

# Wycheproof P-12 College

A State school established in 1876



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## Welcome back to Term 4 and goodbye to our Year 12s

This is the time of the year when everyone travelling up the Calder Highway is envious of where we live. Yellow and green fields and blue skies that seem to stretch on forever. It is great weather and a season where we all have less excuses not to focus on our fitness and evenings seem to have more time, compared to winter months.

The natural environment tells us Spring is here and our school grounds are full of blossom and bees. It is also that time of year when we say goodbye to our current 'crop' of Year 12 students. We wish all the best to our twelve Year 12 students finishing this year: Will Allan, Sienna Austin, Alex Brander, Louisa Coles, Hunter Connolly, Charlie Fawcett, Marley Hetherington, Talia Hobson, Gemma Kendray-Gladwin, Xavier McKersie, Spencer Nicholls and Kate Thompson.

We look forward to hearing about their progress as they navigate this stage of their lives into the world of being an adult. They are well prepared, and we look forward to celebrating the end of their secondary schooling with them.

*Christine McKersie* - Principal



The whole school gathered at Mt Wycheproof last Wednesday for the Year 12s' final general assembly. We wish Spencer, Hunter, Xavier, Charlie, Sienna, Marley, Talia, Gemma, Kate, Louisa, Will (absent) and Alex (absent) with their final exams & future endeavours.

## 2023 DIARY DATES OCTOBER

Tues	24	VCE exams begin
Wed	25	NCD Clay Target/Bowls
Tues	31	Walk to School Week activities Halloween Dress Up Day

## NOVEMBER

Tues	7	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Wed	15	School Council Meeting
Fri	17	Valedictory Dinner
Thurs	23	P/1/2 Halls Gap Excursion & school sleepover
Thurs	23	Year 7/8 Mt Wycheproof star-gazing evening
Fri	24	Pupil Free Day
Mon	27	Year 11s last day Year 9 NCTTC final day

## DECEMBER

Fri	1	Year 10s last day
Tues	5	P-7 1-Up Day
Wed	6	P-6 Concert
Thurs	7	Stig Live in the Library
Mon	11	Presentation Night
Tues-Thurs	12-14	Year 9 Surf Camp
Mon	18	Pupil Free Day
Tues	19	Pupil Free Day
Wed	20	Last Day of Term 4



## Congratulations Zeke!

Over Term 3, Wycheproof P-12 College ran a whole-school competition aimed at celebrating students who embody the school's motto of "Be Your Best" and the school values. School leaders were tasked with nominating their peers throughout the term.

Congratulations to Zeke, whose nomination was drawn at our special assembly at the Mount last week. He was nominated by Year 7/8 class captain Brayden for being kind, thoughtful and showing leadership qualities. Zeke's prize is a brand new iPad donated by MVTC-Swan Hill!

Well done to all students who were nominated.

Wycheproof P-12 College ~ "Be Your Best"





Dane (front) makes his way around the track



Gemma, Talia, Marley & Mrs Beattie



Miss Munro-Foord, Miss Fawcett, Trevor, Dane & Jess



Logan & Mitchell



Cathy & Miss Sharma



Paige, Whitney, Louisa & Edie



The Nully Netball team



The Candlelight Ceremony





Front: Demi, Fletcher, Cassie, Henry & Keely. Back: Marney, Chris & Jordy



Morgan & Hayley

# Epic effort by all at Relay for Life

"WOW! What an event!" is all we have been hearing since the Wycheproof P-12 College's first ever Relay for Life on Saturday. Members of the MATES mentoring program and VCE Vocational Major students were extremely happy with the turn out from members of the school and wider community.

The day started at 9am with some very enthusiastic teams ready to hit the walking track. In between stints of walking (and running!), participants of all ages enjoyed music, games, a jumping castle and yoga on the oval as well as delicious food served up by Coffee to Di For, Wycheproof Lions, Wycheproof Hospital Auxiliary and the canteen.

We set our fundraising goal at \$10,000 and we are confident that we will make it once the final count is done. An incredible achievement!

The day finished with a candlelight ceremony, an opportunity for everyone to come together and remember the reason for Cancer Council's Relay for Life.

Participants laid candle bags around the track, sharing messages to those lost to cancer, those who are still fighting the good fight and those who we celebrate on still being with us today.

Overall, the day was a huge success and we are so grateful for everyone who helped support us with volunteering, donating and attending.

We look forward to seeing you again at our next one.

- Miss Fawcett, VM Coordinator



MATES team members Amanda, Kim & Wendy with first aid officer Carol



Matilda & her MATES mentor Mary-Anne who, together, walked 50kms!

## AWARD WINNERS

Highest Team Fundraiser  
Birchip Walkers

Highest Individual Fundraiser  
Sharna Bartram (Nully Netball)

Spirit of the Relay  
Mary-Anne Pollard, Matilda Bish  
& Jackson Walker

Best Team Baton  
Murray Valley Technology

Best Dressed Team  
Wycheproof & District Landcare



Pip and Paige



# MUCK UP DAY!



Year 12s gather for morning tea in the staff room after 'Muck Up Day' shenanigans on Monday. Keeping with tradition, there was food galore, presents and some informal speeches and 'thank yous' ahead of the upcoming exams and graduation. Good luck Year 12s!



## VCAA VCE Unit 3&4 Exam Timetable

Date	Subject	Time
24/10/2023	English	9am – 12:15pm
27/10/2023	General Maths exam 1	2pm – 3.45pm
30/10/2023	General Maths exam 2	2pm – 3.45pm
31/10/2023	PD & Tech VET Hospitality	9am – 10.45am
	Economics	11.45am – 2pm
1/11/2023	Maths Methods exam 1	9am – 10.15am
	Business Management	3pm – 5.15pm
2/11/2023	Maths Methods exam 2	11.45am – 2pm
3/11/2023	Specialist Maths exam 1	9am – 10.15am
	HHD	11.45am – 2pm
	Accounting	3pm – 5.15pm
6/11/2023	Specialist Maths exam 2	11.45am – 2pm
8/11/2023	Legal Studies	2pm – 4.15pm
9/11/2023	Physics	9am – 11.45am
10/11/2023	VET Sport and Recreation	9am – 10.45am



The Health and Human Development class celebrates the completion of their last SAC for 2023 with lunch at Bakery on Broadway.

### NOTICES HOME

#### Yr 7/8s

Re: permission slip for Mt Wycheproof star gazing evening  
Due back: end of Oct  
To: Office

#### Yr 9 English

Re: permission slip to view 'Tomorrow, When the War Began'  
Due back: ASAP  
To: Mr Connolly



# LMR Athletics Report



Nine of our best athletes went to Bendigo early in Term 4 for the regional athletics finals.

Conditions were winter-like but our kids persisted and did themselves proud. They all pushed hard and got to test their abilities against some pretty impressive competition. We had two pupils qualify - Paige Arnel (top picture) and Keely Allan (inset) - for the State Finals.

On Monday both girls travelled to Melbourne to compete - Paige in the high jump and Keely Allan in the 1500m (the report will be in the next newsletter).

Well done to both girls - an outstanding result to make it to the state level.

- Mr Duffy

## LMR HIGHLIGHTS

- 1st - Paige Arnel - 17yo Girls High Jump - 1.25m
- 2nd - Keely Allan - 18-20yo Girls 1500m - 6:21.70
- 3rd - Rhett Hogan - 15yo Boys High Jump - 1.55m
- 3rd - Lily Humphreys - 15yo Girls Discus - 19.05m
- 3rd - Libby Thompson - 15yo Girls Javelin - 18.73m
- 4th - Hayley Yasa - 14yo Girls 800m - 2:59.69
- 4th - Hayley Yasa - 14yo Girls 400m - 1:15.53
- 4th - Libby Thompson - 15yo Girls 800m - 2:35.05

## INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS ACTIVITIES Busing Around the Buloke and it's FREE!!



Enjoy travelling between the two colleges by coach and join other secondary school students for some great inter-school sporting activities! Wycheproof P-12 College & Tyrrell College, will participate in mixed netball, indoor hockey, rukkas ball and possibly volley ball each Tuesday after school for 6 weeks. You will also enjoy dinner with your friends at the end of the activities before jumping back on the bus to head home! So lace up your running shoes and join in!

17th October - 28th November, 2023



Interested in joining in? Enquiries or sign up by calling the WCRC asap on 5493 7455, see you there!

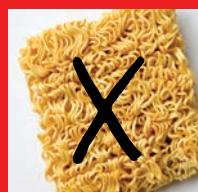
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It is uniform policy that students **MUST** wear a school hat when outdoors in Term 1 & 4. Hats available for \$11 each through the office.

## REMINDER

A reminder to parents and students that two minute/instant noodles of all kinds are **NOT** allowed at school due to the OHS risk due to boiling water.



**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](mailto:l2p@ncllen.org.au)

**North  
Central  
LLEN**



**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](mailto:l2p@ncllen.org.au) or contact the North Central LLEN on 5491 1144.





# Students attend BCG Field Day

During the final week of Term 3, 11 students and Mrs Ison travelled to Kinnabulla to attend the 2023 Birchip Cropping Group Field Day.

This is an important day on the calendar for North Western farmers, as it showcases the latest trials and research. This year, in partnership with the NCLLEN, there was a specific invitation to local secondary students.

Students received a showbag from the NCLLEN on arrival then split into several smaller groups to hear about different cropping topics. The topics included optical spray technology and the use of AI, drones and algorithmics, the effects of certain sprays on different crops, barley varieties, farming systems and wheat and barley disease.

Students then attended a careers panel consisting of BCG staff Yolanda Plowman and Grace Hosking, Nutrien agronomist Rik Maatman and farmer Tim Rethus. All attended university and completed different courses ranging from Business and Commerce, Agriculture, Chemical Engineering and Agribusiness. The speakers encouraged students applying for a job in agriculture to be enthusiastic, well presented, organised, show commitment and confidence and to be teachable and open to learning.

Students then participated in activities offered by the NCLLEN, enjoyed a lunch provided by the BCG then travelled to the park at Birchip to compete an evaluation form.

- Mrs Ison



Kelly and Tessa were the lucky winners of a treasure hunt on the day. Mary-Ann Sait and Julie Bourke from the NCLLEN presented them with their prizes.



## 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.



# 2023 SRC COLOUR RUN



Cooper & Henry



Lana, Jenna, Kelly & Tessa



Harlan & Zeke



Sharna points out the course



Adele, Hayley, Kiarah & Olivia



Tex



Edie



Adele & Riley



Darcy



Demi & Matilda



Keely, Miss Fawcett & Whitney



Harlan & Hayley



Everyone covered in colour at the end of the run!



Year 10, 11 & 12 boys



Sienna, Sharna & Amara



Ebony, Kayley, Tory, Bella & Charlotte



# Star Students

home economics



TERM

4

WEEK

3

Year 5/6  
**Finbar Polzin**

Putting in a fantastic amount of effort into his country project

Prep/1/2  
**Tex Coles**

Making great gains in sight words and reading fluency

Year 3/4  
**Bella Pollington**

Improving in the MacqLit program

Year 10  
**Rice Paper Rolls**

Top: Lily and Eliza  
Middle: Jacob  
Below: James & Mason



**Yo-Yo Biscuits**



Savannah & Eliza

**Cupcakes - practical test and evaluation**



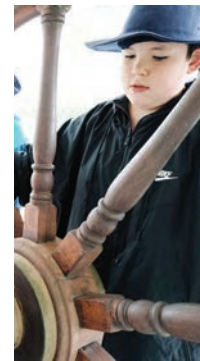
Keely & Whitney

Wycheproof P-12 College ~ "Be Your Best"





The 3/4 class aboard the PYAP paddle steamer.



Bella and Mason (above) and Enda (above right).



Daniel



Jewels and Riley try an old-fashioned saw.



Bella and Kayley



The girls ride in the Settlement's 1920s Dodge.

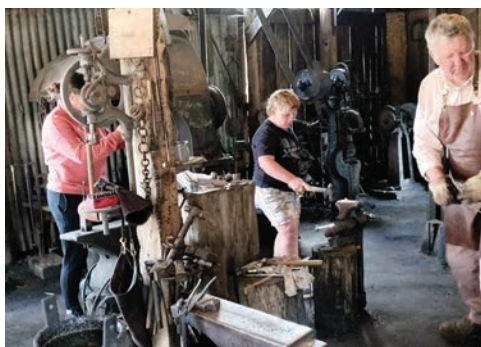
# Year 3/4 Pioneer Settlement camp



"I really liked the sound and light show. I was excited and I wasn't expecting real fire! When the fire came up, I was shocked because it was warm. The lights were epic, they changed colours. The story was amazing and the lights were shining in my eyes. The smoke was awesome and the lights were shining on the river, it was fantastic to see. This is the Heartbeat of the Murray." - **Charlotte**



"My favourite part of camp was the horse cart ride. It was fascinating. It was like going back 100 years ago riding around the town seeing all the sights. It was magic! The horse knows where it is supposed to go, trotting loudly. The horse's name is Rocky and he's a bit of a slow horse but that means you can ride longer." - **Tory**



Mason tries his hand at blacksmithery.



Lamington making.



The boys ready to take a ride in the Dodge.





## Libby & Ruby arrive at Leadership Camp

We wish Year 9 students Libby and Ruby a fabulous time at the School for Student Leadership. The girls are attending the Alpine Campus at Dinner Plain for the remainder of Term 4. They were very excited to experience snow during their first week!



# 3D cities in Maths

Year 7/8 students completed 3D cities in Maths as part of geometric shapes and reasoning. They particularly focused on 2D and 3D nets, including understanding perimeter, area and volume. Students were to follow strict instructions on how many units cubed their buildings had to be, as well as how much road and green spaces needed to be included. All students enjoyed creating their own unique areas of the city and once they were completed we added them together to create a larger city. This project fits in nicely with the maths faculty's "Real Life Math" approach for this semester. Great work to all involved!



- Miss Fawcett

# BioEYES incursion



Riley, Mason & Jewels

Primary students became mini scientists during an incursion with Monash University at the end of Term 4. BioEYES Australia is an award-winning, hands-on approach to teaching primary and secondary students about science. Students enjoyed using a variety of equipment including microscopes to view zebrafish eggs. They conducted various experiments to study the lifespan and development of the zebrafish, anatomy and genetics.



Ashton, Tex & Willa



## Calder claims the win!

Calder team 'Blueberries' has taken out the title of 2023 House Feud champions. With a final point tally of 16 and a four-round winning streak, it was a convincing win for Paddy, Dane, Harry and Darcy. The overall points tally saw Calder with 24 points to Broadway's 12 points.

House Feud was organised by Mr Connolly, based on the popular American TV game show in which two families compete to name the most popular answers to survey questions. In this case, the questions were based on answers from Wycheproof P-12 staff and students. Well done to all who took part.





## Asthma and allergies

The pollen load locally is still high, and we all need to be asthma aware. It is estimated that 1 in 9 Australians are living with asthma and the

prevalence is high in our local area. If you have an asthma diagnosis, it is important to see your doctor annually to update your asthma plan and use your preventer as prescribed.

To use the blue reliever inhaler, it is always best to use a spacer correctly to get the maximum benefit. Ensure 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 see Asthma Australia <https://asthma.org.au/treatment-diagnosis/asthma-first-aid/>

### Walk to School month

October is VicHealth's Walk to School Month, sponsored by Buloke Shire Council, and all students are encouraged to participate. Our Year 7 & 8 student-led **Walking School Bus** routes have changed as there was no demand on the west side of Broadway. There are still the **Walking School Bus** pick up points along Jolly St at Hillview St and Chapel 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 recess or lunchtime.

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.

During **lunchtime on Tuesday 31 October**, all students are invited to fun and games on the Saffin Oval. This includes the East Wimmera Health Service smoothie bike, headspace Swan Hill and Walk to School and Halloween celebration prizes.

### Think about it Thursdays

The theme for the Year 7 & 8 Thursday mornings in Term 3 was *altruism* and early on the Year 7 & 8 propagated strawberries and during the holidays sold punnets at Bakery on Broadway, raising \$35 which was donated to Relay for Life.

The class is working to finish knitted squares to be put together as a knee rug. It is anticipated that this will be donated to Grandview Lodge aged care in early December.

### Mental Health Month

At the end of Term 3 we acknowledged RUOK?Day with activities around the school. RUOK?Day promotes mental

health awareness and connection to each other. During lunchtime many students had their face painted and yellow nail polish thanks to Year 9 students Ruby, Libby and Jessie.



Ruby & Charlotte

Jessie & Edie



Libby & Bella

*RUOK?Day face painting made everyone feel OK*



October is Mental Health Month. It is not widely known but it can take a young person 7 years before seeking help for their mental health. To promote mental health support we have a display in the library with information about local mental health supports and organisations to reach out to. Students are reminded that there are many helpful adults here at school who are good at listening without judgement.

The theme for Mental Health Month 2023 is *We all Have a Role to Play*, meaning we can support and include each other in many different ways; through sport, a book club, craft, walking to school with other students, saying good morning or hello, smiling! Together, we can work towards a world free from mental health stigma.

### 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 part of the Wellbeing Team to support student health and wellbeing. 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 headspace phone (03) 4010 7100, or to make a referral <https://headspace.org.au/headspace-centres/swan-hill/>





## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Time is running out to get your entries in for the 2024 Wycheproof Community Calendar. Send in your photos and they could be featured. It could be landscape, a portrait, an event - as long as the photo is uniquely Wyche! Email your original HD formatted entry to [manager@wycheproofcrc.org.au](mailto:manager@wycheproofcrc.org.au)

## SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Melbourne Grammar School Orchestra will again take us on a classical music journey when the students perform at Wycheproof on Saturday 9 December 2023. Travelling by 707 Operations vintage train, the orchestra will present an eclectic program that includes Rachmaninov's challenging Piano Concerto No. 2 and the whimsy of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite. Concert proceeds will go to Friends of Railway Place Wycheproof for upkeep of the historic Wycheproof Railway Station. Tickets are \$12.50 per adult, free for under 18s and can be pre-purchased at [www.trybooking.com/CMMGB](http://www.trybooking.com/CMMGB)

## ART & CRAFT EXHIBITION

The Mt. Wycheproof Cup Day, Art & Craft Exhibition is back! The theme for this year is 'Black & White in the Buloke'. The exhibition will take place on Thursday, November 2 at the Wycheproof Shire Hall. For more information and entry forms contact Wycheproof Community Resource Centre.

## AFTER-SCHOOL JOB OPPORTUNITY

Chalmers Butchers Wycheproof have a job vacancy for a school student interested in working Tuesday and Thursday 3.30pm - 5pm. Call in and speak to Wig or Chris for more information or phone 54937586.

## RSA COURSES

Mallee Sports Assembly is hosting a number of Responsible Service of Alcohol courses across the coming months. A great opportunity for local club volunteers and school students over the age of 18 wanting to gain employment. The closest course to Wycheproof is happening in Sea Lake on November 2 - contact the MSA on (03) 5021 3664 for more information.

**YOU ARE INVITED!**

**WYCHEPROOF EARLY LEARNING CENTRE**

**COMMUNITY RECIPE BOOK LAUNCH & AGM**

Please join us for the launch of our 2023 fundraising project! Bring the family along to Centenary Park for morning tea, featuring some of the yummy recipes from the new recipe book. The Parent Advisory Group Annual General Meeting will follow and all are welcome to stick around and hear about the wonderful year we've had.

**When: 10.30am Sunday, October 29**  
**Where: Centenary Park, Wycheproof**  
**RSVP to Averyll on 0448 723 629**

**Children's Week 2023**  
 21-29 October

Theme: 'Children have the right to relax, play and take part in activities they enjoy'

**Tie Dye T-Shirt Workshop!**  
 Yours to keep!

Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm  
 Date: Saturday, 21st of October, 2023  
 Venue: WCRC

Cost: FREE Aged 6 - 12 years  
 Lunch provided!

Call the WCRC to book your spot asap 5493 755 places limited!

**WYCHE NARRAPORT NETBALL CLUB**

**2023 AGM**  
**MONDAY 23 OCTOBER**

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS AS WYCHEPROOF NARRAPORT

**6PM DINNER,  
 7PM MEETING START  
 ROYAL MAIL HOTEL**

**GENERAL MEETING,  
 FOLLOWED BY AGM.  
 ALL WELCOME**