



# News & Views

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## Diary Dates

# 2017

## Term 4

### DECEMBER



8th	Expressions—Tree Tops Expressions—Hip Hop
13th	WPPS Twilight Farmers' & Craft Market 5.00pm-8.00pm Snr Choir Perf—Croydon Centro
15th	Ringwood Secondary Junior Production—"SHREK" - L3/4 Prep / Gr 6 Buddy Picnic
18th	L3/4 Discovery Expo CBL
19th	Kids' Market 9.30am-10.30am
20th	Grade 6 Graduation 5.30-10pm
21st	Gr 6 Fun Day Out Gr 5 Fun Day In
22nd	<b>LAST DAY TERM 4</b> <b>EARLY DISMISSAL 1.30PM</b>



# 2018

1st	New Years Day
26th	Australia Day
29th	Teachers Resume
30th	<b>FIRST DAY TERM 1</b> Grade 1—Grade 6 Prep Book Drop Off Only

### Notices / Replies Due Back



- L6—Fun Day Out
- L5—Graduation Supper
- L3/4 Shrek The Musical - RSC
- Bakers Delight—Xmas Tart Order
- Choir—Croydon Centro
- Kids Market Money

## From the Principal's Desk

### Planning for 2018

Planning is well underway for next year with teachers creating class groups for 2018. Parent information that was supplied in writing, has been passed on to teachers and will be added to the knowledge that teachers have of each child. Please note that it is not possible to take late requests now. We are very confident that our teaching teams will bring their expert knowledge of the social, emotional and academic needs of every child as they carefully create each class grouping. Students will meet their 2018 teacher and classmates in the last week of term.



Staffing for 2018 is almost complete. We are very much looking forward to Mrs. Emma Broadhurst, Mrs. Jos Hollyman, Mrs Sharmini Philp, Mrs Elle Powell and Mrs JulieAnn Stark returning to our 2018 teaching team.



We are also very pleased to announce that Mrs Adele Brice was the successful applicant for our recent Assistant Principal vacancy. We congratulate Adele on this provisional appointment and look forward to her continuing to drive curriculum and innovation into the future at WPPS. As our school grows, this second AP role will expand our current leadership profile along with Marg Askew and myself.

### 2018 Preps

On Wednesday, our 68 delightful new Preps had their final transition morning with their class teacher for 2018. They all had a wonderful morning, meeting their teacher, classmates and the big buddy that will look after them next year. Our Grade 5 students were bursting with excitement as they met their buddy and shared the special 'buddy bag' that they had made for them as a homework task this term. It is such a special relationship that not only supports our preps but gives all of our Grade 6 students an important leadership role in their final year of primary school.



1st of May,  
Hats off day.

But always remember,  
Hats on again in **September**.

A reminder the first day of  
Spring, we follow the Sunsmart  
policy and all children **MUST** wear  
a hat.

**NO HAT, NO PLAY**

**Hats are available to  
purchase at the office for  
\$12.00.**



## From the Principal's Desk cont...

### Smooth Transitions

At this time of the year setting students up for a smooth transition is a high priority. This is not just transition from pre-school to prep or Grade 6 to secondary school, but also from one grade level to the next. As with any change, most students feel both anticipation but also a little nervousness. To make this process smooth and set students up for success we plan various ways to familiarise students with what this new stage will 'look like' and 'feel like'.



As students move up through the school, there can still be worries about changing teacher, classroom and level, especially when it is a change to a new section of the school. Prep to Grade 1, Grade 2 to the Grade 3 building and Grade 4 up to the Grade 5 building can be both exciting but a bit daunting for some children. To help alleviate these little worries, we will begin our 'in-school' transition sessions shortly with classes moving up to their next level to check out what it will be like. We will have four sessions in all over the next two weeks so that children can get a 'feel' of their new surroundings. Initially we get students to identify what is the same, what is different and generally just begin to let them imagine being in their new surroundings next year. On the final transition session in the last week of school, students meet their new teacher and class in their new classroom, which really helps students feel more confident about their transition to the next level.

For our Grade 6 students, the transition to secondary school is both exciting but also tinged with a little sadness at leaving their primary school friends and teachers. To support students with this transition, we have many traditions that honour and celebrate their time at WPPS including making their 'Memory Books', Grade 6 Graduation, their Fun Day Out celebration day and their final whole school assembly to say goodbye to their peers, teachers and most importantly their Prep buddies. In preparation for their new beginning, we do a lot of work with students right through their Grade 5/6 years especially around the skills and dispositions that will help them succeed in the future. In Grade 6 the classroom teachers run sessions and discussions to help students address any fears or worries they may have so that they feel confident and ready to begin this next exciting phase in their education. Our students generally move on to around 15 or more different Government and independent schools, so transition visits to their new schools and visits by the Transition Coordinators from the secondary schools to meet our students, are an important part of the process also.



Change is an inevitable part of our lives and although transition through school can cause children to feel a little anxious, we have found that with the processes we have put into place, students generally feel excited and ready for the next challenge!

### Thank you to our School Helpers

There are so many parents, extended family member and members of the wider community who help us in so many ways. It was a lovely chance to say thankyou this week at our special morning tea. We truly appreciate the magnificent contribution that you have made to our learning community!



### Some important dates for your diary

This last two weeks of the year is a very busy time. Please put these dates in your diary ....



**Twilight Market – Wednesday, December 13th 5.00pm—8.00pm**



**Excursion for Grades 3 – 4 – Ringwood Secondary College Junior Production –Shrek– Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**



**Last regular assembly – Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 9.00am - \*\*PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME\*\***

This will be the final assembly for certificates (birthday, BEAUT and Bucket Awards) and Principal & Academic Awards



The **final assembly** for the year is held on the last day of term, **Friday, December 22nd, 12.30pm – 1.30 pm** when we say goodbye to our Class of 2017. **Dismissal is at 1.30 pm.**

There will be one more short newsletter in the final full week of term.

Have a great fortnight

Julie



## Around the School ...

The Wonga Park Primary School Council would like to remind parents and friends of the school that dogs are not to be brought onto school grounds, unless prior approval is given by the Principal.



## MUSIC NEWS



**Christmas Carols On the Oval** – Wow!!!! What a sensational evening it was last night. All of the students performed exceptionally well and we were really proud of you. Your hard work and diligence paid off and you got up on stage and presented yourselves confidently. You also looked and sounded very professional. Congratulations to all the performers!

### **We are not done yet!!**

Senior Choir, Junior Choir and Rock Band will be performing at the Farmers' Market next **Wednesday night the 13<sup>th</sup> of December at 6:30 p.m.**

### **Senior Choir**

Our Senior Choir will be performing at Croydon Centro Shopping Centre at 11:30am next **Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of December.** Come and check them out!!

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Thanks to all the wonderful families who generously gave up their time on Saturday. We had around 35 people in attendance on the day, and were able to tackle many jobs to make our school safer and cleaner for the children. We really appreciate the assistance of everyone involved. Our school is quite expansive and it makes a tremendous difference when we have families help to keep our grounds looking beautiful.

Smith  
Carter  
Tymensen  
Annal  
Newton  
Raymond  
West  
Taylor  
James  
Stewart  
Askew  
Crawford



**Thank you for a great year of  
School Banking.**

We would like to thank all of our students who have participated in the CommBank School Banking program this year.

Our final School Banking day for 2017 will be Wednesday 20th December, 2017. Any tokens that have not been redeemed this year can be used in 2018.





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to the  
following students who  
celebrated their Birthdays  
over the past and  
upcoming weeks:

Ella M, Marcus M,  
Alex G, Myka G,  
Hamish McK, Willow G,  
Will E, Thomas W,  
Olivia M, Jack E,  
Taylah M & Harper McI.

# School Community News...

## Re-usable Lunch Order Bags

**\$10.50 each**

The re-usable canteen bags are in stock and available at the office for **\$10.50**.

They are made of non-woven polypropylene, durable and easily wiped clean with a damp cloth. These bags are designed to keep money and written lunch orders in a safe separate zipper pocket so that it is not lost and so that it does not come into contact with food. The bag also has a transparent pocket to display Student's name and class.



## LOST PROPERTY

Our Lost property is now located in the Admin / sick bay area.

**Please feel free to come and look for lost items at any time.  
Don't forget to name all your school items to make returning easier.**



## School Banking



School Banking is on every **Wednesday** morning.

New accounts are welcome at any time.  
You can apply online or collect a new account form from the office.



## Uniform Shop

Our Uniform Shop is open on the

**first Monday morning of each month 8.30am - 9.15am**

If you are unable to attend to place your order on this day, you may place an order by phone or complete an order form at any time and leave it at the office.

Your order will be processed and you will be advised when your order is ready to collect.

Eftpos and credit card facilities available.



## **Canteen Duty Roster**



### **TERM 4**

### **DECEMBER**

Friday 8th	- Kristy Dinnison, Jessica Potter, Rachel Barnes
Thursday 14th	- Jan Caton, Carol Bracher
Friday 15th	- Vanessa MacKenzie, Narelle Evans, Renee Shevlin
Thursday 21st	- Debbie Couzens, Katrina Garrett
Friday 22nd	- <b>NO CANTEEN</b>

**Please note :-** if you are unable to attend your allotted time slot, could you please advise as soon as possible in order to find a replacement. Thank you.

## **First Aid Room Sick Bay Linen Roster**

### **TERM 4**

### **December**

Friday 8th	- Sarah Moore
Friday 15th	- Kristy Dinnison
Friday 22nd	- Sally Newton





*Around the School ...*

# Wonga Park Twilight market

**WED 13 DEC**

**5pm - 8pm**

**Wonga Park PS**

Dudley Rd, Wonga Park  
[wongapark.vic.edu.au](http://wongapark.vic.edu.au)



- FARMERS' MARKET STALLS
- CRAFT & GIFT STALLS
- FOOD & DRINKS
- CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES - MOBILE ANIMAL FARM, FACE PAINTING, JUMPING CASTLE, OUTDOOR MOVIE
- SILENT AUCTION
- "CHRISTMAS SHOPPING"



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**EARLY  
REGISTRATION  
DAY**

**BOYS & GIRLS**

**SATURDAY  
9 DECEMBER**

**10AM TO 2PM**



# soccer

## 2018

Dorset Reserve,  
Croydon
Enquiries: Julie  
0417554871



**Millicham Youth Theatre Proudly Presents**

# elf



# JR.

**The Musical**

Thursday 14 December 7 pm  
Friday 15 December 7pm  
Saturday 16 December 2pm & 4pm

Adult \$22.50 • 5-12 yrs \$15.00 • Concession \$15

Eltham College Performance Centre, 3600 Main Road, Rosarush

[trybooking.com/SCEP](http://trybooking.com/SCEP)








## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH  
21 BEMBOKA ROAD CROYDON HILLS

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December**  
10:00am – 4:00pm

Sausage Sizzle  
Morning Tea  
Children's Christmas Crafts

Yarra Valley Grammar Carols  
in the morning.  
Maroondah Singers from 11am  
U3A Croydon Singers from 2pm

Sunday from 12:30pm – 2:00pm  
Pleasant afternoon with Christmas Carols

Bring your gold coins to support  
your local community organisations

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