WANGALA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday August 19th, 2022

Dates to Remember

Monday 22nd August
Book Week 'Dreaming with Eyes Open'

Wednesday 24th August
Assembly and Book Week Parade in the Gymnasium at 9.15am

Monday 29th August
Year Six Camp (returning Friday)

Tuesday 30th August
School Council meeting at 4.00pm

Friday 2nd September
Newsletter released

Tuesday 6th September
Miss Margetts returns

Wednesday 7th September
Assembly in the Gymnasium at 2.45pm

Wednesday 7th September
Football Victoria 'Futsal' clinic

Thursday 8th September
R U Ok? Day

Don't Forget!

Book Week is next week with a planned dress up day on Wednesday, 24th August. We will be holding an early assembly in the gymnasium on this day, beginning at 9.15am to showcase the wonderful book week costumes.

From the Principal

Yesterday all Wangala students had the opportunity to perform on the stage at the 'Geelong Performing Arts Centre' as part of the 'Geelong Music and Movement Festival'. Dressed as 'Sporty Spooks', the student performed an amazing dance to a montage of songs. A huge thanks to Ms Whytcross for pulling this together and giving up her time each day to come in and practise with our students. What an opportunity for them all!

We were so pleased to send out our 2023 prep confirmation letters last week inviting all our new families to attend a series of transition days during Term Four. If you have not got your enrolment forms in, it is not too late. If you know of other families who have not enrolled their child for Prep 2023 yet, let them know too, that it is not too late. If, for any reason, you may not be attending Wangala Primary School in 2023, please let us know. This helps us to plan for staffing for the year ahead.

With Miss Margetts away for a few weeks, the junior classroom has Mrs Lucy Matthews (pictured below) as their classroom teacher. Mrs Matthews has slotted wonderfully into the Wangala community. Make sure you say hello if you see her.

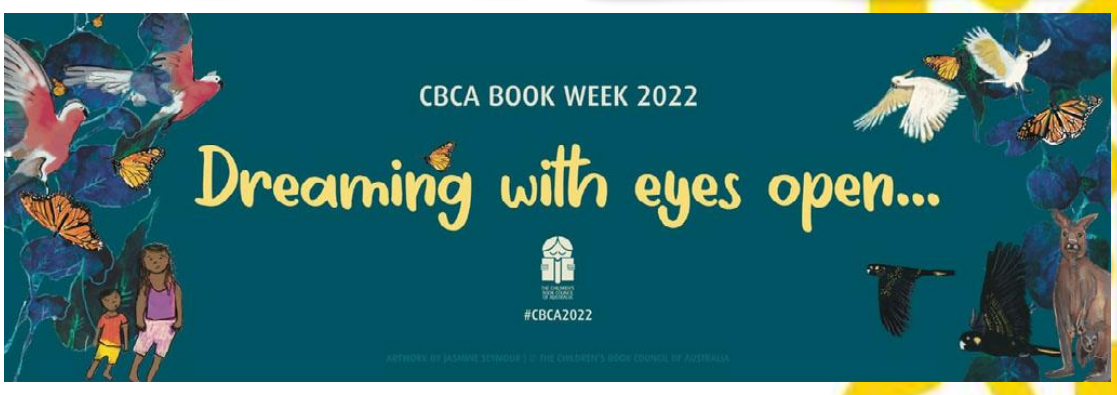
I would like to congratulate our very own staff member, Georgie, who graduated with a degree in psychology on Wednesday of this week. This is an enormous accomplishment, and we could not be prouder of her!

Our Grade Three students attended their camp in Airey's Inlet with our cluster of schools last week. In talking to them, they all reported that they had an amazing time and thoroughly enjoyed the camp, with a highlight being the camp puppies! A very special thank-you to Steph for attending the camp as our staff representative.

During the week a random selection of parents and carers were contacted via email to participate in the '2022 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey'. If you were one of the lucky families, I urge you to complete this survey which will be used to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. These anonymous results will be reported back to the school at the end of September.

Have a great weekend!

Steven King
Principal



Every Day Counts!

If your child misses…	That equals…	Which is…	And over 13 years of schooling that's…	Which means the best your child might perform is…
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years	Equal to finishing Year 4

Every day your child is at school counts.

It has been shown that students who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve at higher levels than students who do not have regular attendance.

You may think that one day here or there will not have a huge impact, but overtime, there can be a significant impact on your child's education, as well on their attainment of skills and knowledge, and their social and emotional development, including communication, resilience, and teamwork.

There is no safe number of days for missing school. Each day a student misses puts them behind.

If your child is sick, they do not need to go to school, but it is important that they are only away on the days they are genuinely sick.

If your child cannot go to school, please let us know as soon as possible. You can call the office and select our attendance line to leave a message and explanation, or you can log this through Compass.

Tips to help improve your child's attendance

- Talk to your child about school and how important it is. You can ask them how they feel about school, what they liked and if there are any problems.
- Reward good behaviour and not 'bad' behaviour. For example, if your child refuses to go to school, do not let them have access to technology etc.
- Set a good example. Show them how you keep to your own commitments.
- Encourage your child to take on hobbies that they enjoy such as sports and clubs. This will help them develop positive relationships outside the classroom.
- Have a set time to do homework and go to bed.
- Leave all technology out of their bedroom.
- Pack their school bag the night before with everything they need.
- Have a set time for breakfast.
- Plan to meet up with a friend so they can travel to school together.
- Talk to us for further advice and assistance.

From Left to Right – Kaylee, Victoria, Erin, Kian, Lily and Lucy

HoL Café Kids

We asked the students that are currently busily cooking up Café lunches on a Tuesday during Hands on Learning, what they loved about working in the kitchen. Here is what they had to say!

Kaylee 'I love learning new recipes that I can tell my family about.'
Victoria 'I enjoy learning how to cook and then being able to cook again at home.'
Erin 'I like learning how to use knives properly so I can help my parents cook at home.'
Kian 'I enjoy learning how to cook different things.'
Lily 'I like learning new things and to be able to show these to my family.'
Luci 'I enjoy learning more skills.'

Next week our budding young chefs will be cooking up a delicious pumpkin risotto (using our school grown pumpkins!) and some scrumptious pancakes.

Don't forget to get your orders in on time.

From the Middle Class

The Middle class have been learning about similes this week.

Similes are a figure of speech involving comparison of one thing with another thing of a different kind, used to make a description more vivid.

I'm as snappy as a crocodile – Chavelle
I'm as sus as an imposter – Dayne
I'm as cheeky as a monkey – Maycee
I'm as fast as a lion – Eleni
I'm as unique as a superstar player – Shaurya
I'm as cool as ice – Stella

Senior Mathematics Warm Up Game

This week the Seniors have been learning how to play a new card game called 'Speeding'. It is a great game to help improve students' recall mathematical number facts.

Did you know that there is something special about the numbers 1 to 10 on cards when you change the order you put them in and add them up? I wonder if you can work out what?

Science Technology Engineering The Arts Mathematics

This week in STEAM we have been learning all about **GLASS** and the importance of it. Not only have we discussed the different purposes it has, but we have learnt how it is made. Some of us also got to do some cool experiments with glass and learnt how vibrations are made. Our focus for the lesson was ART – we all got to make our own stain glass window. I'm sure they will brighten up our STEAM classroom.

Congratualtions to our Star Students for this fortnight!

Wangala Primary School is proud to be on Wadawurring Country

From the GELC Classroom

My name is Jouana. I am 10 years old. I come from Iran.

I like dogs. I like school because I like school work. My favourite work is maths. I like every sport. I like basketball. I like school at Wangala and I like GELC at Wangala. I like my teacher. My class teachers' names are Ms Kate and Ms Kim. My school is Montpellier. My teacher's name is Mr Carney. My friends at GELC are good.

All About Me

Dear parents,

This is a letter I wrote about myself.

My name is Lily.My favorite colors are green and purple. Im 10 years old.My birthday is on the 8/8.I come from Ho Chi Minh city in Vietnam and now I live in Geelong in Victoria.My family has 6 people.They are my mum, dad, my twin sisters and my brother.Sometime we have trouble with my brother.I like to make my family always happy.My dream is I could help poor people.When I grow up I want to be an artist.I love it when my family hugs me and when my mum and dad kiss me goodnight or when I go to school.I'm from Armstrong Creek School and now I'm learning English at GELC at Wangala.I love to eat ice cream,sushi,noodles and everything that my family cooks.Now Im very happy because I have a perfect life.

By Lily Nguyen

Junior Class 'Spooky Sports' Artwork

Our Junior class have been busy creating artworks of our 'Spooky Sports' performance at the Geelong Music and Movement Festival.

We've been busy practising in the gymnasium over the past few weeks.

Take a look at the spooky performance on the next page.

Rovers Basketball Club is running a free 'Come and Try Day' for children aged between 6 and 14 later this month.

Rovers Basketball Club train at Armstrong Creek School, Wangala Primary School (in our gymnasium) and Western Heights College, and plays in the Geelong United Basketball competition. They have a strong junior program focusing on participation, with boys' and girls' teams Under 10 all the way through to senior competitions.

Photos from the Geelong Music and Movement Festival

Important information

WHAT TO BRING

- Hat and refillable drink bottle
- Healthy morning and afternoon snack PLUS lunch
- Old clothes for craft activities (eg painting)
- Spare change of clothes as required for matters relating to weather or personal hygiene
- Appropriate footwear (runners preferable)

YMCA does not provide breakfast or afternoon snacks. Please ensure you supply **enough food for your child** to consume throughout the day. **Please avoid food with nuts as we have several children attending the program with Anaphylaxis. This includes PEANUT BUTTER and NUTELLA.**

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Mobile Phones and other electronic devices unless for scheduled technology hour sessions.

REGISTRATIONS & BOOKINGS

- All bookings are subject to availability
- All bookings are tentative until payment has been processed
- Book online via the Family App
- Bookings will not be processed without relevant supporting documentation (where applicable).
- Please allow 7 business days for bookings to be processed
- Bookings close on Monday the 12th of September at 12:00pm

PRICING & PAYMENT

Statements will be issued to families a minimum of 48 hours prior to the direct debit via email. Families will be debited from their nominated bank account on:

- Thursday the 15th of September
- Thursday the 29th of September - Follow up direct debit for any accounts with outstanding debt.
- Payments may take 48 hours to withdraw from your nominated bank account.

Centre Based: $73.42 per child daily fee

Incursion Days: $103.40 per child daily fee

Excursion Days: $130.00 per child daily fee

NDIS - Educator Support: $48.14 per hour + daily fee
(Child support ratio 1:1)

ADDITIONAL NEEDS

One on one: $48.14 p/hour + daily fee

Two on one: $26.96 p/hour+ daily fee

Three on one: $19.90 p/hour + daily fee

Costs shown can be reduced with the application of CCS. If you intend to claim CCS ensure you have registered with Centrelink and provided us with all the appropriate information.

NDIS FUNDING

- No upfront payments required
- Claims processed at conclusion of programs
- Fees will be charged in accordance to the additional needs fees table above. Any remaining shortfall between NDIS subsidy and fees will be sent to the parents/guardians.

For more information and to book our program visit: www.geelong.ymca.org.au or download The Family App.

Katelyn Hancock
School Holiday Program Coordinator

Contact Us

Please contact
Katelyn Hancock:
shp.geelong@ymca.org.au

UPDATE INFORMATION

All children require updates for any relevant asthma or anaphylaxis management plans every 12 months or otherwise provide a doctors letter stating no update is required. Please check your child's management plan commencement date to ensure it is current and valid.

SUFFERING FROM FINANCIAL HARDSHIP?

If you are suffering from financial hardship and are in need of a payment plan/support, contact our Program Coordinator, Katelyn Hancock.

e: shp.geelong@ymca.org.au
p: 5223 2714

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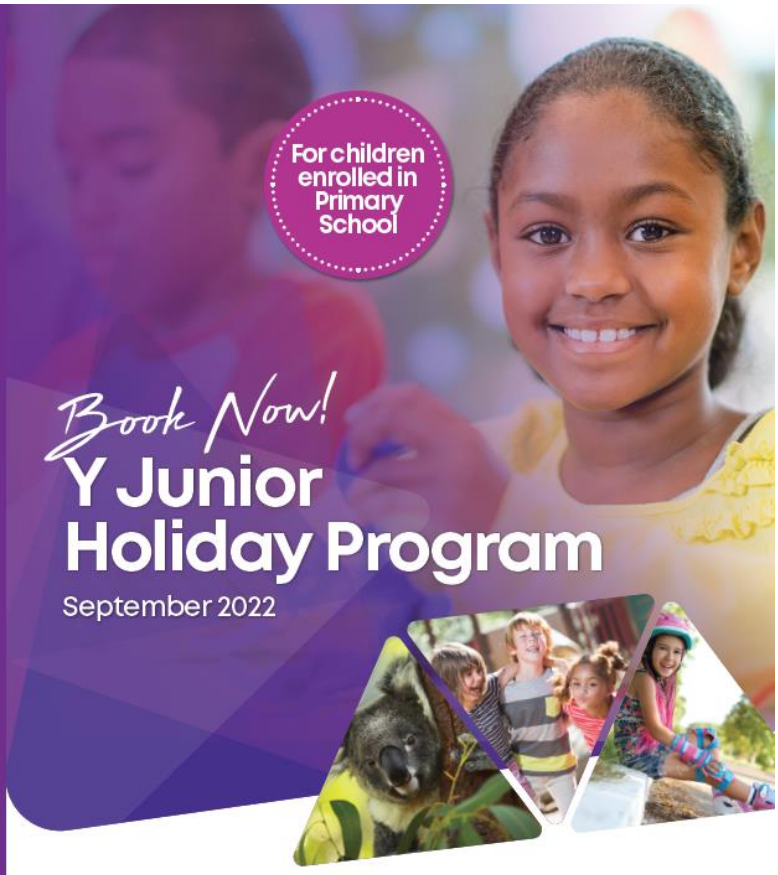


Book Now!

Y Junior Holiday Program

September 2022

Daily from 7:30am - 6:00pm

GEELONG YMCA - LOCATED IN NEWTOWN
25-33 Riversdale Road, Newtown, Vic, 3220
Phone: (03) 5223 2714 email: shp.geelong@ymca.org.au

the Y

Y Juniors School Holiday Program for children in primary school

WEEK ONE – 19th TO 23rd SEPTEMBER 2022

Mon 19th Sept
GYMNASTICS DAY

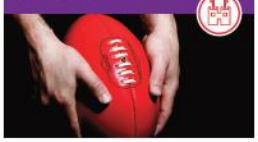
- Jump, swing and play get excited for Gymnastics Day!

Tue 20th Sept
BALLARAT WILDLIFE PARK

Bus Departs: 9am Sharp
Bus Returns: 5pm

- Morning tea at Lake Wendouree Adventure playground Ballarat

Wed 21st Sept
AFL DAY!



- Wear your footy gear.
- Show off your footy skills to our AFLW superstar guests.

Thur 22nd Sept
ROLLERWAY!

Depart: Y Newtown on foot at 9:30am for our Rollerway Excursion.
Returns: 3.30pm

- BYO Skates/Rollerblades (if you have them).
- Lunch @ Frier's Reserve followed by outdoor activities.

Fri 23rd Sept
YMCA CLOSED

AFL GRANDFINAL EVE PUBLIC HOLIDAY

WEEK TWO – 26th TO 30th SEPTEMBER 2022

Mon 26th Sept
NINJA WARRIOR AND PARK HOP

Bus Departs: 10.15am Sharp
Bus Returns: 4:30pm

- Y Juniors will head to GBOT Geelong for a morning of Ninja Warrior.
- The Y Juniors will spend their afternoon exploring the best parks around town. Eastern Gardens Park – Geelong Playspace and Rippleside Playground.

Tue 27th Sept
MELBOURNE ZOO

Bus Departs: 9am Sharp
Bus Returns: 5pm

Wed 28th Sept
CIRCUS DAY @ THE Y

- Dress up and show up because today we are at the Circus! Juggling and learning tricks will be a part of the Y Circus kicks.

Thur 29th Sept
PYJAMA DAY

- Today we are wearing our PJ's to the Y & playing games in our gymnastics stadium.

Fri 30th Sept
INFLATABLE WORLD AND BUNJIL PARK

Bus Departs: 9.15am Sharp
Bus Returns: 3.30pm

Centre Based Incursion Excursion

REMEMBER! To leave all smartphones, devices and money at home | Make sure you bring your drink bottles and hats.