

What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 6th February
4S & 4M - Winton Wetlands

Thursday 9th February
3P & 3R - Winton Wetlands

Friday 10th February
**Pupil Free Day - Staff
Professional Development**

Monday 13th February
Lunch Orders start
6P & 6R - Winton Wetlands

Thursday 16th February
3G & 4CM - Winton Wetlands

Monday 20th February
5L & 6S Winton Wetlands

Tuesday 21st February
School Photos

Monday 27th February
5C & 5D - Winton Wetlands

Thursday 2nd March
Grade 6 Leadership Camp
**2B, 2K & 2W - Winton
Wetlands**

Monday 6th March
1J & 1M - Winton Wetlands

More to come



Welcome to the 2023 school year! I am absolutely thrilled to be back at The West after my "holiday" (according to the kids!). I really enjoyed my time filling in for my boss as Acting Senior Education Improvement Leader, working across 25 schools from Whitfield to Mansfield (and everywhere in between) and helping them with their improvement plans, but I always intended to return and it felt really nice walking back in on my first day back as principal again. It's nice to be home.

Our new Preps made a fabulous start on Tuesday but my goodness they were tired! The heat didn't help but I had a number of little poppets asking me, "is it home time yet?" and we were still on first break...!

It has been lovely to welcome lots of new families to the school and to see familiar faces again. It has been particularly nice seeing people socialising in the middle area again at drop off and pick up time. Please all feel welcome to come in and mingle in the mornings and afternoons as it's a great chance to meet new people or catch up with old friends.

Break times this year remain the same as last year:

11:00 - lunch eating time

11:10-12:00 - First break

2:00 - Snack eating time

2:05-2:30 - Second break.

Just a reminder that students need their hats for break times so please make sure these are labelled and preferably stay at school each day. Classrooms will be open from 8:45AM each day so that students can get settled and ready for the day, and school ends at 3:20PM. We completely understand that the morning juggle can be difficult so if you need to drop your child off before 8:45 that is absolutely fine, just please know that the staff have a briefing at 8:30AM each morning so we are unable to supervise the yard until 8:45

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.

We are excited to be able to offer our students our first excursion for the year to the Winton Wetlands. This excursion will help students to understand how to live in harmony together with the natural environment through increasing their knowledge of the ecological and social systems of First Nations peoples. Classes will be going two at a time throughout the term on specified dates (see Important Dates for details). Permission and payments can be made via Compass so if you have any trouble logging on please contact the office.

Seesaw is the main form of communication with classroom teachers so please make sure that you are signed up so that you are able to communicate with your child's classroom teacher and receive announcements related to their class. It is also a great idea to keep an eye on Facebook as we often post reminders or information about upcoming events on this platform. Compass is also used for attendance and reporting purposes as well as for giving permission and paying for excursions and camps so if you are new to the school, keep an eye out for your Compass login details which were sent home this week in hard copy form (check the bottom of school bags if you haven't seen yours yet!)

I wanted to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has made a parent payment contribution this year so far. It is extremely important to us as it allows us to keep offering amazing opportunities and experiences for our students, to keep our grounds looking beautiful, to purchase high quality resources for our students to use (books, iPads, apps, robotics, playgrounds etc.) and to maintain our school. Please know that every little bit counts so we would gratefully accept any amount, and payments can be made at any time throughout the year (but preferably early this term though so that I can update the budget accordingly). Contributions can be made in person at the office or over the phone if that is more convenient, and can be a lump sum or spread out over several payments. It is really up to you, but we thank you for your support of our school! 😊

Finally our senior students were looking proud as punch today as they put on their brand new Year Six T-shirts! Happy final year of primary school to you all.

Please reach out at any time if I can help with anything or if you would like to discuss any questions, concerns or suggestions for the school. My door is always open or I can be contacted via 57213491 or kristy.keenan@education.vic.gov.au. This will change at some stage this term as I transition from Kristy Keenan to Kristy Mullins (after my partner Jud and I were married late last year) but I will let you know when my email changes.

I look forward to reconnecting with everyone in the days and weeks to come.

Happy 2023! 😊

Kristy

LUNCH ORDERS START MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY



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Junior Racquetball



Squad Program | Term 1

@ the Wangaratta Sports & Aquatic Centre

- Commencing Thurs 2nd Feb to 30th Mar 2023
- Time 4.30pm to 5.30pm
- Season duration 9 weeks
- All equipment provided
- Cost \$45 for the season
- If new member/returning member in term 1 - \$15 annual membership fee / insurance due in first term
- This program is designed for kids up to 16 years

To register or further information please contact Club Vice President, Rod Dunbar on 0411 684 336