

WANDONG
Primary School



School Weekly News



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ROAD SAFETY TRAFFIC & PARKING



RAIL STREET CROSSING

Use the NEW Rail Street Pedestrian Crossing when travelling to and from school. Using the crossing ensures safe arrival and clear visibility for drivers.

CHURCH CARPARK SAFETY

Reverse parking only for child safety. Drive at walking pace at all times. Children must not walk through carpark without an adult.





PARKING

Bus stop relocated back to Rail Street.
Alternative parking: Church Car Park or Wandong Avenue or L.B Davern Reserve (short walk to school).

DISABLED PARKING

Disabled Parking Spaces on Affleck Street is strictly **reserved** for vehicles displaying a valid Disabled Parking Permit.





KISS AND DROP

Available along Rail Street. Access via the designated gate only. Follow all parking signs and instructions carefully at all times.

ACCESS GATES

Rail Street gates for general access. TheirCare (OHSC) via Rail Street gate. Administration Building via Affleck Street gate.





REMINDERS

Walk or ride to school when possible to reduce traffic congestion around the school.

COUNCIL & SIGNAGE

Council is monitoring the area. Follow all traffic and parking signage. Your cooperation keeps our school community safe.





SAFETY EXPECTATIONS

Hand-holding encouraged for younger children. Be respectful of the shared community space. Arrive early for a calm, orderly environment.

STAY INFORMED

Check school communications regularly for updates on access and parking changes throughout the year.



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WHAT'S ON
WHAT'S DUE



October	2026
Monday 10th October to Friday 4th December	Bike Ed is Back!
November	**2026**
Friday 20th	Foundation Bounce Camp
Friday 20th	200 Nights of Reading due
Monday 23rd	Foundation 2027 Meet the Teacher BBQ at 5:00pm
Monday 23rd to Tuesday 24th	Grade 1 / 2 Overnight Camp. Camp Weekaway
Wednesday 25th to Friday 27th	Grade 5 / 6 Camp. The Ranch





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December	2026
Friday 4th	Working Bee: FS, 1/2M, 3/4G 
Friday 4th	Great Vic Rail Trail between Tallarook and Trawool - consent and payment due
Friday 4th	Crazy Hair Day - Gold coin donation
Monday 7th 	**Wandong Christmas Concert at 4:30pm**
Tuesday 8th	Statewide Transition Day
Wednesday 9th	Pizza in the Park - 200 Nights of Reading (A-K Surnames)
Thursday 10th	Pizza in the Park - 200 Nights of Reading (L-Z Surnames)
Thursday 10th	Volunteers Morning Tea at 11:00am-11:30am - see flyer below
Friday 11th	Great Vic Rail Trail between Tallarook and Trawool
Tuesday 15th	End of Term Assembly at 9:15am
Wednesday 16th 	Grade 6 Graduation - Dinner at Hogans Hotel, followed by Graduation Ceremony at the Wallan Secondary College Auditorium.
Thursday 17th	Funfields - 2026 End of Year Pool Party
Friday 18th	**Last Day Term 4 - Dismissal at 1:30pm**

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mrs Morrow

A big Wandong thank you

Our new basketball pavilion is ready, and we're so excited to see our students making the most of it! A huge thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising along the way. Every contribution helped create a space our kids will enjoy for years to come.

We're already looking forward to bringing everyone together for a community basketball evening and a little friendly family competition. Start getting your team together... more details to come!

A reminder about school hours for 2027

From the start of 2027, our school day will run from 8.40am to 3.00pm, with gates opening at 8.30am. The afternoon bus will continue to collect students at 3.10pm. At dismissal, bus students will go to the office to have their names marked off before being escorted to the bus.

Foundation 2027 Meet the Teacher BBQ

We're looking forward to welcoming our 2027 Foundation children and their families on Monday 23 November at 5.00pm. It's a lovely chance for our newest Wandong students to meet their teachers and for families to get to know one another over a BBQ.

$30 early bird house polos

The $30 early bird offer is open to families who have paid their 2027 parent contributions. Those families have received an invitation through Compass. All other families will be able to order house polos next year.

If you've received an invitation, follow these steps to order.

- Open Compass in a web browser on your phone or computer.
- Go to Canteen and select 5 December as the sitting.
- Choose your child's house colour and size, then place your order.

The offer closes Friday 4 December. Following the Compass app update, orders can currently only be placed through a web browser. We've contacted Compass about this.

REMINDERS

Custody and Court Orders

Please ensure the school has the most up to date Custody or Court Orders. Expired orders are removed from our system, and we rely on families to keep us informed. If you have any questions, you are welcome to make an appointment with myself or Mrs Woods.

Library Books – To Be Returned This Week

All library books and school reading materials should be returned this week. It might be a good opportunity for children to check their rooms for any that have been misplaced.

The 3 main features of bullying are:

- the misuse of power in a relationship
- it is ongoing and repeated
- it involves behaviours that can cause harm.



Bullying: What It Is and What It Isn't

Sometimes children will say "I'm being bullied," and at times parents report that their child is being bullied. When our staff investigate, we often find that another child has been unkind, hurtful, or said or done something upsetting. While this behaviour is never acceptable, it is not the same as bullying. Bullying is more than a single disagreement or someone being mean once. It is a pattern of behaviour that happens repeatedly, where someone misuses power to deliberately cause psychological or emotional harm. Bullying can take many forms including verbal, physical or social behaviour and it can seriously affect a child's wellbeing.

It is important that children understand the difference between an isolated incident of meanness and ongoing bullying. Helping them recognise this difference supports their ability to respond appropriately and feel safe.

If you have questions or want to discuss concerns, please contact your child's teacher, Mrs Woods (Wellbeing AP), Ms Pollock or myself. We are here to support both students and families in navigating these situations.

When children have a problem with each other

If your child tells you about an issue with another student, please bring it directly to the school, starting with your child's classroom teacher. It is never appropriate to contact the other child or their family directly about the issue, including through social media. Coming to us gives staff the opportunity to hear from the children involved and respond fairly and privately.

We listen to the children, speak with relevant staff and work through what happened. We then address the behaviour, put support in place where needed and follow up with the families involved. These can also be teachable moments where children learn how their words and actions affect others, how to repair harm and what to do differently next time.

A one-off unkind comment or disagreement can be upsetting and deserves attention. Bullying involves repeated ongoing behaviour intended to cause harm, where there is an imbalance of power. Please raise concerns early so we can support your child and see whether there is a pattern.

Big Differences Start with Small Conversations at Home

Strong partnerships between home and school have an enormous impact on how children learn, behave and feel at school. When families and teachers send the same clear and consistent messages, students thrive. They feel supported, secure and confident about what is expected of them both socially and academically.

Talking with your child about their day, checking in about friendships and choices, and reinforcing school expectations at home all help build positive habits. These small moments send a powerful message that school and home are working together to help them grow.

A key part of this partnership is supporting the professional decisions made by teachers. When expectations at school are backed up at home, students learn quickly that the same boundaries apply everywhere. This consistency prevents mixed messages and makes a noticeable difference to behaviour, readiness to learn and overall wellbeing.

Teachers will at times contact families to discuss behaviour or choices. These conversations are not about blame, they are about guiding children to reset and learn from their actions. When families work alongside us and reinforce expectations at home, children understand that responsibilities matter and that excuses do not change outcomes. This is an important life lesson.

Following instructions respectfully, owning mistakes and responding to direction are skills that go far beyond school. These are the qualities that build employable young adults who can meet workplace expectations, take feedback on board and work positively with others. School is the safest place for children to practise these skills, and strong home support accelerates this learning.

We deeply value the trust, support and partnership our Wandong families bring every day. When we work as one team, our students benefit in every way from more settled behaviour to stronger learning outcomes. Together we are building respectful, resilient and capable young people ready for life well beyond the school gate.



Supporting Positive Choices at School

At Wandong we work hard to teach and model positive behaviour. To support this, we use a clear system that helps students understand the difference between minor and major behaviours and what happens when choices do not meet our expectations.

Minor behaviours include things like low level disruption, not following instructions and disrespectful language. These are managed by the teacher in the moment with reminders, reteaching and restorative conversations.

Major behaviours are more serious and include repeated disrespect, unsafe actions, aggression, intimidation or any behaviour that puts others at risk. These incidents are referred to leadership and result in stronger consequences that reflect the seriousness of the behaviour.

It is important that families support this process and reinforce the message that behaviour has consequences. School and home working together helps children build responsibility, resilience and the ability to make safe, respectful and productive choices. This partnership makes a real difference to every child's growth.







Grade Placement 2027 – How We Build the Best Classes for All Students

At Wandong, our process for creating classes each year is thoughtful, detailed and grounded in what is genuinely best for students. Every placement decision is guided by what we as professionals know about children academically, socially and emotionally. We understand that not receiving a preferred friend or teacher can feel disappointing for some families, but part of our role is to make decisions that support each child's long term learning and personal growth, not just their immediate preferences.

Our teachers invest an enormous amount of time considering each student's needs, strengths, challenges and friendships when forming classes. This includes reviewing academic data, wellbeing information, social dynamics, and teacher observations across the entire year. Families also submit friendship considerations, and these too receive careful attention, however they are one part of a much larger picture.

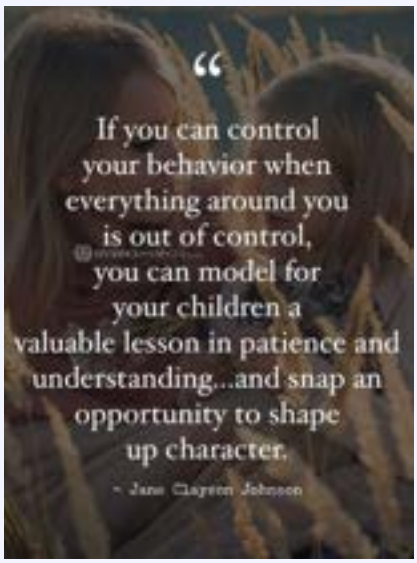
Sometimes requests cannot be met because we are intentionally broadening a child's friendship circle, avoiding non-constructive combinations, or balancing complex competing requests. At times, one request may directly conflict with another family's needs, or a student may have been placed intentionally with peers who will help them thrive socially. Students also change friendships quickly across the primary years, which is why developing the ability to work and socialise with a variety of peers is a valuable lifelong skill.

When one placement is changed, it often triggers a chain of further changes, creating a domino effect across multiple classes. This is why meeting every request is not possible, and doing so would ultimately disadvantage other children. As educators, we must consider the whole cohort, not only individual preferences.
At Wandong, we also focus on preparing children for the realities of secondary school and adult life. In the future, students will work with many different peers, have multiple teachers, and experience situations where they do not receive their first choice. Learning to adapt, to build new relationships and to manage change with resilience are essential skills.

Class time is purposeful learning time, with breaks offering plenty of opportunities for students to connect with their wider friendship groups. Our goal is always to create balanced and positive learning environments where every child has the opportunity to succeed.

We thank our families for trusting the professional judgment of our staff and for supporting children through the transition into their new 2027 classes. Together, we help our students grow into flexible, confident and capable learners who are ready for the next step in their journey.





Principal Certificate of Excellence 2026

As part of our Semester Two reporting process, students who achieve an EXCELLENT rating for behaviour and effort in every class, including all specialist subjects, will receive a Principal Certificate of Excellence. These certificates will be uploaded to Compass when reports are finalised. Please remember to check your child's dashboard, as Compass does not provide an alert when a certificate or comment is added to their Student Chronicle.



Academic Excellence Awards 2026

We are proud to continue our annual recognition of Academic Excellence in English and Mathematics. Teaching teams across Foundation, Year 1 and 2, Year 3 and 4 and Year 5 and 6 will review and moderate each child's learning data to identify one outstanding student in each year level.

English Academic Excellence
Awarded to students who demonstrate consistently high achievement across Reading, Writing and Speaking and Listening.

Mathematics Academic Excellence
Awarded to students who demonstrate consistently high achievement across Number, Algebra, Measurement, Geometry, Statistics and Probability.

Celebrating the personal achievements of our students is an important part of who we are as a school. These awards acknowledge sustained effort, commitment and excellence throughout the year. Recipients will be recognised at our final assembly for 2026, and their certificates will also be uploaded to their Compass dashboard.



Get Devices Under Control – Our Students Need Us Now



Many of our students still have unsupervised access to social media, chat rooms, and inappropriate online content. This can affect their behaviour, focus, and wellbeing at school every day.

Families are responsible for ensuring the social media ban for children under 16 is upheld. Here's how you can help:

- Check accounts immediately – remove or deactivate any social media accounts for children under 16.
- Set strict device rules – no unsupervised use of phones, tablets, or computers.
- Talk openly with your child – explain why safe online behaviour matters and the risks of inappropriate content.
- Promote offline activities – reading, hobbies, outdoor play, and face-to-face socialising.
- Model responsible use – children learn digital habits by watching adults.
- Taking action now protects our students' safety, supports their focus and learning at school, and sets them up for responsible, healthy technology use in the future.

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

2027 SCHOOL HOURS

8.40 am School starts

3.00 pm School finishes

Gates open at 8.30 am



AFTERNOON ARRANGEMENTS
Bus travellers: Report to the office after dismissal.
Bus collection at 3.10 pm.
At 3.10 pm, children still waiting will be taken to the office. Staff will call their listed contacts before taking children to OSHC.

WANDONG PERSONAL INVITATION TO OUR WONDERFUL HELPERS

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For your support

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We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards,
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Attendance Type	Approved by DET	Evidence Required	Notes / Clarifications
Illness or accident	Yes	Parent notification acceptable	Medical certificate may be requested if absences become frequent or ongoing
Medical or dental appointments	Yes	Appointment note may be requested	Approve where appointment cannot reasonably be scheduled outside school hours
Cultural or religious observance	Yes	Parent notification	Recognised cultural and religious observances. Prior notification preferred
Suspended student (school initiated)	Yes	School record	Recorded as an approved absence in line with suspension guidelines
Bereavement or funeral attendance	Yes (with approval)	Parent notification	Requires principal approval. Support offered as required
Truancy	No	Not applicable	Follow up required. Meetings and attendance improvement processes apply
School refusal	Yes (with approval)	Parent notification	Requires principal approval. Approved where a plan is in place to address causes
Family holiday during school term	Yes (with approval)	Parent notification	Principal approval required. Learning plan may be required if extended or repeated
Long term travel (over 10 days)	No unless exempted	DET exemption approval	Must be approved prior to absence
Leisure activities (shopping, visiting relatives)	No	Not applicable	Not an acceptable reason for absence
Oversleeping or transport issues	No	Not applicable	Recorded as an unapproved absence
Looking after siblings	No	Not applicable	Not an acceptable reason for absence
Parent choice to keep child home	No	Not applicable	Includes fatigue without illness
Home schooling (not registered with VRQA)	No	VRQA registration required	Student must be enrolled or formally registered

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SEW

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING



Preparing for Grade 1

SEW Learning in FP

This week in FP, we have begun discussing our upcoming transition to Grade 1! We spoke about some of the changes that next year will bring, including new classrooms, new teachers, new classmates and opportunities to make new friends.



An important part of our discussion was recognising that change can bring lots of different emotions, and that is perfectly normal! Some children shared that they were feeling excited, while others admitted to feeling a little nervous or worried. We spoke about how it is possible to feel more than one emotion at the same time, and that if you are feeling nervous, chances are someone else is feeling exactly the same way!



We then drew pictures of our future Grade 1 selves, using facial expressions to communicate how we were feeling about the transition. It was lovely to see how thoughtfully the children approached this task. Many drew faces with one half smiling and the other half looking nervous, showing their understanding that they can feel both excited and worried about the same experience.



Evie summed up her feelings very simply, sharing, "I feel shy and scared." It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to express themselves honestly, listen to one another and recognise that they are not alone in their feelings.

We will continue having these conversations over the coming weeks as we prepare for this exciting next chapter in their school journey!

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WELCOME to TERM 4!

We hope everyone enjoyed the break!

LUNCH ORDERS ARE BACK!

STARTING FROM THE WEEK OF

5TH OCTOBER

Some changes have been made on the Flexischool app.

Please check for the latest menu, ordering days and details.

Making school lunches easy!

AUSLAN SPELLING BEE



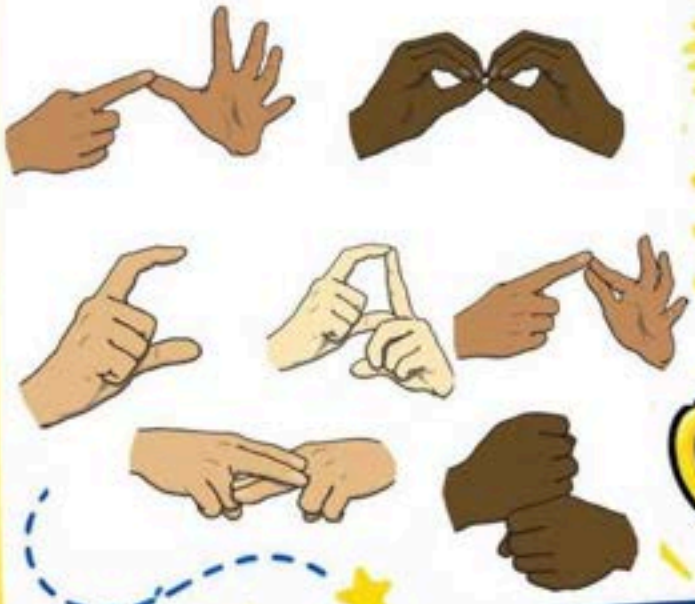
Show off your fingerspelling skills!

Challenge yourself, have fun and be part of the Auslan Spelling Bee!

Lunchtimes
Week 7 & Week 8

In the Auslan Room

Opt in event





Get ready to spell, sign and shine!

Winners for each year level to be crowned

Auslan Ultimate Fingerspelling Champion!

CRAZY HAIR DAY

Friday 4th December



All funds raised go to Wandong CFA

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christmas CONCERT

2026



A SPECIAL NIGHT OF

SINGING, DANCING & CHRISTMAS CHEER!

ADD IT TO YOUR *calendar!*

7TH DECEMBER

4.30PM

WEAR YOUR BEST *Festive Gear!*

Let's come together

TO CELEBRATE THE MAGIC

of Christmas!

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PAFA

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Soma Paterson

PAFA Meeting - 2026

At our recent PAFA meeting, we discussed upcoming fundraising events and ideas for supporting Term 4 school initiatives. We reviewed the success of past activities and brainstormed new ways to involve our school community.

Thank you to all the parents who attended and shared their ideas!

If you would like to join our next PAFA meeting, don't miss out! It is on 26th November 2026. We'd love to welcome you!





Thank you to all the parents/carers who have donated their yellow shirts. However, we will no longer be accepting these for second hand uniform sales.

UPCOMING

TERM 4

ZOOPER DOOPER DAYS

Every THURSDAY starting October 8th 2026
LAST DAY THURSDAY 10th December 2026

PAFA thanks you for your continued support of our fundraising efforts!

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OFFICE

NOTICES

OFFICE HOURS: 8:30am until 3:55pm



Admin Team

Picking Up Children

Please help our admin team!

In exceptional circumstances and emergencies, at times children need to be collected from school early. Please help our wonderful administration team by ensuring that this is not done during the break times of **11:00–11:30am** and **1:45–2:30pm**.

When children are outside playing with their friends, they do not hear the announcements and it is difficult to have a staff member unlock classrooms to collect bags and belongings.

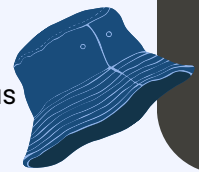
Please help support our classroom programs by waiting until **3:30pm** to collect children. The admin area is growing quite hectic in the afternoons with families collecting children early.

Thank you in advance for your support and understanding.



Reminder - Hats Term 4

We would like to request parents/guardians of students to pack a set of spare uniform items in their child's bag, including a waterproof bag (plastic bag). We have limited spare uniform at the office. If your child has recently needed to borrow items from our sick bay, please wash and return them to the office as soon as possible.





IMPORTANT: – Mobile Phone/Watch/Device Policy

In 2020, DET introduced strict restrictions on the use of any device with access to a cellular system, with or without a physical connection to a network. Where students bring a device of this type to school, it MUST be placed in secure storage at the office.



IMPORTANT: – Student Information

It is very important we have up-to-date information for all students. Please check Compass and update current home & email address, phone numbers & medical details.



IMPORTANT: – Policies

All current WPS Policies can be viewed through our school website

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UNIFORM

COMPASS CANTEEN





Admin Team

How to Order on Compass Canteen

- Log into the **Compass App**.
- On the home screen, select **Canteen** or go to More and then select Canteen.
- Click on the Canteen button and select **Get started**.
- Select **Student, then Next**.
- Select **Sitting** – choose the next date if the current one is closed (e.g. Pizza Day).
- Select the sitting **type** (Uniform, Team Shirt, Pizza Day, etc.)
- Select **Sizes** (if ordering uniform).
- Click **Next**.
- **Click on the required item** (e.g. Bomber Jacket, pizza).
- **Add** item.
- Repeat for other items.
- Proceed to review order.
- Select Confirm and Pay, and follow the payment steps.

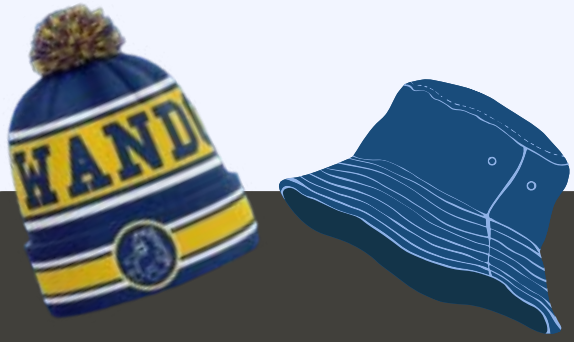
Select Customise when ordering uniform or team shirt.

- If ordering a team shirt, include the player number in the special instructions.

Collecting and Naming Items

If you order a bag, the order can be placed in your child's or their sibling's tub for convenience. If not, you'll need to supply a bag or make arrangements to collect.

Please remember to put your child's full name on their uniform. Please don't use initials, as this makes it harder for us to identify the owner.



When ordering uniforms through Compass, use the Canteen section. See instructions at left for how to order.

Going paperless helps reduce waste and conserve natural resources.

Please Note:
If your order date is closed, select the next day – even if it's a weekend!



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MUSIC

Guitar/Vocal/Piano/Drums



Drums, Vocal, Piano & Keyboard Teachers

We would like to inform you that, we have found a piano teacher, contact the school for further details.

We understand the value of music education and are actively exploring options to resume the other programs in the future. We will keep you updated as soon as more information becomes available.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

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AFTERSCHOOL CARE

THEIRCARE



Moments that Matter Documentary

Launch event hosted by

The Wandong History Group

Saturday 12 December 2026, 11.00 am

Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Centre



Enjoy a community afternoon with:

Sausage sizzle · Popcorn machine · Slushies · Tea and coffee

This is a free ticketed event, tickets available from

wandonghistorygroup4@gmail.com

The Film will be available for purchase on the day.

OUR PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

FRRR Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal

Community Bank Wallan, Kilmore and Broadford Bendigo Bank

Victoria State Government

Neighbourhood Watch

Newsletter SOUTH MITCHELL

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Black Friday & Cyber Monday sales

Black Friday sales have become increasingly common in Australia and are now seen as marking the beginning of the Christmas shopping season.

The Black Friday sales are in November, but many retailers will start to drop prices starting as early as November 6. Australians spend more during the Black Friday period than the lead up to Christmas. Last year, we saw most discounts range between 20 to 50% though in rarer cases we did see reductions of up to 70-80%. But beware, markdowns can vary depending on the product and may not be storewide. Previous years have seen many major retailers, including Harvey Norman, JB Hi-Fi, Myer, Kmart, Big W and Amazon promoting Black Friday sales. Most deals are available at physical stores and online, but some may be exclusive to a brand's website.

Advertisers and social media platforms know so much about us, that it feels like they're sometimes listening in. While online shopping is fun, easy, and super accessible, in the last few years, there's been a huge amount of fake retail websites that offer products that look enviably good and offering them at suspiciously cheap prices. Scammers love the ease of online shopping too, and they're willing to go to great lengths to get you to checkout. It's important to understand the difference between a legitimate shopping experience, and one designed to scam you out of your money. Here are a few tips:

- Make sure the store has a refund policy;
- Check for reviews before purchase;
- Be wary if the store doesn't have an easily read physical street address;
- Check the store website is secure - it's web address needs to start with "https" and the site should have a closed padlock symbol in the URL bar;
- Never send money or give credit card details to anyone you don't trust, including the websites you browse;
- Be wary of online ads that offer huge discounts for popular brands. They often send a very poor-quality version of the item you've been coveting.



Online marketplaces

When a consumer shops online, all the usual consumer rights apply. The business must follow the usual consumer laws that apply to selling products in Australia, including the basic rights known as consumer guarantees. They must NOT make false and misleading claims in advertising. Here are some tips to help protect against misleading advertising:

- Research the seller for reviews & legitimacy, including do they have a good reputation - check the reviews;
- Do they display clear steps for solving problems and giving replacements and refunds;
- Display clear systems for keeping consumers' personal and financial information safe; and
- Displays a phone number, a physical address and a business registration number;

When the business is based overseas, they are still required to follow Australian Consumer Law if advertising in Australia. In practice, it can be difficult to get a repair, replacement or refund if there are problems with the product.

If this occurs and you have contacted the business itself to resolve the issue, but they don't fix the problem, then you can report the issue with ACCC. They can't resolve individual complaints but they do use the reports they receive to assist with the compliance and enforcement work the ACCC does to reduce overall harm from overseas products coming into Australia with unsafe designs.

Visit: https://www.accc.gov.au/consumers for more information on consumer rights and guarantees.

Bushfire Preparation

If you live in the regional areas, you need to be aware of the possiblility of bushfires and how to prepare for them.

Fires can occur where the suburbs meet the bush, particulary if you have grassy paddocks or bushland nearby. NOW is the time to make a fire plan with your family and get your house and property fire ready.

Fine fuels, such as thin branches, twigs and leaves, ignite quickly and burn easily. These can be carried by the wind and can end up long distances ahead of a fire. Heavy fuels such as branches, trees and logs, take longer to ignite but will burn for longer and they create an extremely hot fire.

These are our tips to help you prepare:

- Clean out your gutters, roofs, and downpipes to remove leaves and clear around the base of trees;
- Keep your lawns short and well-watered;
- Maintain your garden by removing weeds, pruning bushes and trees, especially under windows;
- Keep your garden beds moist using non-flammable ground covers such as pebbles, sand or rocks. Decomposed mulch is safer than a new mulch unless kept wetted down;
- Store flammable and combustible materials, such as wood piles and rubbish, away from your house;
- Remove flammable items, such as boxes & excess furniture, from decks and verandahs; and
- Cut back branches within 10 metres of buildings.

Disclaimer: Current as on 02/05/24. For more information, visit https://www.triggone.com.au



Newsletter Volunteers Needed

South Mitchell Neighbourhood Watch are looking for friendly, community-minded volunteers to help deliver newsletters once a month in the Wallan or Beveridge areas. The task takes only a couple of hours each month, and you can choose the time that suits you best.

It's an easy way to get some fresh air, meet locals, and make a real contribution to your neighbourhood's safety and connection.

This group relies on its volunteers. With a strong NHW group, the community can combine forces to strengthen our communities for the benefit of everyone.

All volunteers will need to become members of Neighbourhood Watch to be covered by our insurance.

If you'd like to be part of our positive change in your community, we'd love to hear from you!



Upcoming Events

South Mitchell NHW General Meeting

We will be holding our meeting on 12 November, 2026, 7pm at the Wandong Community Centre, LB Davern Reserve, Dry Creek Road, Wandong. We welcome all community members of Mitchell Shire to come to our meeting and discuss any security concerns they may have.

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COMMUNITY & SPORTS





Come join the fun at Kilmore Cricket Club.



Cricket Blast is back at Kilmore CC

It's that time of year again when Kilmore Cricket Club welcomes back all our local little legends who want to join in the fun of Woolworths Cricket Blast.

Cricket Blast is a skills based program for beginners who are keen to have some fun and learn about the awesome game of cricket.

An inclusive program for both boys and girls, welcoming all abilities from ages 5-10, Cricket Blast introduces cricket in a fun and supportive environment that builds skills and confidence.

When: Every Sunday afternoon, starting Sunday 18th October 2026.

Time: 4-5pm

Where: Kilmore Cricket Ground
Hunts Road Oval
Hunts Road , Kilmore

Head to www.playhq.com and search for Kilmore Cricket Club and Woolworths Cricket Blast and sign up.

If you have any queries please contact Blast Coordinator Cath Mogridge on 0408 855 833.





BIG SUMMER READ LAUNCH

Join us for
The Big Summer Read Launch
Kilmore Library Saturday 28th November

Make this summer a reading adventure with the 2026/27 Big Summer Read! Sign up and get ready to discover great books and enjoy reading all summer long.

To celebrate, we're hosting two fun-filled programs at Kilmore Library.

Terrific Toys - Force and Motion 11am -12pm

Insects and Mini Beasts 1pm - 2pm

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