



## Newsletter: Thursday 18th May 2023

### 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.*

WELSHPOOL AND DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL No:5396

### Attitude to School Survey

Students in Grades 4-6 received information this week about their participation in the Attitude to School Survey. This is a Department of Education survey administered each year to capture student voice. Areas surveyed range from student engagement, wellbeing, resilience, bullying and life in general. Students will participate in the survey in the coming weeks. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

### School Hours

We have had a number of incidents of students being dropped off very early in the morning and late to be collected in the afternoon. Please note that the supervised hours of operation are 8:45 through to 3:20.

Staff have commitments in the morning and afternoon which usually involves class and material set up for the day and meetings and professional development. Over the past few weeks staff have had an additional hour plus a week supervision outside our normal hours of supervision.

We are extremely fortunate at WDPS that we have a before and after school service. TheirCare hours of operation are 7-8:45 in the morning and 3:20-6 in the evening. Please engage this service if you require students at school outside the normal operating times. Jaimee is more than happy to help any family with the set up process.

### Illness

We have a number of bugs and illnesses floating around the area and slowly making their way to school. Please ensure any child who is unwell remains home from school. We would appreciate notification if your child has anything that is likely to be passed on to the others. We have staff and students who are immune compromised. Notification for these families ensures health and safety.

### Walk to School Friday 19th May

Tomorrow (weather permitting) we will be meeting students at the Post Office at 8:45 for our walk to school. Students on the bus will walk down to meet up with the walkers. A compass notification will go out around 8:30 if the weather does not allow us to walk.

### Grant success

I am extremely excited to share with our school community that we have been successful in securing a couple of grants.

At the end of last year we were successful in receiving a \$30,000 Active Schools grant. This grant will allow us to purchase 34 new bicycles, helmets, safety vests, maintenance supplies and storage for all equipment. The grant will also provide for Bike Ed training for staff and students. It is hoped that during term 3 we will conduct Bike Ed at school and then in term 4, when the weather is warmer, we have a community bike ride to Port Welshpool. Watch this space!

This week I was notified that we were successful in securing a \$25,000 Schools Upgrade Fund grant. Handyman Mick was very excited by this as this money is headed to the Wetlands project. The project involves a outdoor classroom build, a camp site area, fire pit and dry/wet river bed which is winter will flow into the dam. Very exciting things happening for the school.

A massive thank you to Veronica, our Bush Chaplain, and UCA Gippsland Presbyterian who have gifted us a \$1500 grant for Breakfast Club. Veronica has been providing many delicious breakfast options. I think the spaghetti jaffles and bacon and egg rolls have been the pick of the breakfast!

### Term 2

**Thursday 25th May** Division Cross Country  
**Friday 9th June** Curriculum Day Report Writing Day for Staff TheirCare operational  
**Monday 12th June** King's Birthday Public Holiday  
**Monday 19th –Friday 23rd June** Grade 5/6 Snow Camp **What to pack list sent home today**  
**Friday 23rd June** Last day Term 2 2:20 finish

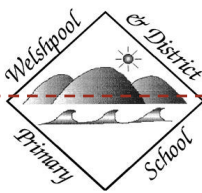
Gabrielle Boyd Principal

Little School, Big Heart



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# Student Awards



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

**P/1—\***

**2/3 —\* Michael Lay-Noad for excellent reading**

**4/5/6—\* Kai Johnson for demonstrating the value of community**

Congratulations to all the students  
who have earned reading awards



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

We would like to wish the following  
students who celebrated their birthdays in the past fortnight a  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!**

**Carlee Proudlock**

## Calling all volunteers!

We are putting a call out for any family member or community member who would like to give some of their time to volunteer at the school. It may be listening to the students read, helping in the garden, taking a small group for cooking, helping run the school breakfast club or perhaps you have another skill we could utilise within the school. Volunteers would need a current working with children check (the school can assist with this). Please contact the school on 56881460 to express your interest. We look forward to working with you.

**Volunteers**  
don't necessarily  
have the time.  
they just have  
the heart







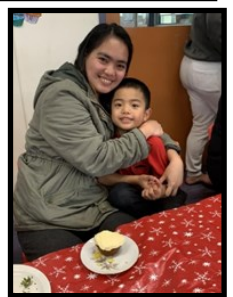
## Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

On Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of May Mothers, Grandmothers and special people were invited to enjoy afternoon tea with us. The afternoon began with students presenting their guests with a present that they had carefully selected at the Welshpool Op-shop. Students also created artwork for their special someone. Students waited on their guests providing them with tea, coffee, beautiful cakes & slices and hot goodies. It was a lovely afternoon, with a great turn out of guests.

Special thanks to Welshpool Op-shop for putting on the stall for students to purchase their gifts from.

Thank you to all who attended, it was a wonderful afternoon.

Mrs. Wade.

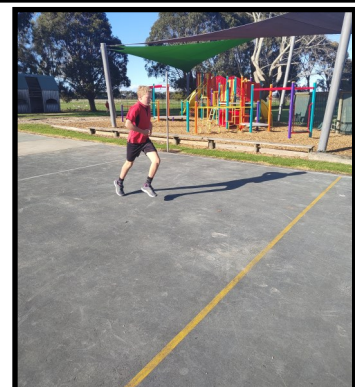


## Cross Country

On Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> of May the division cross country will be held at the Stony Creek racecourse. The students have participated in trials at school to qualify for the event, with students aged 9/10 running 2 km and students aged 11 and up running 3km.

Congratulations go to Carlee, Oliver, Slade, Dylan, Harvey and Kai who recorded fast enough times to qualify for next Thursday's event. Good luck to you all!

Mr Moore







## Forest Lodge Farm Camp

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May, seven Grade 3/4 students caught the bus to Forest Lodge Farm. They attended the camp with students from Tarwin Lower PS and Toora PS.

When we arrived at camp, we set up our cabin rooms and after a snack we headed off to our first group of activities. The Giant Swing was a big adventure for some. We had lots of children facing their fears and having a go. Campfire Cooking was lots of fun. We cooked damper and toffee apples, it was delicious! Disc Golf was the other activity. We had fun trying to hit the targets.

After dinner, we went on a very long night walk. We spotted Blue (from Blue's Clues) hiding in the branches, but we were a little too noisy to find any real animals. After a cup of milo, we were off to bed.

On day two, we had a very busy day. The morning activities were the Mud Run, Archery, and the Flying fox. The Mud Run was very wet and muddy. We had lots of fun getting dirty while trying to go through the obstacle course. After a warm shower we learnt to shoot arrows in the archery shed. The flying fox was another activity that challenged some students, but it was lots of fun.

After lunch, we went to Hut building or the Low Ropes Course. At hut building, it was boys v girls to see who could make the best hut. The girls won both times! The Lower Ropes Course was a team building activity for students to work together to get around the course. It was very challenging and lots of fun.

After dinner we watched a movie, (some of us fell asleep) then it was off to bed.

On the third day we had to be up at 7am to dress and pack up our rooms before breakfast. That was a big challenge for some rooms (there were some bag explosions).

After a delicious breakfast of pancakes, we headed out to do the Clue Trail. We were given a set of clues and we had to explore the camp to find the answers.


It was a great camp, we got to try new activities and made lots of new friends!

Mrs Zuidema





## Upcoming Events

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
T2 WEEK 4	May 2023 15	16 School Council	17	18 Newsletter Day Transition Kinder	19 Walk to School Day 
T2 WEEK 5	22	23	24	25 Division Cross Country Stony Creek	26
T2 WEEK 6	29 District winter sports	30	31	June 2023 1 Newsletter Day Regional Cross Country Lardner Park Transition—Kinder	2
T2 WEEK 7	5	6	7	8	9 Curriculum Day
T2 WEEK 8	12 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	13 School Council	14	15 Newsletter Day Division winter sports	16

### Reminders

\* There are still a few outstanding permission notes (orange Local and Digital Technologies form), could the families that still have these outstanding return them to Sandra at the office please.

\* Please ensure you use the sign in/out Ipad when visiting the school. Use Quickcode if system has registered your information previously.

\* Red school beanies available for purchase from the Uniform shop as the weather is getting colder.

\* If you have any bus/student pickup changes, please contact the school by 3pm to ensure changes take place and the supervising teacher/s notified.

# TERM 2



## Parents & Friends Association (PFA)

### **Calling all your tried, tested & most loved recipes!**

WDPS PFA would like to create a 'WDPS Recipe Book' so if you have a fabulous recipe that everyone loves or that you're famous for or that has been passed down through generations we would love a copy for our book. (Make sure you add your name to it and if it came from a Great Grandmother or Pop or an Aunt or a well known Community member or so on).

We want to get to the grass roots of our community so if you know of someone with "the best" we would love to publish it.

This will be an ongoing project until we have enough to complete our recipe book.

Please give to Lisa or Stacey or straight to the office.

We look forward to seeing all those amazing recipes.

Lisa Van Kuyk

**BBQ  
WEDNESDAYS  
ORDERS IN BY  
WEDNESDAY  
9AM**



### **SCHOOL BBQ ROSTER Term 2**

Wed 24th May - Stacey  
Wed 31st May - Stacey  
Wed 7th June - **TBC-helper needed**  
Wed 14th June - **TBC -helper needed**  
Wed 21 June - **TBC -helper needed**

**\*\*Helpers needed\*\*.**  
**Please contact Emma Pyke**  
**if your are able to help.**

### **FRIDAY LUNCH ORDERS**



### **Welshpool Supermarket & Café Lunch Orders**

#### **Sandwiches \$4.50**

Proteins: Ham, Salami, Beef, Chicken or Egg Mayo  
Salads: Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot, Beetroot, Cheese  
Condiments: Mayonnaise or Pickles or Pesto  
Bread: White, Wholemeal, Multigrain (Fresh or Toasted)

#### **Hot Food**

Pie: \$4.50  
Sausage Roll: \$4.00  
Steamed Dim Sims: \$1.00 Each or 3 for \$4.00  
Vegetable Pastie: \$4.50  
Hot Dog: \$4.00  
Sauce: Tomato, BBQ or Mustard

#### **Extras:**

Fruit Salad cups: \$4.00  
Homemade muffins: \$4.00  
Yoyo's : \$2.00

#### **Drinks**

Pop tops: \$2.50 (Apple, Orange or Apple & Blackcurrent)  
Hot Chocolate: \$3.00  
Nippy's \$3.50 (Iced Chocolate, Strawberry or Banana)

**Orders to be made directly through the Welshpool Supermarket the Thursday prior**

### **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		
				\$



SOUTH GIPPSLAND

# Kindergarten Central Enrolment



## CENTRAL ENROLMENT NOW OPEN

To register your child for three-year-old or four-year-old kindergarten for next year, visit the South Gippsland Shire Council website from 1 May and complete a registration form nominating your kindergarten preferences.



To be included in the first round offers you must register by 30 June.

You can register at:

**[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment)**

For more information, please phone 5662 9200 or text your contact details to 0447 965 850 and we will call you back.