



Newsletter: 18 Thursday 11th of November 2021

Vision:

Our school empowers all students to embrace learning, achieve their personal best while developing their emotional, social and physical wellbeing, and through this make positive contributions to the community.

School Happenings

We have had a busy couple of weeks at school. Our P/1/2 students had their annual sleepover, Grade 3-6 were able to finally get to Somers camp and our Prep transition was able to commence. It was so nice to see the students having a sense of the familiar and returning to the normal activities of the term. We are very pleased to see the progress the students are making within their learning and their ability to ease back into school and school routines

We have been given the green light for our Grade 3/4 cluster camp (Welshpool, Toora and Tarwin Lower) to Forest Lodge to occur. This camp will take place on Wednesday 1st December through to Friday 3rd December. A permission note, medical form and what to pack information sheet has been sent home today with students.

We are in the process of finalising a day camp for our Grade 5/6 students to Phillip Island and a day trip to The Prom. As these are finalised we will send information home, including permission notes.

Our end of year swimming program has been booked and confirmed for Thursday 9th December through to Wednesday 15th December. The Wednesday of this program will be our fun day where we have the inflatable and Parent's Club traditionally run a BBQ. Students will receive a permission note next week for this program.

Staff are currently working out a COVID safe end of year celebration. Please keep an eye out on Compass and the newsletter for information about this celebration.

Barney and Michael have cleaned up the school after the storms last week. Unfortunately we lost a shade sail and a couple of trees. Michael has removed the fallen trees and branches while Barney has removed the fallen branches still stuck in the trees. We are in the process of replacing the shade sail as it was too damaged to repair. Michael has also revamped the bush tucker garden with more rock and mulch, giving it a much needed facelift and has installed a self watering system to our vegetable garden.

Over the past three days, we have worked with Schools Record Management Program to archive all our school documents. As WDPS was formed from the merger of two schools we had a lot of information and documents stored from the three schools. It was interesting to look back on documents and photos from the past. There were a few photos of past students who are now parents at the school. I promise we have filed those photos!

There has been a slight easing of the restrictions in regards to visitors on school grounds. From now on visitors are allowed on the outside school grounds, but if you are looking at entering a building you will have to sign in at the office, QR code and be double vaccinated. Thank you for your understanding in this.

Gabrielle Boyd

Principal

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WDPS Numeracy Program



On Monday, Wednesday and Thursday we run a whole school approach to numeracy where we combine all classes together. This semester our whole school numeracy program has focused on number which includes counting, place value, addition and subtraction. This learning is supplemented by teaching measurement and geometry, statistics and probability and extending number knowledge within each individual classroom.



Prior to the start of our numeracy program all staff developed multiple Common Assessment Tasks (CAT) that assess students' knowledge on a specific curriculum area such as counting. Within this assessment piece students have an opportunity to answer questions ranging from Foundation to Year 8. Throughout this testing students have an opportunity to write and verbally respond to the questions. Once each assessment piece is completed teaching staff collaboratively analyse the data and determine the learning point of need for each student. Using this data analysis staff collaboratively group each student based on their learning needs and develop a learning sequence that aligns with the Victorian Curriculum. Throughout each term we implement our Common Assessment Task (CAT) at the beginning, middle and end of the term, allowing for targeted teaching to occur as students learning needs change.



We begin each numeracy session with a number talk as a whole school. A Number Talk is a short daily problem used to build number sense. It provides an opportunity for students to share their mathematical thinking about a problem and allows them to listen to a range of different strategies used to solve problems. Each number talk is open ended to allow all students to have their learning needs met or extended.



Number Talk Example
How many cups are in this picture?
How many lemons are in this picture?
Show all the different ways you can count the lemons and the cups?

WDPS Numeracy Program Continued...



Students then work within a small targeted teacher led group with students who all are working on the same numeracy skill. This allows each group to have intensive targeted learning opportunities where they consistently have teacher support. At WDPS our approach to numeracy involves providing students with hands on learning opportunities that enable students to problem solve using a range of resources such as counters, MAB, number lines, dice and fraction charts etc. As staff we are constantly working to develop our numeracy knowledge and teaching practice.



Each fortnight all teaching staff come together to discuss student progress and to analyse teaching notes completed during and after each session. This enables each students learning sequence to change to meet their learning point of need.



It has been wonderful to see the learning growth being made by all students and to build student confidence and knowledge within numeracy. Below are some comments by our students about numeracy at WDPS.

Daisy P- *I love that we learn together. I like learning in different groups with different students and teachers. I love working in small groups because I can concentrate.*



Molly- *I love when we have maths because I learn new things. In maths groups I have improved and learnt new language that I didn't know before such friends of 10's. I have learnt to add bigger numbers together. I like that we learn together.*

Harvey- *I love maths time, it's great. I am better at counting and adding numbers together now. I like learning in small groups, because it's easier to win in games and to do my work.*

Cove- *I like playing maths games in my group, my favourite is when we have to match the number to a group of things (counters).*



Kai- *I like working with all the different equipment in maths, my favourite is the MABs. I like playing games with the whole school, like Greedy Pig.*

Ethan- *I like learning new things in maths. I like working with all the different resources such as counters, MAB and dominoes.*

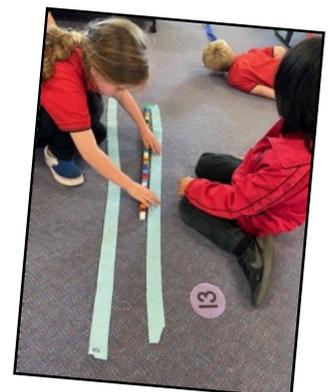
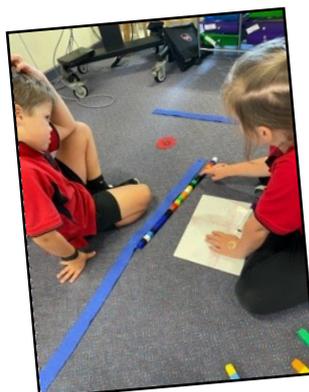
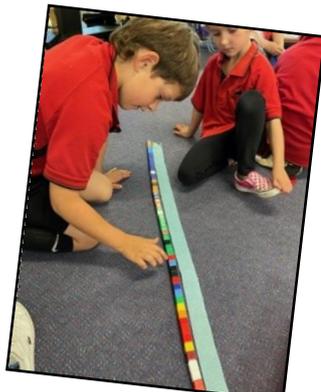
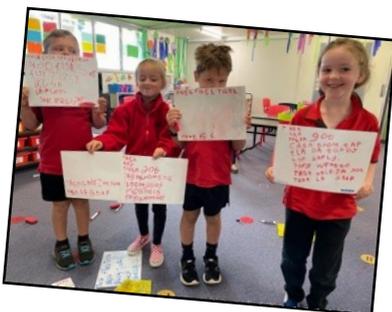
Mিনny- *I love working with small groups and playing games. I get to help others too.*

Grade Prep/1



Over the last few weeks P/1 students have been busy getting back into our classroom and school routines. During our literacy block we have been busy learning different digraphs such as ch, sh, th, wh, ng and ck. We have been learning how to decode these sounds and incorporate these into our writing. We have also been very busy learning about measurement in maths using informal units such as unifix, counters and our hands. This week we also had our first 2022 prep transition session. Together we read the book 'Where is the Green Sheep?' by Mem Fox and completed a craft activity about our favourite colours. All students loved meeting and helping our new preps for next year.

Miss Parnall



Grade 3 to 6 Somers Camp



This week grade 3,4,5,6 students travelled to the Mornington Peninsula to stay at Somers Camp. The camp was jammed-packed with fun activities and experiences that challenged students and made them work co-operatively.

Students were lucky enough to participate in the following activities;

- Team challenge (teamwork obstacle course)
- Low ropes course
- High ropes course
- Flying fox
- Challenge swing
- Environmental studies
- Rock climbing
- Archery
- Beach walk
- Indoor games



Grade 3 to 6 Somers Camp continued....



Camp highlights include;

- The challenge swing which is a whopping 18 metres high! It was great to see students facing their fear of heights and having a go on the swing. Everyone found it a great thrill and even Mr Moore and Miss Egan were able to make it to the top (not that they had much of a choice).
- The team challenge was a great opening activity as it relied heavily on teamwork. Students were split into 2 teams and had to use 3 planks to get across to different platforms. Each team member had to contribute in helping position the planks, pass the planks between platforms and communicate strategies.
- The flying fox was a favourite amongst many students as it was very fast and students could race against a friend. Everyone had a blast trying to beat their partner as well as trying to stick their landing at the end of the line by running as soon as their feet hit the ground.





Parents & Friends Association (PFA)



Hi Everyone,

YAY! We are back.

We have had to change next weeks PFA meeting to Tuesday morning (16th of November) at 9am, I hope you can all make it.

We will have a little morning tea as it will be the last meeting for the year. We will also have Louisa from Mum Hub - Manna Gum Community House and Karly from TheirCare to have a chat about the amazing programs that are available for our families at our school and in our community.

It's going to be a crazy couple of weeks so if we could have as many hands on deck as possible as we need to put together our Christmas Raffle and send out tickets and organise our Christmas Picnic.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact either Stacey or myself.

Thanks,
Lisa and Stacey

Wednesday BBQ Dates

3/11 - Stacey
 10/11 - Lisa
 17/11-Hope/Jenelou
 24/11 - Jenelou
 1/12 - Emma Pyke
 8/12 - Lisa
 15/12 - BBQ at Toora Pool -
 Stacey, Emma, Lisa, Sinead

WDPS BBQ ORDER FORM

NAME: _____

	Description	\$	QTY	Total \$
Sausages		\$2.00 ea		
Drink	Choc/Straw/Plain Milk	\$1.00 ea		
	Juice Box	\$1.00 ea		
Icy Poles	Various Flavours	\$0.50 ea		
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Current Projects

Lately we have been focusing on Science and conducting different experiments. We constructed a volcano using modeling clay and a recycled bottle, the mixed vinegar and bicarb soda to make the lave. We also blew up a balloon without our breath, we again used vinegar and bicarb soda to blow it up. We were amazed that the balloon blew up so big.

Next week we will continue with science with making a snowstorm in a jar, slime, playdough and lots more.

We will be introducing some more mindful experiences over the coming weeks along with our new community project where we will be decoration gift bags for the Latrobe hospital to be utilised as activity and clothing bags.



“Be the reason someone smiles today”



*Still need to do
Christmas
shopping?*

*Why not utilise our
service so you can,
without any worries.*

We are here for you, with sessions easily accessible and flexible for your convenience from Monday to Friday. Now is the perfect time to enroll.

How to enroll.

Visit TheirCare website:

www.theircare.com.au and click on 'book Now' in the top right-hand corner to register your child's details.

Opening Hours.

Before school care: 7:00am – 8:45am

After school care: 3:20pm – 6:00pm

For further information contact me on: 0459 555 370



Upcoming Events

*** ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO ANY RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
T4 WEEK 7	15 Prep Transition 1-3pm	16 PFA Meeting	17 BBQ Wednesday	18	19
T4 WEEK 8	22 Prep Transition 1-3pm	23	24 BBQ Wednesday	25 Newsletter Day 16 Days of activism	26
T4 WEEK 9	29 Prep Transition 1-3pm	30	1 3/4 Forest Lodge Camp BBQ Wednesday	2 3/4 Forest Lodge Camp	3 3/4 Forest Lodge Camp
T4 WEEK 10	6 Prep Transition 1-3pm Gr6 Graduation	7 State-wide Transition Preps 9am-1pm	8 BBQ Wednesday	9 Newsletter Day Swimming	10 Swimming
T4 WEEK 11	13 Prep Transition 1-3pm Swimming	14 Swimming	15 Pool Fun Day	16 Christmas Concert	17 Last Day of School! 1.20pm Dismissal



We would like to wish the following students who have recently celebrated their birthdays a big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!**

Daisy Pyke & Abbey Lees

Reminders

* Hats are now required for recess & lunch play

* If you have bus changes please contact the school by 3pm to ensure changes take place.



Our Parents are invited to participate in the following information session. Staff have undertaken a number of professional development sessions around this topic as we gain to build our knowledge and understanding of the topic.



Relationships and Sexuality Information Session for Parents and Carers

Tuesday 30 November
6.30pm-7.30pm
Online via Zoom

This information session will provide insight into relationships and sexuality education and provide guidance on supporting young people on their own physical, emotional and social journey.

Participants will leave with:

- An understanding of the importance of age appropriate relationships and sexuality education.
- Skills to have conversations with their child around relationships, reproductive and sexual health.
- Strategies to effectively answer their child's questions.

It will also provide a safe space to ask questions and express any concerns. This session is directed at parents/carers of grade 3 - 6 students, but all are welcome.

Delivered by experts from Family Planning Victoria

Register your interest by emailing:
rachels@southcoastpcp.org.au



Please note last week Rachel's email was incorrect.