

*Wattle Glen Primary School provides a learning for life environment where engagement, achievement, resilience and wellbeing are prioritised.*

JULY 25TH, 2023

## NEWSLETTER NO.12

# Principal's Report

Hello everyone,

Thank you to everyone who supported the National Pyjama Day. The money we raised will go towards "Pyjama Angels", people who get matched with a child in care, and together they read books, play educational games, assist with homework and help to raise each child's confidence and self-worth. I am very proud that our Junior School Council chose this charity to support and donate to. (There are some great photos further along in the newsletter.) Last week, Ms de Haan held the first Bright Starts session for pre-school aged children. There were lots of preschoolers in attendance and we had three grade five (future grade six buddies) helping on the day. Thank you Abbey, Amelia and Ethan. (Yes, we have some photos further along in the newsletter.) On August 14, our grade 5/6 students have been invited to visit Diamond Valley College. They are going to watch some students perform songs from their up coming performance of Annie. The students will also be taught one of the songs so they can sing it all together.

Just a reminder that the car park onsite is for staff, or people who require access parking.

PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association) are calling for volunteers to help with fundraising and community building activities. We will be holding a meeting on **Wednesday August 2nd. Everyone is welcome.** It will be held in room four, at 3:25.

Have a great week  
Mel

### **CALL OUT FOR TISSUES!**

**OUR TISSUE SUPPLY IS LOW. COULD YOU PLEASE DONATE A BOX?**



**Term 3 Dates**  
JULY  
 26th 100 Days of School (Preps) celebration  
 31st Cafe 4060 operating School Council  
AUGUST  
 2nd Bright Starts 2:20-3:20  
 7th CURRICULUM DAY  
 10th Grade 1 late Stay, Grade 2 Sleepover  
 PARENT FEEDBACK EVENTS  
 14th Cafe 4060 operating Grade 4/5 and 5/6 visiting DVC  
 16th Bright Starts 2:30-3:20 DigiMaker incursion group 1  
 17th DigiMaker incursion group 2  
 16th-22nd Book Week Stall  
 23rd Book Week incursion and Dress Up Day  
 25th Grade 5/6 Hooptime  
 30th Bright Starts 2:20-3:20  
 31st Sugarloaf Athletics  
SEPTEMBER  
 1st Grade 3/4 Hooptime  
 6th KaBoom Sports (P-2)  
 7th Parent teacher Interviews  
 14th R U OK? Day Wear Yellow  
 15th Last Day of Term, 2:20 dismissal



# Stars of the Week

## Week 1

- P/1 Samuel
- 1/2 Mason
- 2/3 Bonnie
- 4/5 Hayden
- 5/6 Abbey



## Week 2

- P/1 Jed
- 1/2 Jack
- 2/3 April
- 4/5 Imogen
- 5/6 Beau

# Learning Showcase

Our week one learning showcase was from grade 5/6. They shared their learning about Ada Lovelace, NAIDOC week and Sudokus.



In week two grade 4/5 shared their learning about word etymology, specifically the word compute.

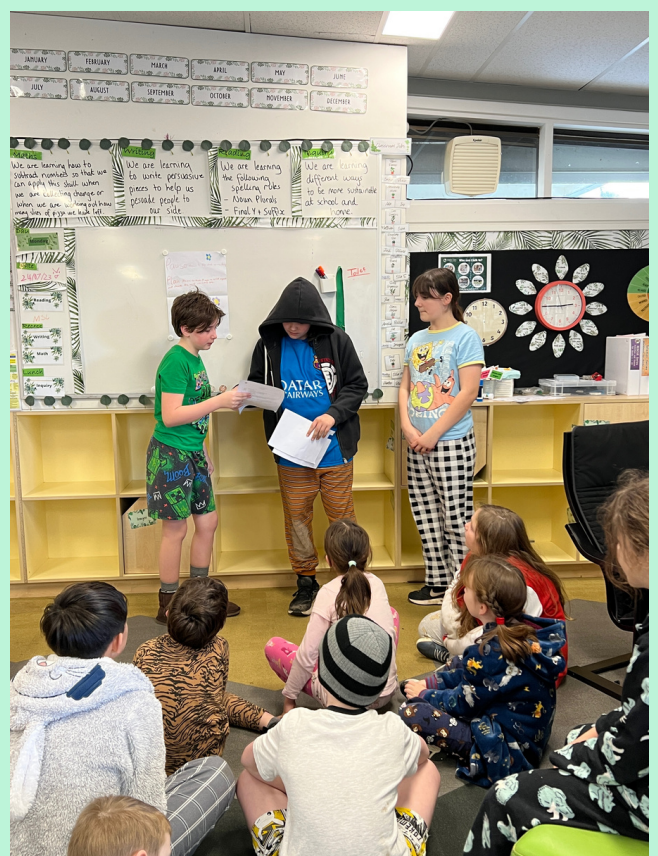




Our whole school will be continuing Peer Support sessions this term. The children will be participating in the module, "Moving Forward", which focuses on resilience (one of our school values). The experiences in the module help children to identify their qualities and strengths, develop skills, respond with a range of strategies and seek support when faced with challenges. In sessions in term two, the children established connections with the other members of their group and developed their group agreement to enable them to work well together. The children discussed things like; a challenging situation, and some resilient and non resilient responses.

In week two, we introduced a three step model to encourage resilient responses; Pause, Plan, Proceed. The children took part in an activity to identify their feelings and the immediate effects on their bodies, for example, butterflies in their stomachs.

The normalcy of feelings was acknowledged and the importance of being proactive was stressed. The children learn that pausing when they are emotional is helpful. They can do this by being still, taking a deep breath or counting to ten. Pausing gives children space to see a situation more accurately before planning a response. Ask your child to describe the three steps of the model and what is involved in each one.





# An Update from the Art Room

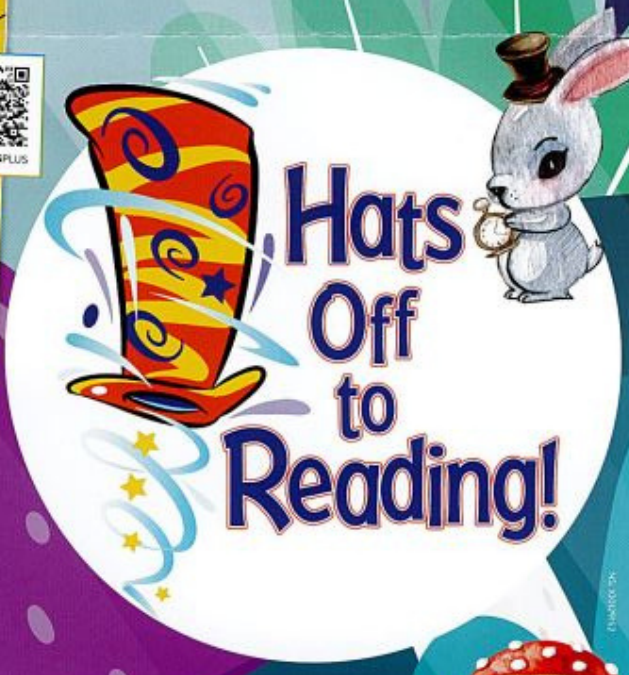
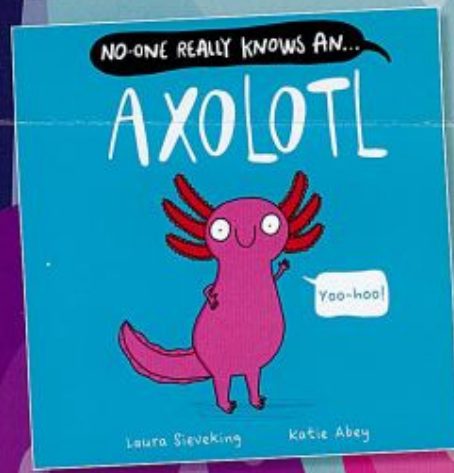
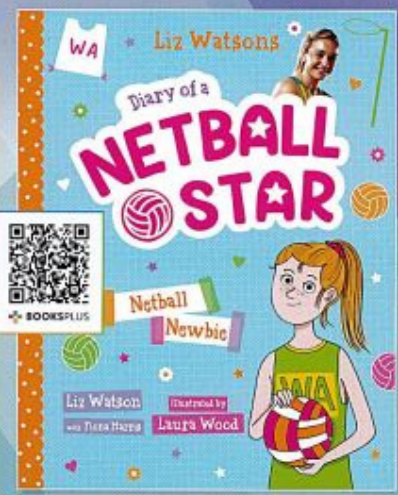
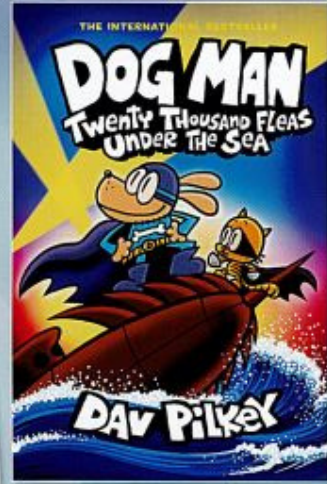
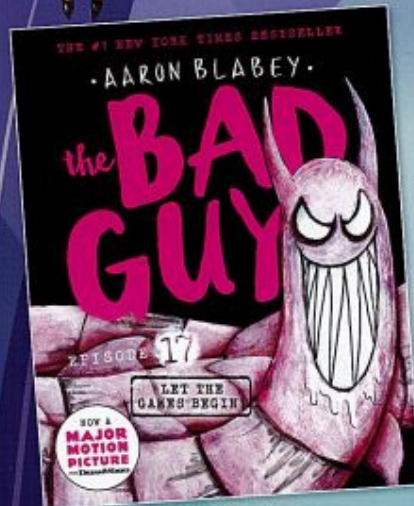
Brightening up our corridors are the p-6 artworks inspired by the artist Yayoi Kusama. If you are passing by, don't forget to peek in and look at our paper construction flowers, clay modelled flower sculptures, 'eye see you' paper mache sculptures and blooming bubble prints.





SCHOLASTIC **Book Fairs**

# You're invited to our Scholastic **BOOK FAIR**



Find these books and more at the Fair!



Date August 16 - August 22 Time 8<sup>30</sup> - 9<sup>00</sup> - 3<sup>20</sup> - 3<sup>45</sup>  
Place Room 4, WGPS

**EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL**







# CAFE 4060

Café 4060 will be operating again in  
Term 3, on the following dates;

July 31

August 14

August 28

September 4



## CAFE 4060 MENU

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### HOT FOOD

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Patties Party Pie	\$0.50 each
Patties Sausage Roll	\$0.50 each
Cheese Toastie	\$3.00
Hot Dog	\$4.00
McCain Lil' Pizza	\$3.00 each
• Ham and pineapple	
• Margherita	

\*tomato sauce available

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### DRINKS

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Juice Boxes- all flavours	\$1.00
Water 600ml	\$1.00
Milk 200ml	Free

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### SNACKS

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Apple, Orange, Pear	Free
Messy Monkeys-BBQ flavour only	Free





Wattle Glen  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# BRIGHT STARTS

Wattle Glen Primary School invites all pre-schoolers to our Prep orientation program, called Bright Starts.



This program provides the opportunity for preschoolers to experience different aspects of school life.

#### Sessions:

Wednesday 19th July  
Wednesday 2nd August  
Wednesday 16th August  
Wednesday 30th August  
Thursday 14th September -  
Enrolled Student session & parent catch up

#### Time:

2:20pm- 3:20pm

#### Where:

Wattle Glen Primary School  
16-24 Reynolds Road, Wattle Glen  
3096

#### How do you enrol:

Call our dedicated staff in the office,  
or email to inform us that your child  
will be coming to these events.

Respect

Kindness

Curiosity

Resilience



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# WATTLE PLAYGROUP



COME AND JOIN US AT WATTLE GLEN PRIMARY SCHOOL  
FOR A FUN AND EDUCATIONAL PLAYGROUP.  
PLAYGROUP IS DESIGNED TO HELP CHILDREN  
SOCIALISE AND LEARN SOME FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS  
BEFORE ENTERING PRIMARY SCHOOL.

## WHO CAN JOIN US?

We invite all children under the age of 6!

Our playgroup caters for all ages as we have created a space that encourages free play, while also providing the children with opportunities to learn new skills and concepts. (We do kindly ask that children under the age of 2 to be supervised by a carer at all times.)

## WHAT TO BRING?

Please bring along your child's drink bottle and their hat for outside play.

We encourage personal toys to stay at home as we have a large variety of activities and toys for children to play with.

## WHEN?

Every Friday  
during the school  
term.  
10-11am  
Fruit will be  
provided.

## WHERE?

Wattle Glen Primary School  
16-24 Reynolds Road, Wattle Glen.  
Enter the school via gate 1 on  
Sunnyside Crescent

## CONTACT US...

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Email: [wattle.glen.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:wattle.glen.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

Website: [wattlegps.vic.edu.au](http://wattlegps.vic.edu.au)





We would like to invite you to ...

## *Feedback Sessions*

DEAR FAMILIES,

We have a School Review in October, and in an effort to inform our discussion with the reviewer we would love to hear from you. We will be hosting three events on August 10th, hoping that you can attend one of them.

We'd love to hear what you currently like about WGPS, what you have enjoyed over the last three years and suggestions for our future direction.

**Where:** Wattle Glen Primary School, room 4.

**When:** Thursday August 10

**Times:**

9:05-9:35am

3:25-3:55pm

6pm-6:30pm

If you are unable to make a session please feel free to complete the online feedback

survey: <https://bit.ly/3JTfIJY>



## Pyjama Day Success

Thank you to everyone who supported National Pyjama Day, dressed in their PJs, and donated money to raise much-needed funds for children in foster care.

So far, Wattle Glen Primary School has raised a total of \$181!!

Some kids have said they forgot their money and would like to bring it in this week. Please hand your coins to the office or classroom teacher by Thursday so it can be banked on Friday.

Thank you! Thank you!

Frankie and the JSC representatives.







# **Wattle Glen Primary School Bright Starts (and Future) Students**





# Are you keen to use and understand the same language that is used at school for literacy?

## PARENT CHEAT SHEET

**Phoneme:** The smallest unit of speech sound in a word. The word "shark" has three phonemes (sh) (ar) (k).

**Grapheme:** the letter/s that spell the sounds in words. The word "shark" has three graphemes sh, ar, k. The word dog has three graphemes: d, o, g.

**Phonology:** The study of the sound structure in language.

**Phonics:** A method of teaching people to read by matching sounds (phonemes) with symbols (letters). Phonics has the strongest evidence base there is when it comes to teaching reading and spelling,

**Morpheme:** The smallest unit of meaning in a word eg. "Sharks: has two morphemes shark + s. The base word is "shark" and the suffix "s" indicates plurally.

**Morphology** is the study of meaningful word parts.

**Sounding Out (decoding):** Saying the phonemes (sounds) out loud to get to an accurate pronunciation (and recognition) of an unknown word.

**Blending:** Saying the sounds quickly, or stretching the sounds to hear the word.

**Segmenting:** Hearing a word and breaking it into its separate phonemes (sounds) to spell it.

**Digraph:** a combination of two letters representing one sound, as in *ph* and *ey*.

**Trigraph:** A trigraph is a single sound that is represented by three letters, for example: In the word 'match', the three letters 'tch' at the end make only one sound. Other examples of trigraphs are: igh as in sigh. ore as in bore.

**Quadgraph:** A quadgraph is a four-letter grapheme that represents one phoneme/sound. For example, the 'eigh' representing the /ay/ sound in the word eight is a quadgraph.







# CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS

The new Child Safe Standards came into force in Victoria on 1 July 2022.

The 11 Child Safe Standards are listed below.

## Standard 1

Organisations establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities

## Standard 2

Child safety and wellbeing is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture.

## Standard 3

Children and young people are empowered about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously.

## Standard 4

Families and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing.

## Standard 5

Equity is upheld and diverse needs respected in policy and practice.

## Standard 6

People working with children and young people are suitable and supported to reflect child safety and wellbeing values in practice.

## Standard 7

Processes for complaints and concerns are child-focused.

## Standard 8

Staff and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children and young people safe through ongoing education and training.

## Standard 9

Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed.

## Standard 10

Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is regularly reviewed and improved.

## Standard 11

Policies and procedures document how the organisation is safe for children and young people.

Our school policies have been aligned with the new "Child Safety Standards". These can be found on our website under the heading "Child Safety Standards" *Please feel free to provide feedback or seek clarification regarding these policies in person by seeing Michelle de Haan (Room 7, wellbeing leader) or by emailing the school via [wattle.glen.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:wattle.glen.ps@education.vic.gov.au)*





# Community Announcements

PROUDLY RUN BY LOCAL PEOPLE AND VOLUNTEERS

## Blue Light

# diamond creek blue light DISCO

**FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 7-9.30PM**

@DIAMOND CREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE  
28 MAIN HURSTBRIDGE RD, DIAMOND CREEK  
8 TO 13 YEAR OLDS | \$8 ENTRY CASH ONLY

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT SNR SERCEANT WAYNE SPENCE 9439 8300  
ATTENTION PARENTS! PLEASE ENSURE CHILDREN HAVE AN EMERGENCY CONTACT ON THEM

DIAMOND CREEK BLUE LIGHT DISCO

## LITTLE ATHLETICS IS BACK!

Come & join the fun at Diamond Creek Little Aths Club

**REGISTER / COME & TRY ON:**  
SATURDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER 2023

Our weekly athletics competition is held on Saturday mornings (with some Friday evenings) & our program is:

- ✓ For kids 5-16 years old
- ✓ 5-6 years are part of a one-hour On-Track skills program
- ✓ Inclusive & perfect for all abilities

**OUR WEEKLY COMPETITION IS HELD ON SATURDAY MORNINGS & SOME FRIDAY EVENINGS AT:**  
Diamond Valley Little Athletics Centre, Willinda Park, Beatrix Street, Greensborough

**2023-24 FEES:** U6-16: \$240 per athlete  
Discounts for families with 3 or more athletes. Price includes free uniform top for new paid members.

**TO FIND OUT MORE:**  
Message us via:  
facebook.com/diamondcreekla/  
OR  
diamondcreeklac@gmail.com

Beginner and experienced players welcome

# SOFTBALL GIRLS & BOYS

**Winter Junior Development Program** Starts 29 July  
8-14 yrs | Beginner to Intermediate | Saturdays 2-4 pm for 6 weeks | \$70 pp  
Register today at [www.softballvic.org.au/get-involved/junior-development](http://www.softballvic.org.au/get-involved/junior-development)

**Home Run Heroes introductory program** October to November  
5-12 yrs | Introduction for kids into the game of Softball  
6+ week program | 60-90 minute sessions

**Junior Softball** October to March  
T-ball and U12 - U19 age groups | Friendly and welcoming teams | Equipment provided  
Games on Saturdays

Northern District Softball Association  
Mill Park Recreation Reserve

northernsoftballvic@gmail.com  
NDSAvic  
northernsoftballvic

# STEAMRAIL VICTORIA

**HURSTBRIDGE WATTLE FESTIVAL**

**SUNDAY 27th AUGUST 2023**

Join us as we operate 2 of our vintage K Class steam locomotives with heritage 'E type' carriages through the beautiful Diamond Valley to the Hurstbridge Wattle Festival.

**RETURN SHUTTLES FROM HURSTBRIDGE to ELTHAM**

**BOOKINGS AND MORE INFO – [www.steamrail.com.au/tours](http://www.steamrail.com.au/tours)**