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# School Newsletter Term 1 2023 | Issue 5

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.













F-2 Learning Community

BE EXCELLENT
BE RESPECTFUL

BE RESPONSIBLE



# 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

## **Community News**





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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 Warrnamhool

WHEN:

Wednesday 19th April



**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





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



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

Warrnambool Basketball's ever-popular School Holiday Program featuring a variety of Seahawks & Mermaids stars will once again be taking place these upcoming school Sechowis & Nettraucia suar averante control of the Control of the

Featuring your favourite Sechawks & Mermalds players and coaches from the 2023 Big V programs. Joind "J" Polydros (American Import, Alex Oynes (Sydney Kings NB), Warmanbood Sedawski Head Cooth, Louise Braville (Hargis Spirit WBC), Warmanbood Mermalds Assistant Cooch and more. While survey or register early so as not to miss out (spaces are limited per session)!!

Tue, Apr 18 2023, 9am - 2pm Wed, Apr 19 2023, 9am - 2pm

Warrnambool Stadium (ARC), Caramut Road, Warrnambool & Wheelchair Accessible

Find Out More

## **Community News**

### 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



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 Doung in separations, you will earn about Little Penguins and use inportained in proceedings 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.

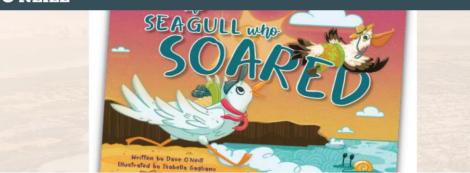
This event is a part of: Autumn School Holiday Fun

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,

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



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

David is an up and coming kids book author who is sharing his rhyming stories to help inspir kids to dream big and have some fun along the way. The Seaguil Who Socred' centres on a young seaguil who Socred' centres on a young seaguil who decided to leave the safety of her framity and friends at forquay and chase her dreams of adventure. This is session will also include a game, a rhyming activity and a O&A seessing.

This event is a part of: Autumn School Holiday

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Wed, Apr 19 2023, 10 - 11am

Warrnambool Library, 8 Kepler Street, Warrnambool

# Community News

### **WICKED WILDLIFE AT GATEWAY PLAZA**



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 Ragian 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

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Wheelchair Accessible

#### **DINOMANIACS - REAL DINOSAURS**



#### Gateway Plaza

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

ONE DAY ONLY

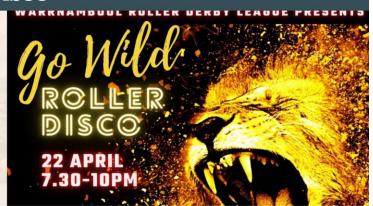
Let your imagination come to life with Real Dinosaurs, realistic dinosaurs. Join us for some amazing action and adventure with Razor the Raptor and dinomaniacs. This event is a part of:

Sat, Apr 15 2023, 11am - 1pm

Gateway Plaza, Raglan Parade, Warrnambool

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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 prizel

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

## **Education Tips**





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