

Wycheproof P-12 College

A State school established in 1876



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OLD SCHOOL BLOCK

There are those who may say, 'Nothing ever happens in Wycheproof'. I would argue the opposite. There is so much going on, it is often hard to keep pace. We know that we have raised a little bit of town curiosity about what is happening on the old school block. We are in the process of trying to improve the overall attractiveness of that part of our school and link this area with the proposed mountain walking trail. The project has been given to our Year 11 Technology boys and under the direction of Mr Pearse (and with assistance from Noel Gretgrix and Stuart Nicholls), the project is slowly taking shape. I was delighted to be told that the boys flew a drone over the block to measure up some of the dimensions for the project. Times have changed and it is great to hear that our students are using current drone technology to help them with the overall project design. What will be happening? Well, that is a secret, but the boys have some exciting ideas in mind to 'jazz up' a zone of our town that has been a little bit of an eyesore. We will be continuing to teach our children about how such projects have 'flow-on-effects' and make families want to relocate to our rural location. When people and families re-locate, it is a win for our whole community. More children for the school, more money spent in our local economy, more people able to take up unfilled job positions, etc. This project may take a year or two to complete but we are off to a flying start. It is exciting to watch and to see our students not only improve something for the school but also for the wider community as well. It is important that students understand that their actions can lead to improvements for the whole community.

Christine McKersie - Principal

DIARY DATES

APRIL

Thur	29	Yr 4-6 Winter Sports - Boort
Fri	30	Hoodie Up for Autism Day
Fri	30	House Cross Country

MAY

Tue	4	headspace visit
Wed	5	SSV Div. Primary X Country - Bendigo
Thu	6	SRC Senior Citizens Lunch
Wed-Fri	12-14 May	NAPLAN (Yr 3,5,7,9)
Wed	19	Yr 9/10 Big Science Competition
Fri	21	Yr 7/8 Big Science Competition
Fri	21	Quiz Night
Tue	25	Yr 10 Buloke Health Expo
Fri	28	SRC - Biggest Morning Tea & Dress Up Day - Favourite Book Character

JUNE

Tue	1	LMR Cross Country
Tue	1	Science Discovery Dome visit (P- Yr 10)
Thu	3	Bush Dance
Wed	9	GAT
Wed	9	Roadsmart - Yr 10
Wed	9	School Council Meeting
Mon	14	PUBLIC HOLIDAY Queen's Birthday
Fri	18	Yr 11/12 Chemistry excursion - Melbourne
Fri	18	Yr 9 Try a VET
Mon-Fri	21-25	Yr 10/11 Work Experience - Melbourne
Fri	25	Last Day Term 2 - 2:30pm finish

WYCHEPROOF P-12 COLLEGE

BROADWAY HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY CALDER



SAFFIN OVAL

YR 11/12: DURING LUNCH

PREP-YR 10: 2 - 3:20PM

TOMORROW!!

FRIDAY 30TH APRIL

ALL WELCOME!!!

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Year 7/8 Camp

The Year 7/8 Roses Gap camp was a deeply exciting experience filled with many invigorating activities to do including the likes of abseiling, a giant swing, canoeing and raft building. Pupil's courage, determination and physical abilities were put to the test when partaking in the various activities that as I'm sure not only myself, but many others enjoyed. Roses Gap camp was an incredibly enjoyable time which I'm certain will be looked back upon with fondness in the years to come by the attendees. - Angus Cowell (Yr 7)





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Year 7/8 Home Economics

CHICKEN STIR FRY with noodles and vegetables

James Yasa



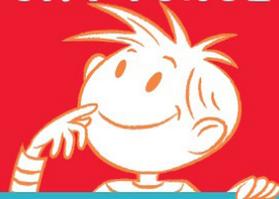
Jessie & Jacob



Ruby & Keely



DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club

orders are due:

3rd May 2021

Congratulations



Congratulations to former Wycheproof P-12 College student – **Emma Gretrgix** on graduating with a Bachelor of Arts Honours degree in Criminology from Deakin University.



Congratulations to former Wycheproof P-12 College student and current staff member – **Georga Munro-Foord** on graduating with a Bachelor of Community and Human Services from Federation University.

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The tension in the air was electric as Wycheproof swimmers, Kate Thompson, Taya Bartram, Ella Sheahan and Hayley Matheson joined the State's best at MSAC for the School Sports Victoria State Swimming Championships. The girls qualified for finals in the 4 X 50m Freestyle relay after winning at Loddon Mallee Regional Championships on 18th March in Swan Hill with a time of 2:31.78. After one month of training in Swan Hill (including a couple of 6am sessions), and more than 1,700 kms they were excited to be on pool deck in Melbourne. The girls swam their hearts out and finished with a new PB of 2:29.63 and 7th overall! Huge thanks must be given to those that supported them along the way. Firstly thanks to Jan Elder and Suzi Thompson for running the Wycheproof Swimming Program; to Mr Duffy and staff for their organisation and guidance with Inter-school swimming sports; to Nyah Two Bays Swimming Club for including and coaching the girls at their squad training sessions when our local pool had closed; and finally and most importantly to the parents and friends that have encouraged and supported them along the way, including travelling to Melbourne to cheer from the grand stand.

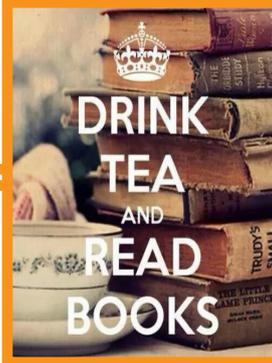




When we are Invisible

by Claire Zorn

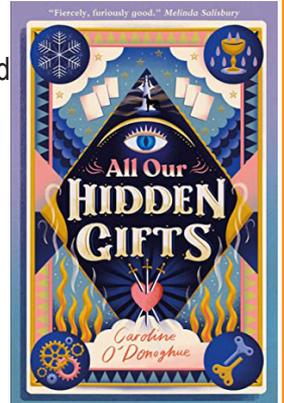
This heart stopping dystopian Young Adult novel is the sequel to The Sky so Heavy however reads well as a stand alone novel as well. In the midst of a nuclear winter, Lucy, Fin and Max are running for their lives. Fleeing the bloodshed, horror and chaos of Sydney, they escape to a farm in the bush, searching for safety. Finally surrounded by enough food, water, safety, blessed warmth and people taking a stand to protect them, things are looking good, but Lucy isn't sure everything is as safe as it appears. This is a confronting look at survival and the lengths people are willing to go to, to survive, whilst also highlighting important issues around abuse and power imbalances in relationships that are prevalent regardless of society's level of impending doom.



All our Hidden Gifts

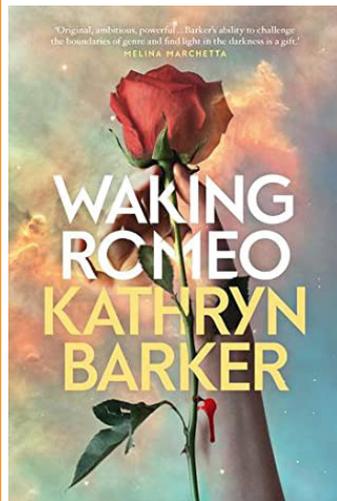
by Caroline O'Donoghue

Maeve Chambers doesn't have any special gifts. That is until she finds a dusty old pack of tarot cards and starts giving uncannily accurate readings to everyone around her. Maeve's strangely astute tarot readings make her the talk of her school, until her ex-best friend Lilly draws a chilling and unfamiliar card – and then disappears. Shunned by her classmates and struggling to preserve a romance with Lily's gender-fluid sibling, Maeve must dig deep into her connection with the cards to search for clues the police cannot find. For ages 14+



Waking Romeo

by Kathryn Barker

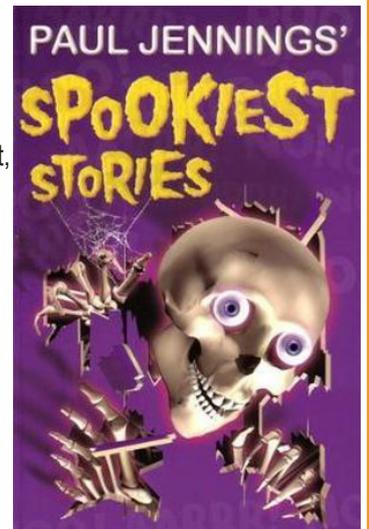


A charming mash up of Romeo and Juliet and Wuthering Heights set in the future. An excellent read, full of fate and love, time travel and preventing the end of the world.

Best for readers aged 14 +

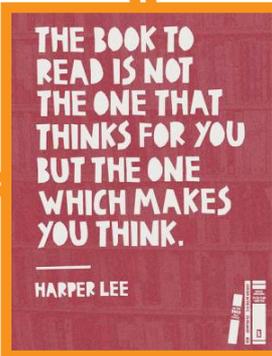
Spookiest Stories

by Paul Jennings



This special edition anthology boasts twenty of Paul's spookiest, fun-filled yarns, hand picked by the author for a spine-tingling reading experience.

For readers 10 +



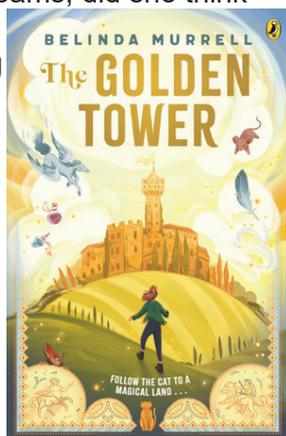
The Golden Tower

by Belinda Murrell

Thirteen-year-old Sophie has dyslexia and is bullied at school. When Sophie goes to spend a few weeks at her Nanna's in England, never in her wildest dreams, did she think she would be kidnapped by a cat and taken to a world of flying horses and magic and mystery.

An inspirational story of a girl finding her way and realising that she has inner power to face her fears and do what she knows is right.

For readers aged 10-14.



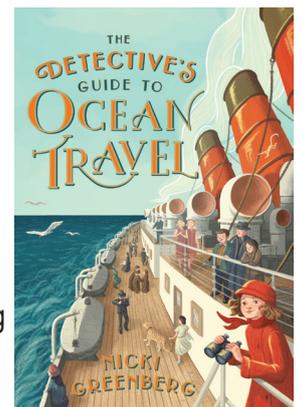
The Detectives Guide to Ocean Travel

by Nicki Greenberg

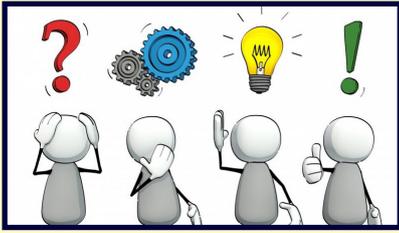
Pepper Stark's Dad is Captain of the luxurious ocean liner Aquitania and when he finds out Pepper has recklessly decided to stow away, he is furious.

Adventure and mystery follow, as a famous diamond is stolen and Pepper and her new friends from the ship decide to investigate for themselves.

This is a fun, fast-paced mystery full of amazing characters, including a trained monkey, which will suit readers in Year 5 and up.



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7:30pm, Friday, 21st May

Final details & Venue: TBC

Tables of 6 - \$10 per person

Bookings Ph: 5493 7409

All funds raised will go towards the 2021 Year 10/11 Work Experience Program.

Reporting Student Absences

*Phone call (03 5493 7409) *or*

*Note in the student diary *or*

*Email

- wycheproof.p12@education.vic.gov.au *or*

*Skoolbag App *noting the reason for their absence*

To satisfy the legal requirements of the Department of Education and Training, the school **MUST** be notified of all student absences **by 10am.**



Wycheproof Narraport Netball Club



NET SET GO!



Thursdays
Starts 29th April
4-5pm in the Sports Complex
For registration details
Contact Jenna Allan - 0437 930 369



WYCHEPROOF P-12 COLLEGE
WOMEN IN SLIPPER
Mother's Day Classic
Major Sponsor
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**GET ACTIVE
FOR BREAST
CANCER
RESEARCH**

SUNDAY 9 MAY

'Race' the train!



Test your speed against heritage locomotive The Grainlander as it departs Wyche, or simply enjoy the spectacle as you stroll!

2021 Mt Wycheproof Mother's Day Classic

Walk or run - 1km, 5km & 10km

On-the-day registrations close at 8.45am, departing WCRC at **9am** sharp

Great prizes for best dressed, fastest runners & much more

Register the biggest team & go in the running

for the MDC Perpetual Cup!



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Year 5/6 Camp

THE OLD PRIORY BEECHWORTH

My favourite part on camp was when we went to the lolly shop and bakery. I also liked the bush walk. My favourite dinner on camp was when we had lasagna and garlic bread. The Priory was really nice too. Camp also helped me learn more about Ned Kelly and bush rangers.

- Adele McNaughton (Yr 6)





Anzac Day



SRC President Lilly Pritchard



School Captains Jack Arnel & Amelia Ison



Matilda Bish & Jack Arnel played 'The Last Post'



On 23rd April, Wycheproof P-12 College gathered on the lawn in front of the music room for an ANZAC service. The school captains, Jack Arnel and Amelia Ison, together with SRC president Lilly Pritchard, led the commemoration which included information about the history and some of the ANZAC traditions. It was great to see the Senior Concert Band performing again, they played the national anthem, The Gathering of

Glen and a medley from the war era. Amelia and Jack laid a wreath in honour of the many heroes who fought and died in the wars Australia has been involved in. Jack Arnel and Matilda Bish played 'The Last Post' on trumpet, and we shared one minute of silence to reflect. ANZAC biscuits were on sale at recess with the proceeds going towards the Year 10/11 Work Experience program.



headspace visit

headspace Swan Hill Senior clinician, Kirsty Jacobs will visit Wycheproof P-12 College on Tuesday 4 May and is available

for one-on-one counselling and follow up referrals.

This is part of the *headspace* service introduced to schools in early 2020. The service includes supporting young people, aged 12 years and older, via face-to-face and telehealth appointments to reduce travel long distances for appointments and enable easier access.

There are many challenges that young people face where *headspace* can help. If you are struggling with keeping up at school or study workload, worried or anxious, having conflict or difficulty with relationships at home or with others, or concerned about alcohol, or sexual health; sometimes having someone from *headspace* to talk to can make a world of difference.

To make a referral to *headspace* Swan Hill see the online form at <https://headspace.org.au/headspace-centres/swan-hill/> Students aged from 12 years upwards are eligible. Some students may be able to complete the online referral form themselves or parents can do this. If you are unsure talk to Georga or Jacinta at school.

Allergies and illnesses

For Wycheproof P-12 College to provide the best care for students that become ill at school or camp, it is important that each student has an up-to-date care/action plan signed by a doctor or health professional. The school holidays are an ideal time to have that annual check-up with the doctor. It is important to also have an annual review of any medicines that are prescribed.

If the illness or allergy is no longer a concern then a note from the doctor is needed for that alert to be removed.

SPELD—Helping children learn

SPELD Victoria's purpose is to assist the estimated 5-10% of all Victorians with Specific Learning Difficulties to achieve their full learning potential. There are two webinars for parents coming up:

Thursday 29 April: Math Difficulties, Dyscalculia and Singapore Maths Approach is an online parent information evening from 6:30- 9:00 pm. Presenter is Nathalie Parry M.ed.

Thursday 20 May: Dysgraphia - A Specific Learning Disorder In Written Expression an online parent information evening from 6:30- 9:00 pm. Presenter is Elly Kalenjok, an Australian lecturer in education with over 20 years' experience in primary teaching, and currently undertaking PhD studies in Dysgraphia at Monash University. This is a personal topic for her as her son also struggles with dysgraphia and the complications that are associated with this type of specific learning difficulty.

These events are free for SPELD members or \$20 non-members. For information and to book see <https://speld.secure.force.com/events> or see the SPELD website www.speldvic.org.au/

Being COVID Safe

Current health messages that include wearing masks if you can't social distance, staying home if unwell and hand washing continue to be good advice to keep us safe from COVID infections and seasonal flu.

Write for Rosie

Rosie is an online space where young women can connect with the best web resources to help them to navigate life's tricky situations and hosted by the Victorian Women's Trust.

The Trust is seeking teens with an interest in feminist issues to write for www.rosie.org.au You need to be an Australian citizen. Articles are around 600-800 words and authors will be paid for articles published. Topics are varied. For information or to take up this opportunity go to the Rosie website and see the link *Write like a girl* and follow the instructions at the end of the page.

Support services & helplines

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

Past student Mary-Anne Pollard played in the annual ANZAC day match in Townsville for the Curra Swans; Mary-Anne plays at fullback. She is currently a military infantryman in the Australian Defence Force based in Townsville, North Queensland. The annual match raises funds for veterans support service Swiss8.



Curra Swans players Mary-Anne Pollard and Rhian Mears ahead of their ANZAC clash against Hermit Park. Picture: Shae Beplate.

WEEK

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Star Students



Alpine School Campus
School for Student Leadership

It was all smiles when Demi, Matilda & Paige started their Term 2 adventure at Mt Hotham School for Student Leaders. The girls will spend the rest of this term there with students from schools throughout Victoria. We look forward to frequent updates from the high country.



Tyler Harrison P/1, Mason Barton 2/3/4



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

MDC: Join in the fun of the 2021 Mt Wycheproof Mother's Day Classic on Sunday, May 9. Three distances to choose from - 1km, 5km or 10km – starting at the Wycheproof Community Resource Centre, taking you around and UP the world's smallest registered mountain. "Race" the Grainlander steam train out of town along Broadway, or simply stroll and enjoy with your loved ones. Registrations \$30 per adult, \$15 concession/child. All funds going towards breast cancer research.



hoodieup
for autism day

Friday 30th April.

Wear your favourite hoodie (with your school uniform) to school for autism awareness day!