



## Newsletter: 1 Thursday 25th July 2024

### Vision:

*Our school empowers all students to embrace learning, achieve their personal best while developing their emotional, social and physical wellbeing, and through this make positive contributions to the community.*

WELSHPOOL AND DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL No:53996

### Welcome back

A big welcome back to all our students and families. We would also like to warmly welcome our 3 new students starting at Welshpool this term. We are sure you will love our lovely school. We are excited for another fantastic term. We have a range of extra activities planned for this term ranging from author visits to in school performances, dress up days to Father's Day.

We kick the term off with the Olympics. Students will be involved in project work and research around the Olympics, the Countries and the athletes. We will also be holding our own WDPS Olympics and potato Olympics. Information about both events will be sent home via note and Compass for families.

A big welcome to our new staff commencing at WDPS this term. Caz Allan has commenced her role in the Grade 2/3 classroom alongside Mrs Round. Cathy Clarke will be working 2 days a week on OHS, Inspections and compliance. We also welcome to the team Sofie Platt who will be working as an Education Support staff member. I know that our students and families will ensure they are welcomed into the Welshpool family.

### Parent/Teacher interviews

We will hold our Term 3 Parent/Teacher interviews during week 5. This will allow for Mrs Wade to return from her leave. Bookings are open now for families to select a date and time which suits. If you are having difficulties booking or require a different date/time, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

### Holiday works

Over the holidays we had Charlie James undertake a number of plumbing jobs around the school. Toilets, in both the male and female, were replaced. The old toilets were deteriorating and the flushes were failing. Charlie also installed new drinking troughs



and bottle fillers from CIVIC. The old drinking troughs had seen their best days. Charlie and I joked that they were here when he



was a student at WDPS. The new drinking trough are colourful and have a drink bubbler and bottle filler feature. We have also installed a

separate bottle filler in the playground area. The students were very impressed with drinking troughs and it seemed that everyone needed a drink the first week!!

We are looking forward to another busy, yet rewarding term.

As always, if you require anything please do not hesitate to contact us, either via the office or directly to the classroom teacher.

**Gabrielle Boyd Principal  
Little School, Big Heart**



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# Student Awards



Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week Awards:

## Week 11

- P/1— **Tyke** for trying his best in all areas & looking after our spiny leaf insects
- 2/3 — **Skyla** For excellent work in maths
- 4/5/6— **Andrew** for being productive in reading

## Week 1

- P/1— **Resham** for being a great class helper, always keeping our class neat & tidy
- 2/3 — **Beau** for a great start to the term and putting in 100% into all tasks
- 4/5/6— **Charlie** for showing the value of respect



Congratulations to all the students who have earned reading awards.





# Student Awards



## PRINCIPAL AWARDS

For outstanding learning growth—Semester 1

Congratulations go to:

Clary, Kai, Nate, Maddison, Harvey W, Will,  
Michael, Beau, Isla, Skyla, Nhiam, Aleea



## Music Award—July

*Cian is an excellent student in all aspects of music class. He participates in everything with enthusiasm, sings well and is always a good listener who is well behaved.*



# P/1 Classroom



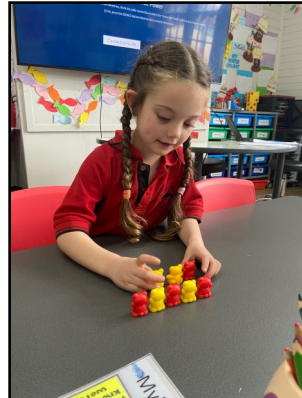
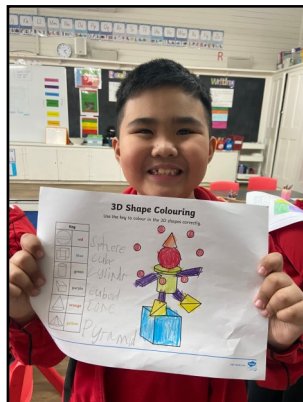
What a great start to term 3 we have had in Prep/1. All students arrived back from holidays refreshed, happy and eager to learn.

We started our first week back sharing with one another the wonderful experiences each student had on their winter break. Visits to The Melbourne Museum, Loch Sport, Booligal, the beach, Hungry Jacks & Kmart were favourite holiday destinations for students in Prep/1.

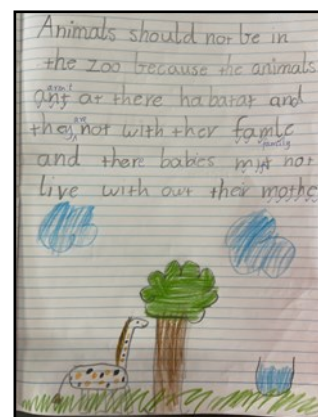
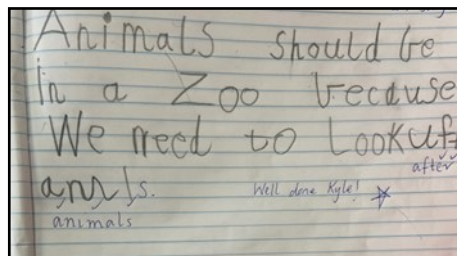
While bbqing, scootering, watching Monster Truck Jam, eating ice cream and building sandcastles at the beach were our favourite activities.



This term in Maths, we have started our learning with 3D objects & Patterns (colour, shapes and number). We will further explore Money in the coming weeks & look forward to setting up a pretend shop in the classroom to practise our buying and selling skills.



In Writing this term, we are learning about persuasive writing. In particular, sharing our opinions on topics and supporting that with a reason why. It has been great fun hearing the differing opinions in the class.





# 2/3 Classroom



## Welcome to Term 3!

2/3 have had an excellent start back to school. All students have settled very well back into our classroom routines and have adjusted to any new changes this term. The last few weeks we have been completing a range of assessment tasks to determine where students are at and the learning areas we need to target in 2/3. All students in 2/3 have shown an amazing attitude towards this and have put in 100% effort into all tasks.

In literacy this term students will be focusing on developing their comprehension skills specifically questioning, inferring and making connections. Throughout writing students will be exploring explanation texts and learning about volcanoes. This week students completed a science experiment and made volcanoes. Together we created chemical reactions using vinegar and bicarb soda, when combined these released a pyroclastic flow just like a volcano. A pyroclastic flow moves very fast and is extremely dangerous, whilst lava flows more slowly and aren't much of a threat.

In maths this term students will be learning about number patterns and developing their skills in determining number patterns.

In Week 5 on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> we will be holding parent teacher interview. This is a great opportunity for parents to discuss how their child is going in their learning. Further information will be provided closer to the date. If you have any concerns and wish to discuss anything, please don't hesitate to contact us in person or via email.

Science Week 10-18<sup>th</sup> August

This week we will be celebrating science week. Students will be taking part in a range of science activities to celebrate. Keep a look out for more information to come.

Mrs Round and Ms Allan



# 4/5/6 Classroom



Welcome back everyone! It has been great to see everyone again and I am excited for the term we have ahead of us! Our class has lots of interesting and engaging topics to explore this term. Our current focus is in morphology lessons which involves the exploration of various prefixes and suffixes. Additionally, we have introduced the novel 'The Witches' by Roald Dahl in our reading sessions, which has been well-received by the students.

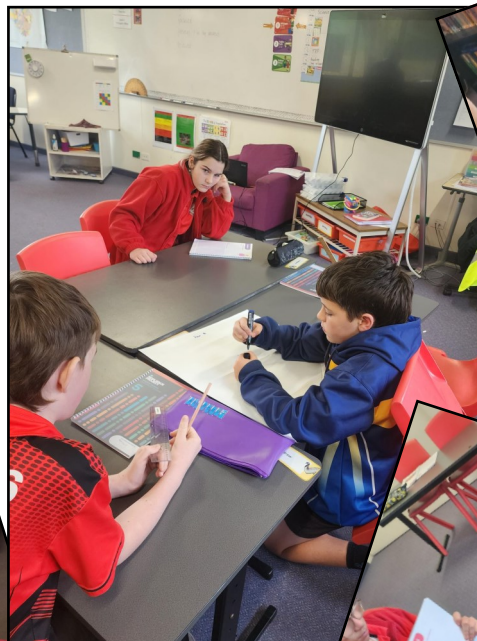
In writing, we are looking at explanation writing and have been focusing on the explanation structure and using sequencing words.

Furthermore, our math lessons are centered around the topic of 'location and transformation', where we are studying compass directions and the visual changes that occur when shapes are rotated, slid, or flipped.

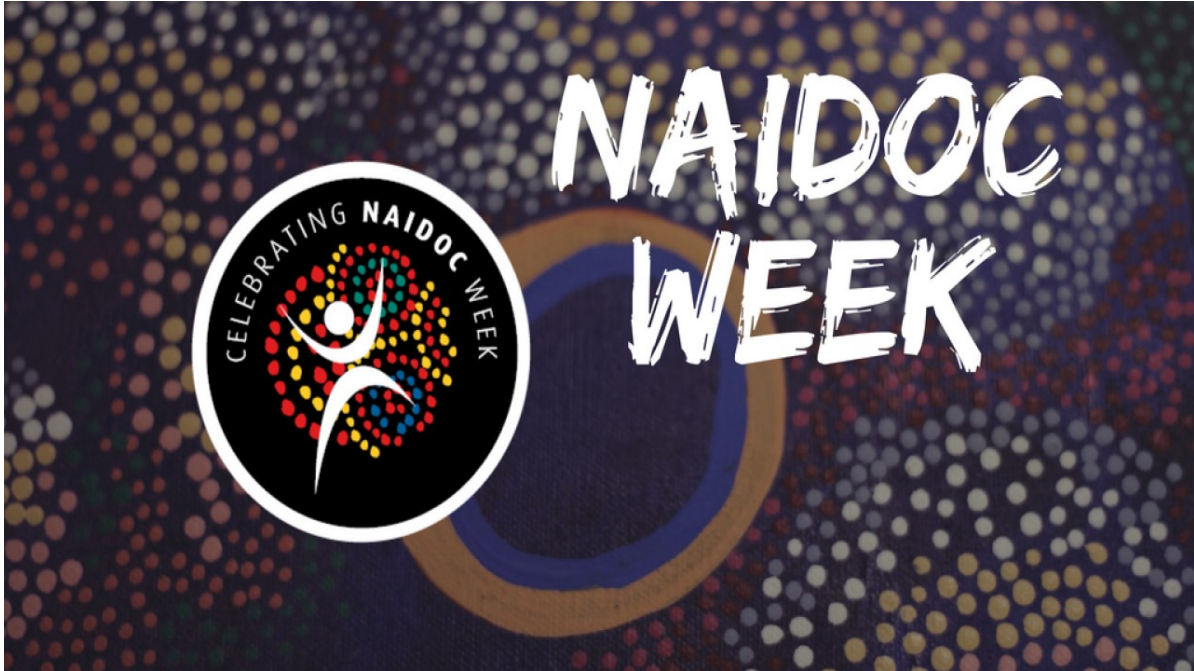
There are a few reminders for the upcoming term:

- ◆ Parent-teacher interviews will be held in week 5 of this term, so if you would like to book an interview, then please do so through compass or catch me at the school gates and I can book you in.
- ◆ It is expected that students are engaging in home reading and documenting their readings in their reading diaries. The number of students who have been showing me their diaries has decreased over the last term. It would be greatly appreciated if all students can resume bringing them in.
- ◆ A number of students have been leaving their glasses at home, and it would significantly benefit them to have these at school, especially during reading lessons.

Mr Moore







On Monday 15th students took part in NAIDOC Week themed activities. Together we explored a range of text written by indigenous authors and illustrators. We explored how artists use symbols and art to tell their story. Together students completed an activity that involved them creating a handprint that told their story of who they are. Each student and staff's handprint telling their story has been added to a collaborative art piece which can be found in the office area. If you're a member of our WDPS community and you would like to add your hand and tell your story to our collaborative art piece, please feel free to use one of the templates





## Term 3 Upcoming Events

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August- Potato Olympics



The Potato Olympics is a fun end of the activity to celebrate the Olympics! Students will receive a potato, which will be their Olympian. Students will decorate their potato, choose a name for their potato, and choose which country their potato is representing. Each student will participate in different events with their potatoes. May the best potato win!

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August- Book Fair

Book Fair starts on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and runs up until Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>. Keep a look out for more information to come.

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August -Olympics Day



Students will take part in a day full of activities to celebrate the Olympics. Students will be assigned into different teams and take part in Olympics themed events. Stay tuned for more information to come.

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 100 Days of School



On this day we will be celebrating the students achieving 100 days of school this year. Students will be invited to dress up as if they were 100 years old. Students will also take part in 100-day themed activities in the afternoon.

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher Interviews

On these two days we will be running parent teacher interviews. This will be an opportunity for parents to check in on their child's learning with their classroom teacher. Stay tuned for more information to come.

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August Book Week Dress Up



This year's theme for Book Week is 'Reading is Magic'. Students will be invited to dress up as a book character from one of their favourite books. Throughout the day students will be taking part in a range of activities exploring the magic of reading. Stay tuned to find out more information about this magical day!

### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Sofie Laguna Performance

Sofie is an author who has written over 20 books. Her performance is based off her book 'My yellow blanky'. This will be a free in school activity.



### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Father's Day Breakfast

We will be hosting a breakfast as a celebration for Father's Day. Stay tuned for more information to come.



### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> R U Ok Day?

Students will be taking part in different activities at school and in the community in support of mental health.

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Adam Wallace Visit

Students will be taking part in a virtual author visit with Adam Wallace who is an author and illustrator of a wide variety of books. Keep a look out for more information to come.



# WDPS Looking ahead 2024



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
T3 WEEK 2	<u>July 22</u>	23	24	25 Newsletter	26
T3 WEEK 3	29	30	31	<u>August 1</u> Potato Olympics event	2 OT
T3 WEEK 4	5	6	7 Donut delivery	8 Newsletter	9
<b>SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR</b>					
T3 WEEK 5	12 100 days of school celebration	13 School Council Meeting Prep parent information session	14	15	16
<b>Parent teacher interviews</b>					
<b>SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR &amp; SCIENCE WEEK</b>					
T3 WEEK 6	19	20	21	22 Newsletter	23
<b>SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR</b>					
T3 WEEK 7	26	27 Sofie Laguna performance	28	29	30 Father's Day Breakfast OT

## REMINDER TO PARENTS WE ARE GOING DIGITAL.

The Newsletter will continue to be emailed from Term 3 and be available on Compass and schools website.

There will no longer be any paper copies generated.

Consent forms will no longer be printed and consent for excursion, camps, etc will be done via Compass.

If you require your login details letter for Compass generated please contact the office.



## ASSEMBLY 3PM

At this Friday's assembly the Grade 4/5/6 music class will be performing two pieces of music they have been working on. Please come along, if you can, to support their work  
Mrs Dower



We would like to wish the following student a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!**

**Thomas, Tyke, Harvey W, Leila, Kai, Ethan**

# WDPS Survey

**We need your thoughts.**

We are currently gaining thoughts on a new playgroup/Early Years session for Welshpool. Please click the link below and complete the short survey. .

Please pass this information onto any families with playgroup/Early Years aged children within the Welshpool area.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LD2MVFL>







## Parents & Friends Association (PFA)

Big Bear Donuts fundraiser, orders to be in by **12pm Tuesday 6th August**, refer QR code on page 13 of newsletter.



Orders are placed online or contact Lisa Van Kuyk on 0428 822 236 to place your order.

Delivery day Wednesday 7th August, pick up from School between 3pm & 4pm.

\$4 from every box is donated back to our school to go towards our basketball court redevelopment.

Lisa Van Kuyk



**BBQ  
WEDNESDAY  
ORDERS IN BY  
WEDNESDAY  
9AM**

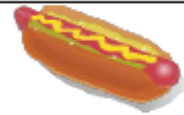


**URGENT**  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
**In order to continue our BBQ Wednesdays we are desperately needing more volunteers. If you can assist us with any of the dates for the upcoming term please make contact with Lisa Van Kuyk or the school office.**

<u>SCHOOL BBQ ROSTER</u>	
<u>Term 3</u>	
<b>July</b>	Wed 31st
<b>August</b>	Wed 7th Sandra Wed 14th Wed 21st Sandra Wed 28th
<b>September</b>	Wed 4th Sandra Wed 11th Wed 18th Sandra
<b><u>HELPERS NEEDED FOR TERM 3</u></b>	
<b><u>**Helpers needed**</u></b>	



### WDPS HOTDOG ORDER FORM



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

	Description	\$	QTY	Total \$
Hotdog		\$2.00 ea		
Drink	Choc/Straw/Plain Milk	\$1.50 ea		
	Juice Box	\$1.50 ea		
Icy Poles	Various Flavours	\$0.50 ea		
				\$



## Smile Squad is on the way to our school!

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad is coming to Welshpool and District Primary School to help make sure this happens.

Smile Squad is a Victorian Government program that provides free dental care to all Victorian government primary and secondary school students.

The friendly Smile Squad dental team will visit Welshpool and District Primary School later in Term 3 to conduct a free annual dental health examination for every student and provide free follow up treatment as needed.

### What do you need to do?

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the below QR code:



Although the engagement of parents/guardians is encouraged, in Victoria, students who are considered 'mature minors' may provide consent for their own dental care. To be considered a mature minor, the Smile Squad clinician must be satisfied that the student has sufficient understanding of the risks, benefits, and possible complications of their condition and proposed treatment to give informed consent.

The Smile Squad team will check the student's teeth and mouth and show them how to keep their teeth healthy and strong. They will also provide any preventive services you have consented for. If the student needs more treatment, the Smile Squad will discuss this and seek consent.



Please complete and submit the consent form by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2024 to make sure your child/children can be seen.

Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is available in 13 languages.

### Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to, and you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer.

### Who is Smile Squad?

The bright orange Smile Squad vans are staffed by experienced oral health therapists, dental therapists, dental assistants and dentists. They all have lots of experience treating children and a passion for improving their oral health – for life.

Learn more about the Smile Squad by visiting [www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au](http://www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au)

## Donut order close 12pm 6 August

**Welshpool & District Primary School  
Parents' Club**

*delicious*  
**DONUT**  
*fundraiser*

scan to order

**BOX A** \$35  
x1 Jam  
x1 Homer Simpson  
x1 Original Glaze  
x1 Nutella Filled  
x1 White Choc & Raspberry  
x1 Iced Jam Welshpool PS Logo

**BOX B** \$35  
x1 Jam  
x1 Homer Simpson  
x1 Original Glaze  
x1 Rainbow Cloud  
x1 Caramel  
x1 Iced Jam Welshpool PS Logo

**BOX C** \$28  
x2 Cinnamon Sugar  
x2 Jam  
x2 Original Glaze

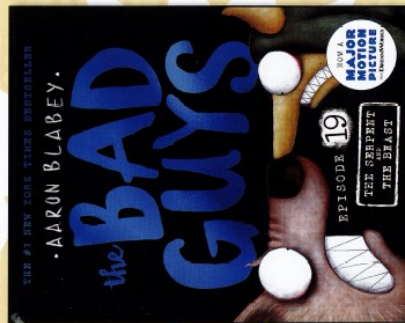
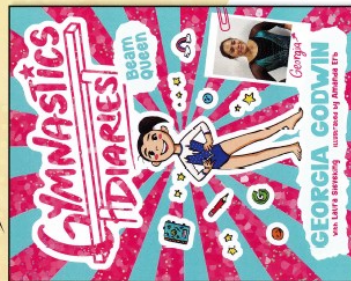
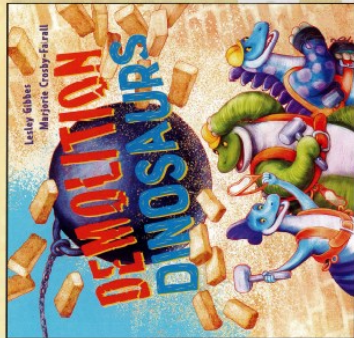
**HOW TO ORDER:**  
Simply order online by scanning the QR code!  
For those who prefer not to order online,  
please contact Lisa Van Kuyk 0428 822 236

**DELIVERY:**  
Your orders can be collected from the Primary School between 3-4pm  
Wednesday 7th August

**THANKYOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!**  
Big Bears will kindly donate \$4 from each box sold to help raise money for  
our on-going project to redevelop the school basketball courts

# You're invited to our SCHOLASTIC Book Fair

Find these books and more at the Fair!



Date **7-8-24 to 19-8-24** Time **8:30 - 4:30pm**  
Place **STAFF ROOM**

EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL



# SPOTLIGHT

## Book Club ISSUE 5

### ★ WHY IS READING MAGICAL? ★

#### ★ BOOKS GIVE YOU SUPERPOWERS ★

Reading gives you the power to explore distant lands, solve mysteries, and even time-travel. Just open a book, and off you go!

#### ★ STEP INTO NEW CHARACTERS ★

Reading lets you transform into characters. One moment, you're a football superstar; the next, a brave monster hunter. Which characters inspire you?

#### ★ CREATE AN ENCHANTING UNIVERSE ★

Create a cozy reading space in a room or under a blanket and use your imagination to transport to other worlds.

### AGES 3+

In Football Stories: Messi, young readers will find out how Lionel Messi went from being the smallest player on the field to being known as the 'Greatest of All Time' with his incredible runs, ball control and lots and lots of goals! They'll love the story of Messi's triumph, especially when they learn that once he was just a football-loving kid just like them.

FOOTBALL STORIES: MESSI  
ITEM 010



### AGES 7+

Could YOU tame a dragon? Take down a Wolfman? Give Bigfoot a pedicure? Then you belong in the Society For The Hunting Of Monsters Which Are Definitely Evil! Sapphire Sparks wants to prove she's a brave, clever MONSTER HUNTER. There's just one teeny problem ... she's not very good at it! A funny and empowering new series from bestselling creator Scott Stuart, about following BIG dreams and fulfilling your destiny ... even if you have no idea where to start!

SAPPHIRE AND THE MONSTER HUNTERS #1  
ITEM 008



### AGES 8+

No one in the bustling city of Pompeii worries when the ground trembles beneath their feet. They figure that the beast under the mountain Vesuvius, high above the city, wakes up angry sometimes-and always goes back to sleep. But Marcus is afraid. He knows something is terribly wrong-and his father agrees. When Vesuvius explodes into a huge cloud of ash and rocks that fall from the sky like rain, will they have time to escape-and survive the epic destruction of Pompeii?

I SURVIVED THE DESTRUCTION ON POMPEII, AD 79  
ITEM 054



### AGES 10+

Decorate your own magical creations in this official dessert book that's perfect for the youngest fans of the Harry Potter films! Build your own Acromantula out of cupcakes. Design Hogwarts house crest cookies. Frost a cake that looks just like the Knight Bus-and many more! The delicious Wizarding World-themed desserts found in this book are perfect for parties, holidays, movie nights and more! The perfect book for any beginning baker, aspiring decorator and Harry Potter fan!

HARRY POTTER BAKE, CREATE AND DECORATE!  
ITEM 070



REMINDE STUDENTS WHEN TO HAVE THEIR ORDERS PLACED BY:



2nd August 2024





## Bringing up Great Kids

Recommended for parents and carers of children aged 2-10 years of age

Bringing up Great Kids (BUGK) parenting program is a mindful parenting program which gives parents the skills to slow down and respond to children in a calm and relaxed manner, leading to less stress in their lives and positive changes in their children's behaviour.

The BUGK program supports parents as they explore what influences their parenting practices, and the messages their passing onto their children.

**When:** Tuesday 23/07/2024 - 27/08/2024  
**Time:** 10:00am - 12:00pm  
**Where:** ZOOM

To Register Click the link or scan the code  
<https://forms.office.com/r/zBMHhYaUcG>



## Supporting School Engagement and Connection

For carents and carers with children in primary school and into year 7

During this 6-week program we discuss the complexities facing parents trying to get children to school and staying there for the day. Discussions such as separation anxiety, social development and inclusion, how to work with and build on your child's resilience. Work on effective communication and positive reinforcements and dealing with your own feelings and stressors regarding this challenging time.

These are interactive sessions with parents and caregivers who all understand the position you are in.

**When:** Thursday 25/07/2024 - 29/08/2024  
**Time:** 12:30pm-2:30pm  
**Where:** ZOOM

To Register Click the link or scan the code  
<https://forms.office.com/r/Hgz3Lwq5ep>



Parentzone offers free online education and support sessions to all families in the region regardless of your situation. For more information or to discuss our programs please contact us on:  
[parentzone.gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:parentzone.gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au)  
**P: (03) 5135 9555**

## Lets Talk about Parenting

**Date:** 7th August 2024  
**When:** 10am-12 pm  
**Where:** ZOOM  
**Bookings**  
<https://forms.office.com/r/A9vSj0ebax>

## Parenting After Separation

**Date:** 30th July 2024  
**When:** 7pm-9pm  
**Where:** ZOOM  
**Bookings**  
<https://forms.office.com/r/7q9Wrus0ZEC>

## Communicating with our Kids

**Date:** 27rd July 2024  
**When:** 12pm-2pm  
**Where:** ZOOM  
**Bookings:**  
<https://forms.office.com/r/7Jb5LZsJGsp>

## Tuning Into Kids

**Date:** 29th July 2024  
**Time:** 7pm - 9pm  
**Where:** ZOOM  
**Bookings**  
<https://forms.office.com/r/dc6n6zELGx>

## Supporting School Engagement & Connection

**Date:** 25th July 2024  
**Time:** 12:30pm-2:30pm  
**Where:** ZOOM  
**Bookings**  
<https://forms.office.com/r/HSRFwIVbp>

## Parenting Tweens & Teens

**Date** Wednesday 17/07/2024  
**Time:** 12:30pm - 2:30pm  
**Where:** ZOOM  
**Bookings**  
<https://forms.office.com/r/BZZ7Xj9v4k>

## Bringing up Great Kids

**Date:** 23rd July 2024  
**When:** 10am-12pm  
**Where:** ZOOM  
**Bookings**  
<https://forms.office.com/r/zBMHhYaUcG>



# WELSHPOOL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION



PLEASE SEE UPCOMING SEASON DETAILS BELOW:

- SEASON TO START WEDNESDAY 5TH / THURSDAY 6TH OF SEPTEMBER.
- 13-WEEK SEASON / KNOCKOUTS WEDNESDAY 4TH / THURSDAY 5TH OF DECEMBER.
- GRAND FINAL SUNDAY 8TH OF DECEMBER.
- MINIS - APPROX AGES 5-8 \$35
- JUNIORS - APPROX AGES 9-12 \$45
- INTERMEDIATES - APPROX AGES 13-17 \$55
- BASKETBALL VICTORIA FEE OF \$29

FOR THIS SEASON TO RUN SMOOTHLY WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!  
FOR MORE INFO:

CONTACT [WELSHPOOL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION - OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE](#)



# FAMILY SCIENCE FESTIVAL

3 hours of science experiments and discovery  
with guest scientist presentations!

**SATURDAY 10TH AUGUST**

Morning Session | Afternoon Session  
9:00am - 12:00pm | 12:30pm - 3:30pm

See you at  
**LARDNER PARK**  
155 Burnt Store Rd, Lardner VIC 3820

YOUTH  
\$11.50

**VISIT THE WEBSITE OR BOOK HERE:**

<https://www.stemzone.com.au/special-events>



Get in the Zone! FOR National Science Week 2024



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