

In the spirit of reconciliation, Wild Cherry School acknowledges that this vast and beautiful land upon which we grow, learn and create are the traditional lands of the Brabralung Clan of the Gunaikurnai Nation who have acted as custodians for tens of thousands of years.

Wild Cherry acknowledges the deep spiritual connection to land, sea, culture and community.

We pay respects to Elders and their cultures, past and present and acknowledge all hardships endured.



Message from the School Leaders

Dear Wild Cherry friends,

Term 3 has been a joyful season of connection, creativity, learning and community at Wild Cherry. From winter puddle play and garden makeovers to Book Week, the Athletics Carnival, community lunches and our beautiful Spring Picnic, the children have embraced each moment with enthusiasm and imagination. We welcomed new children, families and staff into our community, while farewelling some much-loved friends and wishing others well on their adventures.

Families were invited to Journey Through the Curriculum, offering a special glimpse into the richness and depth of Steiner education and its delivery at Wild Cherry. Our teachers gathered with colleagues from Steiner schools across Victoria for professional learning, inspiration and connection.

Exciting plans for our future school in Johnsonville continue to unfold, with our first Playgroup in Johnsonville marking an important step in connecting with the local community. We are deeply grateful for our wonderful children, supportive families and dedicated staff who make Wild Cherry such a special place to grow and learn.

With love,
Johanna and Cath





Playgroup News

At **Bairnsdale Playgroup** we have been celebrating the arrival of spring with plenty of fun outside play, making heavy loads in the little wheel burrows, eating delicious seasonal fruits and embracing water play in the yard. We have been admiring the beautiful spring blossoms in the garden and beautiful friendships blossoming between the children too. There have also been some very creative and interesting cubbies being built. Happy days!

At **Bush Playgroup in Paynesville**, children have been playing and nourishing their senses as they explore nature, build sandcastles, listen to birdsong and make new friends and while their parents and carers connect. We gather once a month on a Friday from 9.45 – 11.45 am at Sunset Cove on the sparkling waters of Gippsland Lakes with access to beautiful bushwalking tracks and abundant bird life. It is a wonderful place to gather and play. New families are welcome to join us for a morning of fun and fresh air – please contact our office for further information.

*When the daffodils dance in the sun and the rain,
Then we know that the Springtime is coming again,
Tra – la -la -la – la -la, Tra – la -la -la – la -la,
Then we know that the Springtime is coming again.*

*The more we are together, together, together,
The more we are together the happier we will be,
Because my friends are your friends
And your friends are my friends,
he more we are together, the happier we will be.*



Kinder News

This term, we have moved gently from the stillness of winter into the awakening of spring. Outdoors, the children have noticed birdsong, blossom and tiny creatures emerging from the earth. Through climbing, carrying, balancing and pushing, they have strengthened their bodies and developed greater confidence in moving safely through space. Storytelling has remained an important rhythm, enriched by our story box of felt, wooden figures and little treasures, nurturing imagination, language and sequencing. Indoors, castles, forts and towers have emerged through shared play and collaboration. With time to create, explore and wonder, the children have found space to feel grounded, connected and ready to learn.



Prep One News

Term 3 has been filled with imagination, creativity and joyful learning in Prep/One. Early in the term, the Grade Ones delighted in listening to and sharing oral tellings of Russian fairy tales, allowing the stories to come to life through spoken word and imagination. Our craft work has included finger knitting and the beautiful process of eco-dyeing silk scarves, with the children enjoying the colours and patterns that emerged. The Preps have particularly enjoyed using their dyed silk scarves alongside wooden toys to create and act out their own beautiful stories, developing rich imaginative play and a wonderful sense of narrative.



Class Two Three

Class 2/3 has enjoyed a rich and purposeful term of learning with opportunities to connect imagination, practical experience and academic development throughout the curriculum. The children have explored Australian animals through stories, conversation, observation and artistic expression, while our weekly nature walks have encouraged them to notice the changing season and develop a deeper connection with the natural world.

Our work with number sense has strengthened the children's confidence and flexibility with numbers, while practical experiences such as cooking, gardening and running the Friday Frolics stall have brought mathematical and social learning into meaningful, real-life contexts. Singing, clay and beeswax modelling, painting and other creative experiences have nurtured imagination, concentration, fine motor skills and an appreciation for beauty. Across these experiences, the children are developing not only knowledge and skills, but also independence, curiosity, collaboration and a joyful approach to learning.



Class Four Five Six

This term Class 5 students have deepened their learning and grown their confidence and curiosity through maths, writing, geometry, painting, drawing, clay work, and storytelling.

They entered the world of gods, heroes and adventurers as they studied Ancient Greece – exploring mythology, history, democracy and the Olympic Games through storytelling, writing, art, movement and drama.

They also explored Bairnsdale and East Gippsland's local geography and history, learning about rivers, mountains, lakes and stories of the region, deepening their understanding of Gunaikurnai connection to Country, European settlement and relationships between people, place and landscape.

And in English Language and Literacy, they explored how nouns, verbs, adjectives and language brings writing to life through grammar, poetry, descriptive writing and creative exercises.



Craft news

We have had our hands busy in craft. Our Prep friends have been happily weaving on their practice looms and will soon have woven a flock of cute, little chickens. Class 1 have been determined to complete their beautiful and colourful recorder bags and are almost there! Class 2 have been diligently knitting gorgeous pigs and making little blankets and carry bags for them. Class 3 are also busily knitting colourful beanies, while Class 4 are creating symmetrical cross-stitch pin cushions. Class 5 have nearly finished making lovely, embroidered peacocks and our Class 6 friends are doing an amazing job making beautiful Waldorf dolls. We also found time to make lovely Father's Day gifts for our dads or special person.

