

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

FEBRUARY 28TH, 2023

## NEWSLETTER NO.3

# Principal's Report

Hello everyone,

Congratulations to our newly appointed School Council members; Simon Braham, Kylie D'Amico and Rebecca Beasley. School Council had their first meeting last night and I am pleased to announce BJ McNeilly will continue as President, and Andrew Spence as Vice President. We welcome Jayde Sheffield into her new role as Treasurer and Sarah Suban is heading up our Parents, Teachers and Friends Association. We are very grateful to have such committed parents willing to improve our school environment (inside and outside the building).

Last night at School Council we also discussed having a permanent day to order a lunch order, that will be cooked onsite at WGPS. To gauge interest, we will begin with hotdogs, and a juice box. We will also be selling \$10 Zooper Dooper value cards (10 Zooper Doopers). We would love you to take the quick survey [here](#).

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the camp information night last week. Miss Fell put together another informative and smooth-running presentation. Please don't forget to bring back the medical forms.

We also had our first, "Come And Play Session" for our 2024 prospective Preps. It was very well received, and we had many new families attend.

Thank you Ms de Haan and Miss Elliott for attending. If you know any pre-schoolers please let them know our sessions are running (more information can be found further along in the newsletter).

Don't forget Friday March 10th is a Curriculum Day, Camp Australia will be open if you require child care. Please book directly through CA.

Have a wonderful week,  
Mel



Twilight Working Bee  
Save the Date  
May 5th  
(After assembly)



School Council 2023: President: BJ McNeilly Vice President: Andrew Spence  
Treasurer/: Jayde Sheffield Secretary: Alison Wylie PTFA: Sarah Suban General Members: Simon Braham, Rebecca Beasley, Megan Staley, Kylie D'Amico DET: Meredith Fell, Michelle de Haan  
Executive Officer: Mel McLennan



## Stars of the Week

Week 5

P/1 James

1/2/3 Hayley

5/6 Aaliyah

Week 4

P/1 Ellie

1/2/3 Cohen

3/4/5 Ella

5/6 Ethan



## Learning Showcases

In week two, our grade 1/2/3 students shared their learning about expanding sentences.

In week three, our grade P/1 students shared their favourite thing about school.



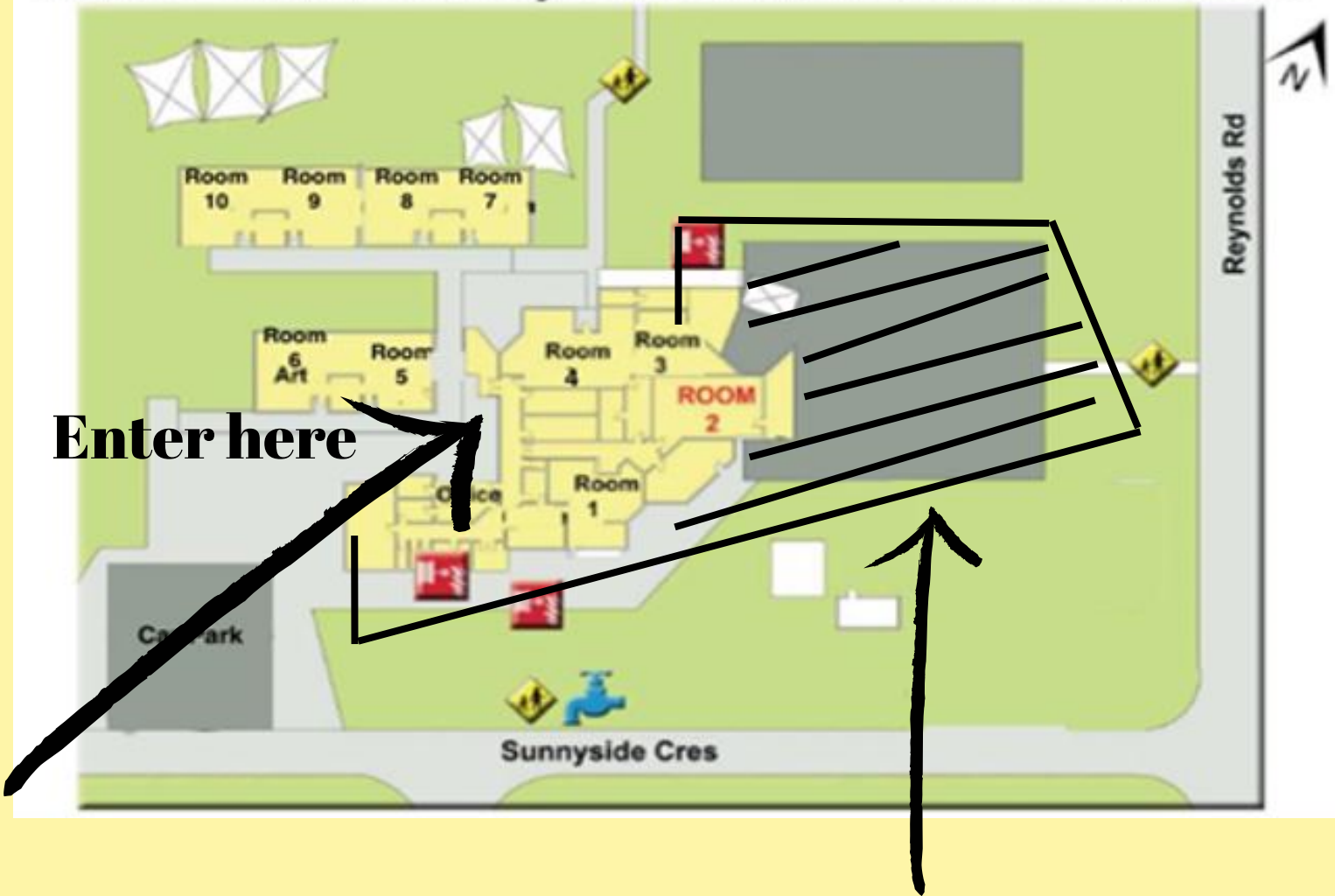
## Meet our Junior School Council Representatives



# Upgrade to the turf area

Works commencing on MARCH 6th! We are having our turf area upgraded, so for the week commencing 6/3/23 we will be entering the building via the doors near the toilets.

Wattle Glen P.S Reynolds Rd, Wattle Glen. 3096



**Out of bounds area**

# Curriculum News

Your March update about our classrooms!

## Upcoming Assessments

- Grade One- English Online Interview
- NAPLAN - Writing, Reading, Grammar and Punctuation, Mathematics
- Post and Pre mathematics Assessments - Grade 3-6 Post Place Value, Prep/I Pre-Test on Place Value

## March Lunch time clubs

Minecraft - Monday,  
Wednesday and Friday  
Outdoor Games (Tennis) -  
Tuesday  
Lego - Thursday

## What's happening

Over the last few weeks, the students have enjoyed eating some healthy food options. This is part of our Integrated Studies, "Healthy Living- Mind and Body".

Our grade 3-6 students have been writing narratives, our grade 1-2 students have been expanding sentences and the Prep/I students have been illustrating, labelling, writing sentences about their drawings (Grade 1s) and the Preps have been writing letters and known words.



## Reminders

### Organisation Preparation

Upper School- parents please sign your child's diary each week to stay up to date with their home reading and homework. This is also good preparation for keeping your child accountable for their own organisation skills and it encourages good study habits.

### Sunsmart!

Please remind your child to wear their hat in term one, hats can be purchased via QKR, or at the school office (limited stock).



Dear Parents,

At Wattle Glen Primary School we are beginning to develop our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). A RAP is a formal commitment to reconciliation and is developed through the work of people in our community. This document details how our school will implement reconciliation by strengthening relationships, respect and opportunities in the classroom and around our school.

To form our RAP document, we need to arrange a RAP Working Party which will include Melanie McLennan, Kira Elliott and parent volunteers. If you wish to be a part of our RAP Working Party, please contact Kira Elliott via email by the 14th of March ([kira.elliott@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:kira.elliott@education.vic.gov.au)). We look forward to hearing from you all and to strengthening our journey in reconciliation at Wattle Glen.

Regards,

Kira Elliott





Wattle Glen  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Come and play the Wattle Glen way!

Wattle Glen Primary School invites all children starting school in 2024 to three afterschool play dates in term one!



**Session One:**  
**February 16th**  
**3:45pm- 4:30pm**

**Session Two:**  
**March 8th**  
**3:45pm- 4:30pm**

**Session Three:**  
**March 28th**  
**3:45pm- 4:30pm**

This is a great opportunity to see Wattle Glen Primary School, meet the friendly staff and form new friendships.

All sessions are supervised by current staff members.

**Call or email the office to enrol in these exciting sessions.**



wattle.glen.ps@education.vic.gov.au



Wattle Glen Primary School



03 9438 1259



www.wattlegps.vic.edu.au

# NAPLAN Information for parents and carers

## 2023

### Why do students do NAPLAN?

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

As students progress through their school years, it's important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

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.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

### Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online

Schools have transitioned from paper-based to computer-based assessments. All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

Online NAPLAN tests provide more precise results and are more engaging for students. One of the main benefits is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test presents questions which may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses.

Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may be taking a more complex test pathway.

### What does NAPLAN assess?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum.

Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics.

All government and non-government education authorities contribute to the development of NAPLAN test materials.

To find out more about NAPLAN, visit [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au).

### Participation in NAPLAN

NAPLAN is for everyone. ACARA supports inclusive testing so all students have the opportunity to participate in the national assessment program.

Adjustments are available for students with disability who have diverse functional abilities and needs.

Schools should work with parents/carers and students to identify, on a case-by-case basis, reasonable adjustments required for individual students with disability to access NAPLAN. Adjustments should reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments.

To help inform these decisions, you may consult the [NAPLAN public demonstration site](#), the [Guide for schools to assist students with disability to access NAPLAN](#), or our [series of videos](#) where parents/carers, teachers and students share their experiences in using NAPLAN adjustments.

In exceptional circumstances, a student with a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background, may be granted a formal exemption.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on adjustments for students with disability or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

## What if my child is absent from school on NAPLAN days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule.

## What if my school is closed on NAPLAN days?

Schools with compelling reasons may be given permission to schedule tests after the 9-day test window.

## What can I do to support my child?

Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best. Some familiarisation and explanation of NAPLAN is useful to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the tests. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers.

See the types of questions and tools available in the online NAPLAN assessments at [nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site](http://nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site).

## NAPLAN timetable

The NAPLAN test window is 9 days. This is to accommodate schools that may have fewer devices.

The NAPLAN test window starts on Wednesday 15 March and finishes on Monday 27 March 2023. Schools are advised to schedule the tests as soon as possible within the testing window, prioritising the first week.

## How is my child's performance reported?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each assessment. This scale indicates whether the student is meeting expectations for the literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be provided by your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your child's school.

## How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents/carers may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help identify students who need greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas of need to improve teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review the effectiveness of programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see information about the performance of schools over time at [myschool.edu.au](http://myschool.edu.au).

## Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

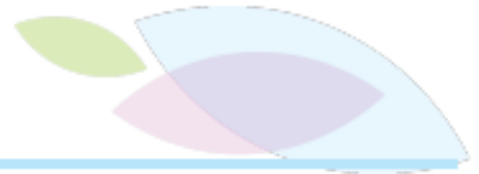
- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at [nap.edu.au/TAA](http://nap.edu.au/TAA)
- visit [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au)

To learn how ACARA handles personal information for NAPLAN, visit [nap.edu.au/naplan/privacy](http://nap.edu.au/naplan/privacy).

Test	Scheduling requirements	Duration	Test description
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 3 students do the writing test on paper (on day 1 only)</li><li>• Years 5, 7 and 9 writing must start on day 1 (schools must prioritise completion of writing across days 1 and 2 only, with day 2 only used where there are technical/logistical limitations)</li></ul>	Year 3: 40 min Year 5: 42 min Year 7: 42 min Year 9: 42 min	Students are provided with a 'writing stimulus' (sometimes called a 'prompt' – an idea or topic) and asked to write a response in a particular genre (narrative or persuasive writing)
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To be completed after the writing test</li><li>• To be completed before the conventions of language test</li></ul>	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts and then answer related questions
Conventions of language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To be completed after the reading test</li></ul>	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 45 min Year 7: 45 min Year 9: 45 min	Assesses spelling, grammar and punctuation
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To be completed after the conventions of language test</li></ul>	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Assesses number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability



# Tuning in to Kids™



**Practical tips and strategies to show parents how to help their child develop emotional intelligence.**

Through this practical six session emotional coaching parenting program, delivered across six weeks and hosted by Family Support Worker Joan Lauricella, you will learn positive parenting strategies.

Tuning in to Kids™ program is suitable for parents of children aged 9 years and under.

## Topics covered:

- Improve talking to and understanding your child
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions
- Prevent behaviour problems with your child
- Help your child deal with conflict

**“Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ”.**



**When:** Wednesdays - 22 February, 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 March 23

**Time:** 9.30am to 11.30am

**Where:** healthAbility, 917 Main Rd, Eltham

**Cost:** \$120 per adult, \$60 concession and \$180 per couple

**Bookings:** Essential via [trybooking.com/CFNKA](https://trybooking.com/CFNKA)

## For more information

Please contact Joan Lauricella, Family Support Worker at [joan.lauricella@healthability.org.au](mailto:joan.lauricella@healthability.org.au) or phone **9430 9100**

**Note:** Please note sessions are currently scheduled to occur in person however this may change to online sessions if Coronavirus restrictions change. Participants will be notified if this occurs.

**Phone:** (03) 9430 9100 | **Email:** [contact@healthability.org.au](mailto:contact@healthability.org.au)

**Box Hill:** 43 Carrington Road, Box Hill, VIC 3128

**Eltham:** 917 Main Road, Eltham, VIC 3095



healthAbility

By your side  
[healthability.org.au](https://healthability.org.au)

# Welcome back to Your OSHC.

by  Camp  
Australia



Welcome your child back to OSHC in Term 1 with inspiring programs.

The *Your OSHC* team at your school have been busy planning an exciting return to term time. Your program is filled with experiences that aim to connect your child with their friends, explore their interests and ease the transition from the holidays.

	Showcase experience	Feature menu item
Monday	Make your own Volcano.	Honey Joys
Tuesday	Make your own costumes.	Pancakes
Wednesday	Nature scavenger hunt	Sakata's with cheese and salsa
Thursday	Build big- Lego challenge.	Scones
Friday	Paint (controlled!) explosion.	Fruit platter



## FREE to Register

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

[Register now free](#)

Kickstart your child's 2023 with fun, social and purposeful programs that will build your child's confidence.

Visit our Get Term 1 Ready page on our website for heaps of great info to kickstart your school year.

[Visit page](#)





# Community Announcements

**DIAMOND CREEK  
STEP UP 2 CLEAN UP**

**SUNDAY  
MARCH 5** Marngrook Oval  
9am until 12noon

[libbyskoala.org.au](http://libbyskoala.org.au)

**ROTARY  
eltham  
FESTIVAL**

Saturday 4 and Sunday 5  
March 2023  
Alistair Knox Park

Celebrating Community - Supporting Local

[www.elthamfestival.org.au](http://www.elthamfestival.org.au) Facebook/ElthamFestival

Major sponsors: Bendigo Bank, American Express, Eltham Leisure Centre

Sponsors: Le Pine, Hyspec, Main, Bloom

Priority supported by: Rotary Eltham, Nillumbik

*Gold coin donation appreciated at entry*

**Diamond Creek Baseball Club  
JUNIOR CLINIC**

**3 Week Program**  
Saturdays - March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 18<sup>th</sup>  
10am - 11am  
@ Campbell Street Reserve

**Free!!!**  
Includes a Devil's Cap

**Boys & Girls**  
Ages 5-16

All skill levels welcomed,  
no experience required.

**All equipment provided**

Register @ [dcbc.com.au](mailto:dcbc.com.au)  
or Call Greg on 0407 400 463

**COME PLAY SOCCER**

**NORTHERN EAGLES  
SOCCER CLUB**

RECRUITING JUNIORS,  
WOMEN, AND MEN NOW.  
CONTACT US TO FIND OUT MORE.

NESC is a diverse club embracing players with a wide variety of skills. We value family involvement, wide community engagement, and a welcoming and inclusive culture. Our home ground is Wilson Reserve, Wattle Glen. NESC competes in the VCFA.

We run programs and competition for:

- JUNIORS 5-8**  
Goal Kick Basic Skills Program  
Saturday Mornings
- JUNIORS 8-15**  
Competition Games  
Saturday Mornings, Home & Away
- WOMEN**  
Open Ages  
Saturday Afternoon Competition
- MEN**  
Open Ages  
Saturday Afternoon Competition

For more information contact:  
Juniors / Women / Men - Steve 0419 328 862  
[registration@northerneagles.org.au](mailto:registration@northerneagles.org.au)

Northern Eagles Soccer Club was founded in 1994 as Eltham Eagles Soccer club to accommodate growing demand for soccer in Melbourne's Northern region, welcoming players from the Nillumbik, Banyule, and Whittlesea shires and beyond.

[www.northerneagles.org.au](http://www.northerneagles.org.au)  
[facebook.com/northerneaglessc](https://www.facebook.com/northerneaglessc)

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WWW.HURSTBRIDGEHURRICANES.COM

**U8 GIRLS PLAYERS NEEDED!**

Please email [ash@hurstbridgehurricanes.com](mailto:ash@hurstbridgehurricanes.com)

**OUR UNDER 8'S ARE GROWING!**

We have spots on in our squad still available. Fun, friends and learning new skills

**When:** Games are held on Saturday. We train Thursdays at Community bank stadium (4.20 - 5.00PM)

**Contact:** Speak to Vic 0439 132 746 or Mel 0406 603 827

We welcome visitors to training if you wish to chat in person and meet & greet the team

WATTLE GLEN  
**Breakers**  
BASKETBALL CLUB

# New Players Needed



Diamond Creek Basketball Club are looking for a few subs for their newest U8 Girls & U10 Girls & Boys teams.

If your child is looking to play in one of these age groups, please email us at [coordinators@dcbasketball.com.au](mailto:coordinators@dcbasketball.com.au)



[www.dcbasketball.com.au](http://www.dcbasketball.com.au)

[CONTACT@DCBASKETBALL.COM.AU](mailto:contact@dcbasketball.com.au)

[f DCBASKETBALL](https://www.facebook.com/dcbasketball)

[i CREEKERSBBALL](https://www.instagram.com/creekersbball)

# OPEN FARM DAY

*Farming on the Fringe*

**Saturday**  
**18 March**  
**10am-4pm**  
**Edendale Farm**  
**30 Gastons Road Eltham**

Farms and businesses across the region will be on site showcasing their products and services.

**On the day you can:**

- Meet local farmers, sample and purchase produce
- Meet farm animals
- Enjoy entertainment on the day including face painting and live music.

For an overview of the day's workshops and activities and a list of businesses and organisations involved on the day visit:

[nillumbik.vic.gov.au/open-farm-day](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/open-farm-day)

**Free  
Family  
Event**

