

Wycheproof P-12 College

A State school established in 1876



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Happy festive holidays!

It has been a busy term. They always are, but Term 4 is especially busy as we are trying to finish off the year but also put lots of jigsaw pieces in place for the next year.

Staffing continues to be an issue for schools across the state of Victoria. Schools are not finding the teachers they need to stand in the front of classrooms.

Unfortunately, I had no luck in trying to convince our Year 12s this year to pursue a career in teaching. Luckily for us though, none of our teaching staff are leaving except Mrs Katharine Brennan who is doing a great job in contributing to our projected enrolment numbers. We wish the Brennan family all the best for the new baby which will hopefully arrive, at the start of the school year.

We may have a new teacher joining our team but at the printing of this newsletter, this is an unknown as interviews still need to be conducted. We have worked hard this year to make sure we do have the staff to continue our school programs (sporting, music, camps, etc) over the next few years. All these programs greatly contribute to the culture of a school, and it is important that they continue.

We look forward to having Cathy Grant our Business Manager back with us again next year.

We wish our Year 12s and their families, especially the families that will no longer have children in our school (the FORRESTER's and the SAMPSON's) a very merry Christmas indeed. To all our school families, we hope you have a chilled festive season filled with lots of love and laughter.

Christine McKersie - Principal

2022 DIARY DATES

DECEMBER

Fri	2	Year 10 last day Year 10 computer return due date P/1 excursion - Bendigo Library books return due date
Mon	5	Year 9s last day at NCTTC Extended Jnr Concert Band rehearsal
Tues	6-7	Year 9 Surf Camp AMEB music exams
Wed	7	Kinder transition Concert band & P/1 Hospital visit
Thurs	8	P-6 Concert
Fri	9	Yr 7/8 excursion - Pampered Pets
Mon	12	VCAA results
Mon	12	Presentation Night
Tues	13	End of year activities
Wed	14	End of year activities/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



**Don't forget -
Werribee Zoo
permission
slips need to be
returned by this
Friday (Dec 2).
The bus will depart
7.30am sharp on
Friday, Dec 16th.**



WYCHEPROOF P-12 COLLEGE



The 2022 Presentation Night will be held on Monday, Dec 12 in the Complex. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. The evening will include music by our junior and senior concert bands and a light supper. All students must wear their school uniform.

Wycheproof P-12 College ~ "Be Your Best"





Our graduating Year 12s - Ella, James, Bronte, Joe, Hayley, George, Taya, Cian & Lilly recently attended their Valedictory Dinner.

Year 12 Valedictory Dinner

Congratulations to the Class of 2022! They have successfully completed their formal years of schooling and are to be commended for being such excellent role models to all students at Wycheproof P-12 College. We thoroughly enjoyed celebrating and reminiscing at their

recent Valedictory Dinner. We are very proud of their achievements and look forward to hearing of their successes in the future. Best wishes.

**- Mrs Claire Ison – Assistant Principal
& VCE Coordinator**



2023 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.

Information regarding the 2023 Parent Payment is available on our website;
<http://www.wycheproof12.vic.edu.au/> or you can contact the school office - 5493 7409.

Willa and Tex start transition to Prep



Willa Lord and Tex Coles are looking forward to joining Prep in 2023. They've been visiting the P/1 class, along with the 3-year-old Wycheproof Kindergarten students including Jayden Wright & Max Harrison (pictured above right), throughout Term 4 as part of their transition into school life.

COMPUTER RETURNS

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

Year 12	ASAP - NOW OVERDUE
Year 11	ASAP - NOW OVERDUE
Year 9/10	Friday, December 2nd
Year 7/8	Friday, December 9th



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.

2023 STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS



School Captains

Kate Thompson & Xavier McKersie



SRC President

Sharna Bartram



Broadway House Captains

Matilda Bish & Charlie Fawcett



Calder House Captains

Isabelle Mulquiny & Paige Arnel



Music Captain

Keely Allan



Students get directions from Marney - Wycheproof Landcare.



Ashton & Harlan



Zeke

Students get involved in bush tucker project



On Thursday November 24, the primary students, along with the Wycheproof Landcare Group, planted native grasses and plants at the bottom of the Mount. The Year 6s were partnered with their buddies and the rest of the students partnered up with students from other classes. Amy, Marney and Andrew explained that the plants would produce bush food in the future. We had lots of fun working together planting a large variety of plants and look forward to harvesting our crop in the near future.

- Miss Smith, Year 5/6

Clockwise from top left:
Amy (Landcare) with students, Kelly Hogan, Bella & Daniel, Desmond & Cooper, Esse & Priya, the P-6 students gather in the shade, Jewels, Saeed, Finbar & Ben.





Individual place winners in the clay targets shoot - Max (2nd - jnr boys), Heath (3rd - snr boys) & Savannah (2nd - jnr girls)



Winning bowls team members Jacob, Noah & Keely.



The Wycheproof clay targets team - Savannah, Tessa, Lilly, Heath and Max - placed 2nd.

NCD bowls & clay targets

Five keen shooters and nine lawn bowlers represented our school at this year's NCD event.

Clay targets consisted of individual and team events – our school finished 2nd in the teams event.

Max Fawcett and Savannah Nicholls placed second in the junior boys and girls events, while Heath Senior won the shoot-off to claim 3rd in the senior boys.

A great effort from our shooters and we will squeeze in some training in 2023 to hopefully see some more clays hit.

Bowls had impressive results in the triples under the tutelage of our new Wycheproof Bowls President Mr Connolly.

Students had a great day in ideal conditions with the team of Jacob Harrison, Keely Allan and boom recruit Noah Garnt making it into the grand final.

The match was played against Donald and the team captained by Jacob Harrison thrashed them 9 to 1 to claim the glassware. Not a bad effort for three kids who don't bowl regularly.

In the overall schools results we were just pipped by one shot. Cheers to St Arnaud for putting on a great day.

- Mr Duffy

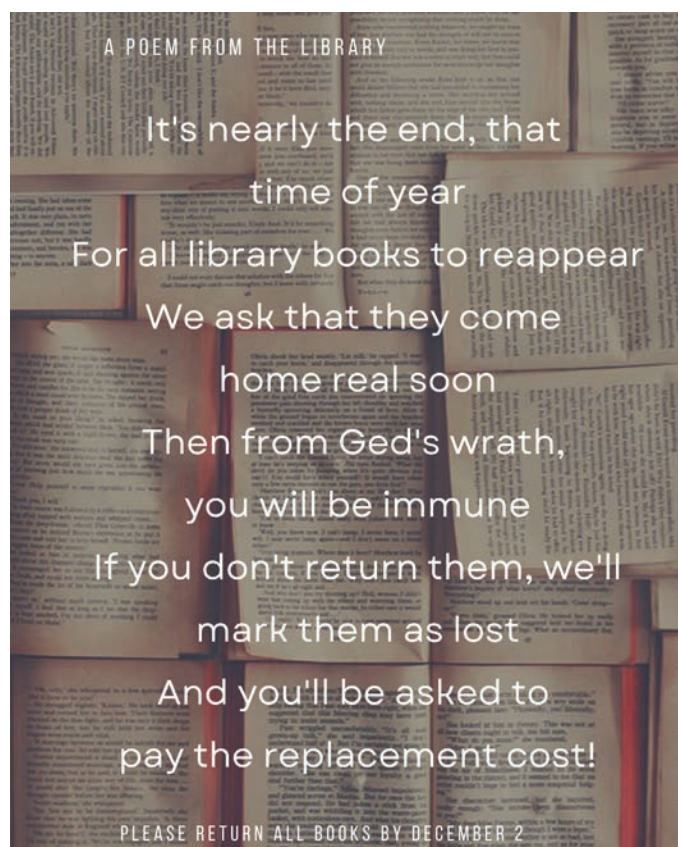
2023 School Term Dates

Term 1	Staff: 27th Jan - 6th April Students: 30th Jan - 6th April
Term 2	24th April - 23th June
Term 3	10th July - 15th September
Term 4	2nd October - 20th December

**SPECIAL NEWSLETTER
PRESENTATION NIGHT EDITION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20**



This will be the final newsletter for 2022





Skillet cake



Potato chips



Spaghetti bolognese



Butterfly cakes



Butterfly cakes

Clockwise from top left:
 Sharna (free choice - choc chip skillet cake)
 James (spaghetti bolognese)
 Amara & Issy (convenience vs homemade - potato chips)
 Right: Paige & Matilda (butterfly cakes)
 Issy (yo-yos)
 Matilda & Paige (convenience vs homemade - pancakes)
 Demi (convenience vs homemade - butter chicken)
 Tom (butterfly cakes)



Butter chicken



Pancakes



Yo-yos



Star Students

Tory Pollington

2/3/4

Thinking carefully while completing Soundwaves

Esse Coles

P/1

Reading with fluency & expression

Morgan Beattie

5/6

Taking on feedback to improve her writing



Yr 9/10 Core of Life workshop

On Friday the 18th of November the Year 9/10s participated in the Core of Life program, which was run by Secondary School Nurse Jacinta Miller and Cathy Bales (Buloke's lovely Maternal & Child Health Nurse).

During the program we learnt about pregnancy, support systems needed during and before parenthood, different resources for help and of course the birthing process itself.

We witnessed footage of a woman in labour giving birth to her baby. Some students had to leave the room.

The Year 9/10's also re-enacted a birth for the sake of learning. Congratulations Sharna (the father) and Savannah (the mother) for welcoming their newborn into this big wide world!

We also role played different parental situations; one optimal for welcoming a new baby into the world and one not so.

Overall the program was very successful in educating us on the realities of parenthood and birth.

- Amara, Year 10



Year 5/6 students in a group activity during the Dream Seeds workshop. Dream Seeds is run by You thrive Victoria to help build aspiration and ease transition into secondary school.

Yr 5/6 Dream Seeds workshop

Dream Seeds taught us all about values and responsibilities. The class got into groups of the different grade levels, 5 and 6. We looked at some cards that said things and put them into groups of 'We can', 'We know someone who can' and 'We can't'.

We completed an activity called the 'Me Card'. We filled out things that we did at home, school, by yourself and with friends. It helped us to reflect on ourselves and let the Dream Seeds people know more about us.

In teams, we put together a values puzzle. We had to hop into the middle, grab a piece of the puzzle and hop back to put it together. We chose a value that was most important to us and suggested other values you could add to the puzzle.

Dream Seeds is a good way to get to know each other and talk to other people we don't know and gain more confidence. We learnt to appreciate what we have and embrace our differences and that it's okay to be you.

- Year 5/6 class



UPDATE



TERM 4, WEEK 9

Class Growth

Yr Level	Average	Current
5	155%	138%
6	187%	190%
7	95%	88%
8	108%	114%
9	96%	90%
10	104%	130%

Highest growth this fortnight

Student	Growth
Imogen Grant	233%
Jenna Hogan	400%
Dane Bartram	267%
Rhett Hogan	333%
Mason Sheahan, Gracie Humphreys	133%
Matilda Bish	267%

Highest individual average

Student	Growth
Harry Humphreys	229%
Logan Pollington	279%
Dane Bartram	177%
Mark Austin	146%
Jacob Harrison	149%
Matilda Bish	158%

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.

6-word stories - Year 8 English

Litter filled
the streets.
I'm disgusted.

I'm a clone.
I'm a copy.

FIRST IT'S FUN.
NOW IT'S ADDICTIVE.

Tissues for sale.
Never been used.

**SAUCY SCHOOL
DRAMA.
HURT FEELINGS.
POINTLESS.**

I used to be happy then...

THE RAINBOW
SHINES THROUGH
THE RAINDROPS

Cats meow. Dogs
bark. Humans cry.

Emotional child. Monkey bars.
Everyone's laughing.

She didn't know.
She went anyway.

The hat acted like a mask.

People saw
beauty. I saw pain.



There have been quite a few wet & cold weather days in recent weeks and students have enjoyed working together to come up with some fun indoor activities, such as making towers out of cups.

Pictured above left: Connor, Jewels, Mila & Ryder. Pictured above right are Ludah and Olivia.



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SHARPENING SPECIAL DEAL

TONY from ALBURY MOBILE SHARPENING SERVICES
will be at your school on Friday 9th December 2022 at

1.00pm to sharpen:

KNIVES	\$6	SECATEURS	\$6
LOPPERS	\$6	PIZZA CUTTERS	\$6
AXES	\$6	SCISSORS	\$6

THERMOMIX BLADES \$6

\$1.00 of each sharpened item will be paid in cash back to the college on the day to go towards a fundraising project.

Important Procedure: Your sharpening must be wrapped in a tea towel and secured with rubber bands only, **NO TAPE**, with your name, plus the **CORRECT MONEY** and left with a delegated person before classes on the day of service. Carry bags are acceptable.



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



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.

MAURITA'S SWIM SCHOOL

Maurita's Swim School - starting 3/1/23 - 13/1/23 (weekdays). Please text - 0409 148 701 with child/children's name + age + attending (ie. week 1/week 2 or both weeks).

VICSWIM

VICSWIM Bookings for Wycheproof are open. The VICSWIM program supports children aged 4 to 12 years old. Children must be 4 on the first day of swimming. For more information and to book visit www.vicswim.com.au



Zeke and Ryder experiment with the Sphero robots.

Experimenting with new robots in primary STEM

A couple of weeks ago the students in Years 2-6 had the opportunity to experiment with the new Sphero robots that we have recently purchased.

We set up a race track and the students had to navigate their Sphero through the race track to the end of the course.

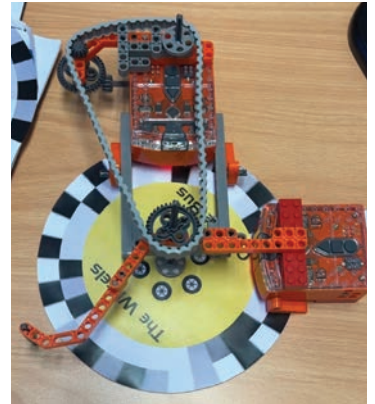
Wendy constructed a Phonograph using the Edison robots and lego. It scanned the colours and calibrated to then play 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star' and 'The Wheels on the Bus'.

We can't wait to use them next year in the primary STEM class.

- Miss Smith



The Sphero robots in action.



Wendy's Phonograph.

E-CIGARETTES & VAPING

WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW

While most people do not use e-cigarettes (also known as vapes), the number of young people who are using them (vaping) is increasing, and that's a concern for the health of our communities.

- There are no quality or safety standards for e-cigarettes so they could be made anywhere, by anyone and contain anything.
- Many vapes contain addictive nicotine, even the ones that say they don't. They just don't put it on the pack.
- Vapes contain the same toxic chemicals found in cleaning products, nail polish remover, weed killer and bug spray. These chemicals do not belong in our lungs.

E-cigarettes / vaping and the law

- Smoking and vaping are banned in the grounds of, and within 4 metres of entrances to: childcare centres, kinders and schools.
- In Victoria it is illegal to sell e-cigarette devices or e-cigarette accessories containing nicotine.
- It is also illegal to sell e-cigarettes to, or buy e-cigarettes for, any person aged under 18 years.





After corresponding by letter throughout the year, the Year 2/3/4 class and various local community members got to catch up in person for a special morning tea recently. The penpal project started during the Covid-19 pandemic, as a way to connect community members and address issues of social isolation. It has continued with great enthusiasm each year since, creating special memories for all involved.



Mason & Mick Giddings



Daniel & Stan Prater



Bella & Judy Noonan



Elaine & Len Storey & Riley



Ebony and Claire Keane



Tory & Val Seuell



Talia Hobson & Leeah



Gemma Kendray & Kayley



Danny & Fay Allan



Jeannie Grylls & Chevy



WILDERNESS FIRST AID



Students treat the 'casualties'.

After two days of intensive training, Year 9 students were assessed for their Wilderness First Aid certification on Wednesday. Passers-by would've been certain they'd stumbled upon a serious emergency as students role-played various first aid scenarios involving fake blood and pretend injuries in the bushland adjacent the staff carpark. The training was once again conducted by Neil Ritchie from Wilderness First Aid Australia. Neil commended the Year 9s on their attentiveness over the two days, and successfully putting all their new knowledge into practice in the final assessment.



Eabha applies a bandage to Eliza's 'injured' ankle.



Eabha, Minnie, Lily, Mason, William & Savannah



Neil applies fake blood to Eliza



Mason prepares to treat Jacob



Lily & Whitney



Minnie, Eabha, Lily, Savannah, Mason & William



Gracie, Eliza, Keely, Jacob, Noah & Whitney

Werribee Zoo - whole school excursion



This is a very exciting opportunity for our school to pretend we are in Africa and on safari. Thanks to our Wycheproof P-12 College School Council for being willing to cover all costs (apart from food) to make this an affordable experience for our children. What a great way to end the year!

Students must wear school uniform including their broad-brimmed hat.

Students will need to bring snacks, lunch and water for the day.

There will be an opportunity for students to purchase food at the canteen and buy something in the gift shop. It is recommended that students bring \$20-30 to spend (this is a family decision, but it is also not necessary if they take their lunch).

Permission slips must be returned by Friday, Dec 2nd.

Date: Friday, December 16th

Depart: 7.30am (school carpark)

Return: 6.30 pm (school carpark)

BYO: Lunch,
snacks & water



Buloke Loddon
TAC L2P
PROGRAM
Mentors Wanted

Would you like to help young people learn to drive?
Do you have at least two hours per fortnight to spare?

Are you over 21 years old?
Do you hold a full current driver's licence?

The Buloke Loddon L2P program matches volunteer driver mentors to young learner drivers to assist them in gaining on the road driving experience in a vehicle that is provided through the program - all we need is your time (and interest).

If you are interested, please email l2p@ncllen.org.au or contact the North Central LLEN on 5491 1144.

BULOKE LODDON **TAC L2P PROGRAM**

Need help getting your P's?

The TAC L2P program helps young learner drivers (16-21) with limited access to supervising driver or vehicle to get on the road with trained mentors available to help them obtain the 120 hours necessary to get their licence.

For more information about this FREE program contact the North Central LLEN on 03 5491 1144 or email l2p@ncllen.org.au

North Central LLEN



Just a friendly reminder...

Please be sure to check our Lost Property items. All unclaimed items will be donated to the Op Shop at the end of the school year. We have.....

- * Jumpers & Jackets
- * Polo shirts
- * Waterbottles
- * 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!