



**WAUBRA**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Respect: *Be Thoughtful*

Excellence: *Do your very best*

Integrity: *Do the Right Thing*

Responsibility: *Be in charge of yourself*

# Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2 6th February 2024

## Important Dates and INFORMATION

### February

7th—No Foundation Students  
14th—No Foundation Students  
21st—No Foundation Students  
28th—No Foundation Students

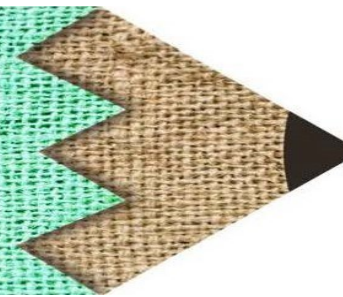
### March

4th—Student Free Day (Staff CUST Training-Ballarat)  
6th—No Foundation Students  
11th—**LABOUR DAY** Public Holiday  
13th—15th NAPLAN  
21st—4/5/6 Melbourne Grand Prix Excursion  
22nd—Foodbank Fun Run Food Fight  
27th—WPS Athletics Carnival  
28th—Last Day Term 1 2.15pm Finish

### Waubra Primary School's Vision

To develop academically and socially confident students in an engaging learning environment, where they are inspired to reach their full potential.

# ☺ A FEW REMINDERS!



## PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2024

Information regarding 2024 parent payments will be sent out early in Term 1. It can be also found on our website from early next year. Swimming is included in the 2024 parent payment arrangements for next year. Please remember payment plans can be arranged please call the school to discuss.

## SUNSMART

Waubra Primary School is a Sun Smart School during Term 4 we encourage parents to apply sunscreen to their child/children prior to coming to school each day. Children will be encouraged to reapply sunscreen throughout the day. All students are expected to wear a broad brimmed school hat. See our [Sun Protection Policy](#)

## FOUNDATION STUDENTS

In Term 1 the Foundation students do not attend school on Wednesdays until the 13th of March.

## NAPLAN

Grade 3 and Grade 5 Students will be completing their Naplan for 2024 from Wednesday

## FOODBANK FOODFIGHT FUNDRAISER

**Foodbank Victoria** proudly presents a unique and active way to Pay it Forward. Your kids and community will get the opportunity to support Foodbank Victoria and celebrate together in this incredible **FOOD FIGHT!** With no cost to the school whatsoever, there's no better time than now to actively support those in need during these challenging times.

Scheduled for Friday March 22nd More Details to come

## ICYPOLES

Changes to the way the icypoles will be managed going forward. The classroom teacher will no longer be responsible for collecting students money. If you child wants to purchase an Icypole they will need to put the \$1.00 in a safe spot in their bag and get it out at recess to purchase their icypole. Staff will not be responsible for any lost money. We have found that students need to be accountable for their belongings and more independent with things that happen on a regular basis.

## ***Holly Lyttle***

*For demonstrating all of our school value of **Respect** by:*

being an amazing Grade 1 leader in our classroom. Holly, you always show great listening skills by looking at the person talking and asking thoughtful questions. You complete activities with care, this shows that you have respect towards your own learning! Amazing start to the year, Holly!

***Awarded by Ms Mester***



## ***Alleah Duff***

*For demonstrating all of our school value of **Respect** by:*

For being such a great role model in our classroom over the first couple of days! You are leading by example and showing respect to your teachers and classmates. You are demonstrating positive behaviours to our new students which is wonderful to see.

***Awarded by Tim***

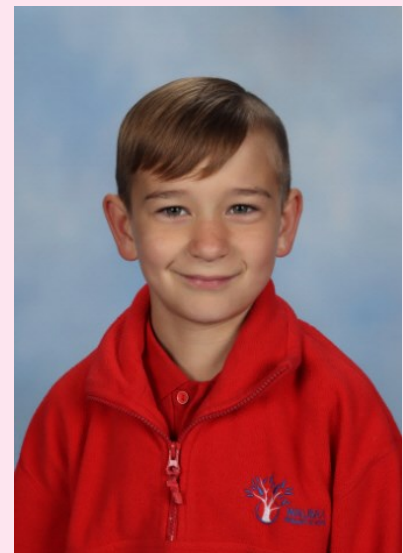


## ***Emmett Duff***

*For demonstrating all of our school values by:*

Beginning the term in a positive manner. I am looking forward to seeing what is in store for you this year, Emmett!

***Awarded by Ms Hurse***



# Respectful Relationships

## Award

*Term 1 Week 1 2024*

## Congratulations



**Oscar Cuddy**

**Hamish Lyttle & Grace Molloy**

Thank you for helping to promote and  
model respect, positive attitudes and  
behaviours in our school

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to all of our returning families and a very big welcome to all of our new families. We have had 7 new Foundation students start this year and they have settled in fantastically. We have also welcomed a new family to our community. Welcome Billy and Sophie to Waubra PS



## **2024 STUDENTS LEADERS**

We have also had the privilege of celebrating our 2024 School Leaders. On their first day back, they were presented with their leadership hats. We have Khloe (Springs), Marlie and Hope (School Captains), Evelyn (Bolton) and Keong (Mullawallah).

We are currently waiting for our leadership badges to arrive and as soon as they do, we will inform parents and they will be presented at assembly.

## **NEW STAFF 2024**

This year we welcome Emily Lindsay who will take on the role of Japanese Teacher. Japanese will take place fortnightly starting this Wednesday. We also welcome Ingrid DeBree who is our ART Teacher for 2024. Art will take place every Friday. For Term 1, I will be teaching PE where we will be focusing on game sense and Athletic skills in preparation for our House Sports on Wednesday 27th March.

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## WAUBRA OSH—BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We have been busy over the break getting our Wau-bra Primary School Osh up and running. This has taken an incredible amount of work but we are all up and running and authorised. We are currently awaiting our CCS application, so are charging a flat rate of \$5.00am session and \$10.00pm sessions. As soon as CCS is up and running families will be informed. We are using Kidsoft as our booking app for OSH. Bec is our OSH co-ordinator for 2024 and has been busy planning some great activities and menu options. If you would like to utilise either before school or after school care, please reach out and enrol your child.



## GROUND WORKS



Over the holiday break, workers were busy completing jobs to ensure our school is first class.

Thank you to Brianna Edmonston for organising the donation of fresh sand for the sand pit and a brand new mud kitchen which will be delivered shortly.

We had our gazebo works completed over the break. Thank you to the Waubra CWA and The

Waubra Wind Farms for their donations.

We have also had an irrigation system installed at the front of the school to keep our school looking vibrant and keep the dust down.

**Kane Tolliday—Principal**

# Foundation & Grade One News!

Term 1 2024!

Welcome to all our Foundation & Grade One families! It has been great to meet and catch up with you all last week. So far, we have had a busy few days in our room, learning to take turns, sitting with focus and finding our equipment.

It is AMAZING to see all the red book bags & diaries coming to and from home, to school. This will help us track our reading on our reading tree!



*Things to Note:*

*PE with Mr T is on Monday!*

*Art, each Friday!*

*Japanese is every second Wednesday!  
(even weeks)*

*MARC Van is every second Tuesday  
(odd weeks)*



# Grade 2/3/4 news

Term 1: Week 1 & 2

## Learning Focus:

**Reading:** For Reading, we have started the year by learning about Read to Self routines and expectations. Students have learnt the importance of choosing good fit books for themselves and they have learnt about the 5-finger rule which helps them to choose these books.

**Writing:** For Writing, students have been working on their handwriting from the word go! They have been learning how to write each letter of the alphabet accurately in upper-case and lower-case. This week we have also begun learning about the text structure and language features of a Recount.

**Maths:** For Maths students have created an 'About Me' maths poster. This week we are focusing mainly on Place Value. Students are learning about the importance of understanding numbers and knowing that each number is made of digits that have a specific place and value.



**Say hello the Grade 2/3/4 class for 2024!**

## What's Happening?

Welcome back everyone! It's so good to see all your faces around the school again. I hope everyone had a great Christmas break and has been able to spend some quality time with family and friends.

The Grade 2/3/4 students have made an excellent start to 2024 and I can't wait to see what they will achieve this year! It was great to see all students and families attending the assessment interviews last week! Thanks to everyone for making the effort! Please feel free to contact me or arrange a meeting if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year. I look forward to working with you all!

### Term 1 Specialist Days:

- MARC Van — Odd weeks on Tuesday
- PE — Every Wednesday
- Japanese — Even weeks on Wednesday
- Art — Every Friday

# Welcome back to school for the 2024 year!

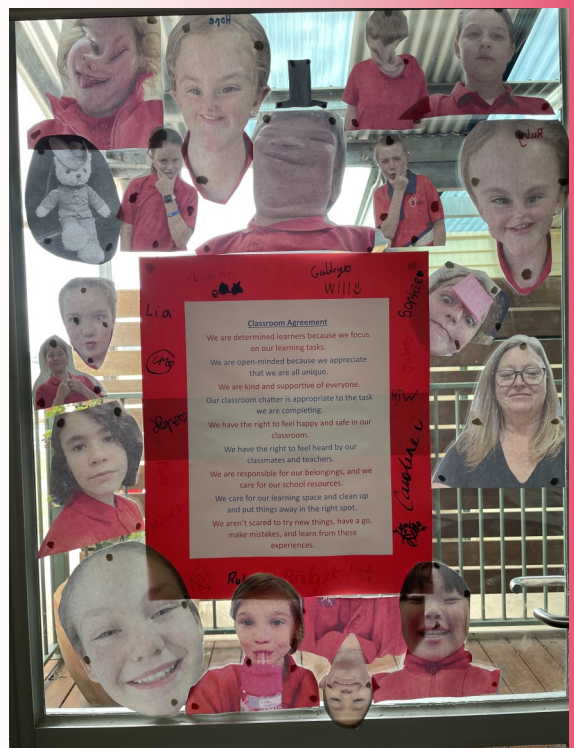
We have begun our term in a really positive manner with all students keen to get straight into learning.

We are focusing on routines and expectations of the classroom, which alter a little as the kids move into new grades. We are also looking at setting our first learning goals for the year... it's never too early!

I am looking forward to working with each and every one of you during the year, as well as completing some study of my own at the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership. This will see me out of the classroom only around once per term, so not too much of an interruption. Most of the conferences are after school hours!

Remember, If you have any questions or need a chat, please yell out via the student diary, and I can book you in for a chat when I am free.

Caroline Hurse



# Icy Poles

## Fridays \$1.00



## Wraps & Rolls

Starts next Week  
DAY TO BE CONFIRMED  
\$4.00



# WPS BEANIES



Warm up for Winter

Get your WPS Beanie!

They are available to purchase from the office for \$15.00. Or alternatively send money in an envelope marked "Beanie" and your child's name.

**JSC FUNDRAISER**

# Sports Tops



*Sports Tops are*

*Available from the Office*

**\$30.00**



100% FREE  
FOR YOUR  
SCHOOL!  
TERM 1, 2024

# FOOD FIGHT



**It's the messiest, funnest way to help  
raise funds to feed those in need!**

Who doesn't love the idea of a Food Fight? Here's the chance for your school to engage in the naughtiest way yet\* to boost school spirit and help raise vital funds for Foodbank Victoria. PLUS, it's **ABSOLUTELY FREE** for your school. AND you'll get full personalised support along the way with a dedicated website and app.

\*No ACTUAL food will be harmed in this event.

Find out more at:

[WWW.FOODFIGHT.COM.AU](http://WWW.FOODFIGHT.COM.AU)





# Lexton Junior Football & Netball Club

## 2024 Season Launch

### Teams For 2024

#### Football

Mixed U11.5 / U14.5  
Boys U17.5

#### Auskick

Ages 5-12 Boys & Girls  
TBC - details to follow

#### Netball

11 & Under  
13 & Under, 15 & Under  
17 & Under

#### Net Set Go

Ages 5-10 Girls & Boys  
TBC – details to follow

**Season Launch – This Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> February**  
**To conclude with a free sausage sizzle**

**A return bus will run from Ballarat to Lexton – see club  
Facebook page for pick up times or call/email club contacts**

#### Football Training Times

All junior teams from  
5.00pm onwards

#### Netball Training Times

11&U and 13&U - 4.30pm - 5.30pm  
15&U and 17&U - 5.30pm - 6.30pm

The Lexton FNC invites you to come for a training run, meet the coaches / team mates, ask questions and register to play with our family friendly club for the upcoming 2024 season. **A Sausage sizzle will follow for players and their families.**

#### NEW FAMILIES EXTREMELY WELCOME!

We welcome ALL enquiries, please contact:

Heather Sandlant - 0409 334 826 [heather.sandlant@gmail.com](mailto:heather.sandlant@gmail.com)

Jayne Briody – 0417 328 663 [jaynehughbriody@gmail.com](mailto:jaynehughbriody@gmail.com)

Hugh Briody – 0419 552 329 [jaynehughbriody@gmail.com](mailto:jaynehughbriody@gmail.com)



**Please remember to  
bring your own drink  
bottle along to training**

**SLOP!**

on some  
sunscreen

**SLIP!**

on a  
shirt

**SLAP!**

on a  
hat

**SEEK!**

shade

**SLIDE!**

on some  
sunglasses



**SUNSMART**

## We are SunSmart - a note for families

Too much of the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer.

UV damage accumulated during childhood and adolescence is associated with an increased risk of skin cancer later in life. Skin cancer is the most common cancer in Australia. It is also one of the most preventable cancers.

**You can't see or feel the sun's UV. Whatever the weather, if the UV levels are three or more, it's important to *Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide*!**

### Sun protection times

Don't just wait for hot and sunny days to use sun protection. Check the sun protection times each day so your family can be protected when they need to be.

Daily local sun protection times and weather details are available from the SunSmart widget on our school website, in the weather section of the newspaper, on the SunSmart website at [sunsmart.com.au](http://sunsmart.com.au) and as a free SunSmart app. Sun protection times can also be found at the [Bureau of Meteorology website](http://Bureau of Meteorology website) and live UV levels are available from [ARPAUSA](http://ARPAUSA).



### SunSmart membership

Our school is a registered member of Cancer Council Victoria's SunSmart Schools Program. We aim to protect children and staff from too much UV.

Sun protection and skin cancer prevention is a shared responsibility. Please help support our SunSmart membership and sun protection efforts by ensuring your child follows the SunSmart measures included in our policy at school and at home.

During the daily local sun protection times (usually from mid-August to the end of April), **use these 5 SunSmart steps – even if it's cool and cloudy.**

#### 1. **SLIP** on covering clothing

For free dress days, ensure your child wears clothing that covers as much skin as possible (e.g. elbow length tops with a higher neckline or collar and longer style shorts or skirts). Densely woven fabrics are best.



#### 2. **SLOP** on SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen

Apply a generous amount of sunscreen at the start of the day and make sure children have sunscreen in their bag ready to reapply throughout the day. Sunscreen should be reapplied every two hours. Please ensure children get plenty of sunscreen application practice at home so they'll be all set when they are at school. Under supervision, ask children to put a dot of sunscreen on each cheek, nose and chin and rub it in (avoiding the eye area) and sunscreen squiggles or dots on the back of the neck, arms and legs to cover these areas.

#### 3. **SLAP** on a hat that protects the face, neck and ears

Choose a wide-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hat. Peak caps and visors do not offer enough UV protection so please leave them at home. Please help your child remember to bring and wear their approved **school hat**. Please keep this at school so they will always be ready for outdoor activities, outdoor learning and play during school days. For the walk to and from school and weekends, please have an extra **home hat** to help keep children protected at home.

#### 4. **SEEK** shade

Choose shady spots for learning and play whenever possible.

#### 5. **SLIDE** on wrap-around AS1067 sunglasses

When appropriate and practical, help protect the eyes with sunglasses.

*Need information in another language? Call 13 14 50 and ask to be connected to Cancer Council Victoria in your language*