



Wednesday February 28th 2024

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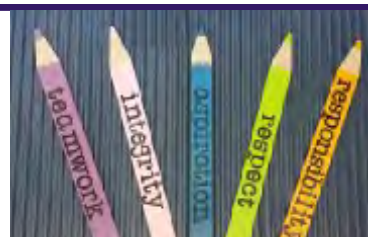
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Dates for the family diary

Principal's Column

Mondays 19/2—18/3	3-6 Swimming
Monday 4/3	Preps start full time
Friday 8/3	Curriculum Day Student Free
Monday 11/3	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 13/3	School Council AGM
Tuesday 19/3 & Monday 25/3	Three Way Conferences 1:30pm Dismissal Tues 19/3
Tuesday 26/3	School Photo Day
Thursday 28/3	End of Term 1 2:30pm dismissal

School Athletics Sports

Congratulations to all those who participated in the school athletic sports day yesterday. We had excellent participation from the students and while there were challenging activities the student's showed persistence and resilience. I saw this particularly in the hurdles where so many students after stumbling got back up and finished the race. We also saw many examples of a high level of athleticism by our students who had many ribbons as proof of their skill. There were lots of smiles and happy faces from everyone who participated.

A huge thankyou to Chloe for the organisation that ran so smoothly and to the staff who did an amazing job of supporting all students while coordinating events.

Thankyou also to all our amazing volunteers, parents, and students from Woodman's Hill Secondary and Loreto. You all made the day a great success. Results can be found on page 6.

Strategic Plan Review

Next week the strategic plan panel will be conducting field work in our school. They will be meeting with teachers, students, and parents. The groups meeting with the panel will be made up of

- Teachers in their teams
- Student leaders- School Captains and Vice Captains
- Kids Voice – 10 students from Kids Voice from years 2 – 6
- Parents – 11 parents with students at our school from Years Prep to 6 (representative of the spread of families in our school)

The field day dates and final day for our review are:

Day 2: Field workday 5th March – involves the panel meeting with groups of the school community.

Day 3: Field Workday 7th March- involves the panel meeting with groups of the school community.

Day 4: Panel Day: 14th March

Pupil Free Days 2024

8th March: REAL Schools PD

15th April: Professional Learning

7th June: Report Writing Day

4th November: Whole School Professional Practice Day

Forward Notice :

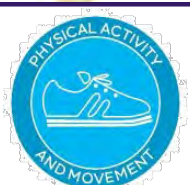
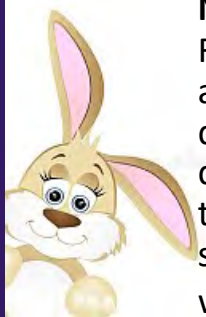
- Monday 15th April Curriculum Day
- Wed 17th April—3-6 Swimming

Term 1 Assembly Roster

Friday 15/3	Years P-2 Assembly 2:40pm
Thursday 28/3	Whole School Assembly 1:40pm

Easter Raffle - Donations

Needed: Our annual Easter Raffle is taking place this term and we are requesting donations for the raffle. All donations can be delivered to the school office. We will be sending out raffle tickets next week to families.



Why did the orchestra get struck by lightning? It had a conductor.



Standing up to Racism

Last week Jan Turnbull -Gent and I attended a session on how schools can stand up to racism. Last year Claire Heyne and Erin van den Hoek also attended this session. We worked with the Centre for Multicultural Youth, and it was an insightful day. We heard from young people with lived experience of racism and learnt about ways we as a school can challenge racism and discrimination.

About 1 in 4 people are born overseas and almost half of us have one parent who was born in another country in Australia today. This cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths, but not everyone always sees it this way.

Sometimes people are treated unfairly or badly, because of the country they come from, their cultural background, what they look like or the colour of their skin. This is called racism. Racism is a form of discrimination.

If you are wanting to start a conversation with your child about discrimination the Human Rights website has some excellent resources available to use with your child that are age appropriate.

<https://humanrights.gov.au/education/students>

Three Way Conferences

Bookings are now open for our Three Way Conferences which will be held in Week 8 & 9 of this term - Tuesday 19th March and Monday 25th March. The teachers will offer the opportunity for parents to meet with them and their child to discuss their progress and learning goals. **You can book your appointment via Compass.** You will see the link at the top of your Compass news feed.

Please note there will be an **early finish at 1:30pm on Tuesday 19th March. Camp Australia will be open for childcare from 1:30pm for families who require it.**

Three Way Conferences give students an opportunity to share their learning achievements and goals with their parents or guardians, supported by their teachers. This relates directly to the Personal Learning Domain of our curriculum.

If you have any concerns about your child's education that you do not wish to discuss in front of them, please make a separate appointment to see your child's teacher.

If you are having any problems with logging onto Compass, we encourage you to ring or come into see us so that we can assist you. Compass is an important communication tool. You can:

- access up to date information on the Compass Newsfeed,
- access newsletters,
- see your child's Values Awards,
- download your child's report in June and December,
- book Three Way Conferences.

Easter hat or a touch of Easter

All students are invited to wear an Easter Hat or a touch of Easter added to their uniform on Monday 25th March. We will be conducting an Easter parade in the gym from 2:30pm on that day as well as some other whole school fun. Our teachers will be conducting three-way conferences and students who are attending those will be sent over to the room at their allocated time. Children will be dismissed from outside their normal classroom building by one of our specialist teachers.

Fundraising

This term Kids Voice, supported by Chrissy Biggin and Claire Heyne along with Mrs Westlake and Chloe Dew have organised an amazing last day of term. We are so excited to be taking part in Foodbank Victoria's Food Fight – the messiest, funniest way to help raise funds to feed those in need. The event will take place on 28th of March, which is going to be great fun for the kids. We want to make sure we raise as much as we can for **Foodbank Victoria** and we need your help!

Information is on the Blueprint from 26th February and information for parents will be given to students to take home, so keep an eye out for the details. Here is the link to last week's Blueprint: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cgVj8Qs-cDg>

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School Council

Our next meeting is on March 13th. This meeting will be a special meeting to elect the office bearers of the Black Hill School Council.

Swimming Program

Our Year 3 - 6 students are continuing their swimming program with weekly lessons at the Ballarat Aquatic Centre each Monday. This is a valuable opportunity for students to continue to develop their swimming skills and water safety awareness in the comfort of a climate-controlled environment.

Birthdays

I would like to acknowledge all those students who have had birthdays this week.

Happy birthday to:

Rashell	56C
Uma	34D
Frankie	34D
Aisha	34E
Joseph	56D
Hamish	12B

Donna Bishop
Principal

Team News

Prep/1/2 Team

Wow! What an amazing day we all had at the annual Athletics Sports. Our students demonstrated great sportsmanship and perseverance, especially in very hot conditions. Well done everyone and a big thank you to our volunteers and parents for supporting our students and teachers.

Next Thursday, 7th March, we will be having a Bike Education session in the gymnasium. Could students please bring along a bike helmet if they have one. Please be aware that Friday, 8th March is a pupil free day followed by a public holiday on Monday 11th March.

Please pack two pieces of fruit as we have two fruit breaks throughout the school day. Thank you!



Team News

3/4 Team

Our Whole School Sports Day was a blast! Students across the school were decked out in their team colours and it was wonderful to see the beaming smiles and hear the encouragement of their teammates across the different events. The Years 3 and 4 students kept running, jumping, throwing, and chanting all day!

A big shoutout to our volunteers from Loreto College and Woodmans Hill SC as they helped to run events and marshal the students throughout the day. Also to our parents, and, of course, the superstar students for making Sports Day a day to remember!



Team News

5/6 Team

5/ 6 Sports Day



Reminders

Please ensure your child has headphones for school as these are a very important tool for their learning and a requirement for our Grade 5 students who will be completing NAPLAN from March 13. Headphones can be purchased at the office for \$16.50.

2024 Athletic Sports Results Age Group Champions

Age group	Name	Points
8/9 Year Old Girls	Klara Spokevicius	47
8/9 Year Old Boys	Nathaniel Rudd	67
10 Year Old Girls	Elsa Martin	58
10 Year Old Boys	Hunter Sisis	105
11 Year Old Girls	Indie Evans	57
11 Year Old Boys	Cameron Steele	60
12 Year Old Girls	Indi Manford	76
12 Year Old Boys	Cooper Hancock	100

Overall Results

House	Points
Blue	664
Green	649
Gold	583
Red	412

Meet our 2024 Kid's Voice representatives



Parents of students in Grades 4, 5 and 6
are warmly encouraged to attend our



Information Evening

Wednesday 20th March 2024

WOODMANS HILL
SECONDARY COLLEGE

Information Sessions

will be held at 5.00pm and 6.00pm
in the Theatre, followed by school tours.
Bookings essential.

www.woodmanshill.net.au



Woodmans Hill - Fussell Street Ballarat, Ph: 5336 7264

See learning as it occurs!



Back to school is a lot*. Let's get ready.

*A lot of feelings, a lot of
expenses, a lot of stress.

Saver Plus can help.



I Can – Education Support Tips for Parents

Parents, families and carers are a child's first and most important teachers. Getting involved and engaged in children's education can improve their chances educationally and socially for years to come.



Call the school and speak to:

Administration for enrolment, fees, paperwork and absences

Wellbeing team for mental, physical, emotional health

Teachers for school work and learning progress

You can ask the school to arrange an interpreter for phone calls via LanguageLoop or if you would like to call an interpreter directly you can contact **TIS National on 131 450**

If I have questions, concerns or need more information about my child's education

I can...



Attend parent teacher interviews

Read the school newsletter regularly

Email my child's teacher

Get involved with the school by volunteering, joining a committee, attending social events and information nights.

Download digital applications used by the school such as Compass/ Sentral/ Seesaw

I can ask for help with this if I am unsure

Engage with my child's learning at home.

***turn over page for ideas >**



Have them read to me in English (or my first language)

Help them set up a **comfortable place to study**

Share our culture with them



Get them to help calculate the change from grocery shopping



Go for a walk or a jog with them looking at our neighbourhood



Speak in my first language with them so they become multi-lingual

I might not be a teacher, but I can support my child's education in lots of ways

Make a cake or food and ask them to do the measuring and mixing

I can...

Have a conversation about what they are studying in a particular subject

Help them look for groups and patterns in our house and count and discuss them



Support the **scheduling of devices** across a day or week so everyone can have a turn



Ask them to show me the **signs of the seasons** in the garden, or at the park

Ask them to find items in our home that start with letters of the alphabet



Share a piece of music that I enjoy and explain why, and then ask them to do the same

Support them to put naming labels on items in our home in English (or our first language)



Teach them a skill I have such as sewing, soccer, cooking, or painting



Sit with my child and play or **make up a game or do a puzzle**

A resource for parents



Education and Training



Ballarat Outdoor Playgroup!

Come together once a week with other families to explore nature in child-led sensory and art activities, sing songs, hear stories and bush walking in a beautiful outside setting.

Wadawurrung Country Meet up in all weather Term OR casual rates

Friday mornings 9:30 -11:30

Wednesday mornings (dependent on numbers)



For more info email Janet!
Janet is a qualified Kindergarten
Teacher with backgrounds in music
and sustainability.

ballaratoutdoorplaygroup@fastmail.com

A restorative time to connect with nature
and form lifelong friendships.