



Newsletter: 13 Thursday 1st September 2022

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.

Congratulations!

I start this newsletter off with wonderful news. Miss Parnall has had her baby! Last week Georgia and Chris welcomed into the world baby Flynn George Round. Born at Warragul Hospital on 25th August., Flynn was 3515 grams and is 51cm in length. Both Georgia and Flynn are doing well and are now back home. We are so excited for them and can't wait to meet Flynn. We did have a couple of families put in guesses for Miss Parnall's baby. Unfortunately those guesses were all female and not in August. Miss Parnall was too tricky!



At the end of last week I attended the Victorian Principals Association (VPA) Conference. The theme of the conference was Leading with Courage, Optimism and Resilience. I have never returned from a conference so inspired and ready to put into action some of the learning. The speakers ranged from researchers and consultants to survivors and adventurers.

One presenter, Kath Koschel told her story of breaking her back (not once but twice) and learning how to walk again. There was not a dry eye in the conference as she shared her story with us. Kath challenged the way we saw the world. She is the founder of the Kindness Factory which works on the premise of one small act can make a difference. For more information on the Kindness Factory please go to www.thekindnesscurriculum.com

Dr Adam Fraser spoke about the importance of regular moments of recovery and why this is important in our busy lives. He suggests short, regular, consistent bursts of recovery. Instead of the 'wait until the holidays', 'I'll just get through this first' recovery most of us do. Dr Fraser recommends doing something 5/10 minutes a day that puts you in a deep state of calm.

All these speakers validated the work we are doing here at school. We are providing the students time for meditation and mindfulness. We discuss and act out random acts of kindness. We focus on being brave and courageous and working on our resiliency.

What it did remind me of however is that we, as adults, don't necessarily do this for ourselves. Now is the perfect time to be kind to yourselves. Do something that calms you. Do something that energises you. Have a day of freedom and be unproductive. Take care of you. *Rest and care are so important. When you take time to replenish your spirit, it allows you to serve others from the overflow. You cannot serve from an empty vessel.—Eleanor Brownn*

Gabrielle Boyd

Principal

Little School, Big Heart

Reminder of term reminders

Friday 2nd September Family breakfast

Thursday 8th September R U OK? Day wear a splash of yellow

Friday 9th September Division Athletics and PJ day at school

Wednesday 14th September Footy colours day and Hot dog day

Friday 16th September last day term 3 early dismissal 2:20

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Address: 5960 South Gippsland Highway, Welshpool Vic 3966
Phone: 03 56881460 Mobile: 0407 483 726
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Student Awards



Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week Awards:

P/1/2/3—* Cove Bland showing the school value of excellence through

4/5/6—* Oliver Proudlock for consistent effort

*** Dylan Ward being a great buddy**

Congratulations to all the students who have earned reading awards





GRADE 4, 5 & 6 NEWS

Over the last couple of weeks, the grade 4/5/6 students have begun exploring a range of interesting topics in reading, writing and mathematics. In reading, the students have been working on summarising and have been working hard on choosing relevant information that explains the main idea. For writing, the students have been looking at review writing and what details need to be included in a good review. In mathematics we have looked at measuring area and have discussed the real-world applications for the topic.

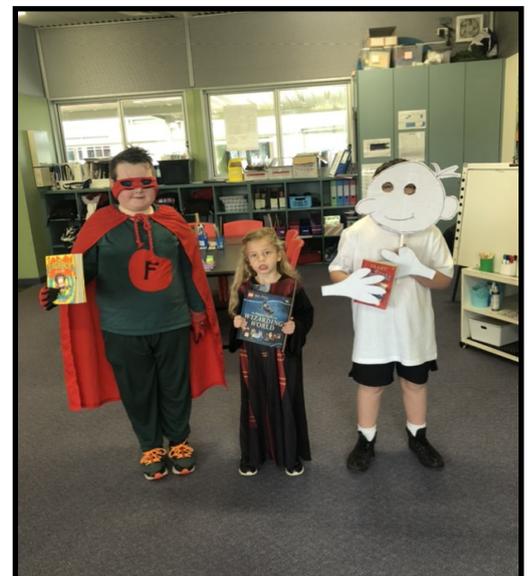
In addition, we have been continuing our work with sounds write and whole school maths and have begun to spend time working on spelling



Book week

On Wednesday the 24th of August, our school ran activities to celebrate book week. The topic for this year was 'Dreaming with eyes open' and the students came to school dressed up as a variety of book characters to celebrate the day. Across the morning sessions, the students participated in a parade to show off their costumes, completed an information poster on their character and worked in buddy pairs to review the shortlisted book 'Winston and the indoor cat'.

Congratulations goes to Isla, Ethan and Nate for being the winners of 'best dressed' competition during the costume parade.





GRADE 4, 5 & 6 NEWS cont'd



Netball excursion

On Monday the 22nd of August, the 4/5/6 students went to Traralgon to watch the Australian Netball Championships.

The students had the opportunity to watch a professional match between the Victorian Fury and the Sunshine Coast Lightning. The match was played at a high-intensity and the collective group was passionately supporting the home team. In addition to this, the students got to participate in a netball skills clinic. This allowed for the students to become more comfortable with the rules and to learn and trial new skills.

All of the students had a fantastic day and embraced the opportunity to participate in a relatively unfamiliar sport.





Science Week

Science Week activities

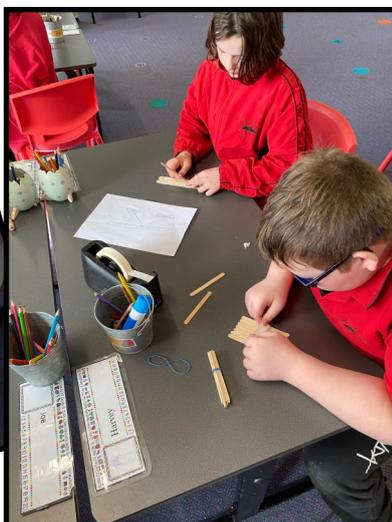
We were very lucky to have Brett from the Discovery Science and Technology Centre in Bendigo visit our school and run 2 sessions with our students.

The first session was Marble Runs. The students were put into small groups and given a variety of materials (bottles, marble tracks, foam, cardboard and drums!) to build a marble run that changed direction at least 3 times. It was amazing to watch the teamwork and imagination of each group to build some amazing marble runs.

The second session was Clever Coding. The students had the opportunity to play with spherical robots, driving them around the hall using an iPad. They were taught to change their robot's colour and program its movements. The students had a lot of fun!

During Science week the students participated in a bridge building challenge. The students were put into small groups and had to build a bridge using icy pole sticks and masking tape. After building the bridges, the students tested the bridges to see how much weight they could hold without breaking.

Brett will be returning in late November to run 2 more sessions with our students, Wind tunnels and Circuits, should be lots of fun.





Theircare
Where Kids love to be!

We have had a busy week doing lots of Father's Day/special person day activities.

We can't give anything away but we hope all the Dad's and special people in our lives have a wonderful day on Sunday.

Jaimee



Previous ACTIVITIES

Book week!

We attempted to make our own paper which was fun however I did not leave it to dry long enough so it unfortunately broke into pieces...Whoops!

We had a go at a couple of Willy Wonka experiments-what does this colour taste like, it was rather interesting with interesting results, no one realised it was the same drink the only difference being 1 different drop of food colouring in each cup.

Students completed a book inspired wordsearch. On Thursday we made some no bake Gruffalo claws, that was quite fun and delicious.



COMING UP

Spring time has arrived, and with that we hope to have more time outdoors.

Some activities that we are looking at are; pressed flowers, making nature pictures/designs using flowers, rocks, sticks and leaves, make a giant snakes and ladders game using chalk.

Lots more fun activities as well.

If anyone would like to have a look or would like some more information or have any questions regarding Theircare please don't hesitate to come speak to me and I will answer or find out the answers if I am unsure

Jamie Clavarino





Upcoming Events

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
T3 WEEK 8	29	30	31	1 Newsletter Day	2 Family Breakfast
T3 WEEK 9	5	6	7	8 R U Okay? Day	9 Division Athletics Gippsland PJ Day
T3 WEEK 10	12	13 School Council Meeting 6pm	14 Footy Colours day & hotdog day	15	16 Newsletter Day END OF TERM 3 2.20 dismissal
T4 WEEK 1	3 START TERM 4	4 Somers Camp Grad 5/6	5 Somers Camp Grad 5/6	6 Somers Camp Grad 5/6	7 Somers Camp Grad 5/6
T4 WEEK 2	10 Somers Camp Grad 5/6	11 Somers Camp Grad 5/6	12 Somers Camp Grad 5/6	13	14 Junior Athletics
T4 WEEK 3	17	18	19	20 Newsletter Day	21



WDPS FOOTY COLOURS & HOT DOG DAY ORDER FORM

NAME: _____

Description	\$	QTY	Total \$
Hotdog, drink & jam donut	\$5.00		
Additional hot dog	\$3.50		





Parents & Friends Association (PFA)

REMINDER:



Don't forget there is also Friday lunch orders from the Welshpool supermarket. Orders need to be made direct with the supermarket by Thursdays

TERM 3

SHOUT OUT TO PARENTS. COULD WE PLEASE HAVE MORE VOLUNTEER HELPERS FOR BBQ WEDNSDAYS. THE KIDS SO ENJOY THEM, YUM YUM SAUSAGES IN MY TUM. CONTACT THE SCHOOL FOR ROSTER INFORMATION.



BBQ
WEDNESDAYS
ORDERS IN BY
WEDNESDAY 9AM

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		
				\$



 <p>Learn how to ask at ruok.org.au</p>	<p>RUOK? Day Thursday 8th September Students are asked to wear a splash of yellow. This may be yellow socks, a yellow wrist band, a yellow hair tie, yellow shoes. Students will still be required to wear school uniform (with a splash of yellow). Students will participate in wellbeing activities throughout the day.</p>
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OPINION SURVEY

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welshpool and District PS is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. We encourage all families to participate in this survey. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 15th August to Friday 16th September**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English.

Below is a link to the survey, school details and the school PIN. Please note that survey data is anonymous.

Please feel free to contact the school on 56881460 if you would like more information.

Gabbi

Survey Link:

<https://www.orida.com.au/parent>

School Name: Welshpool and District PS

Campus Name: Welshpool and District PS

Pin: 830360

SEPTEMBER 9!!

Gippsland's Biggest
P.J. DAY

SUPPORTING A BETTER LIFE
FOR FOSTER KIDS

EVERY GIPPSLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL IS INVITED TO WEAR OODIES, ONESIES OR P.J.S
ON SEPTEMBER 9TH TO RAISE FUNDS AND AWARENESS FOR THE GIPPSLAND CHARITY
'A BETTER LIFE FOR FOSTER KIDS'

REGISTER YOUR EVENT AND FIND MORE INFORMATION BY EMAILING
GIPPSLANDSBIGGESTPJDAY@GMAIL.COM



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