

Wycheproof P-12 College

A State school established in 1876



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SCHOOL GARDEN

We are incredibly lucky to be living in such an environment where we are so connected to our landscape. Growing up so close to nature is good for the soul. Young children have such a natural curiosity about the world and it is a delight to see them grow in their understanding about the various cycles of nature. Over the past few years we have worked hard to ensure our buildings and grounds are attractive. We are physically connected to the mount and have large gum trees clearly visible across the school skyline. At any time of the day, you can hear birds calling and our children get to learn about the different species. It is also not uncommon for us to roam around the school throughout the year to discuss how different types of flora are adapted to the Australian landscape. We find little creatures all over the yard and talk about their habitat requirements. We also have several gardens where students can taste different fruits and vegetables. Currently our olives are in season and we invite anyone from our local community to come in and pick some. Jacinta Miller (our School Nurse) recently ran some lunchtime sessions with students teaching them how to preserve these salty little treats. There are always positives and negatives in life, but I know my choice would always be sending children to a school where they are connected to nature rather than concrete.

Christine McKersie - Principal

DIARY DATES

JUNE

Fri	11	PUPIL FREE DAY - Report Writing
Mon	14	PUBLIC HOLIDAY Queen's Birthday
Fri	18	Yr 11/12 Chemistry excursion - Melbourne
Fri	18	Yr 9 Try a VET Day
* Sun-Fri	20-25	* Dates TO BE CONFIRMED Yr 10/11 Work Experience - Melbourne
Tue	22	LMR Cross Country - St Arnaud
Fri	25	Last Day Term 2 - 2:30pm finish

JULY

Mon	12	First Day Term 3
Wed	14	School Council Meeting
Thur	15	GTAC - Yr 11 Biology Excursion
Thur	15	Cross Country State Finals - Melbourne
Mon	19	TIS @ Charlton - Yr 12

AUGUST

Thur	5	Science Discovery Dome Visiting
Mon-Wed	9-11	Yr 10 Driver Ed - Charlton
Mon	16	NCTTC orientation - Yr 8 Charlton
Wed	18	School Council
Tue	24	NCD Athletics - Charlton
Thur	26	Primary Athletics - Charlton
Tue	31	Visiting Show (P-8) Rumpelstiltskin

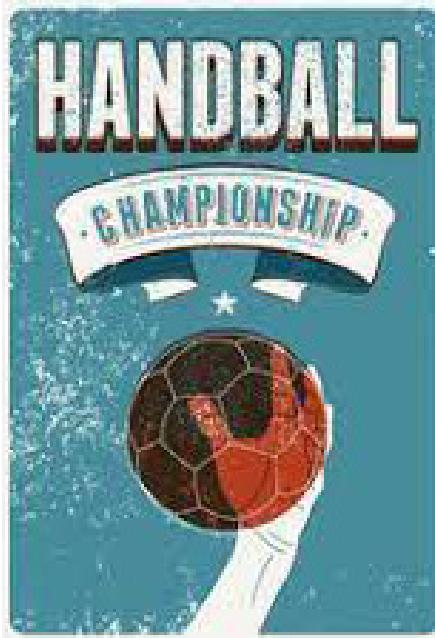


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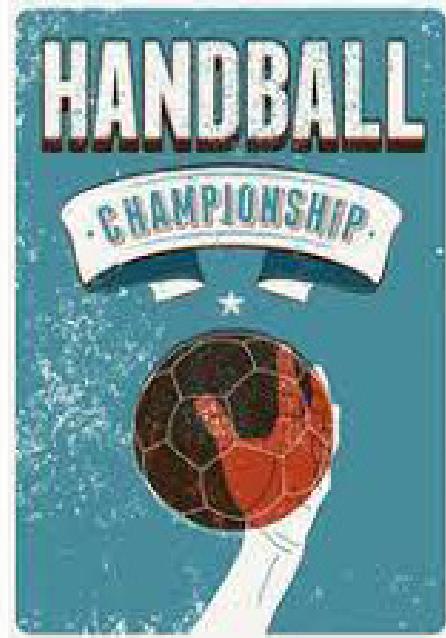
WYCHEPROOF MEN'S SHED: HALT (Hope Assistance Local Tradies) provides tradies, apprentices and men of all ages with the tools to start having conversation about mental health and how to support mates when they're going through tough times. All welcome. Wycheproof Men's Shed are hosting an event on 24th June, in the evening.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CODING CLUB: Are you a young person interested in coding? WCRC is taking expressions of interest for an after-school/school holiday coding club. Coding makes it possible for us to create computer software, games, apps and websites and empowers kids of all ages to become makers of technology by tapping into their ability to bring their imagination to life. This club is suitable for children in Year 5 and up. Call WCRC to register your interest.

INTRO TO CHALK PAINTING WORKSHOP: 10:30am - 2:30pm, Sunday 20th June at The Wycheproof Men's Shed. \$85 per person, all inclusive - upfront payment. Bookings essential. For further enquiries or to make a booking please contact the WCRC or Ph: 0428 951 709 or email: narellegust@gmail.com



Yrs 5-8 Student Led Sport



This term the Yr 5-8 students have been involved in a Sport Education in Physical Education Program unit. Students chose to participate in the sport Handball; this unit involves students learning all the roles of what makes up a sport. Some of the many roles include coach, captain, team manager, scorer, timer, first aid, umpire. Students run the sports almost independently with some guidance from teachers. It has been great to see the initiative students are taking in sport this year. - Miss Fawcett



BOMBEROOZ
BRAYDEN TONY JORDANNAHAN



Age: 12
Position: Anywhere
Fave Food: Sushi
Fave Song: Attoms family
Motto: I always come back
Advice to fans: Suck your thumb if you are scared



THE FIGHTERS
JESSIE FAUCETT



Age: 12
Position: Bit of everywhere
Fave Food: Pesto Pasta
Fave Song: Out of my league
Motto: -
Advice to fans: Play for fun!



DONUT KINGS
HEEHY ALAN



Age: 13
Position: mid field
Fave Food: rice cakes
Fave Song: ...
Motto: firm throws wins games
Advice to fans: try hard and suffer the pain after



G.O.A.T
MAX FAUCETT



Age: 13
Position: Mid Field
Fave Food: Ice cream
Fave Song: Heat Waves
Motto: -
Advice to fans: Be confident and try your best!



Week 3 Write-ups

Doughnut Kings Vs G.O.A.T

It's been a good game with two teams fighting to win. Right now, Doughnut Kings are in the lead by 7 goals and sadly the G.O.A.T team is losing. Both teams have strong female goalies who with Ruby (Doughnut Kings) and Tessa (G.O.A.T) toughing it out in the fast paced game.

- Anonymous (Purple Pineapples)

Rainbow Unicorns Vs Doughnut Kings

At the moment the scores are 7 to 5 - it's anyone's game. There has been allot of back and forth movement and it's been a pretty though game. Although they were defeated, we saw some strong opposition from white with Rhett Hogan taking a specky in the game. Gee the umpires must have had a tough gig!

- Zeke + Angus (Bomberoos)

LEADERBOARD

Team	W	L	F	A	%
Doughnut Kings	3	1	23	10	230
Rainbow Unicorns	3	1	23	16	143
The Fighters	3	1	53	37	143
G.O.A.T	2	2	36	29	124
Purple Pineapples	1	3	18	13	138
Bomberoos	0	4	13	20	65





PURPLE PINEAPPLES
GRACIE HUMPHREYS



Age: 13
Position: Ruck
Fave Food: Mango
Fave Song: Don't you know pump it up
Motto: Try your best
Advice to fans: Have fun and give it a go

STRENGTH	SPEED	POWER
89%	90%	85%

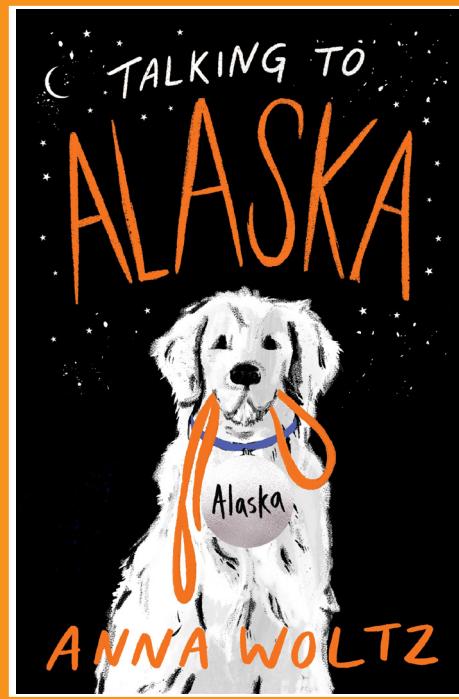


RAINBOW UNICORNE
RHETT HOGAN



Age: 13
Position: Ruck
Fave Food: Pizza
Fave Song: -
Motto: Get on your man
Advice to fans: Get on your man!

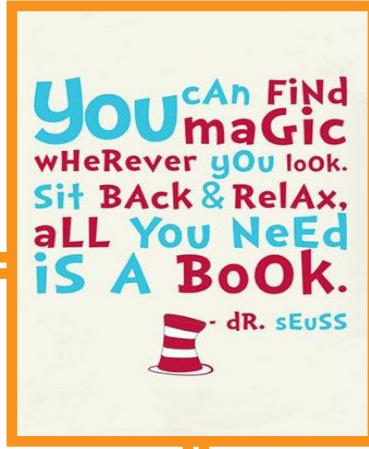
STRENGTH	SPEED	POWER
81%	79%	67%



Talking to Alaska

by Anna Woltz
Reviewed by Lana Fawcett

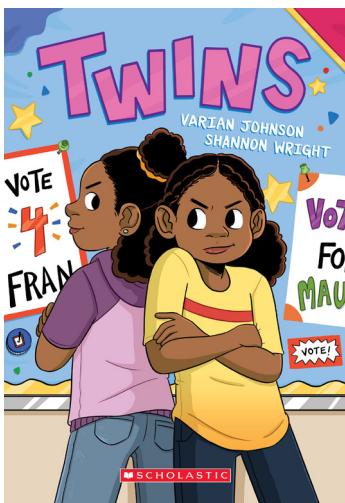
"I absolutely loved this book! My emotions changed from happy to sad throughout the book. I really liked the plot – how two enemies came to be friends all because of one dog (Alaska)."



Twins

by Varian Johnson

New middle grade graphic novel for fans of Raina Telgemeier (Guts, Smile, Drama, Ghosts)

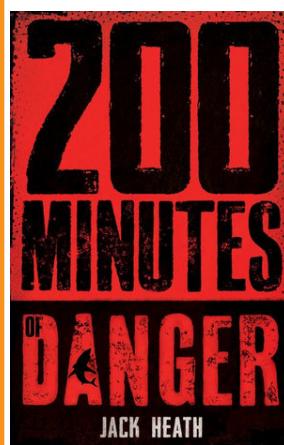


Maureen and Francine, identical twins, shared everything until sixth grade when friendships and different interests started pulling them in different directions. Once they both decide to go for the same prize, things spiral quickly out of control and their sisterhood bond becomes jeopardized.

200 Minutes of Danger

by Jack Heath

10 stories, 10 dangerous situations, 10 brave kids, 20 minutes to escape.....



This collection of short but edge of your seat exciting stories is the perfect book to grab for morning assembly reading time, or the bus trip home or anytime you have a spare 20 minutes for an adrenaline surge that will have your heart racing.

Readers in Grade 5 and up.

Uniforms

The school uniform is compulsory for all students.

WINTER:

- ALL STUDENTS are to wear unisex school polo shirt with either/both a school green & navy rugby jumper and/or a school navy soft shell jacket.

- Girls - Navy pants/track pants OR school skirt with navy tights.

- Boys - Grey pants.

- SHOES & SOCKS:** Students are to wear black enclosed school shoes or black runners with either black or white socks.

SPORTS UNIFORM:

- P-4 students are permitted to wear the school sports top to school on the designated PE days.

- Yrs 5-12 students are expected to change into their sports uniform for their PE lesson only.

** Please ensure clothing items are clearly named to help with returning 'Lost Property' to its rightful owner.



\$10
Tights



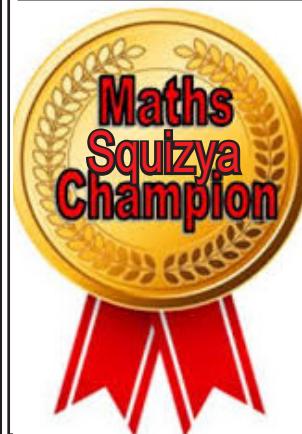
\$30
Track pants

TERM 2, WEEK 7

Class Growth			Highest growth this fortnight		Highest individual average	
Yr Level	Average	Current	Student	Growth	Student	Growth
7	66%	59%	Jack Cowell	167%	Jessie Fawcett	111%
8	68%	61%	James Yasa	129%	James Yasa	133%
9	112%	120%	Oliver Ward	267%	Oliver Ward	233%
10	78%	92%	Dotty Carrigg	133%	Dotty Carrigg	105%

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 7 Lachlan Buchanan
- Yr 8 William Ison
- Yr 9 Isabelle Mulquiny
- Yr 10 Will Allan

Notices Home

Yr 10/11

Re: Work Experience Forms
From: Mrs Ison
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Yr 7/8

Re: Fire Pit Permission
From: Ms McKersie
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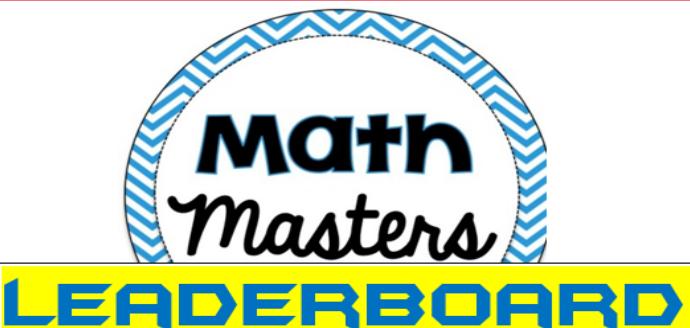
Mathletics Hall of Fame

Prep - Yr 1

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| 1. Ryder Harrison | 2,270 pts |
| 2. Tyler Harrison | 1,060 pts |

Year 2-3-4

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| 1. Daniel Greco | 1,540 pts |
| 1. Riley Beattie | 1,440 pts |



LEADERBOARD

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| 1st | James Ison |
| 2nd | Spencer Nicholls |
| 3rd | Charlie Fawcett |
| 4th | Joe Coles |
| 5th | George Forrester |
| 6th | Lachlan Buchanan |
| 7th | Lilly Pritchard |
| 8th | Angus Cowell |
| 9th | Ella Sheahan |
| 10th | Jack Arnel |

Yr 7/8 ancient market day

Move that table there, no it goes here.

That was most of the talk going on in the 7/8 class of the morning of our Ancient Egypt market day. Savannah and Whitney made a pyramids out of clay and had made a big pyramid out of cardboard.

- Whitney Jones, Eabha Polzin & Lily Humpreys.



Ancient Market Day By Lachlan and Angus

Impressive sculptures, innovative craftwork, captivating information and thought-provoking costumes were seen throughout the day. For each of their projects students were tasked with creating stalls, focused on the Ancient societies of Egypt and Greece. From periods 3 to lunch, students from all the other classes, including teachers and staff, wandered through and took in the information at the stalls created by the Year 7/8 students. I'm sure everyone had an enjoyable experience. Thanks to Mr. Connolly's courteous efforts.



On the 26/5 we had a successful year 7/8 Ancient Egypt/Greek Market Day. There was a suitable variety of different projects and monuments. There was different topics from jewellery and clothing to weapons and warfare spread out between the 7/8 classroom and the library separating ancient Greece and Egypt, which all had even amounts of information and a creation of their own. The 7/8s had a great time and had plenty of questions to answer.
By Ruby, Jessie, Max and Ollie



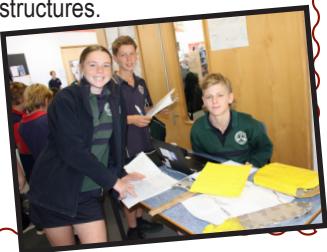
Ancient market day

Stepping into the room, you feel surrounded by the ancient cultures of Greece and Egypt. By taking a quick glance at each stall you can tell the amount of effort each student has put into their work, and their pride in presenting it. The ancient market day of 2021 brought on new takes to the ideas on the tables of the 7/8 class. With food, makeup, Lego, sculptures, clothing and weapons, there was something to please the interests of anyone and everyone.

This year was much a success as any other, but the biggest win was the teamwork and the learning experience that each pupil earned. - Keely and Savannah

The Ancient Egypt and Greece market day was informational and fun. It was good to learn all about Ancient Egypt and Greece. There were a lot of stalls. Some students presented education, others makeup and fashion. Other students presented religion/gods/goddess, weapons and buildings and structures.

By Eliza, Gracie, Rhett and Locke



Ancient Market Day By Jack and Will

The Ancient Market Day was a funky experience with some surprises. There was a section for Greece and Egypt with lots of insightful fun facts covering everything you need to know. Every stall had something different to be excited about.



Ancient Market day

The year 7 & 8 market day was a huge success. The classroom and library were filled with lots of different individual stalls. Students and staff could go around and learn lots of interesting facts about Ancient Egypt and Greece. Eabha and Lily made an astonishing pyramid out of lamingtons, and Mason made an amazing looking pyramid out of lego. - Jacob & Libby



It's great to be back!

Thankfully our time away from school during the latest COVID lockdown was short. However, we still need to take care of ourselves and know some

strategies to recognise and cope with the stress and anxiety that each lockdown brings.

We were reminded at the Buloke Youth Health Expo that for mental health resilience each of us needs to have a sense of purpose and along with that gratitude for the good things we have. Being part of the school community and completing school work is a simple way for students to achieve purpose.

Tom Boyd, former AFL star, was also at the expo, and he is well known for saying that when he was in his darkest days he looked at what was most important to him and that was his family and his health.

Keeping ourselves healthy by eating fresh foods and limiting processed foods that are high in sugar, salt and fat; getting enough sleep and exercise, is one way to make sure that seasonal influenza and COVID remain at bay.

Most important are the precautions around coughing and sneezing and making sure you wash your hands regularly and use hand sanitiser in between times.

Seasonal influenza or the flu is highly contagious, for the average person it can take around two weeks to recover from a bout. That's a long time for school work to pile up.

It is important to have the annual flu vaccine at your General Practitioner (GP) clinic. This vaccine is government funded for children age 6 months to 5 years, people with particular illnesses and senior citizens. To check your eligibility talk to your doctor.

It is now time to check in with your doctor or GP about the COVID 19 vaccine and see how that can fit in with your immunisation schedule.

Talk the talk education

Vanessa Hamilton has 25 year's experience in nursing and education. Through her 'Talk the talk' webinars she offers practical and wise advice to parents about sexuality and health and respectful relationships, body safety, what is normal behaviour, and how to talk to children about how babies are made and born. The session for parent of primary school age children also

includes information on puberty preparation, internet safety and our sexualised society.

For parents of teenagers, Vanessa also presents practical information to help parents navigate this important time and be able to have some of the answers to tricky questions.

There is a lot of information including blogs posts, links to articles and 10 minute podcasts available on the website www.talkingthetalksexed.com.au

If you would like to hear Vanessa speak in person in Wycheproof or via webinar, contact Jacinta at the Health Hub (Secondary School Nurse Office).

Swan Hill Youth Inc.

Swan Hill Youth Inc. is open Monday to Friday from 8.30 am to 5pm at 50-52 Campbell Street, Swan Hill (next door to the Classic Fish Shop). It provides a safe space for teenagers to meet. If you need specific information, or access to services, there is always someone there who can help. Youth Inc can link you in to local recreation groups including horse riding, motorsports, boxing, calisthenics, dance and gymnastics

One of the Youth Inc. special interest groups is the Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA) group which meets on the first Wednesday of each month. SAGA hosts events for alliance members and allies/supporters. For information contact Youth Inc T: 5036 2482

Jigsaw challenge

Needing a quiet break from a busy lunchtime or wanting to escape the wintry weather, then why not see if you can complete the jigsaw located in the library. We have just a few weeks of term left to do the jigsaw challenge.

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/

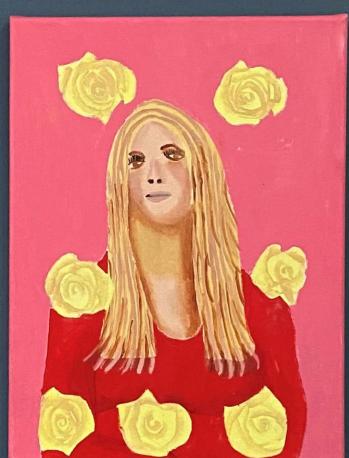


JOHN MONASH SCIENCE SCHOOL

REGIONAL SCIENCE EXCHANGE

KATE THOMPSON (YR 10)

On Sunday the 2nd of May, I had the opportunity to start a program at John Monash Science School. This selective public school is a specialist school that has a huge focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) fields. During my stay, I stayed with a host family who had a child attending the school. They were extremely accommodating and ensured that I had an amazing experience. At the school, I attended regular classes that any other year 10 would attend, such as English and Humanities. But what makes the school so special is the electives that the Year 10 students are able to pick from. While I was there, I did the Astrophysics elective which was extremely insightful. While I was there I met so many amazing people which I hope to stay in touch with in the future. I would definitely recommend this program to any other students interested in STEM because so much can be learned while you are there.



YR 10 ART

xavier mckersie
spencer nicholls
charlie fawcett

Alex Brander
sienna Austin
hunter Connolly

D O N ' T F O R G E T

PARENTS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

- If parents would like to speak to a teacher (particularly during current COVID times) they must organise an appointment through the office. Thanks.