding individual efforts. When the team shield winner was announced at the end of the day, it was clear that Broadway were too strong and held onto a very healthy lead

to post a third victory in a row. 15 individual and 2 relay records were broken on the day which was an outstanding achievement. Well done to all those who competed and helped out on the day as it was a huge success. The overall House Champions were Broadway on 943 points compared to Calder on 749. We look forward to the NCD event to see how we go against the other schools in our cluster later in the month.

## 2021 New Records

Event / metres	Age	Name	House	Time		
Freestyle 33	F	Yr 5/6	Dakota Connolly	B	24.16	
Freestyle 33	M	Yr 5/6	Darcy Coles	C	23.00	
Freestyle 99	F	Yr 5/6	Dakota Connolly	B	1:34.63	
Freestyle 99	F	Yr 7/8	Libby Thompson	B	1:24.38	
Freestyle 99	M	Yr 9/10	Spencer Nicholls	C	1:16.46	
Freestyle 198	F	Yr 5/6	Dakota Connolly	B	3:35.95	
Freestyle 198	F	Yr 7/8	Libby Thompson	B	3:06.02	
Freestyle 198	F	Yr 11/12	Hayley Matheson	B	3:33.38	
Backstroke 33	M	Yr 5/6	Darcy Coles	C	30.99	
Backstroke 33	F	Yr 7/8	Libby Thompson	B	27.78	
Backstroke 66	F	Yr 9/10	Kate Thompson	B	1:01.41	
Butterfly 33	F	Yr 5/6	Dakota Connolly	B	29.28	
Butterfly 33	M	Yr 5/6	Darcy Coles	C	31.18	
Individual Medley	M	Yr 5/6	Darcy Coles	C	2:47.25	
Individual Medley	F	Yr 7/8	Libby Thompson	B	2:12.34	
Medley Relay	4 X 33	F	Yr 9-12	K. Thompson Ella Sheahan Hayley Matheson Matilda Bish	B	1:57.30
Medley Relay	4 X 33	M	Yr 9-12	Spencer Nicholls Xavier Muscles Joe Coles William Allan	C	1:44.49



**WINNERS!!!**  
**Broadway House Captains**  
James Ison & Ella Sheahan



Alex Brander



Edie Pellegrino

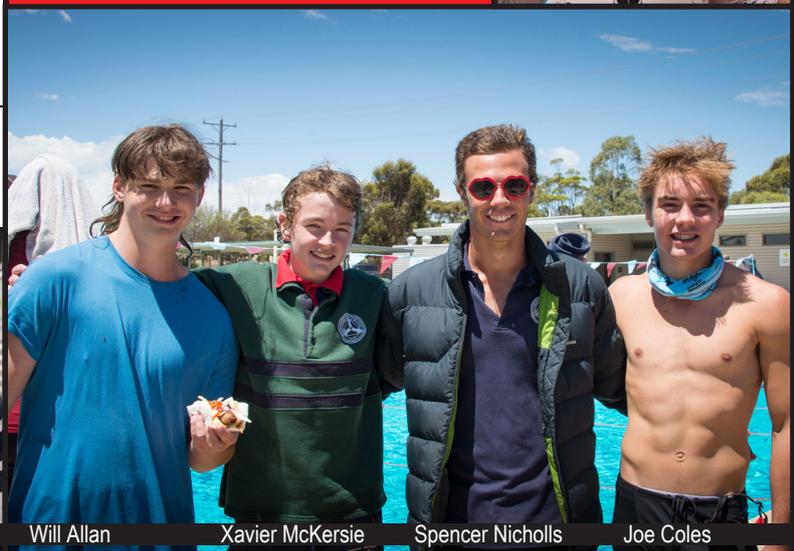


Ollie Daykin



Whitney Jones

Lily Humphreys



Will Allan

Xavier McKersie

Spencer Nicholls

Joe Coles

# Individual Age Champions >>

(Back L-R):

Yr 11/12

Hayley Matheson - 62 pts

Joe Coles - 70 pts

Yr 9/10

Spencer Nicholls - 67 pts

Kate Thompson - 67 pts

(Front L-R)

Yr 3/4

Chevy Bartlett - 17 pts

Harry Humphreys - 17pts

Yr 7/8

Libby Thompson - 67 pts

Ollie Daykin - 67 pts

Yr 5/6

Darcy Coles - 70 pts

Dakota Connolly - 70 pts



Esse Coles Emily Buchanan

Hayley Matheson Amelia Ison Cian Polzin



James Yasa



Mason Sheahan Max Fawcett Locke Coles Rhett Hogan



Matilda Bish Kate Thompson Demi Matheson Libby Thompson



Lana Fawcett Tessa Sheahan Dakota Connolly Grace McKersie

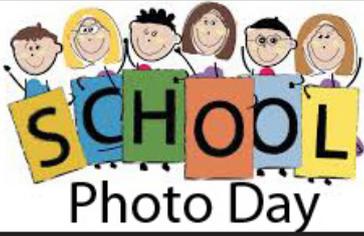


Photo Day

Wednesday  
24th  
February

- \* Order envelopes were issued to all students.
- \* Every student MUST return their envelope by Monday 22nd February - even if you are not purchasing photos.
- \* Family photo order envelopes are available from the school office.
- \* Students MUST WEAR SUMMER UNIFORM.



2021 Lions Youth of the Year  
7pm  
Thursday, 25th February  
Lions Club Rooms  
ALL WELCOME



Wycheproof Narraport Demons  
**Netball Training**  
with Suzanna



13&Under + 16&Under

Fitness - Tuesdays 5:00pm

Skills - Thursdays 5:00pm

**New players welcome!**

## NOTICES HOME

Yr 7/8

Re: 7/8 Camp - Roses Gap

From: Miss Fawcett

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Prep

Re: Parent meeting

From: Mrs Coatsworth

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Yr 7/8

Re: Science Local Excursions

From: Ms McKersie

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All Sudents

Re: School Photo Envelopes

From: Office - Due 22/02/2021

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# Prep / 1 Class visit the Harvest Garden



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VCE



Year 11 Food Studies, highlighting corn, made Mini Corn Fritters with Bok Choy Salad.



<<< Hayley Matheson



>>> Talia Hobson



<<< Alex Brander



# Year 7/8 Home Economics

## MUFFINS



<<< Jessie  
chocolate choc chip  
&  
Ollie  
apple, blueberry &  
cinnamon



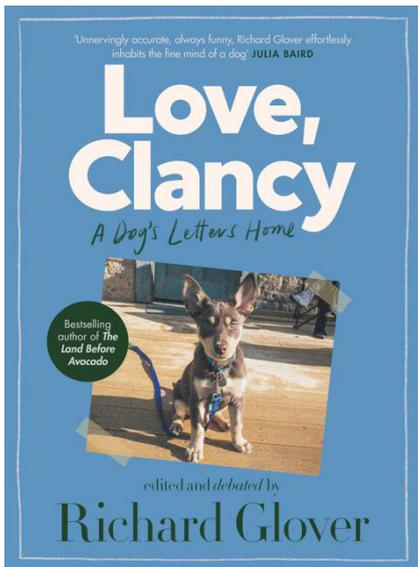
Olivia vanilla      Eabha raspberry      Rhys blueberry & raspberry



Ruby chocolate choc chip      Jacob apple & cinnamon      Whitney ferrero rocher

## Love, Clancy – A Dog’s Letters Home

by Richard Glover



Have you ever tried to imagine what your dog is thinking? Heartfelt and hilarious, this book portrays a dog’s view of the world as he tries to make sense of the oddities of human behaviour.

Ages 11+

## All This Time

by Rachael Lippincott

Can you find true love after losing everything? Kyle used to have everything, including Kim, the perfect forever girlfriend. Until their car crashes, leaving him with a brain injury and Kim dead.

This is a tragic love story that will drag you in and full of twists you won’t see coming. Filled with messed up characters, trying to find a connection after they have faced a world of trauma.

Best suited to teenagers 14+ who love romance and tragedy.

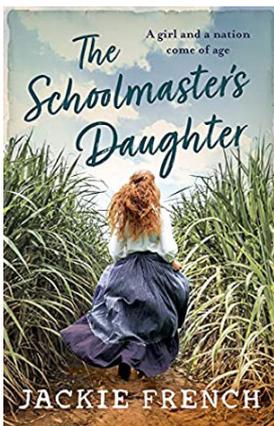


**BOOKS**  
build a  
stairway  
to your  
**IMAGINATION**

## The Schoolmaster’s Daughter

by Jackie French

January 1901 – Sharks circle a stranded ship as a young girl and her family stagger from the waves as they are rescued by a Pacific Islander boy.



Historical fiction depicting the racism and struggles women and Pacific Islanders faced in Colonial Australia, fighting for equal rights for everyone. Can friendship and love win against prejudice and power?

Inspired by real events, the powerful new novel is a great read for teenagers Year 9 and up.

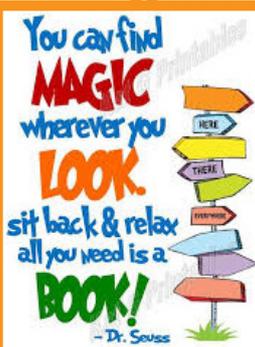
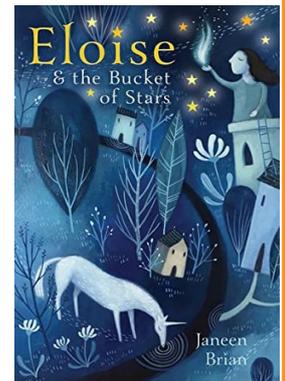
## Eloise and the Bucket of Stars

by Janeen Brian

Hope, courage, determination and a little bit of magic. Eloise lives in an orphanage and is regularly mistreated by the Head Nun.

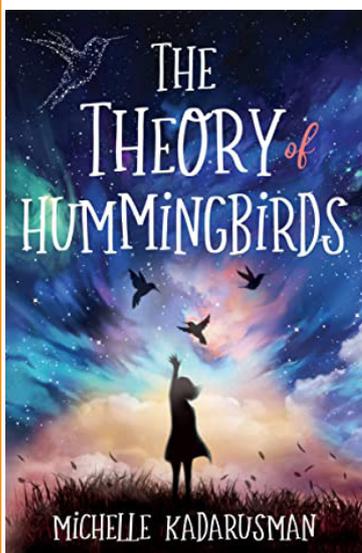
She dreams of having a real family and leaving her miserable life behind. Then Janie arrives at the orphanage and suddenly Eloise has a best friend. With unicorns, corruption and the secret of Eloise’s reason for being at the orphanage finally revealed,

this story has the most delightful ending. For readers aged 9 and up.



## The Theory of Hummingbirds

by Michelle Kadarusman



Alba and Levi have been friends forever. They were both always left out of sports classes because Alba has a foot that has been twisted since birth and Levi has severe asthma.

Sorting through the hardships and joy you can only find with a true friend, this is a beautiful story for readers in Year 4 and up about the power of friends and never giving up.

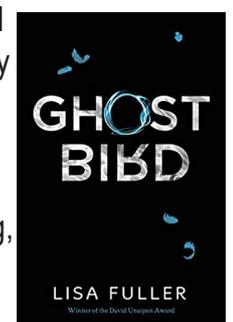
## Ghost Bird

by Lisa Fuller

Stacey Thompson is a good student and wants to make a success of her life - unlike her twin sister Laney who skips school regularly and sneaks out at night.

But things go horribly wrong when Laney and her boyfriend Troy are sneaking around and they trespass onto land owned by a notoriously cruel and racist farming family, and suddenly Laney disappears.

Exploring Indigenous culture and family, dealing with taboos, and exploring ancient beliefs and dreaming, Ghost Bird is a wonderfully original, spooky novel for secondary students.



## Button battery caution

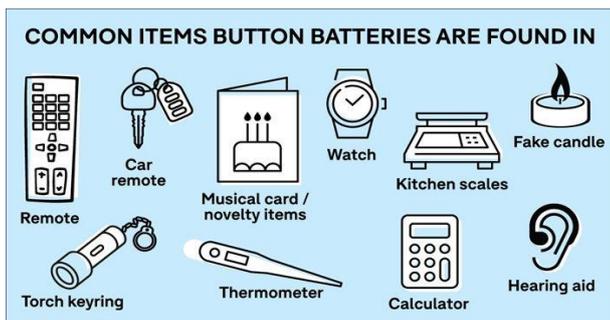
Australian Story on ABC TV on Monday night was a timely reminder that we all need to be safe around batteries and we need to take particular care with with button batteries. Button batteries

are found in many common household devices. While they are small and can be a choking hazard for small children, because of their size they can be digested and cause burning in the the oesophagus (food pipe) or stomach. If children swallow the battery they can become very ill but the cause, the battery, may not be obvious.

During November 2020, the Australian Government brought in mandatory safety standards for button batteries with the aim to prevent children from gaining access to the batteries. Manufacturers, suppliers and retailers have 18 months to comply with the new standards, as reported by Choice Magazine. However, everyone needs to ensure devices with batteries are safe and dispose of batteries correctly.

The Wycheproof Community Resource Centre has a child-safe battery collection container for members of the community to dispose of used batteries. To view the Australian Story episode *Sisters in arms* at <https://iview.abc.net.au> .

For further information see the KidsSafe Queensland website <https://kidsafeqld.com.au/button-batteries>



Infographic by Kidsafe SA and SA Health from [www.choice.com.au](http://www.choice.com.au)

## Current COVID restrictions

Well done to all students, parents and staff for your work to be flexible and positive during these current COVID restrictions. It can be an anxious time when something this significant happens all of a sudden and for an uncertain amount of time. Our school community has been very agile and quick to heed health messages including wearing masks, staying home if unwell, hand washing, cleaning and social distancing.

If you need support please contact the school and a member of the Wellbeing Team will be available to speak to. There are also support organisations such as headspace and AMAZE that offer telephone or online support.

Fact sheets and other information, dance tracks and sing along tunes are on the Google Wellbeing Classrooms. Wellbeing classroom codes: Primary School **kye5y7s** and Secondary School **y26jj3s**.

## Support services & helplines

- ✓ Parentline 132289
- ✓ headspace call back 1800 650 890
- ✓ eheadspace [www.headspace.org.au](http://www.headspace.org.au)
- ✓ Autism Connect helpline 1300 308 699 or webchat [www.amaze.org.au](http://www.amaze.org.au)
- ✓ Kids Helpline 1800 551 800
- ✓ DET parent resources at [www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/)



## School Nurse Visit

Kerrie McCosh, primary school nurse, will be visiting our school on March 9th this year. The purpose of this visit is to undertake health assessments and discuss health concerns that parents and/or teachers may have with their children/students.

**Prep Grade Health Assessments:** All parents/guardians of prep grade children will be asked to complete a Health Questionnaire and return the form to the school before March 9th 2021. If you do not wish your child to be seen by the school nurse, please sign the non-consent section and return the form to the school.

**Referrals (All Grades):** Parents and/or teachers may refer children from any grade for assessments of vision, hearing, basic speech, physical abilities, medical conditions, behavioural and parenting issues. Please collect a referral form from the school office. Completed forms are to be handed into the school office prior to March 9th 2021. Should parents wish to have an interview with the School Nurse, please indicate your request on the form.

Please note: You can talk to the school nurse at any time throughout the year. The school has her mobile phone number.



## PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS 2021

Family accounts for parent contributions have been sent home with students.

It is preferred that **payments be made by Friday, 26th February, 2021.**

Payments can be made via BPAY, Cheque or Cash.

Please contact the school if you have any questions in regard to Parent Payments or if you wish to arrange a Payment Plan.

Students (Yrs 5-12) and Staff are encouraged to join the 'FIT FEBRUARY' challenge.

**LOG YOUR EXERCISE ON THE STRAVA APP**  
(ALL activities MUST be logged on STRAVA to go into the end of month Prize Draw)

All participants go into a draw to win the end of challenge prize  
*Every 5 exercise sessions = 1 chance in the draw*

**Please see Mr Duffy for any queries.**



## WEEK 4 Star Students

Tessa Sheahan 5/6, Grace McKersie 5/6,  
Enda Redmond P/1, Tyler Buchanan 2/3/4 (below)



**WYCHEPROOF TENNIS CLUB:** 2021 Tournament - Labour Day Weekend, 6th - 8th March. \$2000 in trophies to be won. Enquiries: Ph) 0436 362 962 or email [HELLO@WYCHEPROOFTENNISCLUB.COM.AU](mailto:HELLO@WYCHEPROOFTENNISCLUB.COM.AU).

**WYCHEPROOF COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE:** Ph: 5493 7455 - e: [mwrc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mwrc@bigpond.net.au) - 280 Broadway.

**Casual Swim Group:** Monday; 9am - 10am. Wednesday & Friday 6:45am - 7:45am. Cost - \$6 per session or \$54/4 weeks.

**Morning Yoga:** 6:30 - 7:30am. Mondays from 1st February. 6 week block. Wycheproof Shire Hall Supper Room.

Tutor: Averyll Loft.

**Community Car:** This vital service ensures community members with no other means of transport are able to access non-urgent medical appointments. We cannot do it without our wonderful volunteer drivers - and we're looking for more to help lighten the load and ensure this service is sustainable and successful long term. Call the WCRC and make a time to chat with Sandy or Averyll.

**Crafting Group:** We are taking expressions of interest in forming a social crafting group for people of all abilities to share their knowledge or learn new skills.

**Book Club:** Currently seeking expressions of interests in forming a Wycheproof Book Club.

**Pilates/Yoga/Brunch:** 9:30-11:30 am, Saturday, 20th March. Pilates session + Yoga session + Healthy brunch + BOB coffee voucher + 20% discount @ Marlbro House. Cost - \$40. No experience necessary. Bookings through WCRC.

**WYCHEPROOF NARRAPORT NETBALL:** Junior training twice weekly. Fitness sessions on Tuesdays and Skills session on Thursdays. 5pm @ Netball courts with Suzanna Fawcett. New players welcome!