



## Newsletter: 3 Thursday 6 March 2025

### 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

### WDPS 2025 School Captains

Congratulations to Kai and Ethan who were awarded School Captains for 2025, during the week 4 assembly. Kai and Ethan will be great leaders at our school and have already displayed leadership qualities within the classroom and the playground.



### Grade 6 shirts

At the beginning of the year, the Grade 6 students designed their 2025 Grade 6 shirt. The boys spent time looking at different designs and colour options. The shirts have now come in and you may have spotted Kai and Ethan wearing them around. Don't they look great? We think they are fantastic!



### NAPLAN

Next week students in Grade 3 and 5 will commence their NAPLAN assessment at WDPS. NAPLAN results allow parents/carers and educators to see how students are progressing in literacy and numeracy over time – individually, as part of their school community, and against national standards.

The tests support monitoring and evaluating of the performance of schools and school systems in these fundamental capabilities. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education approaches are working, areas to be prioritised for improvement, and those schools requiring support in the teaching and learning of literacy and numeracy..

NAPLAN timetable will be:

Wednesday 12th March Writing  
Friday 14th March Reading  
Monday 17th March Language Conventions  
Wednesday 19th March Numeracy

### Dates to remember

#### March

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>** Labour Day Public Holiday  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>** School Council/AGM  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> - Monday 24<sup>th</sup>** NAPLAN testing period  
**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>** Prom Coast Athletics Grades 3-6

#### April

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>** District Athletics  
**Friday 4<sup>th</sup>** Last day term  
1 early dismissal 2:30 finish

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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## UPDATED:

### REMINDER TO PARENTS, WHEN ENTERING ABSCENCES ON COMPASS, LATE OR EARLY LEAVERS.

If a student is **absent** from school, please ensure you make the appropriate entry on Compass with the relevant code applicable on the day of the non attendance. Unexplained non attendance must be identified. If you choose 'parent choice', please explain why in comments section, so we can re-code if necessary.

If a student is **late** or leaving **early**, parents/guardians must sign them in/out on the lpad in the office, and place the printed slip in container in office for admin role marking.

Thank you again for your understanding in this matter.



## SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERS

School photos' check if you received your email and can order them online with Blue Wolf.

### FOLLOW THESE 3 EASY STEPS TO AVOID MISSING OUT!

1.

Keep an eye out for an email/text message from us. It contains a unique order code & link. You should receive it approximately 2 weeks after the shoot.

Register online via the link provided. Pick a package, or individual items and place your order. We offer free School delivery for the first 10 days after the photos go live!

3.

All the photos will be delivered to the School as soon as the 10 day free delivery period has expired. Home deliveries are sent within 2 Business days of ordering.

2.

**BLUE WOLF**  
H O T O G R A P H Y

For further information, please contact us at  
[info@bluewolfphotography.com.au](mailto:info@bluewolfphotography.com.au), or visit  
[www.bluewolfphotography.au](http://www.bluewolfphotography.au)





## Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#).

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy [<https://www.welshpoolps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Photographing-Filming-and-Recording-Students-Policy.docx.pdf>], describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

Amharic	Mandarin	Urdu
Arabic	Somali	Vietnamese
Dari	Sudanese	
Gujarati	Turkish	

## About Us

**State Schools' Relief is unique. No other Australian state or territory has a similar organisation.**

Since 1930, State Schools' Relief has been providing anonymous support so that students receiving our assistance can do so with dignity. It's our belief that every student deserves the opportunity to participate in their education without barriers.

## Who are we?

State Schools' Relief is a Victorian not-for-profit organisation that supports the needs of disadvantaged government school students by providing new school uniforms, school shoes and a host of other essential educational resources, including learning devices.

Our simple and practical service ensures that all students can attend school in warmth and comfort with a greater sense of belonging and improved self-esteem, which in turn assists students to engage in their learning and strengthen their educational outcomes.



For the month of March and April. We would like to wish the following students a HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

**Beau, Nhius, Cara, Hoorain**

# Student Awards



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

## Week 4

- P/1 – Jae** for her hard work in maths
- 2/3 – Resham** for his enthusiasm towards his learning
- 4/5/6 – Ethan** for being resilient

## Week 5

- P/1 – Mylah** for excellence in writing
- 2/3 – Alea** for helping others when they're hurt
- 4/5/6 – Will** for playing well with younger students



Congratulations to **Resham, Camilla, Beau, Joziah, Emily and Nhiam** who have received **REC Awards** (School Values: Respect, Excellent & Community)



# WDPS Looking ahead 2025



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
T1 WEEK 6	<u>March 3</u>	4	5	6 Newsletter	7 OT
		PARENT/GUARDIAN TEACHER INTERVIEWS			
T1 WEEK 7	10 Public Holiday	11 School Council AGM	12 NAPLAN	13	14
T1 WEEK 8	17 NAPLAN	18	19	20 Newsletter	21 OT
T1 WEEK 9	24 NAPLAN	25	26	27 Prom Coast Athletics Grade 3—6	28
T1 WEEK 10	31	<u>April 1</u>	2 District Athletics	3 Newsletter	4 Easter Fun Day Last day Term 1 2.30 finish
T2 WEEK 1	21 Term 1 School holidays, last day	22 Start Term 2	23 Immunisation session hall 2pm	24	25 Public Holiday
T2 WEEK 2	28	29	30	May 1 Mitch Tambo performance Newsletter	2
T2 WEEK 3	5	6	7	8	9



**ASSEMBLY 3PM  
FRIDAY'S in the hall**



# GLASSES FOR KIDS PROGRAM

If you would like your child to participate in the program please return the consent forms by 24 April 2025.



## GLASSES FOR KIDS IS COMING TO THIS SCHOOL

The Glasses for Kids program will be visiting this school to provide eligible students with **FREE** vision screening, then testing and glasses (as required)



Scan this QR code to find out more on the GFK website




A Victorian State Government and State Schools Relief Initiative  
Questions? Please contact the GFK team via [info@glassesforkids.com.au](mailto:info@glassesforkids.com.au)



## GLASSES FOR KIDS SIGN UP TODAY!

The Glasses for Kids program will be visiting this school to provide eligible students with **FREE** vision screening, then testing and glasses (as required)

Visit Date/s 14 MAY 2025

School Contact Gabrielle Boyd

Forms Due 24 APRIL 2025



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# Get up to \$500 for education costs

Achieve a savings goal for 10 months, and **ANZ** will match it up to \$500.

To be eligible, you need to meet these requirements:



18 years or older



A regular income (you or your partner)



Attend free online financial education workshops



Are studying yourself or have a child at school, or starting next year



Current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card

[Saverplus.org.au](http://Saverplus.org.au)

## 1300 610 355



Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in partnership with The Smith Family and Bony Street. It is funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.

## SPOTLIGHT Book Club ISSUE 2

### KEEP READING ROLLING with a series!

- A book series offers non-stop adventure. The fun doesn't stop with just one book!
- A series of books allows you to go on an adventure with your favourite characters and watch them grow, learn and face new challenges.
- Each book in a series adds a brand new chapter to the story, making it an endless world of possibilities!

There are some great series to discover in Issue 2, such as...

**AGES 3+**

With a wobbly dive and a gangly leap, here comes Bin Chicken in a feathery leap! "Shoo!" say the kids as she flaps on her way. "Bin Chickens aren't welcome at school sports day!" Go Team Ibis! It's sports carnival time, and Ibis has teamed up with some friends. But they aren't running to the finish line...they're racing to lunch!

**BIN CHICKEN GOES FOR GOLD** ITEM 010




**AGES 7+**

It's time for the Top-Top Talent Quest! And, thanks to their secret SUPER SPRAY, Nelson and Kerry have the BEST ACT ever. They can dance, do backflips... and they look like ROCK STARS! Until the Super Spray suddenly fails and all they can do is FALL OVER! Can the boys find a way to save Duck Crook... and their DIGNITY?!

**NINJA KIDS**


**NINJA TALENT! (NINJA KID 15)** ITEM 009



**AGES 7+**

We are Dragon Girls—hauru roar! Three friends, Eloise, Ah and Maya have just discovered that they have an amazing gift. They can transform into powerful Fire Dragons when they travel to the Magic Forest. Once there, Eloise learns that she is the mighty Flame Dragon. She must lead Ah and Maya on an epic quest to a place in the forest called the Fire Realm, which only appears once every thousand years. But an evil queen is gaining power there. She must be stopped, and Eloise and her friends are just the dragons for the job! Includes Flame Dragon Fidget.

**ELOISE THE FLAME DRAGON (DRAGON GIRLS #16)** ITEM 005




**AGES 8+**


The twins sure are cuts in their matching outfits. But once Mrs. Arnold leaves, Marilyn and Carolyn turn into twin terrors! They trick Mallory to that she can't tell them apart and they act like spoiled brats. Taking care of Marilyn and Carolyn is a baby-sitting nightmare. But Mallory is a responsible member of the Baby-sitters Club and she's not giving up!

**BABY-SITTERS CLUB**

**MALLORY AND THE TROUBLE WITH TWINS (THE BABY-SITTERS CLUB #17)** ITEM 004



**REMINDE STUDENTS WHEN TO HAVE THEIR ORDERS PLACED BY: 24 March 2025**





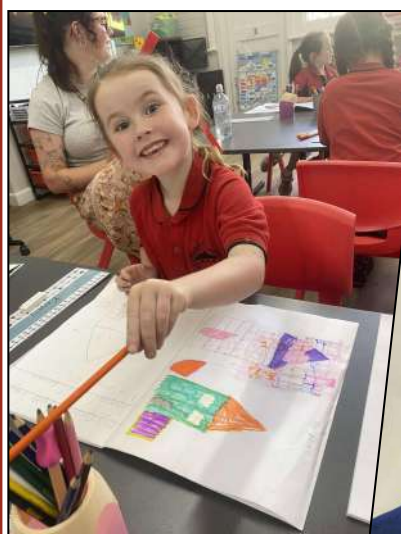
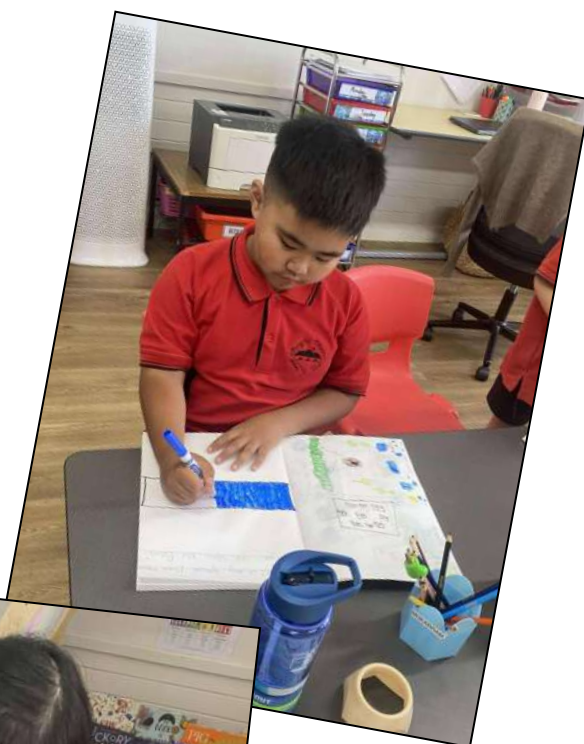
# Inquisitive



Inquisitive is back! We are excited to be teaching inquisitive again this year. Students from P – 6 will be participating in inquisitive once a week. What is inquisitive? Inquisitive is an integration of a range of subjects in one. During inquisitive students will be learning science, geography, history, Business, civics and citizenship, business and economics.

For term 1 students in 3/4/5/6 have been learning about geography. Learning all things Australia, such as states, capital cities and important places. Students in P/1/2 have also been learning about geography focusing on local areas such as where they live and go to school. Over the next few weeks, we will continue our learning surrounding geography.

Mrs Wade



# Art



On a Tuesday afternoon, students have been participating in art activities.

Our first focus of the year was creating artwork for the Foster Show. With the theme 'The Colours of South Gippsland', students were asked to think of what 'home' looks like during the day and night. This received many different results, from a drawing of their houses to the views at Port Welshpool, portrayed through varying colours. Hopefully students were able to find and point out their artwork at the show.

Our next big event, still coming up, is the Flower Show in Welshpool. Students have spent the last few weeks engaging in crafts that will match the theme of 'Autumn Reflections'. With the Grade 2's and 3's assisting in collecting materials from around the school, our art area has been full of leaves, sticks, pinecones, gumnuts and many more items.

Students in Grade 3-6 utilised egg cartons to build flowers by cutting and painting the holders with the colours they would see during Autumn. While Preps-Grade 2 spent time building flowers from leaves, as well as little bugs. With the help of Denise, we were also able to use materials to turn pinecones into different animals, expanding the idea of what we can do in art.

We will all take a walk down to view our artwork in the hall this coming Friday.

Regards, Chloe Matthews





# Physical Education (PE)



In PE, we have begun preparing for our upcoming Athletics Day.

In Prep-2, we have been focusing on key Fundamental Movement Skills such as running, skipping, hopping and jumping. We have been practicing moving safely in PE and being aware of ourselves and others when playing games and learning new skills. We have also been doing some running practice and learnt long jump and triple jump. All the Prep-2 students have shown great enthusiasm and energy in PE, and we are looking forward to moving into our next focus on team games and playing well together.

The 3-6 students have been refining their athletics skills, with many students showing improvement in their form already! We practiced running, relay races (especially baton changes), long jump and triple jump. Everyone is very excited for next week when we will practice High Jump and Hurdles. We have also been focusing on developing our team playing skills and working well with each other in PE.

Miss Reber



# Mental Health in Primary Schools



Hi, I'm Toni,

I am excited to be in the new Mental Health Teacher role where I can connect with and support the students and your families in 2025.

I come from a background of Early Childhood teaching, alternative village school teaching and various classroom teacher roles in local schools. I am a mother and work in my own practice out of school, where I have a passion and love for supporting adults to heal and children and teenagers socially and emotionally.

I feel fortunate to be able to share my energy and passion in a school environment where wellbeing is seen as a top priority for the students to thrive.

At school I will be supporting individuals out of the classroom, grades 2/3 with group sessions on emotional literacy and grades 4/5/6 with a 'cooking for wellbeing' program.

If you see me around the school, please introduce yourself and have a chat.



## Building primary schools' capacity to enhance children's mental health

Children's mental health is fundamental to their development and learning. Good mental health means having a positive sense of wellbeing, coping with challenges and being able to realise individual potential. Unfortunately, not all children experience good mental health. Schools are an ideal platform for promoting children's mental health. Yet, without resourcing and dedicated training and support, it can be challenging for teachers to navigate increasing mental health issues in the classroom.

Developed by paediatricians, educators, psychologists, researchers, and teachers, the Mental Health in Primary Schools (MHIPS) program upsills experienced teachers to become Mental Health and Wellbeing Leaders and aims to increase the capacity of Victorian primary schools to support the mental health of their students.

### MHIPS Overview

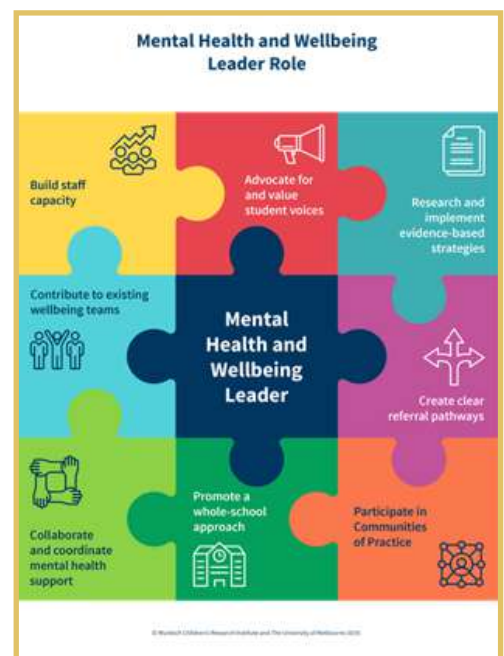
### The MHIPS Model

The model comprises a Mental Health Wellbeing Leader (MHWL) role (an experienced educator) and an evidence-based training program.

The model has been informed by a needs analysis phase which included consultation in 331 schools across metropolitan, rural and regional Victoria and more than 1000 teacher surveys. A key strength of the model's design is that it builds on existing school wellbeing and mental health structures while helping the education and health sectors to work together.

### The MHWL Role

The role of the MHWL is to build the capability of the whole school about mental health and wellbeing (identification, promotion and prevention), provide support to staff to better identify and support students with mental health needs, establish clear pathways for referral for students requiring assessment and intervention, and monitor and evaluate student progress.





# School supplier for school shoes



Inside/Out Clothing has been chosen as a school supplier for school shoes. If you wish to use your SSB uniform allocation to purchase appropriate footwear for your child, inside/out clothing can help you with their range. Please ensure you take your SSB code/voucher number provided. If you don't know your code/voucher number or if unsure how you allocated, come into the office and see Sandra who can provide you with your code/voucher number and double check the allocation is available for uniform on the SSB portal.

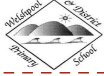
**\$400**



**School Saving**

**Bonus**

Insideout Clothing & Footwear is now a school saving bonus supplier for  
**Welshpool & District Primary School**  
See us at 19 Main St, FOSTER



# Parents & Friends Association (PFA)

Easter Raffle tickets went home with students last week, if you are yet to see them please check their school bags and if you need more there are still plenty at school.

Donations can be left at the office.

We thank you all for your support in selling tickets, buying tickets and donating items for the hampers.

Lisa Van Kuyk

## SCHOOL BBQ ROSTER

Term 1

### January

Wed 29th *Jayde*

### February

Wed 5th Sandra

Wed 12th *Kerri*

Wed 19th Sandra

Wed 26th *Lisa V*

### March

Wed 5th Sandra

Wed 12th *Kerri*

Wed 19th Sandra

Wed 26th *Jo*

### April

Wed 2nd Sandra

Welshpool & District Primary School  
Parents' Club

# Easter RAFFLE

2025 EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS  
\$1.00 / TICKET

Prizes include:  
x2 Sides of Lamb (1st + 2nd Prize)  
Multiple Easter Hampers  
Local delivery only  
Winners notified by phone

RAFFLE DRAWN: FRIDAY 4TH APRIL  
Tickets to be returned by 28th March 2025

THANKYOU, FROM THE PFA

Welshpool & District Primary School  
Parents' Club

# Easter RAFFLE

DONATIONS REQUIRED

It's time for our annual Easter Raffle, and to make this year's prizes spectacular, we would love for each family to donate x1 Easter related item per student.

Please send donations in with students to place in the box in the school foyer.

We would greatly appreciate it if all donations could be sent to the school by:

**FRIDAY 28TH MARCH 2025**

THANKYOU, FROM THE PFA



## WDPS HOTDOG ORDER FORM

**HOTDOG  
WEDNESDAY  
ORDERS IN BY  
WEDNESDAY  
9AM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

	Description	\$	QTY	Total \$
Hotdog		\$2.00 ea		
Drink	Choc/Straw/Plain Milk	\$1.50 ea		
	Juice Box	\$1.50 ea		
Icy Poles	Various Flavours	\$0.50 ea		
				\$



# Community Information & Events



## 4-WEEK POP UP BLAST

Sign up to our 4-week action packed program and share the joy of cricket with exciting games, learning and friendships.

Foster Cricket Club

Dates: Tuesday- 25 Feb, 4 Mar, 11 Mar, 18 Mar  
Time: 4:30-5:30pm

Scan the QR code or click this link to register!



Sign up Today!

Play Cricket

PROUDLY  
PRESENTED BY



## JUNIOR PATHWAY



From Woolworths Cricket Blast through the Junior Cricket stage, all kids can advance their skills and discover how awesome it is to be part of a team through fun game-based activities. The stages have been developed based on academic research, testing and community feedback.

This includes consideration for physical, mental and emotional development.

Participation and progression through the stage is based on ability level, therefore the ages are indicative only. Players are encouraged to participate at a stage appropriate for them.



Play Cricket

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### Sunday March 9th, 2025

Thorpdale Recreation Reserve, Thorpdale  
9:30am-4:30pm

## THE THORPDALE POTATO FESTIVAL IS BACK FOR 2025!

With all your favourite events and activities returning!

The Vin Rowe Spud Challenge   Spud Picking   Hessians on the Field  
Pallet Throw   Professional Woodchop   TC Trickz Stunt Motorbikes  
as well as...

Over 100 food & market stalls   Sheep Shearing Demonstrations  
Petting Zoo   Free Kids Rides   Live Music   Farmers Market  
and much more!

Buy tickets online and save time at the gate!

STRICTLY NO DOGS  
PERMITTED AT THE EVENT

Visit [www.thorpdalepotatofestival.com.au](http://www.thorpdalepotatofestival.com.au) for tickets!





## Hessians on the Field

Get out the sewing machine and get creating!

With over \$1800 in prize money up for grabs, Hessians on the Field returns to the 2025 Thorpdale Potato Festival bigger and better than ever! With Primary, Secondary and Open categories, budding designers of all ages are encouraged to enter. Get on the sewing machine and start creating!



Sunday March 9th, 2025

Outfits/items must be predominantly made from new or recycled hessian or potato bags.

Visit [www.thorpdalepotatofestival.com.au](http://www.thorpdalepotatofestival.com.au) for entry & prize info!





# Community Information & Events



## 2025 COACHES

**U14** COACH - TROY JOHNSON  
ASSISTANT COACH - BEAU FRASER  
BORN 2011 & 2012

**U12** COACH - MATT GREEN  
ASSISTANT COACH - MATT WALLIS  
BORN 2013 & 2014

**U10** COACHES - LUKE ANEDDA & JAMIE MAURILLI-PULLIN  
BORN 2015, 2016 & 2017\*

**MORE INFO**  
Richard Johnston 0402 054 517  
Lisa Lees 0409 179 235

✉ stingraysfc@gmail.com  
f Corner Inlet Stingrays Junior Football Club

\* Priority given to 2015/2016 IF YOU HAVE OTHER SPORTING COMMITMENTS ON WEDNESDAYS FOR THE MOMENT, BUT YOU STILL WANT TO PLAY THAT IS OK, PLEASE REACH OUT TO US SO WE KNOW.



## TRAINING FOR U10'S, U12'S, U14'S & U16'S STARTS

### WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH

### 4.30PM - 5.30PM @ FOSTER

## SEASON STARTS

## SUNDAY 27TH APRIL 2025

SUBJECT TO CHANGE



## 2025 PRE-SEASON TRAINING

@ FOSTER - WEDNESDAYS - 4.30PM - 5.30PM  
FOSTER SHOWGROUNDS OVAL - Station Road, Foster

NEW TRAINING TEES ORDER WHEN YOU REGISTER  
REGISTER CUT OFF DATE 16/3/2025

REGISTER TODAY 

<https://www.playhq.com/all/register/e4a8191>

<b>U16</b> BORN 1/1/2009 - 31/12/2010	<b>U14</b> BORN 1/1/2011 - 31/12/2012
<b>U12</b> BORN 1/1/2013 - 31/12/2014	<b>U10</b> BORN 1/1/2015 - 30/04/2017

Family Friendly Club New Players Always Welcome Mixed Competition

✉ stingraysfc@gmail.com  
f Corner Inlet Stingrays Junior Football Club

MORE INFO Richard Johnston 0402 054 517  
Lisa Lees 0409 179 235

\* Priority given to 2015/2016 **GAMES ARE PLAYED ON SUNDAYS IN THE CGJFL**

## Journey CAMP

7-11 APRIL 


REGISTER


### Push your limits. Find your potential


Life for today's young people is fast-paced, digital, and often overwhelming. The Portsea Camp Journey Program offers a unique opportunity for kids and teens to unplug, challenge themselves, and develop resilience in a supportive and nature-based environment.


This five-day adventure is designed to push limits, build confidence, and foster real connections. Under the guidance of expert outdoor facilitators, participants will take part in a series of endurance challenges, survival skills training, and teamwork exercises that will leave them feeling empowered, capable, and inspired.

  
Hike

  
Bike Ride

  
Tent Camping

  
Trough Cooking

  
Self-care & Mindfulness

  
Survival Skills

#### Why This is a Game-Changer

- Confidence:** Overcome physical and mental challenges, proving personal strength.
- Resilience:** Learn to adapt, stay focused, and push through obstacles.
- Endurance:** Discover the power of perseverance and mental fortitude.
- Connection:** Form lifelong friendships and strengthen teamwork skills.
- Nature:** Experience the benefits of outdoor adventure for mental and emotional well-being.

**JUNIOR** 8-12yo  
A beginner-friendly experience designed to introduce outdoor adventure.

**TEEN** 13-17yo  
A more immersive challenge focusing on endurance, teamwork, and leadership.

✉ mad@thoportseacamp.com.au  
☎ (03) 5984 2680

The Portsea Camp  
3704 Point Nepean Rd,  
Portsea 





## WELSHPOOL & DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Website: <http://www.welshpoolps.vic.edu.au>

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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



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

### 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.

<b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>
<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](mailto:Sandra.Hoy@education.vic.gov.au)

## Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$120.00
Other Contributions	\$30.00
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>

## 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.