



Newsletter: 3 Thursday 4th of March 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.

What a busy Term

I really can't believe how quick this term is going. Over the first month of this term we set expectations and routines in each of the classrooms and then we conducted assessments of all students. Over the next few weeks of this term there will be some changes in the way we teach and learn Mathematics and Literacy. We will utilise the data collected at the end of 2020 plus the data from the beginning of this year to create individual plans to target the learning of all students. The change will focus on meeting the point of need for each and every student. This may mean students are taught by someone other than their home class teacher. We will have Mrs Deidre Zuidema and Mrs Sue Dower providing small group and one on one support in Numeracy and Literacy throughout the year. We are very excited to be able to offer this for our students.

As we have a number of new families to the school and also new staff, we have included in this newsletter 'a get to know the staff' section. This newsletter focuses on the teaching staff. Our next newsletter will focus on our Education Support staff.

There are a few important reminders for the rest of the term. Please ensure you check the calendar in the fortnightly newsletter as we will update this as events/excursions are booked.

Monday 8th March Public holiday

Friday 12th March Grade 6 Leadership day at Inverloch

Friday 19th March Grade 3-6 Athletics day at Foster Secondary College

Thursday 1st April Last day of Term 1

We are currently setting a date for parent/teacher interviews. Information about these interviews will be posted on Compass in the coming week. Please ensure your Compass login is working and that you are able to access Compass. If you have any problems with Compass please contact the school office.

The School Council AGM is this coming Tuesday 9th March at 6pm. There are still 4 School Council positions available for Parent representatives. We would love to have some new faces on board. School Council meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month at 6pm. This year we will have a mix of face to face meetings and WebEx meetings. If you are interested in joining School Council please come along to the meeting or contact myself at the school.

Congratulations to our swimmers who headed off to District swimming a little over a week ago. A big congratulations to Toby who placed first in the boys relay and Abbey who placed 3rd in the girls backstroke. Toby and the relay team then competed at Division swimming where they placed third but unfortunately did not get to go through to Region. Well done everyone!



Gabrielle Boyd

Principal

Little School, Big Heart

This week's attachments:

- * Blue Star Eyecare Forms/Information packages - Due back 15th of March
- * Bookclub Issue 2 - Due Back 18th March
- * Hot Dog Order Form—Due 22nd of March
- * Easter Raffle Tickets - Due Back 26th of March
- * PFA Welcome Letter

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

VJ & Malaika !

Reading & Merit Awards



Cove, Andrew, Nhiam, Remi, Malaika & Abbey with their merit awards for swimming.

Over the past fortnight the Joe, Slade, Dylan, Will & Beau achieved 25 nights of Reading!
Well Done!



Our Teachers



Miss Georgia Parnall

This is my 3rd year teaching at Welshpool and District Primary School. Before coming to Welshpool I taught at Churchill North PS, where I had the opportunity to be a Numeracy leader. Growing up in Foster I have enjoyed coming back and teaching in my local community. This year I am very excited to again be teaching Prep/One and teaching Social Emotional Learning (SELS) across the school. I am looking forward to reconnecting and working with our students, families and the wider community this year.



Miss Chloe Egan

I may have met a few of you before however, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself properly and tell you all a little bit about myself. My name is Chloe Egan and I am a new teacher to this exciting profession of education. I am a Gippsland girl born and bred, growing up in Alberton West on my family's dairy farm. I did my schooling locally at Yarram, then I went on to university at Churchill to study teaching. While I studied I worked as a teacher's aide locally. I am very excited to be given the opportunity to work within Gippsland, especially here at Welshpool. Within our school I am the grade 2 and 3 teacher. I am also going to be teaching art to all students prep to grade 6 on Tuesdays, this is something I am really looking forward to as I am able to get to know all students from all year levels.



Mr Joel Moore

My Name is Joel Moore and I am the new 4,5,6 teacher. I have lived my whole life in South Gippsland and I grew up in Tarwin Lower. I attended Tarwin Lower Primary School, which is a similar in size to Welshpool and District Primary. Having gone to a small school myself, I really appreciate the strong sense of community that schools like WDPS have, and it has been nice to notice things about the school that I had experienced during my own schooling. I graduated from university at the end of last year, so this is my first year of teaching and the 4,5,6 class is my first class ever! It has been great to get to know all the kind and caring students from across the school, and I am excited to get to know the younger students better during our PE lessons each Tuesday. I am also looking forward to the opportunity to become involved with the WDPS community by meeting more of my student's family members.

Our Teachers



Mrs Sue Dower

I began teaching 1 day per week at WDPS in 2000. For many years I was Music teacher, back then we had about 70 students.

As student numbers reduced I added other subjects to my one day per week duties, including; Phys Ed, History, Maths, Reading, Writing and French. One year I was even an Integration Aide co-ordinator; that was when we had 5 Integration Aides.

I love being part of the Welshpool family. The school's small setting has allowed me to be creative in ways I may not have been able to in a larger school. I have also been able to develop close relationships with the children and their families who have always included me in the wider Welshpool community, even though I live in Foster. In 2021, I am fortunate to

have the opportunity to be a tutor under the government's tutors in schools program each Thursday. I love this kind of work and am looking forward to working side by side with individual children on their literacy skills in addition to all the fun I'm going to have each Friday spending time with a great bunch of kids, hopefully inspiring them and definitely learning from them every week.

In my other world I am married to Ray and have 5 grown up children. I love playing and teaching piano, long walks, reading and sewing.



Mrs Deidre Zuidema

Hi, my name is Deidre Zuidema. My husband and I own and run a dairy farm in Yanakie. We have 3 daughters, 2 at University and 1 in Year 12. My family and I are active members of many local sporting and community groups. We love spending time at the beach or exploring the Prom.

I have lived in the area most of my life, growing up in Fish Creek. After heading to Melbourne to attend University, I returned to the district to teach at St Laurence's in Leongatha. Over the last 25 years, I have been a classroom teacher, CRT, specialist Science, Maths, PE, STEM, and Literacy teacher at several schools in the district. I am teaching MAPPEN this year along with being a Maths tutor. I have loved working with the students at Welshpool over the last few years and look forward to an exciting year.

Upcoming Events



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
T1 WEEK 7	8 LABOR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	9 School Council AGM 6pm	10	11 Regional Swimming	12 Grade 6 Leadership Day
T1 WEEK 8	15 Blue Star Eyecare forms due Back	16	17	18 Newsletter Day Book Club Issue 2 due back	19 Prom Coast Athletics
T1 WEEK 9	22 Hot Dog orders due back	23	24	25	26 *District Athletics *PFA AGM *Easter Raffle Tickets due back
T1 WEEK 10	29	30	31 HOT DOG DAY	01 Newsletter Day Easter Raffle Drawn	02 GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

WANTED

We are currently seeking donations of Jars WITH lids. These Jars are going to be used for preserving some of the produce from our School Veggie Garden.





Parents & Friends Association (PFA)



Next Meeting: Monday 26th April 2021 (After Assembly) All Welcome

AGM to be Held : Monday 26th April 2021 (Held over from March 2021)

WDPS Parents Club

We will be looking for people to fill executive positions. Could you please contact Lisa or Natalie in the office if you would like to get involved in one of the positions.

Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to be part of our wonderful Parents Club. If you would like to be involved, but cannot make meetings, please text Lisa your email address on 0409 179 235 and you can be added to our email list in which you will receive all of our minutes and correspondence regarding fundraising.

Hot Dog Day - WooHoo!!! We finally get to have it. It will be the last Wednesday of Term 1 - 31/03/2021 - Hot Dog Order Forms are attached to this newsletter. We still have the orders from last year, if we don't receive your order back, we will use them. If you are unsure of what you ordered, please message Lisa.

School Uniforms - There is a lot of second hand school uniforms available to purchase for a gold coin donation, please see Natalie in the office if you need anything. We also have lots of new uniforms available for purchase.

Wednesday BBQ STARTING BACK TERM 2

Wednesday

April 21 - Lisa Lees / Maddy Melkie

April 28 - Narelle Lagergren

May 5 - Kym Beaton

May 12 - Stacey Fowler

May 19 - Hope Daming

May 26 - Candice Tay

June 2 - Lisa Van Kuyk

June 9 - Meagan Jenkins

June 16 - Kerri Lloyd

June 23 - SPECIAL LUNCH DAY

If you would like to help with the Wednesday BBQ or need to change your day allocated, please message or text Lisa 0409 179 235.

Fundraising - The Parents Club are currently fundraising to renovate the School Quadrangle Area. This area will be used for outdoor learning and will give the kids another place to play and explore.

Easter Raffle - Attached to this newsletter is a raffle book (\$10 value) for our infamous Easter Raffle. We request that each family brings in a Easter donation for the raffle hampers. Extra raffle books are available in the School Office. The Tickets and Money are due back to the school by Friday 26th March 2021 and the Raffle will be drawn on the last day of Term 1, Thursday 1st April 2021.

Thank you to all of our families for participating every little bit helps!

IT'S TIME TO SEND IN YOUR EASTER EGGS!

Please bring in an Easter Egg or Easter Related Item per child for the Easter Raffle

Easter Raffle Tickets will be sent home today with the newsletter
Tickets \$1 Each
Tickets Due Back Friday 26th March 2021
Drawn - Thursday 1st April 2021



WELCOME TO Welshpool & District Primary School Parents & Friends Association (PFA)

Our PFA undertakes social, educational and fundraising activities to support the school.

The role of our PFA is as follows:

- to provide support, in various forms, for the school, its students and community.
- to work in cooperation with the principal, staff and school council in building effective partnerships between home and school.
- to get to know the parents of other children at the school and to support the operation of the school.

PFA involves a group of parents who coordinate and organise social events and fundraising activities for the school. They aim to foster a strong sense of community within the school. The fundraising they do allows the school to purchase equipment and improve facilities that are not able to be purchased within the school's budget. The PFA advertise their activities in advance in the Newsletter, Compass and on our school Facebook page. Some of these activities include: a welcome to Welshpool & District Primary School Morning Tea in the first few weeks of Term 1, Easter Raffle, Bulb Fundraiser, Ivan's Pie Drive, Girl's Night Out – Movie Fundraiser, Wednesday BBQ Lunch, Hot Food Days, Swimming Fun Day BBQ, Bunnings/Woolworths BBQ, Wood Raffle, Daffodil Day, Christmas Raffle / Christmas Concert Supper (Terms 1 and 4).

In 2019 we raised over \$9,500 and in 2020 even with COVID19 restrictions we still managed to raise over \$7,000, with these funds, the school is looking to redevelop the school entrance/quadrangle area.

Past projects that the PFA have contributed towards is the purchase of all WDPS Black Reader Bags, School Hats, the Redevelopment of the School Running Track, New verandas for the portables and walk ways to the toilets and bus area.

Ways to get involved:

- Attend PFA meetings (when possible). Generally on a Monday morning after assembly. When we have a meeting we usually catch up afterwards for a 1 hours walk and lunch. It's a real social event for the parents and carer's of our children. We tend to alternate our walk and lunch between local towns to show our support to their business.
- Add your name to the Parent Helper Database - Contact the Office 5688 1460 or Lisa Monod-De-Froideville on 0409 179 235.
- Volunteer to help when requests come home.
- Read the fortnightly newsletter, email communication or any notes that come home and keep up to date with events.
- Events at the school are often run by volunteer parents and families, without the help of these volunteers from our school community, our school and its strong family centred culture wouldn't be what it is today. Being involved can support your child's learning and enrich their experience at school.

PFA is forever evolving, as parents of old move on, they make way for new parents to get involved. We hope that more of our new parents to the school, become involved in the PFA so that we can continue to provide fun-filled events for our children and continue to create exciting school experiences for all.

Thank you to all our amazing parent helpers, of past and present, for all your hard work, dedication and commitment to our cause. Your contributions, whether small or large, have been greatly appreciated and have vastly improved the quality of our children's schooling experiences. Many strong friendships have been forged along the way, many fun times have been had. Thank you to all!

We welcome anyone in our school community to get involved. It's such a great opportunity to meet new people, support one another and make a positive difference to our children's school environment and experience.

Everyone leads busy lives so the PFA is guided by the idiom, "Many hands make light work".

Our PFA umbrella is very large. There are many opportunities and ways that parents can help. Even if it is only once a year, we really appreciate it. Staff and parents are all here to support one another, no matter how big or small the job. Our values to success are communication, dedication, enthusiasm, support and (most of all) fun.

All parents at WDPS are welcome to be a part of this organisation. Non-school age children are always welcome to attend our activities under your supervision.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

Welshpool & District Primary School PFA



If you would like to be involved in our PFA please fill in the section below and return it to school so we can add you to our PFA emailing list.

WELSHPOOL & DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL PFA

NAME	PARENT/CARER OF	EMAIL ADDRESS	CONTACT No.

I WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND PFA MEETINGS

I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETINGS, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT WITH WEDNESDAY BBQ, COOKING FOR FUNDRAISERS, SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS AND ANYTHING ELSE THAT MAY ARISE WITH PARENTS CLUB

School Council Member Vacancies



We are currently looking to fill 4 vacant parent member positions on School Council

School Council is a great way to be involved in the decision making of the school.

We meet twice a term on a Tuesday evening (6pm start).

Nomination forms can be collected from the school office.

If you are interested or have any questions please make contact with the school.

Our AGM is Tuesday the 9th of March



Welshpool & District Primary School Parent's Club

Hotdog Order Form

On Wednesday 31st March instead of normal BBQ we will be selling Hotdogs.

Hotdog in a roll: \$2.50ea.

Juice box: \$1 ea.

Choc or Strawberry Milk box: \$1 ea.

No icy poles this day.

(ONE ORDER PER FAMILY)

Orders & payment are due back Monday 22nd March - 9am (no exceptions).

Name: _____

Number of Hotdogs: _____

Type of Drink: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Community Information & Events

Arts & Creatives in ACTION!
Join this FREE program providing inspiration and professional development



SIGN UP to receive:
6-part email resource pack
Invitations to Zoom workshops
Access to a growing network

ZOOM workshops on:
Being Market Ready
Working Together Effectively
Digital Communities

ArtsACTION
Upskilling for creatives to activate career pathways, broaden networks & build market reach

JOIN NOW: popupart.com.au/artsaction
FREE to participate from 1st December 2020 - 30th June 2021

Facilitated By:   Melbourne Office: 2C Percy St Parkville VIC 3101 • Tel: 9510 6022 • Mob: 0419 210 765
Regional Office: Suite 419, 39-41 Williamstown St Werribee VIC 3030 • Mob: 0419 020 243

In Partnership With:       


Prom Coast Soccer Club

Want to Play SOCCER?

Come down and have a kick, and register your interest.

Who: All Ages, Abilities & Genders
5yo - Adult

Where: Welshpool Recreation Reserve
Port Welshpool Rd, Welshpool

When: Wednesdays starting 24th February

Time: 5yo - 11yo, 5pm - 6pm
12yo - Adult, 5.30 - 6.30pm

Bring: Water Bottle, Shin Guards

Covid Safety Rules Apply
Sign in at Canteen Window Prior to Playing.

More info needed? - Call/text 0419 322 384

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Welshpool & District Horticultural Society Inc.
60TH AUTUMN SHOW

The magic of diamonds
featuring the colour silver



Friday 5th March 2021 1:30pm - 5pm
Saturday 6th March 2021 10am - 4pm
Welshpool Memorial Hall,
South Gippsland HWY Victoria

Admission \$5 | Plant stalls & Refreshments
Children free

COVID - SAFE PROTOCOLS OPERATING

Acting Secretary - Prue Fleming Tel: 03 5682 2701 Mob: 0418 775 717
P O Box 306 Foster 3960 Email: pruefleming@bigpond.com
Entries to be notified to Prue by 6pm Wednesday March 3th.

Saturday 13th March
Gate Opens & Inflatable Up From 6pm
ALL WELCOME

THE FUTURE AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE

TOORA SWIMMING POOL PRESENTS
Twilight Cinema
FEATURE FILM
THE CROODS A NEW AGE

Entry tickets are \$10 - FREE for 4 & under
The Shark will be up, the Water Park is a go!
Sausages Sizzle & Movie all inclusive
Tickets from Our Friendly Team ask the next time you're in or
Give us a call, if you buy in advance you go in the draw to win your entry thru the door
Fundraiser for the Toora Pool Committee

Entry \$10

decorate your bike

OR SCOOTER OR SKATEBOARD

SUNDAY 7 MARCH 10.30-12.30

PEAR PARTY
HERITAGE PEAR ORCHARD
VOTING AND PRIZES



WDFNC Family Fun Day and Show n Shine
The Woodside & District's annual Family Fun Day and Show n' Shine - Sunday March 21st at the Woodside Rec Reserve, 10-3pm. FREE Kids activities including face painting, jumping castles, bucking bull, plaster of paris and petting zoo. Canteen and bar available. Practices matches for both netball and football as well as Junior clinics starting from 11.00am - great family fun for the whole family. Entry into Show and Shine free - includes motorcycles, trucks, cars and old machinery. Awards presented on the day. This event is supported by the Wellington Shire. Covid guidelines will be enforced. This is a covid safe event. Gold Coin donation upon entry into gates. **ALL WELCOME.**

 
FBA FOSTER BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

JUNIOR BASKETBALL DRILLS AND SKILLS

Come along to our 6 weeks of fun basketball training and be coached by Hannah Weston.

WHEN: Starting Wednesday 10th March 4pm-4:45pm

WHERE: Toora Primary School Stadium

AGE: All ages welcome - aimed at 4-8yo

COST: \$15- Including 6 weeks of training & Grand final fun (Free for children who registered for Aussie Hoops and missed out because of covid-contact Jade for more information)

Contact: Follow Foster Basketball on facebook for registration link or message Jade - 0408 513 261 for more details

<https://www.facebook.com/fosterbasketballassociation>

Sunday 7th March 2021
10am to 7pm

Fish Creek Children's Literature Day

The 2021 Fish Creek Children's Literature Day is part of the 2021 Prom Coast Festival. It recognises Fish Creek's unique standing as a destination for children's literature and storytelling. The program is an opportunity for children near and far to meet the authors and illustrators behind their favourite storybooks, as well as for local children to feel the sense of pride and belonging which comes from celebrating the creative pursuits of their local community.

