

Wandin Yallock News

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Creativity, Achievement, Respect, Integrity, Nurture, Growth



WANDIN YALLOCK P.S.
CARING & EXCELLENCE

Principal's Message

Dear parents, students and friends,

What a busy couple of weeks it has been at Wandin Yallock! Our term focus for all classes is 'Curiosity' and so many activities have had our students thinking deeply and being curious about the world around them.

The highlight for many over the past few weeks have been the two camps. I was privileged to be able to attend both camps with two fantastic groups of students who really made the most of all opportunities available to them. First, the 5/6 students along with Ms Myring and Mrs Ramsden ventured off to Wilsons Prom for a week of exploring the natural beauty while experiencing many firsts along the way. We hiked, fished, surfed, played in the river, explored the beaches, made sand castles, spotted wombats, rolled down sand dunes and learnt about the underwater ecosystems in the river. Special thanks to Mrs Ramsden for her fabulous cooking; the food was amazing. The following week I was back on a bus (as a passenger this time, not the driver) and headed in the opposite direction to Ballarat with the 3/4 students to experience the olden days at Sovereign Hill. Gold panning, olden day 9 pin bowling, watching demonstrations from the candle makers, lolly makers, gold pourer, and blacksmith were highlights, as were the two underground mine tours and the fabulous night time light and sound show. Following both camps the students came home exhausted after such full and amazing experiences. All students should also be congratulated for their fabulous behaviour and attitude on both camps. At Sovereign Hill our students continuously received compliments from staff for their behaviour throughout. Likewise at the Prom, the 5/6s were complimented by the education rangers for their curiosity and inquisitiveness. It's very pleasing as principal of the school when others recognise the fabulous students we have and the CARING values they display when out and about in the community. Well done everyone.

Thank you particularly to Ms Myring, Mrs Ramsden, Mr Norris and Mrs Heintze who attended camps and did a wonderful job of looking after all our students and providing them with such great opportunities. Your commitment to our students by being on duty 24/7 and being away from your families over that period is greatly appreciated.

This week, the quails which were hatched last term by the 3/4s have returned and have taken up residency with the chickens in the Farm. I believe they too will be laying eggs soon. This adds another exciting dimension to the Farm program, as will an incursion our 3-6 students will be participating in tomorrow learning about the impact of the fruit fly on local agriculture.

In the junior classes, the students have also been busy getting curious and wondering about their world. Over the last few weeks they have been intently observing the life cycle changes of meal worms whilst making predictions and recording changes. Everywhere I look around the school, including the staffroom fridge, there are containers of wriggly meal worms!

Term Planner

MAY

Friday 14th	F-2 Photo Trail (Postponed) Year 3-6 Fruit Fly Incursion
Monday 17th	Mont De Lancey Visitors
Wednesday 19th	Mont De Lancey Visitors
Thursday 20th	Mont De Lancey Visitors
Friday 21st	Mont De Lancey Visitors
Friday 28th	Mont De Lancey Visitors Year 3-6 Cross Country 3/4N Dairy Farm Zoom Incursion
Monday 31st	Mont De Lancey Visitors
JUNE	
Tuesday 1st	Mont De Lancey Visitors
Thursday 3rd	Mont De Lancey Visitors
Friday 4th	Mont De Lancey Visitors Year 5/6 Aussie Sports Day
Friday 11th	CURRICULUM Day (No children required at school)
Monday 14th	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Thursday 24th	F-2 Chesterfield Farm Excursion
Friday 25th	Last Day Term 2

NOTICES SENT OUT

- Out of School Hours Care Survey
(Due back 19/5/21)
- Walk to School Initiative
(Due back 19/5/21)

Early this week we continued the curious theme with a Family Open Night. It was great to see many students and their families brave the cold windy evening to come back to school to undertake some STEAM activities. Designing and testing the marble carrying capacity boats, building bridges and towers, coding with the ipads and BeeBots, observing stick insects, making slime, observing things under the microscopes, and measuring, were just some of the activities available to our families. We hope you enjoyed the evening.



This week, students in years 3 and 5 undertook the NAPLAN testing. Individual and school based results will be available later in the year. Well done to all students for giving these tests your best effort.

On Monday, the 150th committee met again to continue our planning for our special celebration in October. We are still keen for lots of new people to jump on board to help as there will be lots to do. Our next meeting will be on Monday 24th at 7.30pm via Zoom. Look out for the link closer to the date. We would love to see you there.

Finally, we have a vacancy on School Council following a member stepping down. If you are interested please see me or our school council president, Nicole Hartley.

Have a great weekend.

Trevor
Trevor Vass
Principal

Outstanding Achiever Awards

	<p><u>LACHLAN S.</u> <u>1/2D</u></p> <p>Lachlan's enthusiasm for learning enables him to tackle new challenges eagerly with a positive attitude. He continually strives to be his best. Particularly noteworthy is Lachlan's personal achievement in writing. He is an author in the making. He has been working on using his phoneme fist to sound out the trickiest of words and is always careful to select just the right word to convey his message. It is wonderful to see Lachlan's confidence as a writer grow every time he puts pencil to paper. I look forward to seeing where your writing journey will take you. Keep up the wonderful attitude, Lachlan.</p>
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	<p><u>ABBY M.</u> <u>1/2S</u></p> <p>Abby has shown a great understanding of the school CARING values as she demonstrates them daily. She continually works hard to improve her learning and complete work to the best of her ability. Abby won't stop until she is proud of her own work. She is also extremely nurturing towards others inside the classroom as she is inclusive during group work and supports others with their learning. Abby will make smart choices when at school, but in the rare occasion she has made a poor choice, is honest with her mistake and quickly takes responsibility for her actions. I have been impressed with Abby's maturity this term. Well done Abby.</p>
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FARM NEWS

OUR SCHOOL QUAIL HAVE OFFICIALLY RETURNED!!! 🐣

Thank you to our amazing community, our gorgeous quail babies were looked after during school holidays and while we sourced and renovated a suitable quail enclosure.

We are so grateful and excited! Thank you to Tim who is selfless and giving, never asking for anything in return. Our 10 quails are now laying and helping students to extend their animal husbandry knowledge and caring. We are looking forward to collecting tiny eggs and quail cuddles 🥰

Farmer Jill

PS. We have lots of eggs for sale from our Chickens. Please come to office if you would like to purchase some. Only \$5 per dozen.



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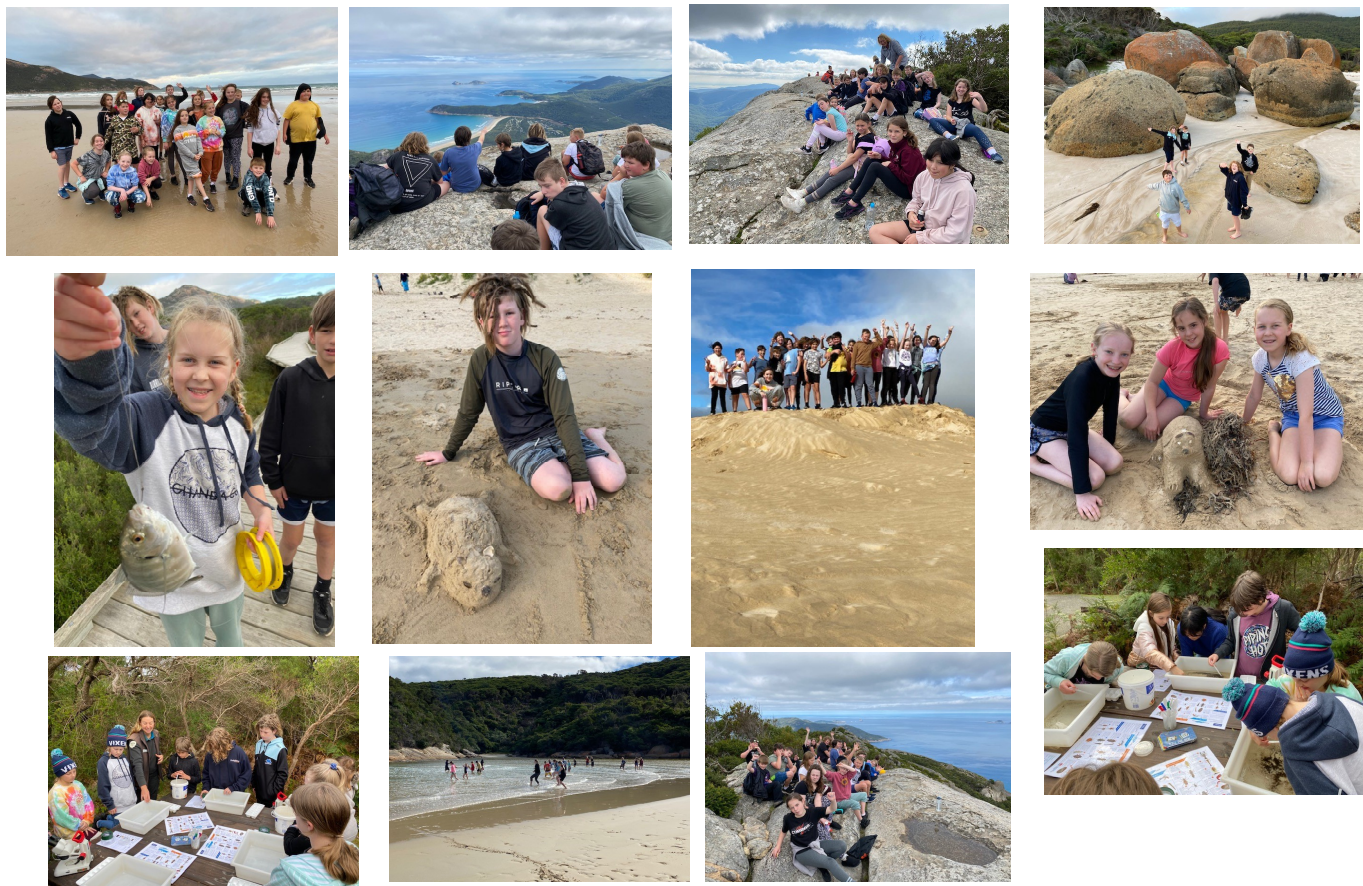
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1800 880 660

Enrolments are taken all year round



Year 5/6 Wilson's Prom Camp



Year 3/4 Sovereign Hill Camp

