

What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 1st April
Final day of Term 1
2:20pm Finish

Monday 19th April
Proposed Curriculum Day

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Staffing changes for Term 2

Xavier Norden will be taking some well-deserved long service leave for the majority of next term so I'd like to congratulate Brody Ricardi who will be Acting Assistant Principal for weeks 1-5 and Michael Raison who will be Acting Assistant Principal for weeks 6-10.

We have complete faith in the ability of Brody and Michael to step into this challenging but rewarding role and Danielle and I look forward to supporting them within their new positions next term.

We are extremely lucky to have an amazing teacher to fill their roles for the term – Kaylene Mexon. Kaylene stepped out of a year six classroom teacher role last year to run the Tutor Learning Initiative for years 5 and 6 students this year but she has kindly agreed to cover 6R and 6RW so that we minimise disruption for these classes. Thank you Kaylene!

The staff and I wish Xavier the very best for his time at home with his family.

We also welcome Kim Marks to our staff. Kim is a new Education Support staff member who will be joining the team from day one of next term.

Easter Raffle

Congratulations to our Easter Raffle winners! There were 16 prizes this year that were assembled into beautiful hampers (thank you Jane Elzinga). Bring on the sugar rush!

Thank you also to our P&F committee who organised the Easter Raffle and the hot cross bun fundraiser for us. The raffle raised \$3600 for our school which will be put towards the purchase of new sheds.



REMINDERS

Absences

Please text any absences to 0477 343 814 or call 5721 3491. It is a legal requirement that all absences are explained.

Signing Students In/Out

Please sign your child or children in and out at the office if they are arriving at school late or being picked up early. For early pick-ups, we ask that parents/carers please go directly to the office.

Late Arrivals

All classes (including specialist classes) will begin at 9:05am so we ask that students please make their way in to classrooms by 8:55am.

School Hours

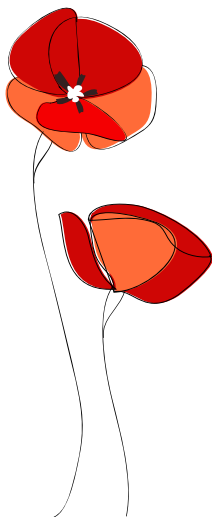
Just a friendly reminder that staff supervision of students in the yard before school begins at 8:45am. Prior to this, all staff are in a staff briefing each morning and thus cannot monitor the yard. We understand that this timing may be difficult for some families which is why we have Out of School Hours care available each morning from 6:30am. Alternatively, should you wish to drop your child off before 8:45am, you may do so but please be aware that formal supervision is not available at this time and we recommend that students do not arrive before 8:30am.

Staff Correspondence

Staff can be contacted between 8:30am and 4:30pm on their working days. Out of hours contact may not be responded to until the following work day.

Covering Classes

Lately we have been forced to split a number of grades as there have been no replacement teachers available. There is a significant shortage of replacement teachers in our area which is making it extremely difficult for not only our school but all schools in our network. We are very fortunate to have a pool of recently retired staff who fill in exclusively for us as well replacement teachers who know our school well so the majority of the time we are able to cover classes but, in the circumstance that we are forced to split a class at the last minute, we ask only for your understanding and thank you for your support with this tricky situation.



ANZAC Appeal

ANZAC badges, pens and wristbands will be available for purchase at the office or from the classrooms when our Grade 6 students bring the merchandise around for sale. Badges/tokens are \$1, \$2, \$5, & \$1, wristbands are \$3 and pens are \$5.

All the proceeds of this appeal will assist and support our veterans, war widows and their families in our local area and elsewhere in Victoria. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations Amelia!

Congratulations to Amelia for winning the Wangaratta Aquatic Centre colouring competition. She received a free family pass to enjoy the Aquatic Centres facilities.



School Council Update

On Monday evening we held our first school council meeting of the year. At this meeting:

- Ben Hedderman and Melissa Finnigan were each welcomed on to the team,
- All policies requiring updates and/or re-ratification were approved
- The Annual Report to the School Community was presented and approved (soon to be added to the school website)
- Our Pre-Review Self-Evaluation document was presented and approved
- The curriculum day scheduled for 19th April was approved
- Dates of meetings for the remainder of the year were set.
- Sub-committees were established.

It was a very productive meeting so thank you again to the team.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holidays and look forward to seeing you all again next term.

REMINDERS

Headlice

We endeavour to keep our school as free from headlice as possible. As such, any student who has live headlice or eggs will be sent home for treatment. They can return as soon as the treatment has occurred but please remember that it is vital that bedding, hats, clothing and any other soft furnishing/teddies that your child has used need to be washed. If you require a treatment kit, please let the office know.

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders are available online through Munch Monitor on Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays at first break (11.20am).

Bike Storage & Locks

We encourage our students to ride their bikes to school and would like to inform due to high numbers at the school now, we will require bikes to be stored in and out of the bike storage facility. Each student is required to have their own bike locks and are responsible for safely securing them to the bike racks.

Compass Parent Portal

If you haven't accessed the Compass Parent Portal please call into the office for your unique log in letter. This is vital for informing of student absences, emailing your child's teacher and accessing of student reports.

OSHC

All OSHC Queries/Bookings to 0407 004 059 or wangwestoshc@gmail.com

Westy's Sports Report



CROSS COUNTRY

Last Friday we had our whole school Cross Country with everyone doing an absolutely amazing job! Everyone that competed should be incredibly proud of themselves.

We'd also like to thank all the teachers and parents who helped make the day run so smoothly.

Congratulations to all our winners for the day.

Prep girls – 1st Maddi L, 2nd Kaitlyn H, 3rd Indi Y

Grade 4 girls – 1st Paige-Lee D, 2nd Ava B, 3rd Annabelle W

Prep boys – 1st Chad V, 2nd Murray R, 3rd Angus R

Grade 4 boys – 1st Jack P, 2nd Logan W, 3rd Thomas S

Grade 1 girls – 1st Eva D, 2nd Indigo A, 3rd Zoe H

Grade 5 girls – 1st Amelia D, 2nd Kaity F, 3rd Emilie S

Grade 1 boys – 1st Lucas D, 2nd Harvey D, 3rd Alfie T

Grade 5 boys – 1st Elijah G, 2nd Isaac R, 3rd Zeke H

Grade 2 girls – 1st Amelliah H, 2nd Koko H, 3rd Pia F

Grade 6 girls – 1st Miley A, 2nd Jorja S, 3rd Fern T

Grade 2 boys – 1st Eli D, 2nd Logan V, 3rd Ben S

Grade 6 boys – 1st Archer D, 2nd Hayden W, 3rd Archer W

Grade 3 girls – 1st Asta E, 2nd Ava P, 3rd Bridie K

Grade 3 boys – 1st Jack D, 2nd Ollie F, 3rd Ry H

As part of our WOW Week celebrations, students in Grade 5 researched what it meant to be a global citizen, and what we could do to raise awareness to global issues. Here are two infographics created to raise awareness about ocean pollution and the value that bees have to our environment.

WHAT IS OCEAN POLLUTION

HERE'S TO YOU

*By: Charlie, Harle
y, Taylor*

Enjoy your day, birthday girl!

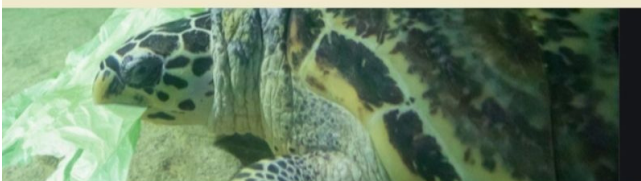
WHAT IS OCEAN POLLUTION?

Ocean pollution is where man-made products end up in the ocean.



How are sea creatures affected

The population of sea creatures are decreasing due to eating or absorbing the pollution and getting stuck in it so they can't go up for air, and not having a healthy Environment to grow and live in .



How much rubbish goes to the ocean?

The amount of pollution that ends up in the ocean is a nuff to cover every beach line in the world. And also weighs roughly the same as 57,000 blue whales.

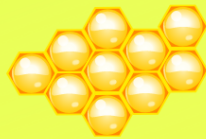


How you can start to help is by using hard plastic because fish can not eat it or get rapped up in it. AND REMEMBER USE BINS!



what's the buzz with bees

Since 2013 the population of bees in some parts of the world has depleted by a third due to the varroa mite.



Bees dying affects us because **80%** of the food we eat comes from bees.



Help save bees

Host a fundraiser for bees

.Plant trees that flower for bees to pollinate

.Buy or hire a Bee house

.Go chemical free on plants because the chemicals are harmful to bees.



If all bees die these are a few foods we won't have: honey (obviously), chocolate, coffee, tree fruits such as apples, peaches, apricots, plums and cherries and a lot more things.



Europe, Asia, Brazil and South America are all countries that are affected by bees dying.

If you are bringing beeswax products over seas at the airport they will inspect it for bugs, insects and parasites.



By Elijah Grant



The Wangaratta West Pop Up Canteen is back next term, so get busy helping out around the house to earn some pocket money.

The Pop Up canteen will be open every Thursday during first play.

MENU

Pop corn	1.00	Mini Pizza	1.00
Jelly cup	1.50	Prima	1.00
Hot Chocolate	1.00	Frozen Pineapple	50c
(with marshmallow)		juice	
Dim Sims	1.00		



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The Pop Up canteen is managed by the 2021 WHS VCAL students in accordance with the Department of Education Food Safety Guidelines. This project provides invaluable job readiness, organisation and communication skills for our students.

Keep warm this winter with WWPS



BEANIES!

\$15



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