



Principal: Mrs Sally Herbert  
 Junior School: Miss Sophie Fothergill  
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As we commence the month of March there is a lot to celebrate as well as look forward to before the end of Term 1.

### School Council

It is with great pleasure that we introduce to you our school counsellors for 2023.

The school council membership includes:

Rachael Dunkley (President)  
 Dawn Hartog (parent member)  
 Mike Morant (parent member)  
 Kristen Thomas (parent member)  
 Alex Mercuri (parent member)  
 Sally Herbert (Principal)  
 Sophie Fothergill (DET member)  
 Annie Hopper (OSHC coordinator) and Robyn Tymms (Business manager) are both unofficial members of the school council.

School councils have an important role to play in the governance and operation of our school. Your school council members have a responsibility to represent the views of the school community so if you have any matters that you wish to discuss that relate to our school please make contact with one of our members.

### Somers Camp

Last week 2 of our senior students returned from Somers camp. Ezi and Saya have delighted us with wonderful stories of their adventures and challenges at this 9 day outdoor/environmental camp located on the Mornington Peninsula. The camp facilities provide opportunities for the children to develop their personal and social capabilities, resilience and confidence. Ezi and Saya have made new friends, experienced new challenges and thoroughly enjoyed their time at Somers Camp.



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### Kayaking - Lilydale Lake

On Feb. 23rd our year 5/6 students attended a kayaking event on Lilydale lake. This is a fabulous program led by qualified instructors from Paddle Victoria. The children participated in many activities including fun games and activities which introduce the various exciting activities including slalom, sprint, and canoe polo. A huge thankyou to Sherrin for driving our students to and from the venue and for taking such good care of them. Thank you also for the secret treat (slushies) that they enjoyed on the way home!



### Move - Lead - Succeed Leadership Forum

On Friday Feb 17th, year 5/6 students had an amazing opportunity to experience The Physical Movement leadership program run by Sean De Morton, at Wandin-Yallock PS. Sean uses movement experiences to tune-in the attendees to many qualities of leadership. He challenges people to step outside their comfort zones by completing fun, silly tasks designed for failure but with opportunities to make changes that lead to success, supporting the message that it's okay to make mistakes.

Ezi, Saya and Jude were our representatives on the day and before they knew it, Sean had them introducing themselves and discussing thoughts and ideas with people they hadn't previously met, breaking the ice through movement and laughter. As the day progressed, so too did their confidence to interact, share their opinions and work as a member of a



team to solve problems; developing and experiencing different leadership styles. They learned about different mindsets, the importance of being an active listener, a better sense of the qualities of good leadership and a bunch of ideas to tuck away into their 'leadership tool bags'.

**REMINDER**  
**CURRICULUM DAY**  
**31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023**  
**PUPIL FREE DAY**

### NAPLAN

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment for students in Year 3 & 5 at primary school. The assessment is completed online with the exception of Yr. 3 writing. The NAPLAN assessment period commences next week.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards and over time. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It doesn't replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress.

Our NAPLAN schedule is as follows:

Wednesday March 15th	Thursday March 16th	Friday March 17th	Thursday March 23rd.
Writing	Reading Language conventions	Mathematics	Catch up day

### Parent/Teacher Meetings

On Tuesday March 21st (1.30 - 5.00pm) we will be having student support group (SSG) meetings. These meetings will provide us with an opportunity to discuss your child's learning goals and how they have settled into school during Term 1. We encourage all parents to attend these meetings. Sally and Sophie will be contacting you to book a meeting time. If you are at school could you please see us to book a time. Thank you!

### PE News

The students have kicked off the year in PE with all sorts of new experiences. Although we had to cancel this year's Small Schools Swimming

Carnival this week, there has been plenty more to maintain our interest. Poppy, Rafe and Jude had a great afternoon on Lillydale Lake, honing their kayaking skills, and the preps are now joining us on Wednesdays for PE.

The Juniors have been working on basic motor skills through a series of tabloid activities alongside some brain gym which helps to focus their minds and prepare them for learning in the classroom. In securing Sporting in Schools funding this term. Danielle from Softball Victoria has been conducting some engaging and fun sessions with the whole school. She has shown us a bunch of fun new games and activities. The seniors have built on their learning in our PE classes and are getting much better at catching the ball in their gloves and hitting the ball off the tee. We have also been able to purchase some new softball gloves and netballs with the remainder of the funding.

### Harvest Festival

Our annual Harvest Festival is rapidly approaching. A flyer was sent home last week with details of this exciting event. I am sure that everyone has started planning and preparing for our stall. The children have begun preparing their items and Julia is planning our special dinner which is always a treat. This year we are forming a Harvest Festival committee of helpers and will be having a planning meeting next Tuesday (March 14th) at 3.45pm at school. If you would like to be part of this team please come to our meeting next week. 'Many hands make light work' and we would very much appreciate parent helpers with this event.

### WORKING BEE - March 18th 8.30 am - 1.00pm

Our working bee is scheduled for Saturday March 18th. We encourage as many families as possible to attend. Sherrin will be organising this working bee, please contact Sherrin or the school if you are able to join us. Our projects for this day are moving mulch and planting.



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