



“Big enough for opportunity,  
small enough to care.”

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## Newsletter Term 1 - February 2024

*Children are supervised between the hours of 8:30am and 3:45pm within the school grounds.*

### Word from the Principal

Here we are at five weeks of school already. How time flies when you're having fun!

We started out with four classrooms welcoming Miss Hillbrich to the junior room. Sadly, this was short lived for our little Wurruk Primary School. We will miss Miss Hillbrich, but we are very fortunate we will see her at our cluster days. Miss Hilbrich has returned to Bundalaguah Primary School.

The new classroom structure started this week.

Class	Teacher	Support	Space
Juniors F & 1	Miss G	Crystal	New portable
Middles 2, 3, & 4	Miss D	Crystal	New portable
Seniors 5 & 6	Miss Leenders	Belinda Miss Ponton	Old classroom.

Note: Miss G and Miss D will continue to team teach in the Junior and Middle space, with the support of Crystal. Crystal will still be running LLI and Maths tutoring groups in “Crystal’s room” .

We welcome Miss Collins back, as always jumping straight back in. She is a part of the Wurruk fabric and once attended the school as a student. Miss Collins will be with us each Monday running the STEM program, and Wednesdays focusing on Teacher professional development within the school.

We also welcome Mrs Swarbrick to our team. Mrs Swarbrick is a highly experienced secondary teacher with extensive knowledge and understanding of teaching literacy. She will be running literacy focused tutoring groups each Thursday and Friday with our Senior students in the Wellbeing room. This will give each student in Year 5 and 6 the point of need and extension learning to support our students to be the best they can be.

Training our teachers is imperative to support your children’s learning. This year in our AIP we have a focus on improving our whole school’s teacher and learning practices in Numeracy and Literacy and improving our transition to secondary school.

Miss G is our Numeracy specialist and has attended several numeracy professional development days over last year and this year is focusing on developing our teachers’ skills. Miss G organised the professional development day last Friday for our school. The day was fabulous, and all teachers are now inspired to implement many of the skills and learning tools in their classroom.

Miss D is our literacy specialist. She has attend countless professional development days over the past two years and continues to share her learnings with staff. On the first Friday back all our staff attend a literacy professional development day which has inspired them all. Miss D is leading the way, running writing focused lessons in each of our rooms, sharing good practice with each of our teachers.

Miss Leenders will be running our year six transition program this year with the cluster schools and Sale College. This will begin in second term.

The Student, Parent, Teacher Conferences Day was a wonderful success. Thank you to all our families for making the effort to come in or talk to us or on the phone to help support your Childs learning for the term. Also, a huge thank you to Kim our KESO for her support on the day.

What have our children been learning so far this year?

Over the last five weeks we have participated in the below programs:

- \* Swimming Program
- \* Water Safety Day at Loch Sport
- \* Questacon Science Circus
- \* Wellington leadership day
- \* Hockey roadshow
- \* Cluster swimming sports.
- \* Art Gallery opening.
- \* STEAM enrichment program.
- \* Art in the wild.

Please see attached photos of our children’s learning inside and outside of our classrooms.

*Gayle Coleman*



# CALENDAR

## 2024 TERM 1

### February

### March

- Fri 1/3 Swimming Program
- Wed 6/3 Wellington Division Swimming
- Wed 6/3 Hot Cross bun orders due back
- Fri 8/3 Swimming Program
- Mon 11/3 Labour Day Public Holiday
- 13-25 Naplan window
- Fri 15/3 Hot Cross bun pick up 3pm
- Wed 20/3 Yr 7 2025 Sale College Info night
- Fri 22/3 Swimming Program
- Thurs 28/3 Last day term 1

## TERM 2

### April

- Mon 15/4 First day term 2

# M.A.R.C Van 2024

M.A.R.C van has been off to a great start this year at Wurruk P.S. It's been fantastic to see so many students borrowing from our library. What's even better is that most students are remembering to return their books each week! Our M.A.R.C van day is Monday. Ms Tomlin has had so much fun reading books from the 'Do Not Open This Book' series by Andy Lee. Here are some photos of some mischief that happened when a little blue visitor called Wizz visited our van!



# 2024 Camps

3/4 Camp Woorabinda Camp 5–7 June 2024

5/6 Melbourne Doxa Camp 31 July–2 August 2024

## SALE COLLEGE SEAL Application 2024 Timeline for Year 7 in 2025

- **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – SEAL Parent Information Night from 5:30pm in the OLC at Guthridge after 2025 Information night
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April** – SEAL Application due to Sale College
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May**– SEAL Exam 9:00am – 11:30am at Guthridge Campus
- **Starting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May** – Interview process for applicants and parents (maximum of 3 weeks).
- Offers will be posted to successful applicants **After the Monarchs Birthday Public Holiday.**



**COME AND TRY**  
Baseball at Stephenson Park,  
Guthridge Parade, Sale.

When?  
Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Juniors (16 and under): 4.30pm  
Seniors: 6pm  
BBQ dinner provided



**PLAYERS WANTED**  
NAMBROK NEWRY FOOTBALL/NETBALL CLUB

**Football Players:**  
We are looking for boys and girls born between 2011-2015 to play junior football.  
**Free Registration**

**Netball Players:**  
We are looking for junior and adult females 7 years or older of all abilities.  
**Free Team Fees**

**Free meals for the whole family on Thursday night following trainings.**  
For more information contact Karlie Cropley on 0429 331 698

# Promoting Safety Around Our School

As we continue to prioritise the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and community, it is imperative that we address certain concerns regarding traffic and pedestrian safety around our school premises.

**1. Speeding is Not Acceptable Near a Schools:** Speeding vehicles pose a significant threat to the safety of our students and pedestrians. We urge all drivers to adhere to the posted speed limits, especially in school zones. Excessive speed reduces reaction time and increases the likelihood of accidents, particularly in areas where children are present. Please be mindful of your speed and drive cautiously, especially during peak drop-off and pick-up times.

**2. Correct Use of School Crossings at All Times:** Our designated school crossings are in place to provide a safe passage for students and pedestrians. It is crucial for everyone to use these crossings correctly and responsibly. Students should be instructed to cross only at designated areas and to wait for the crossing guard's signal before proceeding. Drivers must also be vigilant and yield to pedestrians at all marked crossings.

**3. Crossing the Street Safely:** Teaching children proper pedestrian safety is essential for their well-being. Parents and or guardians, please take the time to educate your children on safe pedestrian practices, including looking both ways before crossing the street, using crosswalks whenever possible, and making eye contact with drivers before stepping onto the road. Additionally, encourage older students to serve as role models by following these safety guidelines themselves.

By working together as a community and prioritising safety, we can create a secure environment for everyone.

Let us all remain vigilant and committed to ensuring the well-being of our students both in and around the school premises.





*Every student will learn, achieve and succeed*

## 2025 Information Night

Sale College invites all prospective families to our 2025 Information Night on **Wednesday the 20th of March.**

### YEAR 7 2025

#### INFORMATION SESSION

**4pm-5pm**—School Tours  
**5pm-5.30pm**—Information Session in the Guthridge Campus Open Learning Centre.



#### 2025 SELECT ENTRY ACCELERATED LEARNING INFORMATION SESSION

**From 5.30pm** in the Guthridge Campus Open Learning Centre.



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# Swimming









# Questacon



# Drum beats with Steph



## Staff Art

At the end of last year all staff had an opportunity to get together and celebrate the end of the school year by painting a frog.

Aren't they just beautiful frogs.





# Swimming Carnival



# HOCKEY CLINIC



Whimsical Sculptures  
Artist in Schools Program  
Steph Shields and Wurruk Primary



Whimsical  
Artist in Schools  
Steph Shields

# Art Gallery



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# Art in the wild





# Share Our Learning December 2023



# Santa visit 2023







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