Wycheproof P-12 College

A State school established in 1876

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Newsletter 8 - Wednesday, October 15

TERM 4 DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

Wed	15	School Council meeting
Fri	17	SRC Food Fight/Fun Run
Mon	20	Yr 12 VCE - last day of school
		Yr 12 VCE - SWOTVAC
Thurs	23	Primary Cricket Blast - Boort
		Yr 7-9 golf with Ben Patten
Sun	26	MATES escape rooms - Bendigo
Tues	28	VCE English Exam
Wed	29	NCD Bowls/Clay Targets
Fri	31	Halloween Dress Up Day
		VCE Psychology Exam
		VCE General Maths Exam 1

NOVEMBER

Mon	3	PUPIL FREE DAY
		VCE General Maths Exam 2
		VCE Biology Exam
Tues	4	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Wed	5	VCE HHD Exam
		VCE VET Hospitality Exam
Thurs	6	VCE Bus. Management Exam
		Last day - VET 2nd yr students
Fri	7	P/1 Halls Gap excursion
		VCE Accounting Exam
Mon	10	Melbourne Excursion - VET
Tues	11	Project RockIT Incursion
		VCE Philosophy Exam
Wed	12	Year 10 Mock Interviews
Fri	14	Year 12 Valedictory Dinner
Tues	18	Yr 9/10 First Aid Training - level 2
Wed	19	Yr 9/10 First Aid Training - level 2
		School Council meeting
Thurs	20	Last day - VET 1st yr students
Wed	26-28	Yr 5/6 Sovereign Hill camp
Fri	28	PUPIL FREE DAY
		Last Day - Yr 10 students

Final assembly for Yr 12 students

Every year we set aside time to say thanks and goodbye to our current Year 12 students. We wish all the best to our nine Year 12 students finishing this year: Keely Allan, Jacob Harrison, Gracie Humphreys, Lily Humphreys, William Ison, Whitney Jones, Savannah Nicholls, Mason Sheahan and James Yasa. They have been an amazing group, and they have genuinely made a significant difference to our school over many years. This has been in many ways such as being the SRC President and bringing in new items of school clothing (Whitney), being on School Council and giving up many evenings to discuss policy or finances (Savannah, Keely, Whitney), being role models through school leadership (Gracie, Keely – School Captains) or volunteering to help out at school events, visiting the hospital or delivering meals on wheels to elderly in the community (Jacob, Lily, William, Mason, James). They have all contributed so much to our school over many years. They have much to be proud of and we know they will go on to achieve great things. Their advice at their final assembly at Mt. Wycheproof on Monday: "You must not let anyone define your limits because of where you come from."

Christine McKersie - **Principal**

Student Voice and Agency Award 2025

This year, our student voice and agency award was won by Saeed Alamoudi for displaying student agency in maths classes by undertaking separate study in an area of maths he is interested in.

We thank Murray Valley Technology Centre for their generous donation of a set of Beats Studio Pro Headphones (worth over $500). This year we had many examples of student voice and agency demonstrated regularly throughout the school day.

We have worked hard to build a common understanding of what actions are student voice as opposed to student agency. Student **AGENCY**: demonstrating ownership and responsibility for independent learning (linked strongly to student voice). This creates opportunities for students to be self-regulated learners who direct their own learning. You teach yourself or the teacher something. Student **VOICE**: sharing thoughts, opinions, ideas and feedback in a respectful way that offers realistic suggestions and expectations for the good of the whole. This creates opportunities for students to collaborate and make decisions about what and how learning should take place and be assessed.

Food Fight fun this FRIDAY!!!

Wycheproof P-12 College is holding a Food Fight to raise much-needed funds for Foodbank Victoria, with a target of $4,720, and we're asking all families to pitch in! We are thrilled to announce that our event will take place on 17th October at the School Oval at 1:30pm.

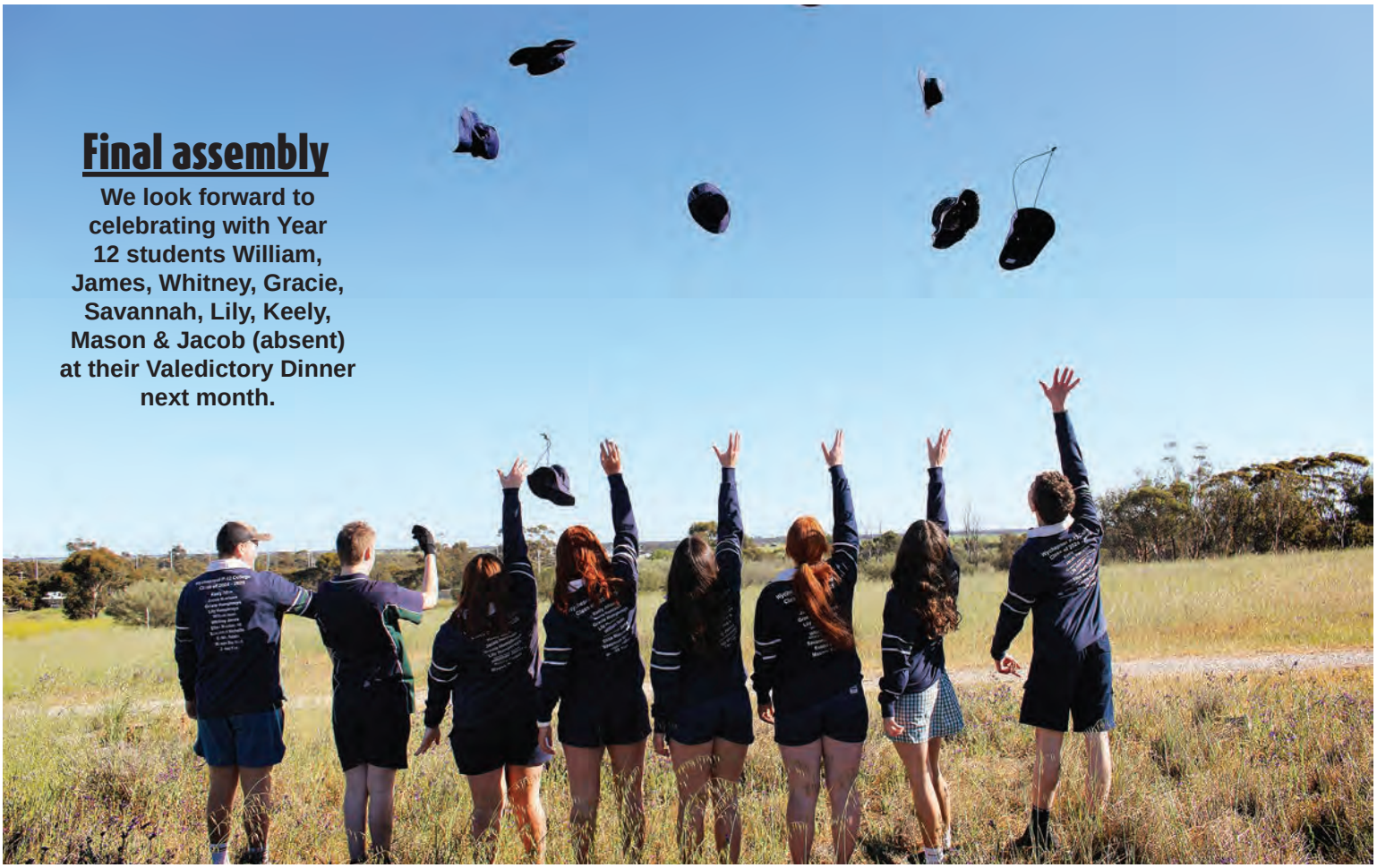
What is the Foodbank Food Fight?
Who doesn't love the idea of a Food Fight? Here's the chance for our entire school to engage in the naughtiest way yet* to boost school spirit and help raise vital funds for Foodbank Victoria. It's just like a school colour fun run, but so much more fun.
The Food Fight fun happens at school, and the fundraising happens at home. You get to create your own online profile, set your fundraising target and then choose your target prizes. In your profile, you will have a unique cyber safe link to share with your family and friends so they can donate and help get you close to your target. Money raised will go to Foodbank Victoria so they can continue to feed 57,000 people in need, every day!
**No ACTUAL food will be harmed in the making of this event.*

What do we need you to do?
All we need you to do is create an online profile at foodfight.com.au
This is an inclusive fundraiser we would love you to be a part of! If you would like to come down and watch your kids run, we would love to see you there!

- Ruby Ison, SRC Student Leader

Final assembly

We look forward to celebrating with Year 12 students William, James, Whitney, Gracie, Savannah, Lily, Keely, Mason & Jacob (absent) at their Valedictory Dinner next month.



Brayden's winning artwork

Sadie

CHARLTON ART SHOW AWARDS

A huge congratulations to Year 10 student Brayden who won Best Secondary School Art Exhibit at the recent Charlton Art Show! Brayden's artwork, titled 'Warisan' (Heritage), was part of a school art project reimagining famous artworks or images, using appropriation to create new interpretations. Well done also to Dalyss, Ebony, and Kaylah, who each received Encouragement Awards for their fantastic work. We're proud of all your achievements!

ABSENCES - REMINDER

XUNO FAMILY

Reminder to parents & caregivers: if your child is going to be absent from school, an absence note must be sent via the XUNO Families app prior to 10am. Alternatively, please notify the office by calling 5493 7409.

Emily & Pauline with the Prep/One class

Grade 2/3/4s get creative

Art Links visit brings creativity to life

On Friday, 10th October, students from Prep to Year 8 were treated to a special visit from Emily and Pauline, two educators from the Ballarat Regional Art Gallery. As part of the Gallery's Art Links outreach program, the educators delivered a hands-on art experience designed to inspire creativity and spark curiosity.

With the Ballarat Gallery currently undergoing renovations and temporarily closed to the public, the team is bringing their programs directly to schools—and we were lucky to be one of them!

Students began the session with an art analysis conversation, developing their visual literacy and interpretation skills. They then had the opportunity to create their own unique artworks using recycled materials. The focus on play, experimentation, and freedom of expression was a hit with students across all year levels.

Emily and Pauline were impressed by the enthusiasm and creativity shown by our students. They were so inspired by the experience that they have already offered to return next year!

A big congratulations to all students for their excellent behaviour and high level of engagement throughout the day. It was a fantastic celebration of art, learning, and imagination.

- Mrs Aurisch, Art Teacher

Bella, Tory, Charlotte & Muhira

P/1s with their finished artwork

Grade 2/3/4

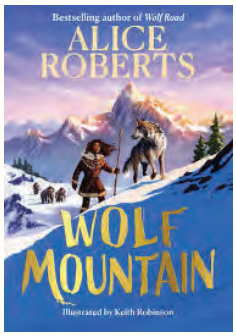
Grade 5/6

LIBRARY LIFE

October 2025

New Book Drops

Wolf Mountain byAlice Roberts



A wild, heart pounding adventure packed with mystery, courage and ancient secrets. When a girl uncovers a hidden past, nature and danger collide in an unforgettable journey!

Camp Spooky Attack of the Aliants by Pip Harry and Kate Foster

A perplexing camp mystery involving creepy glowing creatures, strange noises in the night, aliens and zombies! Funny, spooky read for 8+

Last Chance Joey by Meredith Resce

No phone, no wi-fi, no friends, no options. Expelled from school and sent to live in the country, Joey has a second chance to turn his life around.

Days to Celebrate

25th October World Pasta Day

31st October Halloween

Library Laughs

Book Club

Adele placed third in the 16 year old girls high jump

Libby came first in the 800m & 1500m in 17 year old girls

Olivia was third in 18-20 year old girls shot put

Sophie placed third in the 16 year old girls shot put

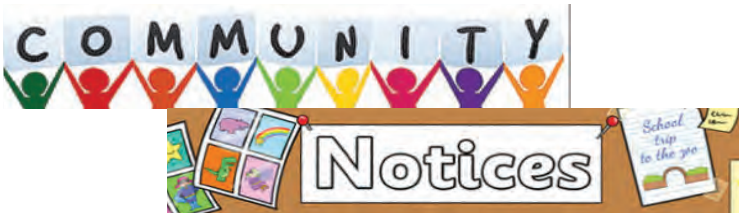
Loddon Mallee Region Athletics Finals

Six of our fittest pupils ventured down to Bendigo to represent our cluster at the annual Loddon Mallee Region Athletics finals.

To get a podium at this level is a fine achievement, and we had four of our kids achieve this: Olivia Driscoll (Yr 11), Sophie Barraclough (Yr 10), Libby Thompson (Yr 11) and Adele McNaughton (Yr 10), which is very impressive.

Libby Thompson has qualified for the State Finals in Melbourne next week so we wish her all the best down there when she competes against the best in Victoria.

- Mr Duffy, Sports Coordinator



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

2025 GrainCorp Harvest Casual Intake jobs. Must be at least 16-years-old. Learn more at www.graincorp.com.au/harvest-workers/. Call Peter on 0461 594 679 for more information.

KNIFE SHARPENING

Tony will be returning to WP12 in December with his sharpening service. Knives, scissors, secateurs, loppers, pizza cutters, etc. Friday, December 12th - contact the school office for more information.

Spring time....

Spring has well and truly sprung at Wycheproof P-12 and our gardens and grounds are in full bloom. Pictured here are some of our students out and about, enjoying the sunshine at recess and while doing schoolwork.

home economics

Year 10s prepared spinach and ricotta cannelloni - yum!

In Year 10 Home Eco, students recently prepared and analysed two versions of the same meal - convenience and homemade. They undertook a sensory analysis, comparing and rating each food item.

Results were mixed; with students preferring homemade fried rice to convenience but choosing packet mix raspberry choc-chip muffins over the homemade version. Butter chicken, drop scones and chips were all equal.

YEAR 12 REMINDERS

Federation University Early Offer Close 1st December
www.federation.edu.au/study/information/high-school-students/early-offer-program

Swinburne Early Entry Program Close 28th November
www.swinburne.edu.au/courses/planning-your-future/early-entry-program/#ready-to-apply

ACU SEAS Scholarships - www26.uac.edu.au/esapply

Casper test Registrations
https://my.acuityinsights.app/dates-times

Year 12 Results – Thursday 11th December
http://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au

VTAC December Offer Round – Tuesday 23rd December
https://vtac.edu.au/dates.html

VCE RESULTS & ATAR

Did you know that you need to register to access your Unit 3 & 4 VCE Results and the ATAR? Results will be released on Thursday 11th December from 7:00am. It's a good idea to register for this service early so that you are not delayed on the big day.

You will need your VCAA Student No. to Register

https://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au

YOUTHRIVE TAFE SCHOLARSHIPS

Rural Chances

There are at least 10 Rural Chances scholarships valued at $5000 on offer to assist young people to move away from their hometown or to assist with extensive travel required to complete **TAFE (Certificate III or above, including Apprenticeships) training qualifications.**

Applications close 20th October 2025.

www.youthrivevictoria.org.au/scholarships/rural-chances/

Attention Year 11 Students

Deakin University Accelerate Webinar

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY | DEAKIN ACCELERATE

Wednesday October 22nd – 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Learn all about getting the same benefits as studying a fifth or sixth VCE subject, how you'll gain university credit and reduce the cost of your future degree. By taking on the program during Year 12, Deakin Accelerate gives you a unique glimpse into life at Deakin whilst also boosting your ATAR.

www.deakin.edu.au/student-life-and-services/events/deakin-accelerate-webinar

GIRLS in stem

STEM skills are driving innovation across almost every industry, so no matter what your passion, there's a STEM career to match. Do you love design and construction? Maybe engineering is for you! Into fashion and jewellery? You should check out digital design. Want to improve social justice? Explore the impact of big data analysts on policy. STEM careers are evolving quickly – your career possibilities with STEM are literally limitless!

Visit:

www.thegist.edu.au/students/careers-in-stem

WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

JASON COLEMAN'S MINISTRY of DANCE

Jason Coleman's Ministry of Dance offers an exceptionally vibrant and varied work experience program for year 10 students. Operating for x1 Week the students may develop skills and hands-on experience in the following areas:

- *Junior School Administration*
- *Assistant Teaching*
- *Advanced Dance Class participation*
- *Full Time Course Administration*
- *Production House Maintenance*
- *Dance School Operations and Facilities*
- *Agency Administration*
- *Choreographic notation*

www.theministryofdance.com.au/work-experience-1

The Surveying Task Force Work Experience Program provides you with a direct link to surveying organisations who are looking to support and mentor you. Simply register your interest and they will link you to companies who have placements available.

www.alifewithoutlimits.com.au/work-experience-program/

Sue Clay North Central LLEN
Careers and Pathways
Email: s.clay@ncllen.org.au

Kiarah, Tony, Paddy & Brayden

Dane

MATES battle for UNO glory

On Wednesday the 3rd September we had the annual MATES UNO competition!
With Paddy taking out the top prize last year, many of the students, mentors and guardians were keen to knock him off the mantle. After enjoying dinner together, the scene was set for some fierce competition.
At the end of the night our lucky loser taking home the Wooden spoon prize was Tony and our newly crowned winner was our amazing mentor, Amy. It was a great night by all who attended and we look forward to the battle commencing again next year.
Our final activity for the year will be a trip to Bendigo's escape rooms - The Great Escape - please come and let me know as soon as possible if you would like to attend this event on the 26th October.

- Wendy, MATES Coordinator

Amy - UNO champion!

Saeed & Kirsten

REMINDER...

LUNCH ORDERS MUST BE IN BY 10AM

All orders must be submitted online through the My School Connect app by 10am Monday, Wednesday **or** Friday.
Payment through the app with either credit card*, PayPal* or My School Connect account.

** fees apply*

FRIENDLY REMINDER

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.

SUPERVISED HOURS

Wycheproof P-12 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.

HEALTH HUB with Jacinta

Are you ready for social media switch off for under 16s?

We are starting to see more publicity about the December social media ban deadline for those aged under 16 years.

We know some young people have become reliant on social media networks for friendship, especially around special interests and gaming. While there is negativity around the ban there is another way to look at it. It is a chance to look around our community and see what options there are for maintaining friendships and to fill time after school, and it isn't all sport.

There is the 'Drop in' group that meets at the Senior Citizens Centre and many young people gather there for afternoon games, the Wycheproof branch of the Buloke Library is a great space to relax and meet friends, it is a chance to revitalise the Wycheproof Youth Group and get involved in planning activities, there is also the café which is another safe meeting place.

There has been some talk about how to get around the age identification. But recently the eSafety Commissioner Julie Inman Grant put that to rest reporting that social media platforms had told her that the algorithms used can identify a person's age in about 4 seconds of logging on. This is important to know as the new legislation put the responsibility to comply with the new law on the companies.

It is still unclear if gaming platforms will be included and there is current concern particularly around the safety of children who are on Roblox and the potential for grooming children and them seeing sexually explicit and violent content.

For some top tips on managing the social media access changes call in to the Health Hub or see https://headspace.org.au/explore-topics/for-young-people/social-media-ban/

Kindness project

Congratulations to Calder House team student who were presented with the Kick for Kindness shield. Calder notched up the most points for participation in the wheelbarrow races, three-leg races and the Kick for Kindness soccer match during August.

Calder House Captains Angus Cowell and Jessie Fawcett proudly show off the Kick for Kindness shield.

October is Walk to School month

Active Transport to School is a fancy way of saying walking, scooting or riding a bike to school is our project theme for October. This year marks our 10th Walk to School month promotion at Wycheproof P-12 College. During October, students gain points for their house team to win the Walk-to-School shield. A Walk to School calendar is in each classroom so that students can keep

Asthma awareness

This term the pollen count and forecast for our area is posted on the Wellbeing board in the library along with alerts for the risk of thunderstorm asthma. All students with an asthma diagnosis must have a management and action plan at school. Remember the four steps of Asthma first aid, sit down and be calm, give 4 puffs of your blue reliever (one at a time) and have 4 breaths each puff. If no relief wait 4 minutes and repeat the steps with the blue reliever. If still no relief call an ambulance. Asthma is not a minor illness and symptoms should be taken seriously.

Sun Smart

A reminder that we all need to be Sun Smart and in Term 4 we need to wear our hats outside. Sun protection is important whenever we are outside. Remember Slip on long sleeves, Slop on sunscreen, Slap on a hat, Seek shade and Slide on sunglasses.

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. 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 Emily Noonan phone (03) 4010 7100, or to make a referral see https://headspace.org.au/headspace-centres/swan-hill/

Support services & helplines

- ✓ Autism Connect helpline 1300 308 699 or webchat www.amaze.org.au
- ✓ Kids Helpline 1800 551 800

International Day of People with Disability 3 December

Come along and celebrate

International Day of People with a Disability-2025

Dress up for action and enjoy fun activities for all ages and abilities conducted by the Mallee Sports Assembly along with a delicious BBQ supplied by AXIS Employment!

Venue: Kerang Lawn Tennis Club (a big thank you to the club)

Date: Tuesday 11th November 2025

Time: 10.30am start for a fun tennis session (test the speed of your serve with the Vic Police radar gun), minor games followed by lunch at 11.30am onwards.

Let's celebrate the day and promote awareness of people with disabilities. Whether you have a disability, know someone with a disability or just want to come along to say hello, we'd love to see you there. All welcome!!

Please register by Friday 7th November 2025 (for catering purposes)

Please contact:

Rhonda at Mallee Sports Assembly – 0427 780 109

Email: rhonda@malleesportsassembly.org.au

Hope to see you there!!

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- Public patients- eligible concession card holders (Health Care Card/Pension card)
- Private patients

Your feedback is appreciated

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8.30 am - 05.00 pm

Monday - Friday

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