



Newsletter: 4 Tuesday 3 December 2024

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.

2025 classes and staffing

As we move closer to the end of the year we can now share with you the class structure and staff profile for 2025.

We are very excited to announce that we will have some additional staff joining us next year. Miss Mia Reber-Ewin and Miss Chloe Matthews will come on as fulltime classroom teachers and Mrs Denise Sheedy will take on an Education Support role. Mr Joel Moore will be taking a years leave to teach overseas throughout the 2025 school year.

Our 2025 class structure and staff will be;

Grade Prep and 1 taught by Mrs Chloe Wade and supported by Ella Rendell and Denise Sheedy.

Grade 2 and 3 taught by Miss Chloe Matthews and supported by Indi Collins and Hazel Kerri-son-Male.

Grade 4 and 5 and 6 taught by Miss Mia Reber-Ewin and supported by Jaimee Clavarino and Sofie Platt

Miss Matthews and Miss Reber-Ewin are moving to the area for these roles, both with family in the area. Over the next 3 weeks you will see them both at school as they start to meet the students and families and learn the processes at WDPS.

On Tuesday 10th December Miss Matthews and Miss Reber-Ewin will be here alongside Mrs Wade for Statewide Transition.

Mrs Georgia Round will continue on as an instructional leader supporting our staff and students through the inclusion and tutoring work. WDPS has been selected to participate in the Primary Maths Specialist initiative. Mrs Round will be coordinating this from a school level. She will continue with a four-day workload.

Toni Eddy will continue in her role as Wellbeing/Mental Health leader, 2 days a week.

Cathy will continue her 2 day a week role in the OHS and compliance space. Over the next few months Cathy will be working towards our OHS audit which is scheduled for May.

Mrs Jacqueline Southwell and her family are moving to Metung and will not be continuing in her Wellbeing role. Ms Caz Allen's position will cease at the end of this term and she will head off to Yarram with a 2 day per week classroom role. We are very appreciative of both Jacqueline and Caz for the role they have played at WDPS and wish them well for 2025.

We are extremely excited for 2025 and the opportunities it will bring.

As always, if you require anything please do not hesitate to contact us, either via the office or directly to the classroom teacher.

Gabrielle Boyd
Principal
Little School, Big Heart



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WDPS Looking ahead 2024



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
T4 WEEK 9	<u>December 2</u> Book club due	3	4 Whole school Bike ride NO BBQ	5 Caz Concert	6 OT
T4 WEEK 10	9	10 Statewide transition Grade 6 Graduation	11	12 Newsletter	13
SWIMMING					FUN DAY
T4 WEEK 11	16	17 School Lunch	18  Christmas Celebrations	19 CURRICULUM DAY	20 LAST DAY OF TERM 4 CURRICULUM DAY
T1 WEEK 1	<u>January 27</u>	28 START OF TERM 1 <u>Teachers start</u>	29 Term 1 <u>Students start</u> (no preps)	30 Term 1 <u>Preps start</u>	31
T1 WEEK 2	<u>February 3</u>	4	5 No Preps	6	7
SWIMMING					SWIMMING
T1 WEEK 3	10	11	12 No Preps	13	14 District Swimming Toora Pool
T1 WEEK 4	17	18	19 No Preps	20	21



**ASSEMBLY 3PM
FRIDAY'S**

REMINDER TO PARENTS, ENTERING ABSCENCES ON COMPASS .

If a student is **absent** from school, please ensure you make the appropriate entry on Compass with the relevant code applicable. Unexplained absences must be identified.

If a student is **late**, parents are required to sign them in on the Ipad in the office and hand the printed slip to the classroom teacher or office admin, for role marking.

Student Awards



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

Week 6

- P/1— Emily** for trying her hardest in assessments
- 2/3 — Cian** for taking on new challenges at school sleepover
- 4/5/6— Ethan** for taking his time with assessments



Week 8

- P/1— Mukarram** for creating great friendships
- 2/3 — Michael** for excellence in writing
- 4/5/6— Leila** for hard work in maths lessons



Week 7

- P/1— Joziah** for taking on feedback
- 2/3 — Beau** for trying his best in assessment
- 4/5/6— Charlie** for showing initiative in class



Student Awards



Congratulations to Aleea, Tyke, Emily, Mylah, Cara, Joziah, Beau, Parishay, Joe, Kaylee, Isla, Dylan(2), Michael, Jae who have received REC Awards



Congratulations to all the students who have earned reading awards.



Student Awards



Music Award— Leila and Slade



Leila's interest and ability in music has grown throughout the year seeing her become a very capable and reliable music student.

Slade is a very capable music student who adapts to all music class situations with skill. He is able to take up any musical role required, without notice, and do it well.

Mrs Dower

Student Awards



Certificate of achievement French class



Clary, Leila, Dylan and Nate. (pictured above)

I would like to congratulate these grade 6 students for excellence in French class. I would like to acknowledge not only the growth in their learning of French but also thank them for their enthusiasm and commitment and leadership. They never baulked at any challenge set before them but were always keen to tackle every task and determined to complete tasks well.

Sue Dower. French Teacher.

P/1 Classroom



Week 8 already! The term has just flown by.

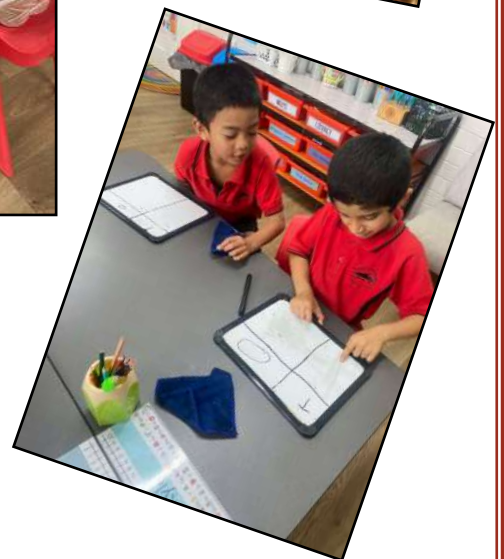
This week Prep students have been very excited to finally be up to unit 11 in sounds-write. Unit 11 is the final unit in the initial code of sounds-write, after unit 11 students then move onto unit 1 of the extended code. We are currently learning sounds 'sh' 'ch' 'ck' 'th' 'wh' 'qu' 'tch', some of these sounds can be quite tricky!

Grade 1 students have been working really hard on their extended code knowledge. Grade 1 students are currently learning the 'ee' sound through other spellings such as 'ae' and 'ai'. Well-done P/1 students for your hard work in reading.

In writing students have been exploring acrostic poems and how to write them. We have been learning place value in whole school maths. In maths in the P/1 we have been learning about telling the time to o'clock and half past.

I am looking forward to spending the remaining time we have of the year with my amazing P/1 class.

Mrs Wade



2/3 Classroom



Over the last few weeks students in 2/3 have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. This week students used this knowledge to plan and construct 3D creations using various shapes.

In writing students have been learning about procedural texts and creating excellent procedural texts of their choice. In reading students have been learning about the Sounds Write extended code and expanding on their ability to review and discuss different text types.

Grade 2/3 have had a wonderful semester and have been working hard to achieve some excellent growth. It has been great to see to all the students work hard to meet their individual learning goals and make improvements in different aspects of their learning. It has been a pleasure working with all of the 2/3 students this semester.

Over the next few weeks, we have several exciting activities happening such as the whole school bike ride, Ms Allan's concert, swimming, statewide transition and our Christmas celebrations.

If you have any concerns and wish to discuss anything, please don't hesitate to contact us in person or via email.

Mrs Round and Ms Allan



4/5/6 Classroom



End of Year Wrap-Up for Grades 4/5/6

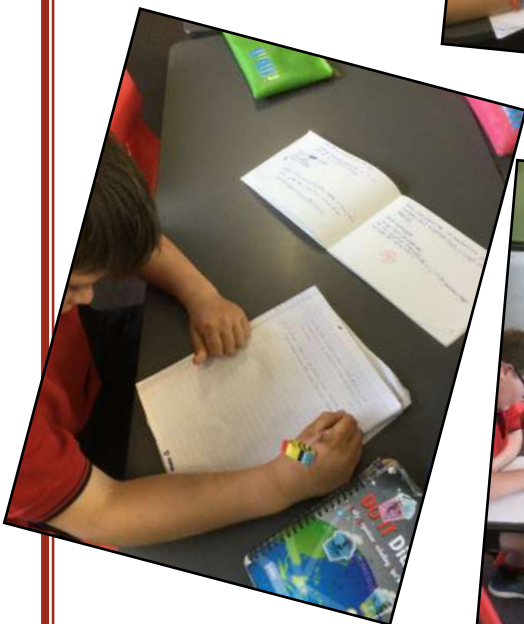
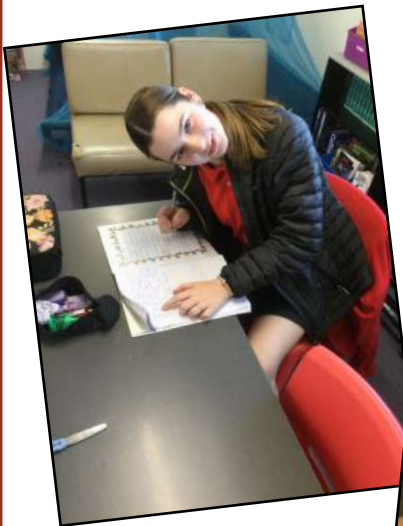
Well done to all our Grade 4, 5, and 6 students for your amazing efforts this year! You've all worked so hard and have made incredible progress. Over the last few weeks, the students have been busy with assessments, and it's been wonderful to see how focused and dedicated everyone has been.

The Grade 5 students have been preparing their leadership speeches for the State-wide Transition Day on December 10th, while the Grade 6 students have been practicing their graduation speeches. Both groups are doing an outstanding job!

Looking ahead, we have some exciting events! Wednesday, we'll have our whole-school bike ride, followed by the Talent Show on Thursday. Then, on December 10th, we'll have the State-wide Transition Day and the Grade 6 Graduation.

Great work this year, everyone!

Mr Moore



SPIKE



During term 3 Gabbi and myself (Chloe) attended a 3-day professional development called SPIKE, this program surrounds the promotion of positive cultural awareness in the schooling environment. During week 8 we both went back to the professional development SPIKE training for another 2 days to reflect on our school-based project and learn further around what we can do as a school to ensure inclusivity towards all cultures in the school.

Our school-based project is to include yarning circles as a daily ritual. A yarning circle is an important process that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people use to learn from one another, build respect, and share knowledge. It is also a method that engenders the building of robust, trusting, and caring relationships between people/s. To begin the process of our school-based project, we decided to introduce a yarning circle into the P/1 classroom. This yarning circle is taking place every Friday at fruit time. During this time, I would ask a structures question such as "What colour do you feel like today, why?". Each student would get a turn to answer the question when they held the 'talking rock'. During this time P/1 students learnt about how to be respectful in the circle and the importance of the yarning circle. P/1 students really enjoyed answering and sharing their thoughts and feelings.

During our final 2 days of SPIKE training, we had to present to the group what our project was, what steps we took, how it was going and our next steps. It was great to reflect upon our work, it also motivated us to think of our next steps.

Our next steps for 2025 will be to incorporate yarning circles across all classrooms, creating a space where students can feel safe, connected and supported.

Mrs Wade



“Because you can tell everything.” - Tyke



“I love we all get to share; we get to share what we feel.” - Alea





Cooking/life skills program

This week cooking with Rob saw us utilise the new outdoor learning space in the Wetlands.



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

For the month of November. We would like to wish the following students a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!**

Will and Mylah



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October 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welshpool & District Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Welshpool & District Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students.

We want to thank you for all your support, whether that is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to organise and coordinate the best possible programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning classroom structure. These financial contributions assist us with the purchasing of art, science and physical education equipment and resources. This in turn supports them to be exemplary programs, together with our exceptional classroom teaching of the established subjects such as Reading, Writing and Maths.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Gabrielle Boyd'.

Gabrielle Boyd
Principal



Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment:</i>	\$60
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 x workbook • 10 x pen • 5 x eraser • 5 x glue • 4 x grey lead pencil • 1 x sharpener • 1 x text book • 1 x pencil case • 1 x ruler • 1 x packet of textas • 1 x packet of highlighters • 1 x packet of pencils 	
<i>Online English/Mathematics Program Subscriptions</i>	\$30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P-3 Maths Seeds / 4-6 Mathletics (\$15) • P-6 Reading Eggs (\$15) 	
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$5
<i>Provision of ICT devices for classroom use</i>	\$5
<i>MARC Van</i>	\$10
<i>CEP cultural experiences</i>	\$10
Sub-Total Total Amount	\$120.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>Sports Association Membership</i>	\$10
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$20
Total Amount	\$150.00

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Welshpool & District Primary School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

No payment is required for these items or activities at this time – electronic permission forms and payment requests will be sent out to families throughout 2025.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
<i>Optional Grade 6 T-shirts</i>
<i>Optional Whole school photos</i>
<i>Optional swimming program</i>
<i>Optional sports programs</i>
<i>Other optional excursions to be scheduled</i>



Financial Support for Families

Welshpool & District Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- State School Relief
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Sandra Hoy

Ph: 03 5688 1460 | Email: Sandra.Hoy@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$120.00
Other Contributions	\$30.00
Total Amount	\$150.00

Payment methods

Payment can be made by cash, cheque or direct deposit.

Account details: BSB 633-000

Account Number: 156869083

Account Name: Welshpool and District Primary School

Please quote Parent Contribution 2025 (then family name) as a reference.

For example: Parent Contribution 2025 Boyd

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.



PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, The Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



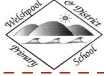
FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.



Parents & Friends Association (PFA)

Tickets due back 9 December Sold or unsold please

MEGA XMAS

MAJOR PRIZES

1st

- 2 Nights Accommodation Prom Port Cottages
- Adult Pass Wanderer Adventures
- Welshpool Hotel Voucher
- Toora Foodworks Voucher
- Welshpool Supermarket & Cafe Voucher

2nd

- \$300 Voucher Long Jetty Caravan Park
- Iron Man Camp Chair (Foster Service Centre C&H Hilder)
- Toora Foodworks Voucher
- The Rusty Gurnard Voucher
- Welshpool Supermarket & Cafe Voucher

3rd

- \$200 Voucher RACV Inverloch Resort
- Evans Petroleum Voucher
- Touchwood Timber Long Jetty Serving Platter (The Olive Branch Prom Country)

4th

- AFL Medallion Club Tickets (Theicare)

5th

- Side of Lamb (Roger & Heather Stephens)
- Toora Foodworks Voucher
- Welshpool Supermarket & Cafe Voucher

6th

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- Toora Foodworks Voucher
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ADDITIONAL PRIZES

- 7th** Gurneys Cider Underground Tour for up to 10 people
- 8th** Toora Pool Term 1 Swim Lessons, Pool Pack (Jo & Leeroy de Boer), Windmill Cafe Voucher
- 9th** Merry People Bobbi Boots
- 10th** Natio Gift Pack
- 11th** Russell Hobbs Seal Fresh Vacuum Sealer (Leongatha Betta Home)
- 12th** Great Southern Ride 2x E Bike Hire
- 13th** Honey Tripper Art Work
- 14th** A Maze N Things Family Pass
- 15th** Hair & Tanning Pack (Jayde Jolly)
- 16th** \$100 Bunnings Gift Card (Traralgon)
- 17th** MCG Aus Sports Museum 4x Passes
- 18th** x1 Block of Fit Check Classes (Ebony Deering)
- 19th** Melbourne Cable Park Vouchers
- 20th** Anedda's Fish Voucher
- 21st** Melbourne Museum 2x Adult Passes
- 22nd** \$50 Toora Post Office Voucher
- 23rd** \$50 Pantan Store Toora Voucher
- 24th** \$50 Bunnings Gift Card (Wonthaggi)
- 25th** Toora Pharmacy Gift Pack
- 26th** Yarram Plaza Hot Bread Voucher
- 27th** Stadium 4 Cinema Tickets x2 (Leongatha)
- 28th** \$50 Plant & Vegie Online Voucher

OVER \$5K IN PRIZES

A huge **thankyou** to all the families & local businesses who have supported our school & made donations.

All money raised will go towards the redevelopment of our basketball court area!

DATES: Raffle drawn at our School Christmas Party: **Wednesday 18th December**
All tickets sold & unsold to be returned by: **Monday 9th December**

Toora Pool Fun Day Friday, 13 December 2024.

Please find order form, students can bring **\$5.00 only** to spend at the Toora Pool canteen as no drinks or icy-poles available.

Any student not ordering from BBQ please bring their own lunch from home.



Toora Pool Fun Day BBQ ORDER FORM

NAME: _____

	Description	\$	QTY	Total \$
	Sausages	\$2.00 ea		
				\$

No Drinks
Students can bring up to \$5 for the canteen



For children's service providers and families

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program is now open!

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If your family or child has a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, you may be eligible for up to \$200 to put towards the cost of your child's participation in sport and active recreation activities.

Important Dates:

Round 8 open to apply for a voucher or reimbursement: 10:00 am Wednesday, 9 October 2024 and will remain open until the allocation is exhausted.

Reimbursement expenditure dates: from 1 July 2024 until submission of application

Vouchers expiry date: Tuesday, 29 April 2025.

The *Get Active Kids Voucher Program* helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and active recreation activities by providing financial support for the cost of membership and registration fees. Eligible children may be able to receive up to \$200 each.

Special consideration also applies for children residing in care services, as well as temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants, or international students.

To find out if you are eligible, how to apply, what costs are covered and more, visit www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers



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Community Information & Events

Welshpool Recreation Reserve Committee presents

**Saturday
14th
December**

**Lawn
Mower
Races**

Arthur Sutherland
Recreation Reserve
Port Welshpool Rd
Welshpool

Races Start 10am

Jumping Castle
Inflatable Slide
Animal Nursery
Face Painting
market stalls
& more

RACING

Welshpool Recreation Reserve

Entry : \$5 per person, \$15 family
All day rides pass \$10

https://www.facebook.com/Welshpool



PROMONTORY PRODUCE & CRAFT MARKET

The biggest and best craft market in Gippsland

FOSTER SHOWGROUNDS

The Lions Club of Toora in conjunction with the Foster Rotary Club announce the dates for our 2024-25 season. Join us from 8am to 1pm on these special Sundays for the Biggest and Best Craft Market in Gippsland. There are over 100 stalls around the oval at the FOSTER SHOWGROUNDS. Unless unforeseen circumstances occur, the Rotary Club train will also be running.

Sunday 3 November 2024

Sunday 8 December 2024

Sunday 29 December 2024 (*New Year's weekend*)

Sunday 26 January 2025 (*Australia Day Weekend*)

Sunday 9 March 2025 (*Labour Day Weekend*)

Sunday 20 April 2025 (*Easter Sunday*)

Entry is \$2 (cash) and free for children under 16 years.

Please respect that dogs are **NOT** permitted in the market areas, so we appreciate your co-operation in maintaining a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone.

Market enquires: **0439 033 960**

Email: promproduceandcraftmarket@gmail.com

Looking for Express of Interest for

Table Tennis

Welshpool Memorial Hall

All Equipment Supplied

All Levels Welcome

for 6 x Fridays (20/12/24 - 24/01/25)

9:30am - 11:30am

\$2 /player/time

Please contact JJ on 0400 114 905

We need to have enough people interested in the program to run it.

