

Fishy News

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A message from the Principal

Hi everyone,

On Tuesday we held the first of our Kinder transition days and it was great to see all our 2021 prep students here getting their first taste of Primary School life. All students enjoyed having a tour of the school, playing on the new playground and indoor sandpit whilst also enjoying some great activities organised by Mrs Smith. Our next transition day is on Tuesday the 24th of November and we are very much looking forward to seeing all the kids again then.

Yesterday we held a very different looking Remembrance Day celebration. All students paid their respects with a minute silence after learning about the significance of Remembrance Day in their classroom. It is a great moment of reflection as we think about those who sacrificed so much in order for us to enjoy the freedoms that we have today. The Australian War Memorial has provided different ways for students to learn about the history of Remembrance Day online. I highly recommend that you have a look at these sites as a family if you get the chance



Ways to commemorate online

1. Share a virtual poppy and message of remembrance on our **Virtual Poppy Wall**. Visit lestweforget.gov.au and click 'submit message', then enter a name, age, and school name, along with a personalised message.
2. Find local war memorials near your school on the **Places of Pride** website at placesofpride.awm.gov.au. Read about its history, upload photos, or even add a local memorial to the map if it isn't already listed.
3. Explore the Australian War Memorial's **Learning from Home** activities online at awm.gov.au/learn/learning-from-home. There's arts and crafts, virtual visits and more.

Today we received 30 new tennis racquets thanks to the Sporting Schools Grant, I know the students are going to enjoy refining their tennis skills with them!

Cheers Dale.



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Important Dates

NOVEMBER

24th Prep Transition Day

DECEMBER

10th Grade 6 Graduation
 11th Grade 6 Big Day Out
 18th Last Day Term 4



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Don't Forget your Water Bottle!



NAIDOC week

This week we celebrate NAIDOC week. Traditionally NAIDOC week is held in the second week of July but due to Covid it has been moved to this week. This year's theme is "Always was, Always will be". This theme recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. Our students have been doing many NAIDOC day activities throughout the week, our grade 5/6 students below have given their perspective on an Indigenous cultural burning lesson.

Indigenous Cultural Burning - Grade 5/6

In Grade 5/6 we watched the Australian Story 'Fighting fire with fire' (you can still catch it on iView) on Victor Steffensen, a leading custodian of Indigenous knowledge of cultural burning systems. Here's a selection of what we learned:

"The theme this year for NAIDOC Week is 'Always Was, Always Will Be', meaning this land always was Indigenous land and always will be their land."

Oakleigh

"I think the theme 'Always Was, Always Will Be' helped me understand it's their land and they can manage it better than anyone. This is supported by the evidence that there were no wildfires before 1776." **Rye**

"I have learnt that to maintain the ground you can cultural burn and the Aboriginal people are trying to teach us that cultural fires are a good thing." **Asher**

"This video is showing how the Aboriginals stop bushfires or slow it down." **Jacob**

"If you burn the right area, at the right time, it can boost that ecosystem, native plants and wild life."

Audrey

"It's their land and always will be their land. We need their culture more than we think we do." **Cody**

"I think that the Aboriginals have been around for so much longer than us and they always will have more knowledge than us." **Jarrah**

"In this session I learned that burning fires in areas with lots of trees is okay if it is controlled." **Anouar**

"The traditions persist as they have always been." **Lily**



Victor Steffensen (Australian Story, ABC iView)

Head Lice

There have been some cases of head lice reported again THIS WEEK. So please check your child tonight. If found, children must be kept home to be treated and only return to school after treatment.

West Gippsland Regional Library

Lego Club Online!

Join our monthly Lego club challenge!

Each month we will be creating a different Lego challenge. Join in with us at home and send your most creative ideas to drouin@wgrlc.vic.gov.au with your name, age and library card number by the end of the month. This month's challenge is to build a vehicle and race it! Get creative and send in your photo. Each month we will be choosing a selection of images to put up on our website or Facebook Page. There will be a prize for the most creative entry.

Youth Week Future Lab : The Physics of Sport

Young surfers, skaters and boxers from the Bass Coast take to the waves, ramps, and the rink to show their style to West Gippsland librarian Karen, with experts in search of the laws of physics in sport.

Available from 9am Saturday 28 November 2020

Youth Week Future Lab : Robots have taken over the library!

Teams of young programmers take on the challenge to create an emotional display by robots. Join West Gippsland Librarian Karen as she follows their quest. Will there be tears or euphoria?

Available from 9am Saturday 5th December

For more information regarding these activities check the library website or Facebook page

www.wgrlc.vic.gov.au

www.facebook.com/wgrlc

Noni the Pony

You may have noticed Noni the Pony popping up around South Gippsland, including on our school fence!

A new COVID-19 campaign for South Gippsland is being led by one of the region's most recognised identities, Noni the Pony. As featured in story books by much loved local author Alison Lester, Noni the Pony will be seen on banners and social media platforms across the shire, reminding the community of the importance of getting tested at the first sign of any symptoms.

Our school has been chosen as a banner site as it is a highly visible location for our local community.



noni the pony
goes to the beach
goes and gets tested



Keep South Gippsland Protected. Got Symptoms? Go and Get COVID Tested.