

# Wycheproof P-12 College

A State school established in 1876



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## Caring for our school land

We are incredibly fortunate to have our school grounds adjoin the World's Smallest Mountain, Mount Wycheproof. What an amazing, natural asset to literally have at our doorstep! We are privileged that there are several organisations and individuals within our community who also care about, and are keen to work together, to shape the future of our land, biodiversity and waterways. In our curriculum, we learn about the relationship between Indigenous people and the land being one of reciprocity and respect and how the land sustains and provides for the people, and the people sustain and manage the land through culture and ceremony. More is always achieved through collaboration and so we thank the Friends of the Mount (represented by Martin Duke and Alex Morrison) and Landcare (represented by Marney Durie) for coming to our school in May to involve our Year 7 and 8 students in a seed dispersal activity. Students had the opportunity to spread native grass and acacia seeds across a section of the school grounds to stimulate growth to ensure that sections of soil are not washed away by forthcoming rains and to encourage future plant and animal biodiversity. Our school grounds are considerably vast and through ensuring that they remain attractive and blend with the land and the mount beyond, our future generation of land carers will have a fabulous memory of how we can all become active agents in caring for country.

*Christine McKersie* - Principal

## 2022 DIARY DATES

### JUNE

Mon	6	Swim Team lunch
Tue	7	VCAL - Greatest Shave event
Wed	8	Questacon Science Incursion
<b>Fri</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Pupil Free Day</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Queen's B'day Public Holiday</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Peter Walsh visit - 11am</b>
Fri	17	Yr 9 Try-A-VET @ NCTTC
Sun-Fri	19-24	Yr 11 Work Experience
Mon-Fri	20-24	Yr 10 Work Experience
Fri	24	Last of Term 2 - 2:30 pm finish

### JULY

Mon	11	First Day Term 3
Mon	11	RFDS Incursion Prep - Yr 6
Thur	14	X-Country State Championships
Mon	18	TIS - Yr 12 Charlton
Mon-Tue	25-26	Yr 2/3/4 Camp - Echuca

**REMINDER: PUPIL FREE DAY FRIDAY 10TH JUNE, PUBLIC HOLIDAY MONDAY 13TH JUNE!**

## VCAL - WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE TUESDAY 7TH JUNE. LUNCH TIME.

FACE PAINTING - \$1



SAUSAGE SIZZLE - \$3



\*\*SAUSAGES SHOULD BE PRE-ORDERED BY FRIDAY 3RD JUNE

**Wycheproof P-12 College ~ "Be Your Best"**

# INTER-HOUSE

Inter-house Cross country for 2022 was run on new track incorporating the Mount walking track. The course involves 2 laps and is a more challenging course than the old one. There is an old saying that goes "To finish first, first you must finish" & that rung true for Calder this year as they had more kids finish the cross country course in 2022. So they clinched the shield by 7 points and hopefully Broadway learns from this next year.

## Individual Age Champions

### Yr 3/4 Girls 3km:

1st Chevy Bartlett (B) 19.23

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1st Finbar Polzin (B) 15.10

### Yr 5/6 Girls 3km:

1st Priya Coatsworth (B) 15.26

### Yr 5/6 Boys 3km:

1st Harry Humphreys (C) 15.51

### Yr 7/8 Girls 3km:

1st Libby Thompson (B) 13.51

### Yr 7/8 Boys 3km:

1st Angus Cowell (C) 12.25

### Yr 9/10 Girls 3km:

1st Keely Allan (C) 14.15

### Yr 9/10 Boys 4.5km:

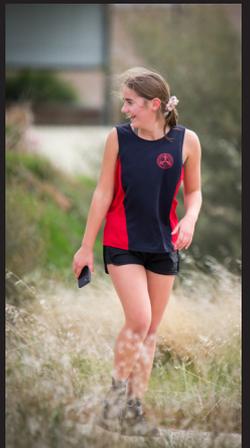
1st Spencer Sheahan (B) 26.02

### Yr 11/12 Girls 3km:

1st Ella Sheahan (B) 14.02

### Yr 11/12 Boys 4.5km:

1st Joe Coles (C) 20.11



Primary & 7/8 boys start

# CROSS COUNTRY



## AGE CHAMPIONS

Back: 11/12; J Coles, E Sheahan 9/10; S Sheahan, K Allan, 7/8; A Cowell, L Thompson  
Front: 5/6; H Himphreys, P Coatsworth 2/3/4; F Polzin, C Bartlett



## CALDER HOUSE CAPTAINS

Taya Bartram & Xavier McKersie





## TERM 2, WEEK 6

### Class Growth

Yr Level	Average	Current
5	172%	113%
6	183%	133%
7	78%	73%
8	89%	94%
9	79%	81%
10	112%	130%

### Highest growth this fortnight

Student	Growth
Ludah Harrison	167%
Jenna Hogan, Kelly Hogan & Morgan Beattie	200%
Leyland Barton	127%
Jessie Fawcett	161%
Jacob Harrison	233%
Heath Senior	233%

### Highest individual average

Student	Growth
Ever Harrison	220%
Saeed Alamoudi	253%
Tessa Sheahan	167%
Rhett Hogan	200%
Jacob Harrison	128%
Matilda Bish	148%

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.

A friendly reminder for students to ensure they use the school crossings when arriving and leaving school.

**CHILDREN  
CROSSING**

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CROSSING**

BE KIND  
BE BRAVE  
BE HONEST  
BE CREATIVE  
BE HUMBLE  
BE THANKFUL  
BE HAPPY  
BE YOU

### !!! Wanted !!!

For VCE Studio Arts!  
If anyone has any spare or unwanted magazines, please leave at the office.



~ Butterfly Cakes ~

## 7/8 HOME ECO



~ PIZZA ~



Max



Rhett

Jessie



Brayden

Mark



## Student wellbeing & engagement: Education Week 2022

You might have blinked and missed the fact that this week is Education

Week and across Victoria there are celebrations to mark 150 years of state-wide education. In Wycheproof we have enjoyed 146 years of continuous education since the opening of the Wycheproof School 1757 on the east side of the mount in 1876. The wooden building was later moved in 1893 to the current site. Improving the welfare of children in the state of Victoria was behind this push for compulsory education up to age 14 years.

Today, schools take their wellbeing, welfare and engagement roles very seriously with many people including school nurses, speech pathologists, psychologists, social workers, tutors and visiting teachers supporting teachers and school staff. We also know that the welfare and future health and prosperity of young people is very tightly linked to education and their time in school and so all students are encouraged to remain at school and become life-long learners.

### Buloke Youth Health Expo

Coinciding with Education week, as it usually does, the Buloke Youth Health Expo was held on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, and saw 90 students from the five secondary schools in Buloke Shire come together at Birchip for a day of inspirational speakers and mind fitness activities.

I always thought the answer to the question about life the universe and everything was 42; however, after doing some mental gymnastics with headspace Swan Hill's YarnSafe worker Dwayne the answer could be a gray elephant from Denmark!

Tom Cotton has an article in this newsletter providing a student perspective on the day.

### Colds, flu and COVID

If you have a sore throat, headache, aches and pains, diarrhoea, a skin rash, red or irritated eyes, it may be COVID, a cold or or influenza, or any number of viruses, illnesses or infections that are in the community. The most common symptoms of COVID are: fever, cough, tiredness and loss of taste or smell.

To keep yourself safe from infections it is recommended to continue to **wear a mask** inside a building or bus, ensure **windows or doors are open so that air circulates**, **wash hands** or use sanitiser, practice **cough** and sneeze **etiquette**, **stay home if unwell**, ensure **vaccinations** are up to date, **monitor by doing a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT)** and report your result if positive.

We have packs of RATs for students and these are distributed fortnightly or students can collect a pack from the office.

If staff or students receive a positive RAT result, they must report this through the Department of Health phone the **Coronavirus Hotline 1800 675 398** online system or online , <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/rapid-antigen-tests#report-a-positive-result-on-a-rapid-antigen-test> It is important to contact the hotline because you will receive advice on what to do and you will be linked in to supports from the local health service.

To ward off infections eat a diet of fresh fruit and vegetables, drink milk, have a good sleep routine, exercise or have an active lifestyle, (including walking to school) and handwashing.

Stay safe, be aware and keep up precautions to stop the spread of illness at school.

### Fairfax Youth Initiative

On Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, we had lunch with Chelsea Zeller, the Artistic Direction of the Fairfax Youth Initiative who told us about the program for the coming year. This is a great project for students to learn about storytelling, writing, stage and film.

Two of our students were featured at the first ever Fairfax Film Festival, 6 pm, Saturday 28 May 2022 at Swan Hill Town Hall.

### 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

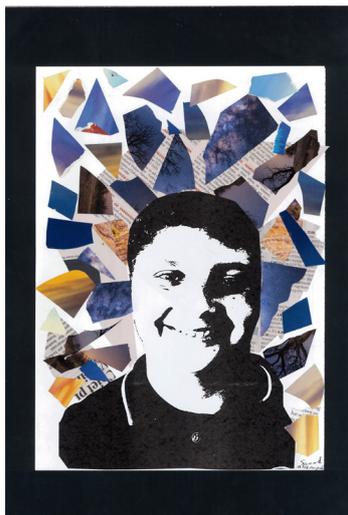
## 2022 Buloke Youth Health Expo...

*Today the Wycheproof P-12 Year 10 students went to the Buloke Health Expo hosted at the Birchip Football Club. We met with 4 other schools, Birchip, Donald, Sea lake, and Charlton. The Year 10's went through a bunch of challenges throughout the expo. We were discussing many problems in a teenagers world such as alcohol and drugs and how they could affect us. We learnt how many hours of sleep we need and how our bodys need to rest. We all had great learning experiences throughout the day and will take these skills into our own lives. We had a great lunch provided by the footy club and the staff and students were all very friendly. Big thanks to the running of the day and we all really enjoyed it. - Thomas Cotton (Yr 10)*

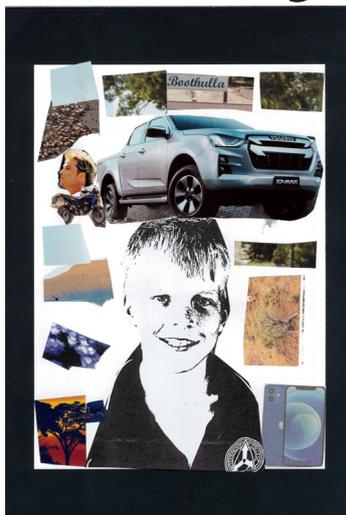
# Year 5/6 Art - Collage



Jenna Hogan - Yr 6



Saeed Alamoudi - Yr 6



Harry Humphreys - Yr 5



Milla Stringer - Yr 5

# WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE™

Tuesday  
7th June, 2022

Wycheproof P12 College



NCTTC VCAL are raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation as a part of their Personal Development Skills subject. VCAL student Alex Brander has volunteered to shave his head. If you would like to support Alex please leave your donation at the Wycheproof P12 College office. He is shaving his head at Wycheproof P-12 on Tuesday the 7th of June however donations can still be made after this date.

THE  
EDUCATION  
STATE

## CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

# Star Students

**Neive Cotton - Prep / Yr1**

*Attention to detail - producing high quality work!*

**Charlotte Greco - Yr 2/3/4**

*Growing confidence over all her work.*

**Ever Harrison - Yr 5/6**

*Taking on feedback to improve her work. Using feedback well and making changes where required.*



**Ludah Harrison - Yr 5/6**

*Her willingness to have a go at everything. You work very hard at everything that is given to you.*

**Esse Coles - Prep / Yr1**

*Awesome effort in forming letters correctly and neatly!*

## 2022 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Wycheproof P-12 College works in close partnership with parents and the broader school community to provide the best educational opportunities and outcomes for students both inside and outside the classroom. Through this partnership, parents understand that the contribution they make to their children's education, in all its various forms, has

an important role in enriching our school's learning and teaching program and improving educational outcomes. The commitment from parents to contribute, benefits students and results in improved achievement outcomes, wellbeing and engagement in learning. This is why parent contribution is highly valued by the Wycheproof P-12 College school community.

Further details are available on our website <http://www.wychep12.vic.edu.au/> or you can contact the school office - 5493 7409, if you have any queries.



**WYCHEPROOF PRESCHOOL PLAY CENTRE:** Open Day: 3-5pm, Tuesday, 24th May. 36 High St. Enrolments are open! Enrol online: [ykinders.org.au](http://ykinders.org.au) Enquiries- Ph: 4311 1500 or e: [earlyyears@kinders.org.au](mailto:earlyyears@kinders.org.au) or [wycheproof@ykinders.org.au](mailto:wycheproof@ykinders.org.au)

**WYCHEPROOF NARRAPORT DEMONS:** Saturday 18th June, Round 9, Home Game Vs Wedderburn, is Family Fun Night. There will be games and activities upstairs after the game for Demons of all ages! Tea will be available.