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School Newsletter

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A Word From The Principal

The end of term has come around so quickly, and we've had a wonderful first term which has prepared students for a successful year of learning, friendships and supportive challenges. Thank you, as always, to our wider parent community for your support and the work you do at home with your children; school is a true partnership.

Community feedback

We have had a number of visitors through our school this past fortnight who have also spent time in other schools both within and outside our Network area. I am delighted to say that every single person has taken the time to provide feedback and pay compliment to our incredible school. We are consistently hearing about the 'wonderful and welcoming feeling' that is experienced immediately upon entering and that there is a 'real positive buzz among all students and staff that show everyone is happy to be here.' We are so proud of how far we have come as a school the past few years, and I cannot wait to see how we will continue to grow.

School Council AGM

At our School Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) last week, we reflected on our Annual Report and many highlights of last year. We acknowledge the hard work of our dedicated staff in supporting our students to learn and grow. Our school culture continues to strengthen and there has been a lot of growth across many areas. Election of office bearers also took place, with Erin Lanchester elected President, Jessica Beer Vice-President and Kait Horsnell Secretary. Our Council Team this year are Erin Lanchester, Jess Beer, Sarah Lawless, Tammy Lacey, Brooke Miller, Kait Horsnell and Ilona Watkins.

We are thankful that all members who were due have renominated and will continue their fabulous work and contributions in guiding our school direction. We are thrilled to have a full school council which shows the passion of our current families and strong future of our school as we rebuild.

2024 Prep Information & School Tours

You will have no doubt seen our lovely advertisement sharing our upcoming Information Sessions for Foundation 2024 on our social media platforms and within the community. Please share the post with family / friends who have a Prep person next year. The highly personalised learning and many opportunities students receive at Noorat is not as possible in a larger school environment.

Safety Drill Rehearsal

The safety of all children and staff in our school is very important to us. A requirement of our Emergency Management plan is to conduct termly whole school rehearsals of various safety drills. This past week, we practiced a fire drill to ensure each student understands and is aware of the importance of this drill and not be afraid when the fire alarm is sounded. By practicing they will know what to do and how to do it. Our students and staff response rate to the alarm sounding was swift, with all buildings evacuated in under 5 minutes. Well done team!

Ilona Watkins

Principal

The moment may be temporary, but the memory is forever. - Bud Meyer

What's Happening in the Classroom

LITERACY

We have been examining rhyming. How do words rhyme?
What words do we know that rhyme?
The fat cat sat on the mat.



Spring Song

Author Unknown

Frogs croak
Rains soak
Chicks peep
Crickets leap
Bees hum
Robins come
Birds sing
It's spring!



F-2 Learning Community

BE EXCELLENT
BE RESPECTFUL

BE CARING
BE RESPONSIBLE

ART

Collage self portraits

Students have worked solidly throughout March to complete their self portrait collages. They used a range of techniques including watercolour painting, typing and editing font on technology as well as fine motor skills of cutting and gluing.



Excellence, Care, Respect and Responsibility

COME & TRY FOOTY 4 FUN



Experience Australia's most loved sport through AFL Victoria's FREE Footy 4 Fun events delivered across Victoria! A footy experience full of fun activities, modified games & memorable moments to take home with you!

Footy 4 Fun 'Come & Try' is an opportunity for kids aged 5-12 years to experience an introduction to the basics of football in through fun activities.

WHERE:

Friendly Societies Park
Warrnambool

WHEN:

Wednesday 19th April
10:30-11:30 AM



REGISTER HERE!



JOIN THE FUN!

Have you registered for the 2023 season?

Sign up before the 12th of April to go in the running to win the below prizes!

1st Prize - 2021 Geelong Cats Team Signed Guernsey

2nd Prize - 4 x Tickets to a MCG or Marvel AFL Game

*Excludes Public Holidays and DreamTime at the G

Register at Play.afl



AUTUMN ADVENTURES

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FRIDAY 7 - SUNDAY 23 APRIL, SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Spend your school holidays in an enchanting maritime village that is alive with kids activities, farm animals, yummy food, fresh air and ocean views PLUS follow the Bunny Trail through the village and claim your share of over 10,000 Chocolate Easter Eggs!



www.flagstaffhill.com
To book and for full event details

WARRNAMBOOL BASKETBALL'S SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM (FEATURING BIG V SEAHAWKS & MERMAID STARS)

Warrnambool Basketball

EXCITING NEWS: WARRNAMBOOL BASKETBALL'S SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM (featuring Big V Seahawks & Mermaids stars with NBL/WNBL experience)

- Warrnambool Basketball's ever-popular School Holiday Program featuring a variety of Seahawks & Mermaids stars will once again be taking place these upcoming school holidays.
- **VENUE:** Warrnambool Stadium (ARC)
- **DATES:** Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th April 2023
- **TIMES:** 9:40-10:30am (5 to 9 Years); 10:30am-12pm (10-12s); 12:30-2pm (13-16s/18s)
- **COST:** only \$50-00 for two 1.5 hour action packed, fun-filled sessions (across 2 days)
- **BVO:** ball & drink bottle
- **GRVEAWAYS & PRIZES**
- **BOOKINGS & PAYMENTS:** via PlayHQ <https://bit.ly/SchoolHolidayApr23>
- **MORE INFORMATION:** please email admin@warrnamboolbasketball.com.au
- **ALL WELCOME!**

Featuring your favourite Seahawks & Mermaids players and coaches from the 2023 Big V programs: Jamal 'JP' Pollydore (American Import), Alex Gynes (Sydney Kings NBL, Warrnambool Seahawks Head Coach), Louise Brown (Benifigo Spirit WNBL, Warrnambool Mermaids Assistant Coach) and more.

Make sure you register early so as not to miss out (spaces are limited per session!)

This event is a part of Autumn School Holiday Fun

- Tue, Apr 18 2023, 9am - 2pm
- Wed, Apr 19 2023, 9am - 2pm
- Warrnambool Stadium (ARC), Caramel Road, Warrnambool
- Wheelchair Accessible

Find Out More
[Facebook Event](#)

WARRNAMBOOL EASTER CARNIVAL



Family Carnival on Tour

Warrnambool Mini Easter Carnival is coming.

Opening on Thursday the 6th of April till Monday the 10th. Open 6pm till late. Free Entry on Thursday the 6th and \$2 per person Friday to Monday.

Jetpack Show, Friday to Monday 9pm.

This event is a part of:
Easter Events in Warrnambool
Autumn School Holiday Fun

📅 Thu, Apr 6 2023, 6 - 11pm
Fri, Apr 7 2023, 6 - 11pm
Sat, Apr 8 2023, 6 - 11pm
Sun, Apr 9 2023, 6 - 11pm
Mon, Apr 10 2023, 6 - 11pm

PENGUIN PROTECTORS WARRNAMBOOL



Middle Island Project

The Middle Island Project's educational experience, Penguin Protectors Warrnambool, is a fun and engaging education experience with the opportunity to take a photo with one of our Maremma dogs!

During this experience, you will learn about Little Penguins and the importance of protecting them. You will also learn about how our world-first conservation project uses Maremma guardian dogs to look after the colony of Little Penguins on Middle Island, Warrnambool. All funds raised from these experiences go directly towards the care of the Middle Island Project Maremma dogs and conservation of the Little Penguins.

This event is a part of:
Autumn School Holiday Fun

[Get Tickets](#)

📅 Wed, Apr 12 2023, 10 - 11:15am
Fri, Apr 14 2023, 10 - 11:15am
Sat, Apr 15 2023, 10 - 11:15am
Mon, Apr 17 2023, 10 - 11:15am
Wed, Apr 19 2023, 10 - 11:15am

📍 Pavilion Cafe & Bar, Viaduct Road, Warrnambool

AUTHOR EVENT: 'RHYMING ON THE ROAD' WITH DAVE O'NEILL



Warrnambool Library

Join us for an extra special Storytime with Dave O'Neill, author of the wonderful new picture book The Seagull Who Soared.

David is an up and coming kids book author who is sharing his rhyming stories to help inspire kids to dream big and have some fun along the way. 'The Seagull Who Soared' centres on a young seagull who decides to leave the safety of her family and friends at Torquay and chase her dreams of adventure. This is session will also include a game, a rhyming activity and a Q&A session.

This event is a part of:
Autumn School Holiday Fun

This event is part of the program of events at
Warrnambool Library

📅 Wed, Apr 19 2023, 10 - 11am

📍 Warrnambool Library, 8 Kepler Street, Warrnambool

♿ Wheelchair Accessible

WICKED WILDLIFE AT GATEWAY PLAZA

INTERACTIVE WILDLIFE DISPLAY

Monday 17th April
to Friday 21st April
11am—2pm



WICKED WILDLIFE



Gateway Plaza

Wicked Wildlife will be showcasing all their wildlife daily from Monday to Friday at Gateway Plaza.

Come along and enjoy their interactive wildlife display. Located next beside Suzanne Grae.

154 Rarlan Parade, Warrnambool VIC

This event is a part of:
Autumn School Holiday Fun

Mon, Apr 17 2023, 11am - 2pm
Tue, Apr 18 2023, 11am - 2pm
Wed, Apr 19 2023, 11am - 2pm
Thu, Apr 20 2023, 11am - 2pm
Fri, Apr 21 2023, 11am - 2pm

Gateway Plaza, Raglan Parade,
Warrnambool

Wheelchair Accessible

DINOMANIACS - REAL DINOSAURS



THE DINOMANIACS

Gateway Plaza

Real Dinosaurs are coming to Gateway Plaza this April School holidays.

ONE DAY ONLY

Let your imagination come to life with Real Dinosaurs, realistic dinosaurs. Join us for some amazing action and adventure with Razor the Raptor and dinomaniacs.

This event is a part of:
Autumn School Holiday Fun

Sat, Apr 15 2023, 11am - 1pm

Gateway Plaza, Raglan Parade,
Warrnambool

Wheelchair Accessible

ROLLER DISCO

WARRNAMBOOL ROLLER DERBY LEAGUE PRESENTS

Go Wild!

ROLLER DISCO

22 APRIL
7.30-10PM



Warrnambool Roller Derby League

WRDL is bringing you to the jungle for our next Roller Disco!

Family-friendly fun for ages 5+ with music, snacks and dress up as your favourite animal to win a prize!

Tickets at the door - \$10 BYO skates or \$15 to hire skates.

Skate Victoria insurance - fill in form at <https://skatevic.org/RollerDisco>

This event is a part of:
Autumn School Holiday Fun

Sat, Apr 22 2023, 7:30 - 10pm

Warrnambool Showgrounds,
Koroit Street, Warrnambool

Find Out More
Facebook Page

Easter

Fatal Five

In one year on Australian roads:



481 crashes were caused by **speeding**



156 vehicle occupants killed failed to wear a **seat belt**



240–360 crashes were related to **driver fatigue**



167 drivers killed were driving under the influence of **drugs and/or alcohol**



300 crashes involved **distraction** and inattention



If you are traveling this Easter, take care on the roads.

Important Dates to Remember

TERM 2 CALENDAR DATES

Monday 24 th April	Beginning of Term 2
Tuesday 25 th April	ANZAC Day
Wednesday 26 th April	Prep Open Day 9.15 – 10.15am Prep Open Night 5.30 – 6.30pm
Thursday 27 th April	Ilona Out- Principal Network Meeting
Monday 1 st May	PPD Day – Student free day
Thursday 11 th May	JSC Dress up Day
Friday 12 th May- Wednesday 24 th May	Scholastic Book Fair 8.30-8.50am every morning
Friday 12 th May	District Cross Country 9.00am -3.00pm
Monday 15 th – 19 th May	Education Week
Tuesday 16 th May	School Council Meeting 7.00-8.00pm
Thursday 18 th May	Grandparents & Special Friends Day 1.30 – 3.30pm
Friday 19 th May	Curriculum Day
Tuesday 23 rd May	<i>Smile Squad</i> Dental Van Visit 9.00am – 3.30pm each day Tuesday 23rd May – Friday 26th May Local Learning Project Day Year 3 – 6 students to attend Gnurad-Gundidj campus 9.15 – 2.15pm
Wednesday 24 th May	National Simultaneous Storytime 11.00 -1.15am Ilona Out- Numeracy PDP
Thursday 25 th May	Personal Development Student Sessions Panmure Primary School 9.00 – 3.30pm
Saturday 27 th May Saturday 3 rd June May	National Reconciliation Week MABO Day 3 rd June