

Wycheproof P-12 College

A State school established in 1876



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Difficult times

There has been no doubt the last few weeks have been challenging and not what was needed after the past two years. Floods and medical issues have meant that we have been very short staffed. This is not unique to our school, as staffing will be an ongoing problem for schools to manage into the future. It is during difficult times though, that you see the calibre of what communities are made of. We sincerely thank all community members who helped the displaced Charlton evacuees during the time they were in our school gym. All support and resources were greatly appreciated. Helping those in less fortunate situations is something that should be modelled to children. Floods, missing staff, school fete, and VCE exams make for challenging circumstances, but it is important to keep an eye to the future during these times with the understanding that the world keeps moving forward. Currently our senior VCE students are sitting exams and it was essential that we kept them focussed, so they could do their best. It is that time of the year when we are saying goodbye to our Year 12 students while welcoming our new Kinder children. Little events like this, remind you that the world keeps revolving and so we need to maintain stability where we can, no matter the circumstances.

Christine McKersie - Principal



WYCHEPROOF P-12 COLLEGE



The 2022 Presentation Night will be held on Monday, December 12. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Further details will be provided closer to the date.

2022 DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER

Fri	11	VCE Exams finish
Fri	11	Valedictory Dinner
Wed	16	Yr 2/3/4 pen pal morning tea Kinder transition School Council meeting
Fri	18	Yr 9/10 - Core of Life
Mon	21	VCAL excursion & final day
Tues	22	Yr 5/6 Dream Seeds workshop
Wed	23	Kinder transition
Fri	25	Pupil Free Day - Report writing Year 11 last day
Tues	29	Yr 10 Mallee Family Care chat

DECEMBER

Fri	2	Year 10 last day
Fri	2	P/1 excursion - Bendigo
Mon	5	Year 9s last day at NCTTC
Tues	6-7	Year 9 Surf Camp
Tues	6	P-Yr 7 'One Up' Day Kinder transition
Thurs	8	P-6 Concert
Fri	9	Yr 7/8 excursion
Mon	12	VCAA results
Mon	12	Presentation Night
Wed	14	P-6 break up
Thurs	15	Pupil Free Day
Fri	16	Werribee Zoo trip - whole school
Mon	19	Pupil Free Day
Tues	20	Last day of term



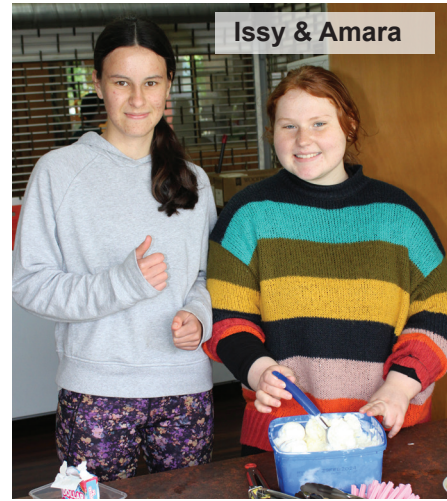
It's a tough life for our school cat, Meow, pictured here making herself right at home in Ms McKersie's office and enjoying some pats from 2/3/4 students Jewels, Mason & Danny. Meow arrived at school as a timid stray earlier in the year, and since then has become the purrfect little pal to many Wyche P-12 students and staff. We love having her around and you just never know where she might pop up!



Mark, Leyland, Locke & Angus



Kiarah & Adele



Issy & Amara



Dane, Jessie, Tessa & Ruby



Hayley & Olivia



Scottie Allan, Cassie & Henry



Landon, Darcy, Rhett & Max



Georgina, Mel & Sharon



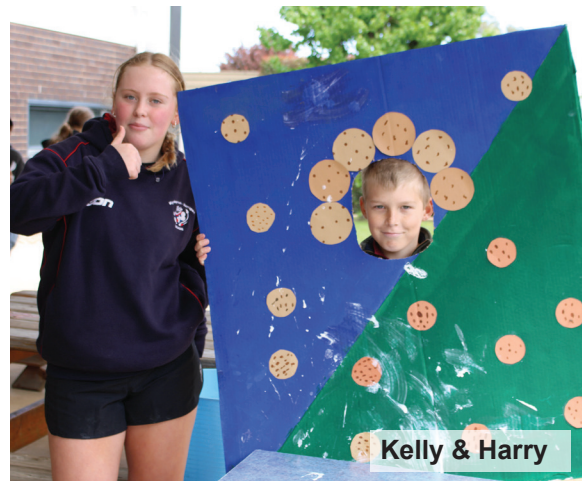
Morgan, Indi, Sebastian, Mila & Nichaud



Dakota & Lana



Cooper



Kelly & Harry



Marley, Sienna & Bronte



Edie, Josh & Jen



3-legged races



Grace



Finbar & Enda



Egg & spoon races

2022 Wycheproof Fete

The Wycheproof Fete was held on Friday, November 14th - this was one for the record books as there had not been a fete in almost 10 years.

The day was planned out by VCAL students Bronte, Alex, Hunter, Gemma, Marley, Talia and Louisa. The long, tireless hours of communicating with classes, the community and researching on the internet proved to be successful as the day ran well.

On the day students were able to get fresh juice from a very meticulously put together juice stand. They could also get their hands on some delicious treats that many of the classes were providing. Throughout the day the favourite was the Haunted House run by the Year 9 students. I heard that some people got so scared it made them sick!

One of the standouts amongst parents was the cookies and cream stand ran by the 5/6's because parents could throw a cream pie at their child. But, overall, I believe the winning event for the day was that Paddy got dunked by popular demand of the student body.

The VCAL students worked along with many other groups including the SRC, Lions Club, School council and community businesses to ensure that the day was successful.

On behalf of the Wycheproof P-12 College, the VCAL students would like to thank all those that contributed, volunteered and donated on the day to the fete, we wouldn't have been successful without you all.

- Miss Fawcett, VCAL Coordinator



Paddy gets 'dunked'!



Mason & Eliza



Charlotte



Jenna aims for Saeed at the 5/6 stand



Landon



Savannah & Jacob



This year our 'Battle of the Bands' took place on the evening of the Fete. Four bands took part, with students from Grades 3 to 6. Students practised during their Performing Arts classes and also put in extra rehearsals during lunchtimes. It was great to see so many students willing to try different instruments and sing with

their bands. The winning band consisted of Harry Humphreys, Priya Coatsworth, Kelly Hogan, Jenna Hogan & Mitchell Coatsworth. Thanks to our judges Joe Coles and current music captains; Paige Arnel, Isabelle Mulquinny and Matilda Bish.

- Jan, Music Coordinator



COMPUTER RETURNS

All students are required to return their laptops
ON OR BEFORE THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Year 12	Friday, November 11th
Year 11	Friday, November 24th
Year 10	Friday, December 2nd



Wanted....

Donations of old maps, Melways, etc, for primary maths. Please drop off at the office.

Important reminders for parents

Student supervision

Wycheproof P12 College's grounds are supervised by school staff from 8.35am until 3.20pm. Outside of these hours, school staff will not be available to supervise students unless special arrangements have been made with school staff.

Student absences

The school needs to be notified of a student absence by 10am. A phone call to the school office, note in the student diary or XUNO absence notification noting the reason for their absence, are all acceptable notifications. This is to satisfy the legal requirements of the Department of Education and Training.



Jewels, Miley & Chevy



The delicious breakfast spread



Paige, Whitney & Gracie

Food, fun and inspiration at Active Breakfast



Left: Guest speakers Spencer & Dane. Right: Carol Cooke via video link

An 'Active Breakfast' was held at school on Monday, October 24th. Organised by Rhonda Allan of Mallee Sports Assembly, the event was aimed at inspiring students to live a healthy, active lifestyle.

Students enjoyed a yummy breakfast from Bakery on Broadway while listening to guest speakers including community members and past students Dane McLennan and Spencer Allan, who spoke about the many benefits of being a part of a sporting community and looking after your health and fitness.

Rhonda then introduced elite Paralympian Carol Cooke, who gave a very inspirational talk via video link. Diagnosed with a chronic illness 24 years ago, Carol set goals many others wouldn't have dared and today has three Paralympic Games under her belt and continues to race internationally as a para-cyclist. Stacey Keller from East Wimmera Health Service then spoke about the different food groups and invited students to jump on the 'Smoothie Bike' to mix up their own delicious smoothies.



Bella



Desmond & Harlan



Ryder



Hayley & Kiarah

Garden taste test

Year 2/3/4 students eagerly awaiting a taste of the variety of vegetables we have been growing in our garden since last term. Students were given the chance to taste beetroot, lettuce, parsley and spring onion, with mixed reviews. Many of the students enjoyed all they sampled while others found some of the vegies to be bitter, spicy or just YUCK! It has been a lot of fun tending to our garden regularly and watching our plants grow. We were lucky enough to harvest some silverbeet last term and make it into a delicious Creamed Silverbeet which many have since cooked at home for their families.

- Mrs Botheras





Prep/1 class



Miss Fawcett



Ebony



Tori



Grace & Ruby



Morgan



Riley, Daniel, Ryder, Isabella & Connor



Above: Paddy, Mrs Beattie, Miss Smith & Mrs Coatsworth
Below: Zeke, Ludah & Ever



Kate, Sharna, Paige, Matilda, Louisa & Demi



Above: Kayley, Charlotte & Enda
Below: Ms McKersie





Leeah



Mrs B & Georga



Mitchell



Harlan, Saeed & Desmond

FORM CLASS COSTUME AWARD WINNERS



Yr 11/12 - James Ison
& Marley Hetherington

Yr 9/10 - Amara Cowell
& Isabelle Mulquinny

Yr 5/6 - Priya Coatsworth

Yr 7/8 - Jessie Fawcett
& Tessa Sheahan

Yr 2/3/4 - Isabella Pollington
& Mason Barton

P/1 - Neive Cotton



Mason & Jewels



Hayley & Kiarah



Lining up for costume judging in the stadium



VCE students visit Maternal & Child Health Centre



On Friday the 4th of November, the VCE Health and Human Development class visited the Maternal and Child Health Centre located at the Wycheproof Early Years Centre. Cathy Bales, the Maternal and Childcare Health Nurse, spoke to students about the purpose of the service, child development and what she does on a day-to-day basis. A tour of the kindergarten and child care centre was provided where Cathy answered any questions and explained her career path journey up until her most recent position as a Maternal and Childcare Healthcare Nurse for the Buloke Shire. The purpose of the visit was linked to researching health services in the local community and being able to explain dimensions of health each service supports.



UPDATE



TERM 4, WEEK 4 - 6

HOMEWORK

Class Growth

Yr Level	Average	Current
5	152%	100%
6	185%	167%
7	96%	97%
8	109%	111%
9	89%	115%
10	101%	77%

Highest growth this fortnight

Student	Growth
Ben Grant	167%
Jenna Hogan/Mitchell Cc	300%
Tessa Sheahan	167%
Rhett Hogan	333%
James Yasa	133%
Tom Cotton	200%

Highest individual average

Student	Growth
Harry Humphreys	219%
Logan Pollington	290%
Dane Bartram	171%
Mark Austin	157%
Jacob Harrison	146%
Matilda Bish	152%

Squizya/Math Mate champion

Yr Level	Student
5	Ever & Ludah Harrison
6	Morgan Beattie
7	Tessa Sheahan
8	Ruby Ison
9	Noah Grant
10	Isabelle Mulquiny

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.

GROW YOUR OWN

TOP TIPS FOR STARTING A VEGGIE GARDEN

Growing your own vegetables is easier than you may think, fun and provides a great sense of accomplishment. Here are some top tips for starting out!



SUNSHINE

Pick a location where your veggies will receive around 6 hours of sunshine – although some leafy greens and herbs you can get away with around 4 hours!

USE SEEDLINGS

Growing your veggies from seedlings is generally cheaper, you have a wide variety to select from and they are healthy and strong straight from the start.



START OUT SMALL

While growing veggies is extremely fun and low maintenance, there is still some work that goes into it. Stick to a smaller veggie garden for the first year and build from there.

For the best chance of flourishing vegetables, plant with the seasons.

Veggies to plant in Spring and Summer include – basil, tomatoes, zucchini, capsicum, chillies, eggplant, beans, cucumber, melons, carrots, pumpkin, lettuce, corn.

<https://www.tryfor5.org.au/grow-your-own>



*Kindness is free,
sprinkle that stuff
everywhere*

Junior Food Service Assistant positions available @ Wycheproof Campus

- Assisting in the kitchen with cleaning and some food preparation.
- \$16.79 per hour base rate
- 3 hour shifts after school (finish by 6.30pm), includes some weekends & some public holidays.
- Note that due to Child Employment Laws, EWHS can only employ staff aged 15 years and over.
- Successful applicants must have a willingness to have an annual influenza immunisation & full immunisation against COVID-19.

For more information
contact Scott Wilson,
Support Services Manager
5477 2168 or
scott.wilson@ewhs.org.au

To apply: Email an application
letter explaining why you would
like to apply for this job to
applications@ewhs.org.au

Applications close: 5.00pm Sunday 13 November 2022



Star Students

WEEK

4



Archie Harrison
Prep/1

Sight word mastery - 340+ words!

Ben Grant
Yr 5/6

Settling in so well & having a fantastic go at everything

Enda Redmond
Year 2/3/4

Working independently on Soundwaves & in general



WEEK

6

Imogen Grant
Yr 5/6

Settling in so well at our school & always striving to achieve her best

Neive Cotton
Prep/1

Consistently giving her best effort

Chevy Bartlett
Year 2/3/4

For her bubbly attitude and being awesome

Mt Wycheproof Cup Day, Art & Craft Exhibition

Congratulations to all students who entered in the 2022 Mt Wycheproof Cup Day, Art & Craft Exhibition, hosted by Wycheproof Community Resource Centre. While sadly the Mt Wycheproof Cup did not go ahead due to wet weather, there were plenty of brilliant artworks celebrating the beloved community event on display at WCRC.



Prep/1 class with the 2022 Mt Wycheproof Cup

WINNERS

Open: Marion McDowell (Grandview Hostel)

Secondary: Jessie Fawcett (Wycheproof P-12)

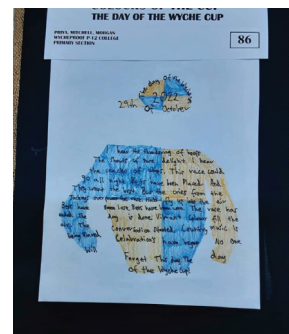
Primary: Chance Hooper-Dixon (Charlton College)

People's Choice: 'The Day of the Wyche Cup' – Priya, Mitchell & Morgan (Wycheproof P-12)

Fashion: 'Silks' - Tina Jones



Jessie's winning artwork



People's Choice - Priya, Morgan & Mitchell's artwork

Family Movie Night



Come and try the Inflatable Outdoor Cinema experience..movie **"DOG"** starring **Channing Tatum** rated **PG-13**

25.11.2022

Gates open 7:30pm, Movie start time 8-8:30pm

@ **WYCHEPROOF SWIMMING POOL**

21 Charles St, Wycheproof VIC 3527

MOVIE MUNCHIES AND DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE EVENT! BRING YOUR DECKCHAIRS, PICNIC BLANKET AND FLOATIES..POOL LIFEGUARDS WILL BE ON DUTY!

Contact the staff at the Wycheproof Community Resource Centre to RSVP for catering purposes on 5493 7455 ASAP...see you there!

Final release of Fruit Fly Traps and Wicks to the Wycheproof community..limited numbers at the WCRC..be quick!

JUNIOR TENNIS
WEDNESDAY 4-5PM
16TH NOVEMBER- 7TH DECEMBER

ALL LEVELS WELCOME!
PLEASE EMAIL TO ENTER YOUR CHILD
HELLO@WYCHEPROOFTENNISCLUB.COM.AU

SATURDAY,
10 DECEMBER 2022
7:30PM - 9:00PM

MELBOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL
AN ANGLICAN SCHOOL

The Melbourne Grammar School Symphony Orchestra is hitting the rails to bring classical music to Wycheproof this December

Bookings: mgs.vic.edu.au/community/news-and-events



Notices

ROVING SHOPPING NIGHT

The annual Wycheproof Roving Shopping Night will be held on Friday, December 2nd. Come along for a fun night of shopping, supporting local traders and the chance to win some great prizes. Starting at 6pm - entry is \$20 per person. Call the Resource Centre to book - 5493 7455

EARLY YEARS CENTRE

Enrolments are open for 2023 long day care and kindergarten. Visit ykinders.org.au/centres/wycheproof/ or call Ballarat Early Years Management on (03) 4311 1500.



Year 12's Last Day/Muck Up Day



Monday, October 7th was the Year 12's final day and, in keeping with tradition, they had a few pranks up their sleeves to mark the occasion. Fortunately most of the unlucky victims knew to bring along a dry change of clothes!

Pictured after the clean up are Lilly, George, Taya, Ella, Bronte, Hayley, Joe & Cian.



Mozzies galore

Mosquitoes aren't just an annoying pest whose bites sting, they can carry germs and diseases. With the wet weather and water lying around this

spring the swarms of mosquitoes are very thick, meaning mosquito safety needs to be a high priority. Many primary school students are seeking help to relieve itchy mozzie bites and bleeding arms and legs from scratching bites.

Even though many of the diseases spread by mosquitoes are regarded as tropical diseases and not usually seen in our area, there are mosquito borne diseases in Victoria such as Ross River Fever, Murray Valley Encephalitis and Barmah Forest Virus that can be found in our area.

These diseases are spread by mosquitoes that bite an affected person or animal and then spread those viruses when they bite others. Apart from diseases, some germs can be bacteria and the bites become infected, slow to heal and scars.

Mozzies are everywhere so the best action is to prevent being bitten. Outdoors, wear lighter coloured clothes with long sleeves that cover to the wrist and long pants that cover ankles and a hat. Spray clothes and hats with mosquito repellent and use a roll on repellent on skin.

We can't always control the water lying around but near houses check your garden for areas or containers where water can collect. Still water attracts mosquitoes, so keep away from dams, ponds and other sources of still water.

If you are wanting information about the safety of mosquito repellent and childrens see the Royal Children's Hospital Fact Sheet at https://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact_sheets/Insect_repellents_guidelines_for_safe_use/

Thunderstorm asthma risk is predicted high in November

This week and coming weeks the pollen load in the air is expected to be higher than usual putting hayfever and anyone who has asthma at higher risk of developing thunderstorm asthma.

A reminder there are online resources to help predict pollen counts www.pollenforecast.com.au. The Asthma Foundation has links to apps such as AusPollen that provide alerts for high pollen days as well as information on how to reduce the risk and manage symptoms. The Melbourne Pollen Count and Forecast is an app that provides daily pollen alert and includes north west Victoria (<https://www.melbournepollen.com.au>)

A reminder that any student with an asthma diagnosis should take their preventer medication as prescribed and have their blue reliever puffer and spacer with them at school or if they need help with medication have it stored in the first aid area of the office.

Fact sheets from the Royal Children's Hospital, see https://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact_sheets/Asthma/ For more information contact Jacinta or speak with your doctor.

Coughs, colds and COVID

With soome new COVID variants and report of increased instance of COVID reported it is important to continue to follow hand washing and cough etiquette. If families are needing RAT tests they can be supplied. The system for reporting a positive RAT test remains the same, see <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/report-your-rapid-antigen-test-result> or phone the **Coronavirus Hotline 1800 675 398**. It is important to contact the hotline because you will receive advice on what to do and you will be linked into supports from the local health service.

Core of Life

November seems to have become sexual health education month. We had a very frank discussion with Year 9 students last week around teenage risk and relationships including intimate relationships. Year 9 and 10 students will attend the Core of Life workshop next week which covers sexual health, physical health, diet, relationships and consent. The workshop is presented by Jacinta and Maternal and Child Health Nurse Cathy Bales who will discuss everything to do with pregnancy and childbirth. More information is at <https://coreoflife.org.au/>

Support services & helplines

- ✓ Parentline 132289
- ✓ headspace call back 1800 650 890 or eheadspace www.headspace.org.au
- ✓ Autism Connect helpline 1300 308 699 or webchat www.amaze.org.au
- ✓ Kids Helpline 1800 551 800

Please be sure to check our Lost Property

Just a friendly reminder...

items. All unclaimed items will be donated to the Op Shop at the end of the school year. We have.....

- * Jumpers & Jackets
- * Waterbottles
- * Polo shirts
- * Lunch boxes



PACK A DRINK BOTTLE!

A friendly reminder as the weather warms up, students need to have a water bottle at school to keep hydrated and avoid getting sick.