Wycheproof P-12 College

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Newsletter 3 - Tuesday, April 28

TERM 2 DIARY DATES

APRIL		
Tues	28	LMR Tennis @ Mildura
MAY		
Sun	3	MATES Mentoring movie @ Charlton
Thurs	7	Primary Winter Sports@ Boort - Yr 3-6
Fri	8	NCD X-Country @ St Arnaud
Thurs	14	VET - first aid training
Fri	15	GTAC Melbourne Excursion - Yr 9/10
Mon	18	IDAHOBIT Day
Wed	20-22	Yr 4/5/6 Urban Camp
Mon	25	House Cross Country
Wed	27	Guest speaker - Johnny Shannon
Fri	29	Quiz Night - Year 11 fundraiser
JUNE		
Tues	2	LMR Cross Country @ St Arnaud
Wed	3	School Council Meeting
Fri	5	Pupil Free Day
Mon	8	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Thurs	11	VET Taster Day Yr 9 (no NCTTC for current VET students)
Tues	16	Pupil Free Day + GAT (except VCE unit 3/4 students doing GAT)
Mon-Fri	22-26	Year 10 and 11 Work Experience Week
Fri	26	Last day of Term 2 - 2.30pm finish

WYCHEPROOF P12 COLLEGE
2026 HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

BROADWAY VS CALDER

Monday, May 25th
From 1.30pm at Saffin Oval
Spectators welcome!

Welcome back & School Council 2026 update

The recent sensational weather has provided a wonderful welcome back to Term 2.
As Term 1 drew to a close, Easter was a definite highlight. It was a joy to see our older students take on the responsibility of organising fun activities for the younger students, creating some truly special school memories. The grounds were filled with squeals of delight, and even now, we're still discovering Easter eggs tucked away in the most creative corners of the garden.

One of the things that you can rely on in schools is change. Nothing stays the same and, while that may result in some challenges, these changes are often for the better. The responsibilities that School Council oversee have changed considerably over the years. School Council are a very important governance body, and we are very grateful that we have parents and students who contribute strategically to our school policies and finances.
This year we have a full complement of parent members (no vacancies – the first time for several years). We thank Brett Thompson (our School Council President), Donna Egan and Georgina Morrison (who have all been on council for many years), and we welcome new parent members Sandy Pollington (Vice President), Kirsten Morrison (Treasurer) and Ranjith Uttoly Chandran to our meetings (which mostly now take place during the school day – another change). We also welcome two new student members Lana Fawcett, Priya Coatsworth and Grace McKersie (our new Community Member). Having so many new members means that it does take some time to induct everyone (the child safety paperwork and processes increase every year) and to learn meeting routines. We are thankful that so many members of our school community generously give their time to being on School Council.

Christine McKersie
Principal

home economics

Jewels and Daniel F prepare sausage rolls in Year 7/8 Home Eco during the last week of Term 1.

Year 7/8 students made ANZAC Biscuits in Home Eco last week. Pictured are Chevy and Paddy.

Hayley, Sophie, Adele, Morgan and Olivia

Grace, Dakota, Lana and Tessa

Ever, Ludah, Jenna, Kelly and Priya

EMPOWERING WORKSHOP FOR YEAR 9-12 GIRLS

Amplifying student voice and agency in learning is one of the key priorities for Wycheproof P12 College in 2026. Thanks to the Wycheproof Community Resource Centre, girls in Years 9 to 12 participated in a Flourish Journey workshop 'Unlock Your Voice' recently.

The afternoon session encouraged girls to uncover barriers such as 'critical inner voices' or the 'judgement of others' that sometimes stop us all from using our voices.

The session also highlighted numerous strategies that can be used to strengthen their convictions and enable them to confidently use their voices in situations that allow for self-expression or can even be a little challenging.

All girls were encouraged to share ideas about the various methods of meaningful communication that can be drawn upon, to build connections and positive relationships with others.

ANZAC spirit lives on at WP12

Jessie, Ruby, Libby and Grace led the school's 2026 Anzac Day service last week

Senior Concert Band member Mitchell Coatsworth plays 'The Last Post'

Senior Concert Band, led by music teacher Jan Elder, performs in the Music Room

Wycheproof P12 College held an ANZAC Day service last week to honour and pay our respects to the men and women who have served in our armed forces.

Student leaders Jessie Fawcett (School Captain), Ruby Ison (Vice Captain), Libby Thompson (Vice Captain) and Grace McKersie (SRC President) led the service in the Music Room.

The Senior Concert band performed a number of traditional songs and Year 10 student Mitchell Coatsworth played 'The Last Post'.

On Saturday, Jessie and Ruby laid a wreath on behalf of WP12 at the main Wycheproof Anzac Day Service.

Ruby and Jessie at the Wycheproof ANZAC Day Service at Centenary Park

LIBRARY LIFE

May 2026

New Book Drops

April's back in the Arctic and her baby brother has gone missing in the frozen wilderness. It's up to April, Bear and Blaze the husky to track him down and bring him home before it's too late.

The war between dragons and humans is over but the danger is just beginning! For fans of Deltora Quest and Rangers Apprentice,

It's all fun and games until someone ends up dead. Set in an escape room themed game show, this murder mystery is full of twists, code breaking and of course murder. 13+

Coming Soon!

Days to Celebrate

3rd May World Laughter Day 🤣
10th May Mothers Day
20th May World Bee Day
23rd May World Turtle Day

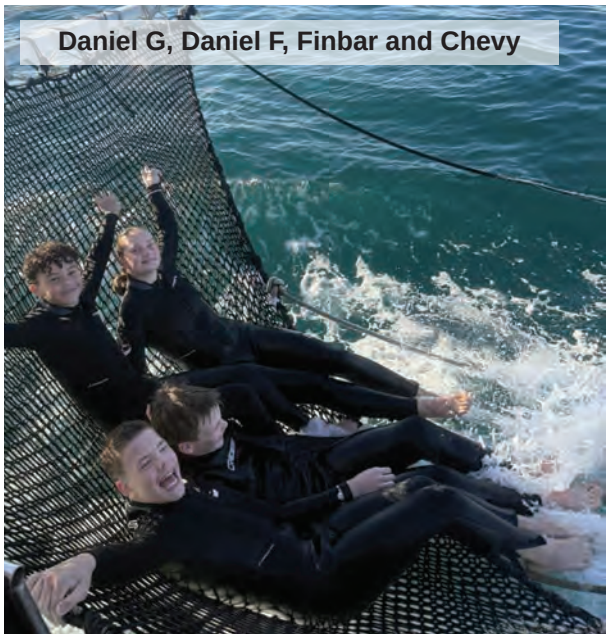
Spotted in the Library

Hot days equal cool fun in the library at lunchtimes!

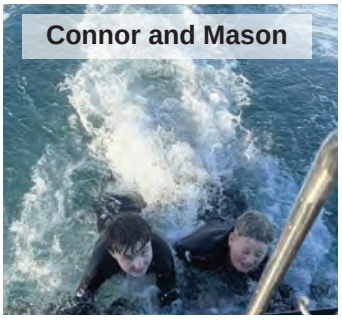
Book Club

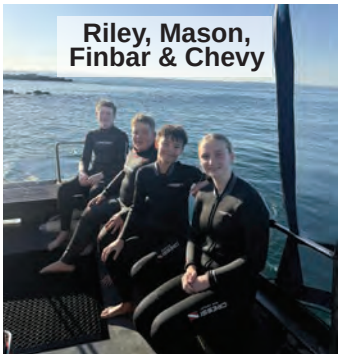
Orders due 8th May

"I never dreamed about success, I worked for it" -Estee Lauder

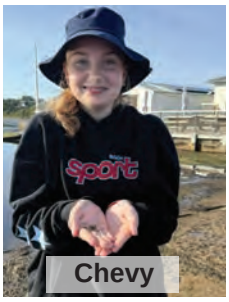

Daniel G, Daniel F, Finbar and Chevy

Once we arrived at camp, we dropped off our luggage and went to our activity for the day, a boat ride. We went straight out to sea to see the seals on the rocks and boy did they stink! I couldn't believe how many there were and the guide told us that they were all males who didn't successfully get a partner during mating season. After a close look at the seals we travelled further to look for some dolphins! The guide spotted a whole family and they came right up alongside the boat. I've never seen one so close before – they were doing so many tricks in the water showing off! Soon it was time to go back for dinner and I went on the net that hangs off the boat into the water - it was so fun!
I knew from the first time I found out we were going to Queenscliff that it would be my best camp ever. - **Chevy**


Connor and Mason


Riley, Mason, Finbar & Chevy

YEAR 7/8 QUEENSCLIFF CAMP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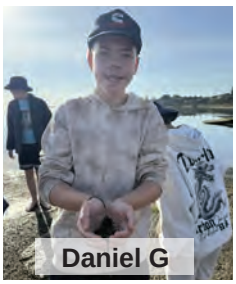
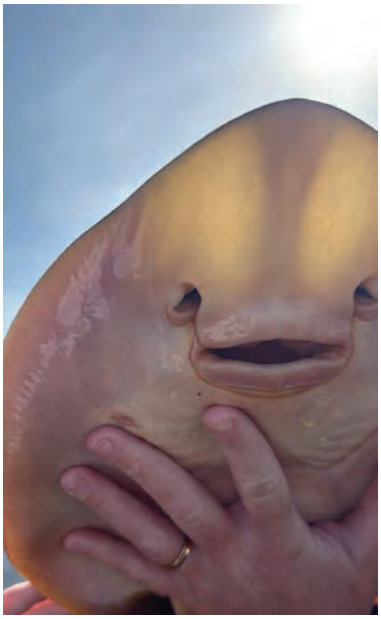
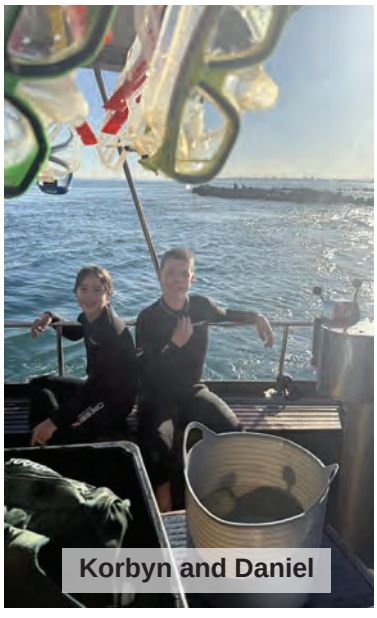
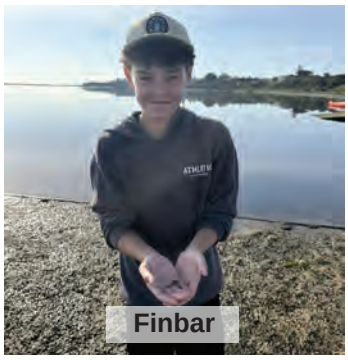

Daniel G



On the second day we got up early to go on a guided crab walk. Everyone picked up a Pebble Crab and we all found some sort of treasure. Danny then found a Banjo shark, so our guide picked it up and it was really friendly. We then went to Lonsdale Rockpools where we saw an octopus chasing some crab. There was also a stingray in the rockpools. The boys saw some bunkers and decided to go explore them – they said it was really cool. - **Jewels**

After the crab walk, we went back out on the boat and went snorkelling with the big chunky seals and they kept going underneath us. After that we went looking for dolphins and they came over to our boat. They sprayed Finbar with water and I got water in my mouth. When we stopped the boat, we got to jump off the roof and it was very fun. Mr Connolly went for a big bomb and it went very high. I went for a Manu and did a back slapper. Then Paddy went for a big bomb but I don't think it was as good as Mr Connolly's. Best camp in the world. - **Mason**


Korbyn and Daniel


Finbar

MATES Program kicks off for 2026

Our 2026 MATES program kicked off with a family friendly night of fun and games on the 1st of April.
Twenty two students, families and mentors came along to enjoy the night which included having dinner while watching a short video about what the MATES mentoring program is all about (Ms McKersie has not aged a bit).
We then heard from some of our past and current mentors on what they have enjoyed about the program before getting out the games and letting the competitive side of things take over.
Thanks to Jacinta for bringing the popcorn maker, which was a huge hit, and Paddy and Amy for bringing the games.

We are all looking forward to our next activity, which is a family movie day to the Rex Theatre this Sunday to see Project Hail Mary.

- **Wendy Pollard**

Hot Shots Tennis

Year 5/6 Hot Shots players

Leeah

Archie

On Thursday the 26th of March Years 5/6 students headed to Boort for the Hot Shots Tennis Day.
Hot Shots Tennis is a modified game of tennis catered mainly to people who are still learning. The scoring and tennis court size is different, allowing for students to focus more on hitting the ball over the net. Students were divided into 12 different teams where they all mingled with students from the other schools. Even though the day was a little cold and windy, all students had a blast, made new friends and even gained some valuable tennis and hand-eye skills. We look forwards to seeing some of these tennis stars at the Wycheproof Tennis Club this year.

- **Miss Fawcett**

SUPERVISED HOURS

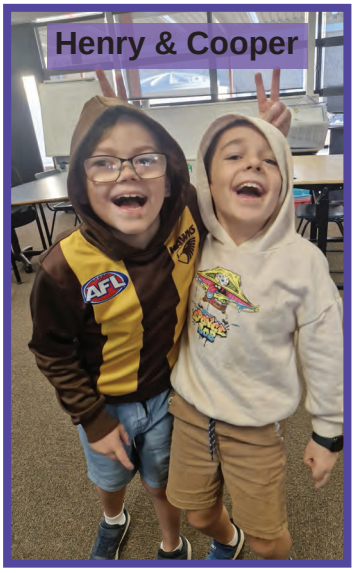
Wycheproof P12 College's grounds are supervised by school staff from 8.35am until 3.20pm. Outside of these hours, school staff will not be available to supervise students unless special arrangements have been made with school staff. Students and families are encouraged to regularly read our school policies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

General Assembly

EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING 8:50AM - 9:05AM PARENTS WELCOME

Arriving Late/ Leaving Early

Students who arrive late to school or plan on leaving early MUST have a signed note (in their diary/ XUNO absence notification), and must sign in or out in the office.


Henry & Cooper

Enda

Lucas, Jem, Max, Tex, Jayden, Flynn and (in front) Ivy and Willa from the Year 2/3 class.

HOODIE UP DAY & EASTER EGG HUNT

Edie & Kayley

Tyler, Tex, Charlotte & Archie

Students came dressed in their favourite hoodie on the last day of school for 'Hoodie Up Day'. The annual awareness campaign celebrates and shows support for autisitic people and neurodiversity. At recess, students enjoyed the SRC's Easter Egg hunt and banana smoothies.

Grace (SRC President), Dakota and Tessa did a fantastic job organising the Easter activities.

Athena

Daniel F, Finbar & Korbyn

EASTER ACTIVITIES IN THE P/1 CLASS

Lola, Aaron & Sadie

Alex

Obstacle course egg hunt

HEALTH HUB with Jacinta

Vaccinate to keep everyone around you safe

There really is no way to make getting a vax shot sound like fabulous fun. But it is one of the most important things you can do for your own health and for those around you.

This week we have had a focus on vaccination and good health with the Year 7 and Year 10 students having their scheduled vaccinations thanks to the team at Buloke Shire Council.

Late April is that time of year when all types of media are promoting the annual flu (influenza) shot and the RSV (respiratory syncytial virus). The message 'Don't risk the flu' is something we all need to act on.

The key message is:

- It is safe- the annual vaccination is the most important measure to prevent influenza and its complications and is recommended for all people aged 6 months and older.

Food at school

Remember, bring food in reusable lunchboxes to reduce single use plastic and rubbish from wrappers. Chips and sweet bars are not everyday food or provide fuel for learning.

If students need reusable lunch boxes or containers there are some in the Health Hub.

For school lunchbox ideas and recipes see https://heas.health.vic.gov.au/resources/food-drink-ideas/healthy-lunchboxes/

The school's Food Club provides a variety of foods including fresh fruit and small cartons of plain milk. The Food Club is provided by the Victorian Schools Breakfast Club program and managed by our SRC.

Meals on Wheels

We are changing our MoW delivery day to Friday from the second week of May. Wycheproof P-12 College student volunteers deliver lunches to elderly people in our community. If students in Year 10, 11 or 12 would like to join the volunteer squad, call into the office for permission form.

Sun Smart

Summer is over but we still need to be sun smart at home and school. 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.

Health promotion spotlight at WP12

May is a busy month with some significant days on the calendar.

Tuesday 5 May: Focus on handwashing to protect our health, very important during flu season. The 'SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands' campaign is a World Health Organisation initiative emphasises the importance of hand hygiene.

Monday 18 May: IDAHOBIT Day is Sunday 17 May and marks the date in 1990 that homosexuality was removed from the WHO Classification of Diseases.

Thursday, 21 May: This date is the offical Biggest Morning Tea day, but you can register to host a Biggest Morning Tea anytime that suits you throughout May or June. Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is a community event that raises vital funds to make a big difference for those impacted by cancer.

WP12 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 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
- ✓ Parent Portal https://service.vic.gov.au/find-services/family-and-child click the link Parenting support Victoria
- ✓ 1800 RESPECT, family violence helpline: 1800 737 732