

Wycheproof P-12 College

A State school established in 1876



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Newsletter 9 - Wednesday, September 13

Fun with friends at Mt Wyche



The P1/2 class joined Wycheproof Kindergarten students at Mount Wycheproof last week for their final 'Bush Kinder' session. Students enjoyed a sausage sizzle & free time to play and explore.

2023 DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

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|-------|----|--|
| Wed | 13 | BCG Field Day excursion |
| Thurs | 14 | BioEYES Incursion P-6 R U OK? Day |
| Fri | 15 | SRC Colour Run & BBQ lunch END OF TERM 3 - 2.30pm finish |

OCTOBER

| | | |
|------------|------|---------------------------------------|
| Mon | 2 | First Day of Term 4 |
| Tues - Wed | 3-4 | Year 3/4 camp - Pioneer Settlement |
| Thurs | 5 | LMR Athletics - Bendigo |
| Mon- Wed | 9-11 | Year 10 Driver's Ed |
| Wed | 11 | Year 12 final General Assembly |
| Wed | 25 | NCD Clay Target/Bowls |

2023 NAPLAN Results

Congratulations to all our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students for their recent awesome NAPLAN results. Our school still continues to perform strongly, clearly demonstrating that our students are engaged learners, their families provide the necessary home supports, our teachers are amongst some of the best in the State and our curriculum programs continue to result in impressive student outcomes. Many students have disengaged by Year 9 but our results this year demonstrate this is NOT what happens in our school. Our VCE results continue to also be impressive

when compared to State-level statistics. Of course, you need good foundation literacy and numeracy skills to navigate successfully into either VCE (both Vocational Major and VCE). How good are they? Read the comparisons below for your own understanding. We hope all our families have a fabulous holiday. We look forward to celebrating these excellent results with you at PRESENTATION NIGHT in Term 4, which will be here before we know it.

Christine McKersie - Principal

| Year Level | Percentage of students EXCEEDING or STRONG (Proficiency Level) | | | | | | | |
|------------|--|------------|---------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|------------|
| | READING | | WRITING | | SPELLING | | NUMERACY | |
| | State | Wyche | State | Wyche | State | Wyche | State | Wyche |
| 3 | 70% | 75% | 78% | 100% | 61% | 100% | 67% | 75% |
| 5 | 77% | 80% | 75% | 80% | 70% | 80% | 68% | 80% |
| 7 | 66% | 80% | 60% | 80% | 69% | 90% | 63% | 80% |
| 9 | 60% | 90% | 58% | 80% | 67% | 80% | 60% | 90% |

Wycheproof P-12 College ~ "Be Your Best"



Colour run

Friday September 15th
 recess: donuts for sale (\$2)
 lunch: BBQ and music
 period six: colour run!

Bring white clothes to wear

LGBTQIA+ support

SRC Wycheproof p-12 college

NOTICES HOME

ALL YEAR LEVELS

SRC Colour Run
 opt-out and lunch order slips.
 Due back: ASAP
 To: Office

YEAR 3/4

Pioneer Settlement camp forms
 Due back: end of Term 3
 To: Mrs Botheras

LMR ATHLETICS

Forms due back: ASAP
 To: Mr Duffy



Department of
Education & Training

YEAR 12 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Scholarships ranging in value from \$600 to \$30,000 are available to support current Year 12 students intending to continue their studies next year. Applicants are encouraged to apply for as many scholarships that they may be eligible for. Scholarship applications for 2024 study are **OPEN** **October 1st.**

For further information:
www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

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.

Students and families are encouraged to regularly read our school policies found on our school website. We thank all our School Council members who spend many hours regularly reviewing our school policies. We invite and welcome feedback relating to these policies and other school procedures.

STUDENT ABSENCE

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.

Solos & Supper



The Senior Concert Band performs at Solos & Suppers Concert on Wed, Sep 6.



Ruby, Libby & Keely.



Priya, Tessa & Kelly



Ryder



Leeah



Kayley



Enda



Connor



Tory



Jewels



Grace & Mitchell



Lana



Ever, Ludah & Chevy



Eliza



Jewels



Kiarah, Hayley & Olivia

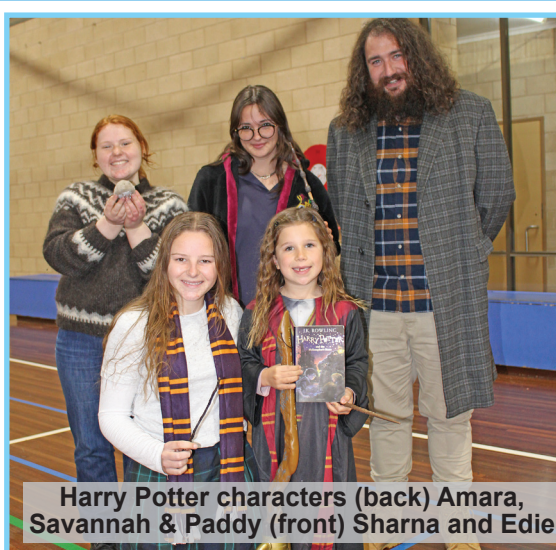
2023 Book Week dress up winners
 Year 5/6: Danny (Dog Man)
 Prep/1/2: Henry (Batman)
 Year 3/4: Jewels (Mary Poppins)
 Year 9/10: William (True Story by William Ison)
 Year 7/8: Mitchell (Black Rider - Lord of the Rings) Teachers:
 Jan (Mad Hatter - Alice in Wonderland) & Mrs Ison (Violet Beauregarde from Willy Wonka)



Mitchell, Brayden & Saeed



Prep/1/2



Harry Potter characters (back) Amara, Savannah & Paddy (front) Sharna and Edie



Riley



Ludah, Chevy & Ever



Zeke



Staff members as colourful crayons



Matilda, Paige & Demi



Kayley

THE COUNTDOWN IS ON FOR THE...



2023 WYCHEPROOF RELAY FOR LIFE

Preparations are in full swing as Vocational Major students and participants of the 2023 MATES mentoring program begin counting down to the inaugural Relay for Life event on October 14th.

Aiming to raise \$10,000 for Cancer Council, students and staff have been busily organising the community event to be held at the Recreation Reserve (footy oval).

They are encouraging students, their families and the wider community to register ASAP for the unique event in which teams challenge themselves to keep a baton moving around the track in a relay-style walk or run over 12 hours.

The day will feature lots of fun, family entertainment including live music, games, food and much more.

To register visit: relayforlife.org.au/register/wycheproof-college-2023 or scan the QR code in the poster below.



Ready to relay: Gemma, Talia, Mia, Miss Fawcett, Louisa, Marley, Heath, Tom and Alex.



Who will you Relay for?

Wycheproof P-12 College Sat 14th Oct 2023

Wycheproof Recreation Reserve
www.relayforlife.org.au/event/wycheproof-college-2023

relayforlife.org.au | 1300 65 65 85
Wycheproof College: 03 5493 7409

Celebrate survivorship. Remember loved ones lost. Fight back against cancer.



What is Relay For Life?

Relay For Life brings people together to celebrate cancer survivorship, remember loved ones lost and empower teams to raise money to fight back against cancer. **TEAMS** work together in **FUNDRAISING**. They then take it in turns to walk around a track at a relay-style event - symbolising that cancer doesn't rest, so neither do we!



What to expect.

Relay participants are welcomed in the opening ceremony.



Darkness is symbolic of the fear that a patient feels when diagnosed.

We light candlebags to remember those we have lost, celebrate cancer survivors and to show those affected by cancer that they are not alone.



When not walking, participants enjoy the Relay atmosphere and festivities, visiting team campsites to participate in games, activities and entertainment, reflecting our mission activities - such as prevention and supportive care.



The first lap of Relay honours cancer Survivors and Carers who take to the track and are acknowledged and supported by all in attendance. After this, we invite them to attend a special function in their honor.



Team members take turns walking throughout the event to symbolise the ongoing fight against cancer.



With motivation levels high, teams pour onto the track & all participants walk the second lap together.



Closing ceremonies wrap up the event, where we recognise volunteers and the community and say THANK YOU to everyone who makes Relay possible.



REGISTRATION

ADULTS: \$20
AGES 6 - 17: \$10
UNDER 6: Free

(To ensure your Relay for Life shirt arrives in time for the big day, please ensure you register by Sunday, October 8th)

HOW IT WORKS

1. Register online
2. Spread the word - invite friends to join you and raise funds.
3. Ready, set, go... Join the Wycheproof community on Oct 14th to take strides against cancer.

TERM 3, WEEK 9-10

Class Growth

| Yr Level | Average | Current |
|----------|---------|---------|
| 5 | 123% | 60% |
| 6 | 102% | 78% |
| 7 | 86% | 120% |
| 8 | 92% | 112% |
| 9 | 81% | 94% |
| 10 | 105% | 97% |

Highest growth this fortnight

| Student | Growth |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Danny Fitzpatrick/Chevy Bartlett | 100% |
| Ever Harrison | 100% |
| Jenna Hogan | 233% |
| Dane Bartram | 233% |
| Jack Cowell | 167% |
| Keely Allan | 233% |

Highest individual average

| Student | Growth |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Connor McLeod | 206% |
| Harry Humphreys | 124% |
| Jenna Hogan | 145% |
| Dane Bartram | 219% |
| Jack and Angus Cowell | 114% |
| Keely Allan | 242% |

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.

Star

Students



TERM

3

Year 3/4

Mason Barton

For all of his hard work & effort

Year 5/6

Ludah Harrison

Putting effort into all of her work

Prep/1/2

Ashton Wright

For his amazing effort with handwriting

Year 5/6

Ebony Barker

For a really positive Term 3

Year 3/4

Ryder Harrison

For always trying to improve his work

Prep/1/2

Cooper Allan

For being helpful and thoughtful

Yr 9/10 Bendigo TAFE excursion



Our Year 9 and 10 students were very fortunate (thanks to the efforts of the amazing Angela Poxon from the NCLLEN) to recently visit Bendigo TAFE.

The facilities there are incredible, and the campus continues to expand as the city of Bendigo grows.

There are so many opportunities for students to study pathways into bricklaying, engineering, hospitality, beauty, agriculture, building, automotive, etc.

While many of our students study VET subjects at the NCTTC, the Bendigo TAFE provides our children with the potential to study further afield, after they complete Year 12.

After the TAFE visit, we went to The Capital Theatre in View Street to hear about how students studying either VM or VCE can find career pathways into possibly working in a theatre.

We all came back very inspired about how many possibilities there are to find, or even change, career pathways in Bendigo. Through undertaking excursions such as this, students learn that there are so many potential inspirational careers that they may eventually end up in, one day. If you have the right attitude and a strong work ethic, the 'world is your oyster.'



Ruby, Jacob & Mason



Whitney & Jack



Jessie & Keely



Savannah & Eliza



Visiting the Capital Theatre.



Eliza



Olivia



Jacob



Capital Theatre



Front: Whitney (2nd place), Mason (1st place) & Lily (3rd place). Back: Judges Paddy & Trudy.



Lily, Gracie & Eliza

Year 10s bake off in annual scone challenge



Lily



Jacob



Keely

2023 SCONE BAKING COMPETITION

1st place: Mason
2nd place: Whitney
3rd place: Lily
Honourable mention: Keely

The annual Scone Baking Competition was held in the Home Eco kitchen on Tuesday, September 5.

You could hear a pin drop as Year 10 students focused on whipping up the perfect lemonade scone - a recipe that can bring even the most experienced bakers unstuck.

After a thorough judging process it was Mason Sheahan who was crowned the 2023 winner.

According to judges Paddy and Trudy, Mason's scones ticked all the boxes - fluffy inside, golden on the outside, uniform shape and height and, most importantly, very tasty! Well done Mason and all the Year 10 students who competed in the competition.

**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



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.



Focus on active kids

Congratulations to all junior and senior team members in football, netball and hockey for providing such a great and entertaining winter sports

season. Being part of a team and being active has many positive benefits for mind and body. All the best to teams who have made it through to finals - it is a great achievement. Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Asthma Week

With some magnificent canola crops around and grasses in bloom it is time to talk asthma awareness. While asthma can be a problem and exacerbated all year round, awareness week is always held at the start of Spring when a higher pollen load is in the air. It is estimated that 1 in 9 Australians are living with asthma.

People who have asthma or hay fever are at risk of thunderstorm asthma, which is rare but triggered by an unusual mix of high levels of grass pollen and a certain type of thunderstorm. When exposed to this air, pollen swells and bursts into tiny particles that are breathed deep into the lungs, triggering an asthma flare-up or attack.

Always take your preventer as prescribed, make sure you use a spacer correctly to get the maximum benefit from puffers and ensure that you have enough medication that is in date.

Remember asthma first aid: sit upright, 4 puffs of reliever into the spacer, 4 breaths from the spacer and wait 4 minutes to repeat; if there is no improvement call 000 for help. For information the Asthma Australia website <https://asthma.org.au/treatment-diagnosis/asthma-first-aid/>

October is Walk to School month

October is Vic Health Walk to School month, sponsored by Buloke Shire Council, and all students are encouraged to participate. Year 7 & 8 students living in town will support younger students forming a **Walking School Bus** with pick up points along Jolly St, Hillview St and Chapel St and at the corner of Webster St and Dempsey St. For students coming to school by bus they can count if they walk at least 150m to their bus stop or can do a make-up walk each day during school lunchtime. Students who walk to school each day will be eligible to go into a draw to win some great prizes.

Walk to School and active transport promotion and being active every day helps mental wellbeing, mood and self-esteem, confidence and life skills, connection with family, friends and neighbours, and moving from the roads to the footpath also helps make school streets safer by reducing traffic congestion and contribute to a healthier environment.

LGBTIQA+ Diversity

Congratulations to the Wycheproof P-12 SRC for hosting the end of term colour run to acknowledge gender diversity and the importance of allies and buddies. It is the final event in supporting diversity that began on 25 August with Wear it Purple day. For information see the display in the library or visit the website <https://www.wearitpurple.org/>

Think about it Thursdays

The theme for Thursday mornings in Term 3 was *altruism* and over the past 8 weeks the Year 7 & 8 class has planted strawberries to sell for charity and started to learn a new skill, knitting squares to create a knee rug to donate to our local hospital. This has been a very ambitious project and class members have shown a willingness to learn new skills, perseverance and creativity, all great strengths to develop. Funds raised from the strawberries will go to the VM Relay for Life, a Cancer Council fundraising event.

Strawberries will be available at the Wycheproof Op Shop and we extend our appreciation for that committee's support.

E-cigarettes

With e-cigarettes and vapes, serious health problems seem to develop much faster and we really don't know the actual mix of chemicals that are being inhaled. With more and more studies now being done, some of the answers are becoming clear and the results of great concern. To get the facts see the QUIT website <https://www.vapingfacts.org.au/>

Wellbeing team: health and mental health support at school

The Secondary School Nurse program is available to all secondary students and you don't need a referral. The school nurse is employed by the Department of Education and is in your school to support student health and wellbeing. Wellbeing is for all students. Call in to the Health Hub office for a confidential chat.

Chantel White is our school's Mental Health Practitioner. For referrals to Chantel, students can talk to members of the school wellbeing team or their teacher.

headspace Swan Hill provide a service to students at Wycheproof P-12 College. To link in with Celeste Costa phone (03) 4010 7100, or to make a referral <https://headspace.org.au/headspace-centres/swan-hill/>

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



Sharna exploring the wild side of biology, one feathery friend at a time, at Healesville Sanctuary.



Above left: Demi, Sharna, Isabelle, Paige and Miss Sharma at Healesville.
Above right: science and flavour collide at lunch.



Healesville Sanctuary excursion

In the pursuit of knowledge and a deeper understanding of our natural world, our VCE Biology students embarked on a thrilling adventure to Healesville Sanctuary where they witnessed the vital work of scientists and conservationists in preserving Australian wildlife. During this eye-opening excursion, students observed emus, koalas, Tasmanian devils, and platypus up close, gaining insights into their remarkable adaptations for survival in the Australian ecosystem. The students had the opportunity to gain valuable insights into the methodologies of conducting a practical investigation, which encompassed the essential steps of data collection and analysis. To add a touch of culinary delight to their day, students enjoyed lunch at one of the charming Italian restaurants in the Yarra Valley. This trip not only brought biology to life but also instilled a deeper appreciation for conservation and our natural world, leaving our students with lasting memories and a renewed commitment to protecting our unique Australian species.

- Miss Sharma, Biology Teacher

Gymnastics

Every Wednesday

Has Come to Town

Starting Term 4 2023



Please register in person at Wycheproof Gymnastics Club

Wycheproof P-12 College Gymnasium

for more info call:
0434 207 806
or send an e-mail to
wycheproof.gymnastics@gmail.com

Ages 5 - 10 yo
3.15pm - 4.15pm
Ages 10 yo +
4.15pm - 5.15pm

Wycheproof
gymnastics



COMMUNITY EVENT WITH HAYDEN MCDONALD

COME AND JOIN US AT THE REX THEATRE FOR AN INSPIRATIONAL COMMUNITY EVENT FOR ALL AGES. HEAR HAYDEN'S STORY AND ENJOY A FREE SCREENING OF TEMPLE GRANDIN WHO IS ALSO AUTISTIC WITH A POWERFUL STORY

MONDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Doors open at 1pm
Starting at **1.30 pm**

AT THE REX THEATRE

Hayden McDonald is autistic and a pilot. Wings Without Barriers combines his passions for aviation and promoting real inclusion for people on the spectrum. Hayden wants to inspire young people, and show them that no matter what challenges you face in life, you can break down those barriers. Hayden's mission is to fly solo around regional Australia to speak about his inspirational life "Wings Without Barriers".

FREE SCREENING
Temple Grandin

For details please contact:
NCLLEN: 0354911144

Engage! logo, North Central LLEN logo, and a logo with a triangle and the number 231.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE LIBRARY...



PRIMARY FICTION

Ruby & the Pen

By David Lawrence

Life at boarding school is not going well for 12 year old Ruby. The evil, nose-picking headmaster has it in for her and she is immediately the target of the "mean girls" who are determined to make her life a misery. So when she discovers her new fountain pen is magical, bringing to life anything she draws, life becomes very interesting indeed. How satisfying it is to draw mean girl Sasha with a huge exploding zit and then see it come to life! But as the pen becomes dangerous, Ruby is left to wonder whether her new found power is really the answer to all her problems. With hilarious illustrations, this is a fast paced, entertaining and magical read.



SECONDARY FICTION

Hamlet is not OK

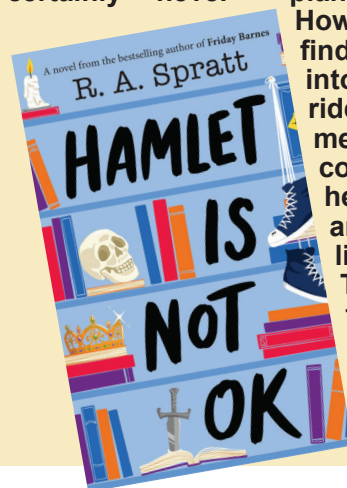
By R. A. Spratt

"What do you read my Lord"? "Words, words, words..."

Selby hates homework. She would rather watch TV – anything to escape the tedium of school, her parents bookshop and small town busybodies. So Selby didn't plan to read Hamlet and she certainly never planned to meet him.

However, she somehow finds herself transported into the cold and crime-ridden play where she meets Hamlet and consequently finds herself changing the plot and the whole history of literature!

This is a fun and unique take on a classic to be enjoyed by all secondary students.



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.wychep12.vic.edu.au/>

or you can contact the school office - 5493 7409.



The only difference between a good day and a bad day is your attitude.

ARE YOU

AGED 16-25?

DO YOU LIVE IN:

- ST ARNAUD
- BULOKE SHIRE
- LODDON SHIRE
- GANNAWARRA SHIRE

APPLY NOW!



We need a group of young people to help us bring a local chapter of YouThrive's Rural Youth Network to our area.

You will have the opportunity to:

- develop your leadership skills,
- be a representative voice & advocate for change in your region
- develop shared interest groups to provide opportunities for connection

Contact our Project Officer for more information:
Tori Gentle | t.gentle@nellen.org.au | 0490 840 182

