

## IMPORTANT DATES

### TERM 1 2024

**Monday, March 4**  
Pupil Free Day

**Tuesday, March 5**  
Year 4 – 6 Athletics Carnival  
VU Track, Hoppers Crossing

**Monday, March 11**  
Labour Day – Public Holiday

**Wednesday, March 13-25**  
National Assessment Program  
Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN)

**Thursday, March 21**  
Prep - 2 Junior Cross Country

**Friday, March 22**  
Year 6 Gala Day  
Ride 2 School Day

**Tue March 26 & Wed March 27**  
Whole School Photos

**Thursday, March 28**  
Last day Term 1, 2024  
2:30pm dismissal

**Friday, March 29**  
Good Friday – Public Holiday

### TERM 2 2024

**Monday, April 15**  
First day Term 2 – 8:50am



### WADAWURRUNG COUNTRY

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Raquel Tweedley*

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

At the close of nominations on February 20, we received three nominations for our three parent vacancies on School Council so I declare Mrs Denise Hitch, Ms Amber Taylor and Ms Suzana Sela elected and Mr Chris Bowen re-elected.

We received two nomination for the employee vacancies on our School Council and I declare Ms Patricia Viscusa and Mr Simon Little elected to these positions. Office bearers for 2024 will be decided at our Annual General Meeting on Monday, March 19. Our Annual General Meeting is an open forum and all members of our school community are welcome to join.



### SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

At our assembly on Monday, February 19, we were very pleased to welcome Ms Joanne Ryan, Federal Member of Parliament for our seat of Lalor, to acknowledge and celebrate our student leaders for 2024.

We congratulate each student on being selected for such important roles.

In the next few weeks we will be presenting our House, Digital Technologies and Arts Captains their badges formally at an assembly.



## GRADE LEVEL EXPENSES

Printed below is a table with the approximate expenses that Iramoo parents can expect during the school year. This information is to assist families with their annual budgeting but does not include items such as special lunches, private music lessons etc. Parents holding a health care card current as at January 27, 2024 are also eligible for the state government Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) of \$150 per child and can use this towards many of the items listed here.

Year Level	Excursions/ Visits/ Sports	1:1 iPad 'co-payment'	Cultural Experience (Performing Arts)	Swimming Years 1 - 6	Inter House Athletics Carnival	Camp	School photos (approx)	Year 6 uniform (approx)
P	\$40*		\$7				\$25	
1	\$40*		\$7	\$35			\$25	
2	\$40*		\$7	\$35	\$6*		\$25	
3	\$40*		\$7	\$35	\$6*		\$25	
4	\$40*	\$250	\$7	\$35	\$6*	\$230*	\$25	
5	\$80*	\$100	\$7	\$35	\$6*		\$25	\$50
6	\$80*	\$50	\$7	\$35	\$6*	\$350*	\$25	

\*indicates parents holding a health care card current as of January 31 are eligible for the state government Camps, Sports and Excursions Funding (CSEF) \$150 per child and can use this towards these listed items.

- One additional expense that the parents of Year 6 students will have near the end of the year is the 'farewell pack', containing a whole group photo, electronic yearbook, certificate, a commemorative gift and 2 tickets for the farewell evening.
- Current Year 5 parents can expect to pay approximately \$50 in November for their child's special Year 6 uniforms.
- As our school does not have school 'fees' as such, we do rely heavily on the support of parents and extended families, friends, neighbours etc. for our fundraising activities which are conducted regularly throughout the year.
- Our fundraising planned so far this year include a Hot Cross Bun drive in March, Mother's Day Stall in May, Colour Run and Father's Day stall in September, Bricks in October and our Christmas Raffle in November/December.

## 'TOP 10' NOT NEGOTIABLE SOCIAL SKILLS

Thank you very much to all of the families who have been reinforcing our 'Top 10' Not Negotiable Social Skills at home. Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you would like a laminated copy of the skills to display at home. We are currently reinforcing:

- Speak to everyone in a positive and respectful manner.
- Appreciate and accept individual differences and opinions.
- Take responsibility for your own actions, don't blame others.
- Use a person's name when speaking to them.
- Listen and do not interrupt when another person is speaking.
- Use 'Please', 'Thank you', 'Excuse me' and 'Sorry' where appropriate.
- Do not take or touch people's property without permission, including online accounts and passwords.
- Treat other as you would like to be treated in person and online.

Next week we will be focusing on:

- Behave safely and keep your hands and feet to yourself.
- Be honest, don't tell lies.



## RESPECTFUL COMMUNITIES START WITH RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOUR

We value the positive partnerships we have with families to support the education of our students. The health and safety of our staff and students is a priority. We are committed to ensuring that everyone is treated with respect, fairness and dignity. We expect all employees, students, parents and visitors in our school to act accordingly.

Some people living close to our school are dealing with some challenging issues in the community. They have reported incidents of adults parking across their driveways before and after school and of students teasing their dogs on their way home.

It is important that parents/carers are parking legally and respectfully. Many of our parents find alternative parking options within walking distance of our school to avoid the traffic congestion from 8:35am – 8:45am and 3:00 – 3:15pm.

Our students participate in the respectful pet ownership program and speak about the impact of their actions on pets and the importance of being kind to animals. Please encourage your child/ren to walk in a respectful manner to and from school and avoid teasing or provoking animals.

It is important we approach these issues with a positive and collaborative mindset, focusing on education and community involvement to create a safer and more respectful environment for everyone.

**School staff have a right to be safe at work**  
Any abuse will not be tolerated

Parents, carers, advocates and adult members of the school community must engage respectfully with school staff.

Unacceptable behaviour will be addressed promptly. This may include calling the police if required or leaving you a School Community Safety Officer.

These behaviours are not permitted in person, over the phone, by email, text message or on social media:

- Stalking
- Harassment
- Threats or offensive communication
- Discrimination or derogatory comments
- Stalking or predatory communication
- Threatening gestures
- Aggression, including taking your child or a staff member
- Violence
- Harassment

These behaviours are never okay and can make staff and students less safe.

See the full Code of Conduct on our website. You can also find positive relationships with school staff at the Department of Education's Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy.

## STUDENT WELLBEING & SAFETY



We regularly have reports from concerned parents about dangerous driver behaviour on the roads around our school before and after school. Road Safety officers regularly patrol the streets around our school, in unmarked cars and issue/post out infringements/fines. Please drive carefully round our school and obey parking regulations.

We also remind our students and their families to use the school crossings that surround our school. We have had reports of students neglecting to use supervised crossings and instead crossing major roads dangerously. If your child/ren walks home alone, please ensure that they know where to cross roads safely.

## School Sports Victoria, Werribee District Swimming Carnival



On Thursday, February 22, nine of our strongest swimmers represented our school in the annual SSVWD swimming carnival. Every report I have had from staff and parents who attended was extremely positive not only about the way our students swam but about the wonderful way they supported each other to do their very best.

As well as having a really positive day, our children performed extremely well in their events and should be proud of their efforts. We now have 2 children who have qualified to represent the Wyndham Division in the next level of School Sports Victoria competition.

Congratulations to every child who took part in the SSVWD carnival and especially Melisa Mai (6DB) who has qualified for Backstroke and Breaststroke, and Amy Downie (4JH) who has qualified for Butterfly. They will participate in the Division finals on Wednesday, March 6, 2024.



## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YEAR 3-6 CROSS COUNTRY

It was wonderful to have so many parents, carers and grandparents volunteer their time to help set up, walk our students safely to and from the reserve and run our Cross Country along with supporting our students.

We value the positive partnerships we have with families to support the extra curricula activities for our students. The health and safety of our staff and students is a priority.

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## PREP STUDENTS

- As our Prep students are now attending fulltime, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who have supported the children in making such an incredibly successful transition to school. Thank you to all of our staff who helped our Prep students settle into routine, in particular our wonderful Prep team this year. Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents and carers who have prepared the children for school so well and a special congratulations to the children themselves for their co-operation and enthusiasm.
- Enrolments for 2025 Prep students will begin in Term 2. The Department of Education (DE) has a state-wide Foundation (Prep) enrolment timeline.
- The timeline advises families when and how to enrol their child into Foundation (Prep) at a Victorian government primary school, including Iramoo Primary School.
- You can find information and resources about the enrolment timeline and procedures at: [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\)](#)
- Our school manages enrolments using the Placement Policy to ensure that students have access to their designated neighbourhood school and may enrol at another school, if there are available places.
- All documents must be original or certified copies  
NB. Statutory declarations will not be accepted.



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- ✗ Rudeness
- ✗ Intimidation
- ✗ Insults or offensive communication
- ✗ Discriminatory or derogatory comments
- ✗ Malicious or defamatory communications
- ✗ Threatening gestures
- ✗ Aggression, including raising your voice at a staff member
- ✗ Threats
- ✗ Harassment
- ✗ Violence

These behaviours are **never okay** and can make staff and students feel unsafe.



**Scan the QR Code** to learn more about how you can build positive relationships with school staff in the department's *Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy*.

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**Parents, carers, advocates and other adults in our school community are required to engage respectfully with school staff.**

Your leadership team and the Department of Education will take swift action to address unacceptable behaviour from them, including by calling the police if required or issuing them with a School Community Safety Order.

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If you experience any of these behaviours, please speak to your principal, report in eduSafe Plus and inform your elected Health and Safety Representative.



**Scan the QR Code** to learn more about how to manage parent behaviour in the *Work-Related Violence Policy*.



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**DAY**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

**OPENING HOURS:  
6.45AM – 6.15pm**

**FUN FUN FUN!**

Please bring snacks for morning tea, lunch and a water bottle.

Call the OSHC Centre number for further details.



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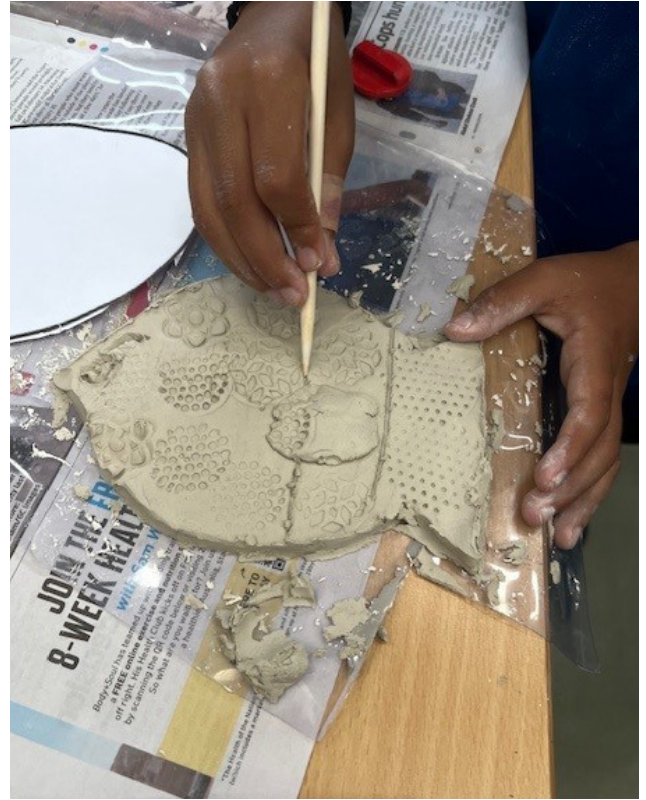
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# JOIN THE FUN!

## Wyndham Vale Auskick Centre

### Wyndham Vale South Reserve Friday

**6pm-7pm**

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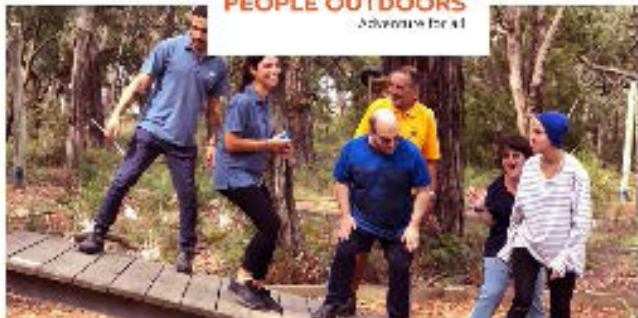
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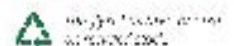
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