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Important Dates

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| 19-21 Sept | Year 3 Camp |
| 22-23 Oct | Year 2 Camp |
| 5-7 Dec | Year 4 Camp |

Canteen Roster

May

31 **Help needed**

June

1st Jess, Tania

6 **Help needed**

7 Marga

8 **Help needed x 2**

Uniform Shop

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| Tuesdays | 8.45am - 9.15 am |
| Thursdays | 3pm - 4pm |

Student Banking

Wednesday: hand in books via classroom

Thursday: books processed and returned.

QKR will continue to be the 'go to place' for Canteen, Uniforms, Fees and any other activities that **DO NOT REQUIRE CONSENT.**

CompassPay for parents to pay electronically for Excursions or any activity that requires **PAYMENT AND CONSENT.**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL, DIANA ELLIS

Pirate Day

Next Friday June 8th we are hoping that all staff and students will take part in our Pirate Day. The day will be about raising awareness for brain Cancer but also just a fun dress up day. We ask that all students bring a \$ 1.00 coin as a donation. *See details next page.*

Garden Harvest Market

Over the last 6 months we have noticed great changes in our Community Garden space thanks to Nicole and her growing team. Classes are now working with Nicole to learn about Sustainability and the cycle of planting and harvesting.

I have great pride in being able to advertise our first harvest stall of produce straight from our Children's Garden and the Carlsruhe Garden. The produce stall will be next Monday 4 June 3.15-3.45 at the main school gate (weather permitting). Our Year 6 Environment Leader will also be volunteering. All money raised will be put back into the gardens.

Curriculum Day

Last Friday our staff engaged in an excellent day of learning about our school priorities of Reading and our Berry Street Initiative.

Our staff learnt about strategies such as 'think aloud' that helps children to be critical thinkers by digging deeper into the text and making text to text or text to self-connections.

We also had a session on the new Education Department Attendance requirements and we will be required to track and investigate student absences more stringently.

As evidence tells us, when a student is regularly late or absent from school they miss crucial learning concepts and their connections with friends and sense of belonging can be diminished.

In our afternoon session we continued our learning about how to engage children that are escalated or disengaged. We looked at evidence based models and learnt new brain breaks and strategies to be present, centered and grounded.

Our staff presenters did an outstanding job in helping to build staff capacity and understanding around best practice.

It is pleasing when I am in and out of classrooms to see these strategies being implemented across our school.

Ask your children to explain 'think aloud, text to text connections or brain breaks.'

Celebrating sporting success

Congratulations to Ned and Elsie who both represented our school at the district Cross Country Competition and qualified for the Regional Final on Tuesday 5th June in St. Arnaud.

Information Evening

Quite often parents in the middle and junior part of our school ask about what happens in the senior part of the school. We have listened to your feedback and we are pleased to announce that we will be running an information session on Thursday June 21st from 3.45pm - 4.30pm in the Year 6 classrooms. Our students and staff will showcase the many great things that happen in the senior part of the school. We look forward to seeing you.

Before school care

At the moment we are noticing a few students arriving at school as early as 8.00am.

We recommend arrival time around 8.30am -8.45am. As teachers are not on duty until 8.45am this means there is no supervision for your children.



AHoy THERE ME MATEYS!

Join us in raising funds to support childhood cancer research.

Dress in your **SWASHBUCKLING** best and don't forget
your **PIRATE TREASURE** (a gold coin donation)!

Woodend Primary School

Pirate Day Friday.

Pirate Joke#154

Q: Where do pirates put their rubbish?
A: The Garrrrrrrrrrrbbage bin.

**THE KIDS'
CANCER
PROJECT**

Pirate Day Friday is a collaboration between The Kids' Cancer Project and The Adventurers, joining forces to support childhood cancer research.

THE ADVENTURERS
CHILDHOOD CANCELS THE FEAR

FROM THE OFFICE

CAMPS SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

All applications for CSEF must be received before the end of Term 2. If you hold a Health Care Card valid at the beginning of Term 1 and/or Term 2 or you are a Foster Parent, you are eligible to apply. Please contact the school office if you think you might be eligible. If you currently receive CSEF, no further application is required whilst your child attends Woodend Primary School.

COMPASS PAY – NOW OPERATIONAL.....

As mentioned in the newsletter last week, Compass has always been the portal used for parent consent for excursions and camps and Woodend PS has now rolled out CompassPay for parents to pay electronically for Excursions or any activity that requires payment AND consent.

The upcoming Winter Sports (for selected Year 5 & 6 students) is now available as the first activity using Compass Pay. Payment via QKR will not be available for this activity but will continue to be the 'go to place' for Canteen, Uniforms, Fees and any other activities that DO NOT REQUIRE CONSENT.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO UTILISE A CREDIT ON YOUR SCHOOL ACCOUNT OR USE CSEF, PLEASE PHONE THE SCHOOL BEFORE YOU LOGON TO CONSENT.

YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CONSENT UNTIL YOU PAY.

Parents will already be familiar with the Compass screen when they have provided digital consent. The screenshot shows the additional field which will be visible in Compass.

Credit Card details will need to be entered each time you pay for an activity. Whilst this will be more labour intensive than the QKR process, the storage of full credit card numbers is in line with the Compass security platform. See below in FAQ. The benefit is parents will only be required to log into one platform to provide both consent AND payment.

If you are having any difficulties logging onto Compass or require assistance to utilise CompassPay, please contact the school office 5427 2455.

COMPASSPAY - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

A parent's credit card is being rejected.

- There are a number of reasons why a parent's credit card may be rejected, below are the primary reasons to assist you in troubleshooting this issue should a parent contact your school about it:
- Credit card is over limit (insufficient funds) – Cardholder should contact bank
- Credit card has expired – Cardholder should contact bank The credit card was not issued in Australia - We do not accept internationally issued cards
- A stop has been placed on the card by the cardholders financial institution – Cardholder should contact bank
- The card number is incorrect – Cardholder should check numbers on card
- The card was unable to be verified by the cardholder's financial institution at this time. – Try again later

Does the parent receive a confirmation of payment?

- Yes. A parent will receive an email confirmation that their payment was processed. If they do not have a valid registered email address in Compass, they will not receive an email notification.

What if a parent has a transaction on their statement that they don't remember?

- A transaction will appear on a credit card statement as 'COMPASSPAY.COM'. If a parent is unsure what this payment is for, they should:
- Log in to Compass and go to the My Payments tab (Under Tools menu); or
- Go to www.compasspay.com and enter the basic details of their credit card and the transaction to see further details.

How are credit card details stored in Compass?

- We never store full credit card details in Compass. While we store basic details for auditing and verification details, we do not store full credit card numbers or the card CVV.
- When a payment is processed through Compass or CompassPay, we process the transaction over SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) and pass the details to our banking provider/finance partner. In the event that a recurring payment is created, we pass the credit card details to our banking partner who provide us with a token. This token allows us to charge this card again at another time.
- We and our banking partners (who are Tier 1 PCI DSS compliant) subscribe to PCI DSS (Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard). PCI DSS is a set of rules created by the Payment Card Industry Security Standards Council to encourage the broad adoption of consistent data security measures around the world.

More information about this standard can be found at www.pci securitystandards.org

2018 CALENDAR

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| Mon 4/6 | Woorabinda Camp Harvest Stall 3.15pm – 3.45pm | Fri 15/6 | CDSSA Winter Sports |
| Tues 5/6 | Woorabinda Camp Pizza day at Carlsruhe Regional Cross Country final | Sat 16/6 | PFA selling raffle tickets at Coles 9am-1pm |
| Wed 6/6 | Woorabinda Camp PFA Meeting at RED 7.30pm | Mon 18/6 | Strings Concert 7pm School Council meeting at 7pm |
| Thurs 7/6 | Woorabinda Camp | Wed 20/6 | Whole School Tabloid Sports Day |
| Fri 8/6 | Woorabinda Camp National Pirate Day – Dress up, run by Jnr School Council. \$1.00 donation towards Cancer research. | Thurs 21/6 | Prep Tours 9.30am – 2.30pm Snr Unit – Parent Info Session 3.45pm-4.30pm (Back up day) Tabloid Sports Day |
| Mon 11/6 | NO SCHOOL. Queen's Birthday – Public Holiday | Wed 27/6 | Sushi Day – No other lunch orders available |
| Thurs 14/6 | Boys (selected) Soccer at Bendigo Carlsruhe Federation Walk | Thurs 28/6 | NO SCHOOL. Parent Teacher Interviews |
| | | Fri 29/6 | CU3 & CU4 Edgar's Mission Lancefield excursion END OF TERM - 2.30pm school finish |

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

Winter Vegetable Stall

From 3.15PM to 3.45PM on Monday June 4th, the environmental leaders will be selling some winter vegetables at the front entrance by the rotunda. They will be selling silver beet, rhubarb, rocket and much more. All the money will go towards fixing the garden and growing new plants. **Alex SU1**

Community Bags

Since finishing our beautiful community bags we have used them for many different purposes, like using it when we go shopping and when I go to dancing I use it for all my dance clothes shoes and hair stuff, also we use them as gift bags because they are colourful and they are made by you! **-Taytum & Caitlin**

Here's a few stories from our Year 6 students on how they are using their Woodend Community Bags:

"My cat uses it as a hiding place when we aren't using it for shopping." **-Gemma**

"My mum keeps it in her car to use for shopping, it's really handy." **- Mac**

"My mum has it in the car so we can use it when we go shopping." **-Lily**

Code Club

Code Club started back up this week for the Year 4/5/6 students. Each Thursday students will have the opportunity to participate in a range of coding activities where they will be creating games, animations, programs and art. We hope to have some finished projects to share with the community soon.

Mr Chamerski

Picture Story Books

The Year 6 students have collected information from their buddies about what sort of things they like, so they can write a picture story book for them. Their story needs to have something to do with sustainability seeing as it is their focus this term. First of all they had to plan and





think about how they could incorporate sustainability into their stories. Once they have finished that they have to do a storyboard. The storyboard just shows a few rectangles with rough pictures in them and a small pointer about what they were going to write on that page. They do this so that they can make a rough guess about how many pages they will write and what sort of pictures and words they will use. Some of them have even started writing their rough draft.

-Frida

Senior Unit Information Session

We are having an information session on Thursday 21st of June from 3.45PM - 4.30PM so that parents from our community can come and see what the Senior Unit has to offer. We will be having our Year 6 students present on a range of things from extra-curricular opportunities to what a normal day is like in the Senior Unit. Please come along if you would like to know what your child will be offered when they reach the Senior Unit.

Mr Chamerski, Senior Unit Coordinator

CARLSRUHE NEWS

Pizza Lunch Day reminder

On Tuesday 5th June we will be having our second pizza lunch day. Please remember to bring along the \$2.50 either on the Monday or Tuesday.

If there are any more parents who would like to help on the day, please let us know.

Federation Trail Walk

We have changed the date for our walk around Carlsruhe to Thursday 14th June (weather permitting), as some of our Grade 5 students are involved in the Interschool Winter Sports on Friday 15th June.

The Federation Trail in Carlsruhe was set up in 2001, along with many others around the countryside, to commemorate the centenary of Australia's Federation. We will be visiting some of the points of interest as we study why and who established the township of Carlsruhe and also the history behind our own Carlsruhe Annexe.

2 Minute Talks

Throughout this week we have been listening to the students' very interesting talks on a range of items from a butter churn and hand-written diaries from Grandparents, to a Walkman and metal hand beaters. It has been fascinating listening to all of the historical information, as well as the sentimental value many of their items have.

Autumn Glory

Carlsruhe looks wonderful at all times in the year, but it is particularly pretty as the autumn colours fill the trees and the ground is covered in fallen leaves. Despite the frosty mornings, our vegetable garden is growing well and the animals are enjoying their cuddles in the cooler weather.



MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

In MU4 we have been studying the book 'The Lorax' by Dr Seuss as part of our Sustainability theme this term. I set them a challenge to write what they thought would happen next in the story if there was a 'Lorax 2'.

Jad Geer

MU4 Classroom Teacher

Once there was a kid called John. He had a seed it was a Truffula seed, he got it from a man called the Once-ler. One day John planted the seed in his backyard. John was 14 years old, he has blond hair and he is very funny. One day the Lorax came back. Later that afternoon the Lorax came and bought Brown Bar-ba-loots. The next day the Humming-Fish and the Swomee-Swans came.

John moved to a new house it had a river for the fish, a bird tank for the Swomee-Swans and a forest of Truffula trees for the Brown Bar-ba-loots. They were so happy together the Truffula trees had sweet, sweet fruit. One afternoon John was at the Café, he went back home and most of the Truffula trees were gone. John ran as fast as he could. He ran to the Once-ler and said, "Give me more seeds." He gave him 30, he ran back home and planted them as fast as he could and watered them, they grew like a fast dog. The Truffula fruits were much, much sweeter. **By Remy**

When the Once-ler gave me that seed I found some brown dirt, dug a small hole, and gently put it in. Suddenly it started to rain. The next day I came back and in front of me, I saw a forest of Truffula trees. Then in the distance, I saw something it was Brown Bar-ba-loots! Then beside them I saw something strange it was three Humming fish then I looked up "Swomee-Swans!" I shouted and when I looked down, I saw the Lorax. Then I saw the water turn blue, the grass turn green, and the smog go away and the Brown Bar-ba-loots were already eating Truffula fruits and the Humming-Fish were happily humming in the clean water. **By Gabriella**

The boy with the seed was just playing one day,
When he asked his mum, "Can I go to the Once-ler today?"

His mum said "no" so he said, "I'll just go and play with my toys.

Because now they are all boys then my mum walked in. "Fine, I'll let you go to the Once-ler, but you can't bring your toys. "Okay, okay, okay!" So he went to the Once-ler's garden where it's all full of mulchity mulch and grubitty grub and went to a lake and stared at the alligators freakishly. Suddenly alligators came charging at him! "Aaaahhhh" the little boy screamed from the top of his lungs. He found a place to plant the Truffula tree so he planted it with all his heart. **By Alistair**

Where the city grows, I find a grassy place. I hid the seed. It grew and grew until it was so big it nearly fell over and we explored the whole world. We saw the Once-ler watering the trees they were tiny. We said "hello" and the Lorax came back. **By June**

One day there was the Lorax. The Lorax came from a tree. The Lorax is grumpy then the Once-ler came from behind the tree. The Once-ler came, things got a whole lot better. One day the Once-ler ran away because he wanted to cut down more trees. The Lorax chased the Once-ler. The Lorax ran after the Once-ler. The Once-ler went to jail, the Once-ler escaped from jail. The Lorax ran after him, the Lorax caught him. The Once-ler went to jail, then the Lorax fell down a cliff. Then he climbed back up. **By Luke**

Year 3

This week in Year 3, we have been continuing our Science topic called 'Watch it Grow'. We have been filling in our Broad Bean diaries and drawing annotated diagrams of the progress our broad beans are making. At the moment our broad beans have grown a root and have sprouted a stem which has begun to break through the surface of the soil. We have been giving them plenty of water and sunlight and when the time is right, will be planting them into the garden.

In Maths, we have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes. At the moment our focus is on the different types of angles in our environment. We have used digital technologies to take photos of the different angles in our classroom and share them with our classmates.



JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

As sustainability is the focus this term, one of our Book Studies in the Junior Unit has been 'Where the Forest Meets the Sea' by Jeannie Baker.

The students have been learning how to:

- make predictions and ask questions (using the pictures and words)
- give a retell of the story (using the beginning, middle and end)
- make text to self-connections (connecting something from the book to our own experiences) and
- recreate pictures from the book using different materials



ASSEMBLY AWARDS: 18 MAY 2018

ARTISTS OF THE WEEK

Year 4 students spent many sessions using oil pastels to draw a realistic picture of a crocodile. They did a terrific job.

Our Special Artists of the Week are:

Carla, Harry, Amber, Rose, Noah, Thomas, Mariella, Aidan, Hayley, Ollie, Jack, Lucie, Toby, Jeff, Tyne, Espen.

SCHOOL BANKING

| CHOOSE YOUR REWARD (8TH DEPOSIT) NOTE SENT OUT WITH BANK BOOK | REWARD ORDERED (9TH DEPOSIT) NEED 1 MORE DEPOSIT TO RECEIVE REWARD | REWARD DISTRIBUTED (10TH DEPOSIT) |
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| Sam | Lucca, Caitlyn | Lachlan, Hayden, Thomas Lincoln, Bridie |

CANTEEN NEWS

- Please contact me in canteen if you're able to help. Volunteers are needed desperately for next week.
- Sushi Day planned for June 27th. More details to follow.
- **NO CANTEEN: FRIDAY 29TH JUNE. CLEANING DAY**
- **Please don't forget to provide or pay for your child(s) lunch bag.**

Jenny Rossi, Canteen

PFA NEWS

WIN A TRAILER OF WOOD RAFFLE *Saturday 2 June 2018 from 9am at the Woodend Farmer's Market*

Come visit our volunteers at the Woodend Farmer's Market this Saturday 2 June from 9am to purchase 3 raffle tickets for \$5 for the chance to win a trailer load of wood. Proceeds from the raffle will go toward the purchase of our new playground equipment. We would love to see any students on the day who would be keen to chat about the exciting developments at the school and what the purchase of the new equipment will mean.

If you miss us this weekend, you can catch us again on Saturday 16 June outside of Coles from 9am-2pm, with the raffle being drawn at the conclusion. If you're free and would like to volunteer to help on the day, we would love to hear from you – please drop us a line to our email address.

PFA JUNE MEETING

Just a reminder too that our next meeting is Wednesday 6 June from 7.30pm at Red with dinner beforehand from 6.30pm. Everyone welcome.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Hello all, us again! Please have a squiz at the photos below... Do you recognise anything missing from your life? These treasures will be rehomed if unclaimed by Friday 8th June.

Thank you. **Michelle & Carol**



COMMUNITY NEWS

1st WOODEND SCOUT GROUP

LOG CABIN CAFE



POPS-UP AGAIN - The 1st Woodend Scout Groups annual fundraiser, The Log Cabin Cafe will be opening its doors for three days only during the Woodend Winter Arts Festival, this Queens Birthday long weekend.

Check out the cosy log cabin, enjoy the wood-fire, our famous Devonshire Cream Teas; as well as coffees, cakes, slices, soups and toasted sandwiches, run all day by the Scouts and their families.

Saturday 9th, Sunday 10th and Monday 11th June
11am - 4pm

Ps. look out for acapella flash-mob performances at the Scout's Log Cabin by 'Miranda's Picnic'

GISBORNE SECONDARY COLLEGE
PRESENTS

Annie JR.

Broadway Junior Collection

Book by THOMAS MEEHAN Music by CHARLES STROUSE Lyrics by MARTIN CHARNIN

Original Production directed by Martin Charnin
 Presented on Broadway by Mike Nichols

Produced by Irwin Meyer, Stephen R. Friedman, Lewis Allen
 The John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts

Alvin Nederlander Associates Inc. Icarus Productions

Based on "Little Orphan Annie"
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 Michael P. Price, Executive Director
 Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).
 All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

22nd -23rd June
<https://www.trybooking.com/VSBG>

GISBORNE SECONDARY COLLEGE Proudly supporting GSC's performing arts centre
 Bendigo Bank Gisborne & District Community Bank Branch

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www.hoopsmart.com.au

ALL LEVELS | BOYS AND GIRLS | 6-12 YEARS | 9.30AM-3PM

TEAM BUILDING | LEADERSHIP | LIFE SKILLS | GOAL SETTING | EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP | SPECIAL GUESTS & COACHES

JUNE 4

dysLexia

What your child needs

Self-Advocacy

NEURODIVERSITY

ACCOMODATIONS means Access

Understanding Dyslexia

Is your child dyslexic?

Presented by Jemima Hutton (dyslexic and Braemar College Dux of Year 12, 2017) and Peter Hutton (parent, dyslexic and past principal of Templestowe College), together we seek to answer the inevitable questions and concerns that parents have about how to best support a young person with dyslexia.

Our key objectives are:

- To raise awareness and understanding of dyslexia.
- To explain how to support each child to find the learning strategies that work for them.
- To provide advice about how to deal with the emotions behind dyslexia.
- To explain how to advocate for your child with the school.
- To explain accommodations and special consideration at school and in the VCE.

When: Monday the 4th June at 7:30pm
 Where: Red Rock Christian College
 Cost: \$30 per family or free for all Red Rock parents (contact college office)

Tea and coffee will be provided
BOOK NOW! Go to www.trybooking.com/WASY

LEARN HOW YOU CAN BEST SUPPORT YOUR CHILD TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS

WOODEND winter arts FESTIVAL
 8-11 June 2018

Listen with your Eyes
June 9-11, 10am to 4pm
Woodend Tennis Club

Macedon Ranges Art Trail presents
 visual art in harmony with three themes
Woodend • Winter • Festival

PREVIEW
Friday June 8
 Join us from 5pm before the fireworks.
 Park behind the Visitor Information Centre. Entry donations appreciated.

Listen with your Eyes is a Woodend Winter Arts Festival umbrella event.
 More info: www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au

macdon ranges ART TRAIL

MICHAEL GROSE: PARENTING IDEAS

Four reasons why your child or teen may be anxious

Increasingly, Australian children and teenagers are experiencing anxiety at levels that are affecting their mental health, school achievement and happiness. As a loving parent you naturally want to prevent your child or young person from being overwhelmed by anxiety.

There are four main reasons your child may be experiencing anxiety.

1. You are passing your anxiety and stress on to your child

Anxiety is a function of groups – it rarely happens in isolation. Many parents I meet in my work are stressed by their lives and fearful for their children. The contagious nature of anxiety means that parents often pass their stresses, worries and fears on to their children. Legendary psychologist Martin Seligman found through his research that children have a significant propensity to copy their primary parents' explanatory style by eight years of age. If parents see events through the frame of stress, anxiety and fear then they are passing this same frame on to their children.

2. Your child is overloaded

Few would argue that an active child is a healthy child. However it seems that we now have too much of a good thing as Australian kids have a smorgasbord of organised pre-school and after-school activities to keep their minds and bodies active. Many of these activities have a high performance element attached (get that badge, win that game, attain that level) so that kids are always striving or attaining. The pressure to perform is always there. Activity overload is a particular problem for achievement-driven, anxious types of kids – classic first-born child characteristics.

3. Your child doesn't play enough

Play is the release valve for the pressures of a high performance, serious life. It's the way kids have always relaxed and let off steam. The best type of play for relaxing and letting off steam is generally physical play that takes place outside. Your child may play a great deal on a digital device, but this activity stimulates the brain rather than rejuvenates it.

Organised sport doesn't fit the play category if it adds to their anxiety rather than releases it. Kids need to be involved in play that's fun, rejuvenating and enjoyable. They need to look forward to it rather than fear it.

4. Your child focuses too much on the future

Some children are born to worry. They fret about seemingly simple activities such as starting a new school term, going to a birthday party or who's picking them up from school at the end of the day. Worriers are future oriented, anxious about things that haven't happened yet. These type-A anxious types don't know how to stay in the present. Their minds constantly wander ahead to what may happen. They benefit from learning relaxation techniques such as mindfulness and deep breathing that anchor them to the present, temporarily releasing them from their worries and anxieties. When kids learn these techniques from a young age or even during adolescence they are likely to become hard-wired for life.

There is so much we can do to equip children with the tools they need to manage their anxiousness and worries, and to prevent these from accelerating into full blown, debilitating anxiety. We can start by looking at our own lifestyles and make changes that may alleviate the stresses that inevitably trickle down to our kids. We can also take a look at our kid's lifestyles and activities and make sure they contain a healthy balance between high performance and fun. Most importantly, we can provide kids with the tools and skills to recognise, manage and cope with anxiousness so that they have autonomy over their own mental health and wellbeing, both now and into the future.