

What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 6th March

5C & 5D- Winton Wetlands

Thursday 9th March

2B, 2K & 2W - Winton Wetlands

Monday 13th March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 15th March

Safe on Social

First Wednesday for Preps

Thursday 16th March

Prep M & Prep D - Winton Wetlands

Monday 20th March

2C & 1ZC - Winton Wetlands

Wednesday 22nd March

Open Night

Thursday 23rd March

Prep A & Prep O - Winton Wetlands



Another week has flown by at 'The West'! It has been so lovely seeing the crowd of parents and carers in the middle area each afternoon growing again. It's a great chance to socialise and strengthen the community feeling so please come one, come all!

Speaking of welcoming families into our school, Wednesday March 22nd is a date to add to your calendars as we will be holding an Open Evening at school from 5-6PM. This will be a great opportunity to touch base with your child's teacher and see some of the fabulous work being done in classrooms this term. We will have a free bbq available on the night and it will be a great opportunity to mingle with other parents so we hope you will join us there.

Here are some updates for the week:

Disability Inclusion: Extra Support for Children with Disability

This year our area is part of the Disability Inclusion rollout. Disability Inclusion is a government initiative which will provide extra funding and support for children with disability in government schools. It is helping to make sure children and young people with a disability are welcomed and engaged so that they can participate and achieve their full potential at school and in life.

Professional development – Every staff member (classroom teachers and Education Support staff members) is being provided with a full day released from the classroom this term to engage in professional learning relating to supporting students with a disability through adjustments in the classroom. They also have time provided to write high quality Individual Education Plans and Behaviour Support Plans targeting the specific needs of students.

The purchase of resources – Our school has purchased a number of new phonics-based reading resources to support students' reading, as well as sensory resources to help students to concentrate and learn within the classroom.

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.

Reading Intervention – We are again delivering both MiniLit and MultiLit reading intervention to students who would benefit from targeted reading assistance, in addition to the Tutor Learning Program through which students are being supported in Literacy and Numeracy both within and external to the classroom.

Leadership support - We have leaders (Brody Ricardi – Learning Specialist and Nadia Aumann – Leading Teacher) released from classroom teaching for a greater amount of time this year to support teachers to collect, analyse and use data to plan with a specific focus on meeting the various needs of all students within the class.

Other Disability Inclusion updates:

- Individual Education Plans - These documents have recently been updated by Danni Castagna so if your child receives an IEP or BSP you will notice a new and improved format.
- Disability Inclusion scholarships - We are very proud of Kate May and Danni Castagna who are both recipients of Disability Inclusion scholarships this year. Danni is undertaking a Masters in Inclusive Education (specialising in specific learning disabilities) and Kate is completing a post graduate certificate in Disability Inclusion.

School Council

Congratulations to staff and parents who are joining me on our school council for 2023: (Continuing) Danielle Ashmead, Tania Pool, Rachel Hogan, Jodie Wells, Alexei Rowles, Tom Arnold, Simon Billings, Andrea Matheson, and (new) Katie Easton, Vanessa Manning and Hayden Broadbent. I look forward to working with this group to strengthen our approaches and practices throughout the year.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing begins for years 3 and 5 students on Wednesday March 15th and continues until Monday 20th. We will be encouraging students to just do their best and ask that they are at school on time each day. Good luck 3s and 5s!



Matilda L (4S) for showing that she cares for our school environment by picking up rubbish that she walks past (rather than just stepping over/around it). We are really grateful to Matilda for the initiative she is showing. It is also wonderful to hear about the perseverance she is demonstrating in the classroom by embracing challenges. Keep up the amazing work Matilda!

Grounds Update

The Grade 1&2 students are loving playing on their playground with the addition of a beautiful big shade sail. We were fortunate to receive a grant to fund this project to provide a Sun Smart play area.

We are excited to announce that our new shed will be going up this week. This shed is replacing the old one that was used for storage and the Hands On Learning program down by the courts. We can't wait to see it all come together.

Our third asphalt court will have an acrylic paint surface installed over the holidays which will have multiple 4 squares games included in it. This will be a welcomed addition to the beautiful play space down there.



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

Saturday Morning Netball

If your child would like to play Saturday morning netball for Wangaratta West please email Demi Walker at demi.walker@education.vic.gov.au ASAP. Please refer to the Seesaw announcement from 21/02/23 for more information.

Cricket

The Growing Cricket For Girls (GCG) is funding an all girls after school cricket program with the support of Woolworths Cricket Blast (W/WCB).

This program is for girls aged 5yo-12yo and is run over four weeks in Term 1 on the school oval with the aim to have 15-25 girls involved in the program and being charged a subsidised \$10 each. The program would begin on Tuesday 7th March and finish on Tuesday 28th of March (3:30pm to 4:30pm).

If your child is interested please email Demi Walker at demi.walker@education.vic.gov.au

Spots are limited so be quick!

DON'T MISS YOUR WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST POP UP BLAST PROGRAM!

WANGARATTA WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL - ALL GIRLS BLAST



REGISTER AND RECEIVE A BAG, BOTTLE AND BALL

Venue: Wangaratta West Primary School
Address: 47-49 Phillipson St, Wangaratta VIC 3676
Sessions: 7th March, 14th March, 21st March & 28th March (All Tuesdays) from 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Use discount code 7622EDEA for \$20 off when you register

OFFICIAL KIDS PROGRAM



*Please note pack items may vary dependent on the State or Territory



Student OF THE Week

Prep A	Murphy	for always listening and following instructions and helping his peers to listen and follow instructions too! What a superstar!
Prep D	Ella-Jade	For trying her best in class and showing resilience. Great work, Ella!
Prep M	Isabelle	For always giving 100% when completing your learning tasks. Keep up the good work!
Prep O	Jasmine	Bravo Jasmine, for shining with confidence this week! Your enthusiasm for your learning has been contagious and we love seeing how passionate you are during class discussions! Thank you for lighting up our class with your smile!
2B	Asha	for the confidence and care she showed in delivering her SRC speech. We know you will be such a fantastic leader for our class!
2C	Zachary	For ALWAYS having respectful manners to his teachers, other students and for his learning opportunities. It is such a delight to have you in the 2C class.
2K	Finn	Well done Finn for always being the first to put your hand up to help everyone in your class. If someone is away Finn always steps in to help with classroom tasks as well as doing his own. Thanks for your help Finn!!
2WR	Isabelle	You are always a kind, helpful and a cooperative member of our class. We are so impressed with the effort you put into your school work too. Keep up the great work!
3G	Milly	For being a superstar learner who is always willing to help out those in need. Well done Milly!
3P	Holly	for making a wonderful transition back to Wang West. We are very lucky to have you!
3RH	Piper	You have made such an amazing start to this year Piper. Thank you for always being inclusive of others and showing great care for your peers.
4MC	Stella	You are always happy, always kind and thoughtful and always try your best. We are so pleased you are part of 4MC. Thanks for being awesome!
4SM	Emma	What a role model and inspiration you are. Thank you for sharing your perspective and Type 1 Diabetes story with the class. We were captivated by your knowledge and support that you give to your sister. Your love and maturity shone through in this presentation. Thank you for educating us.
4WS	Audrey	For constantly going above and beyond with her learning. Your extra research at home is much appreciated.

Student OF THE Week

- 5D** Asta For your use of a metaphor and descriptive language to write a story about a character who faces a challenge in life. Your idea development and message was vivid and clear to understand.
- 5D** Lillian For showing outstanding dedication to achieving success in and out of the classroom. Well done Lil!
- 6P** Archie Congratulations Archie for challenging yourself on camp and giving your 'comfort zone bubble' a stretch whilst rock climbing.
- 6R** Amiliya for her continued resilience since the beginning of the year. Mily, it has been so encouraging to see your patience and persistence while using your wheelchair and you have set a great example of our school values for your peers.
- 6S** Mackenzie For the great effort and attitude she is applying to all of her work. Keep up the amazing work Mack!

WWPS 2023

\$2 PER
TICKET

EASTER

• RAFFLE •



EASTER HAMPERS UP FOR GRABS!

PLEASE SEND ANY EASTER DONATIONS TO THE OFFICE.
ALL MONEY AND DONATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN
TUESDAY 4TH APRIL.

PRIZES DRAWN THURSDAY 5TH APRIL

PLAYGROUP



**10AM - 11:30AM
EVERY WEDNESDAY
WWPS HALL**

**BEGINS
TERM 2**

Galen Catholic College Year 7 2024 Enrolments

Dear Parents and Year 6 students,

We would like to invite you and your family to our

Family Discovery Tour on Thursday 16th March from 5.30pm to 7pm

simply scan the QR code below to book your place.

During the evening you will be able to explore the school, tour our facilities and ask any questions to our leadership team and educators. We will also have our student leaders to help with any questions that your son or daughter may have about life at Galen. Our application process is now online [Click here for](#) to start the application. Once you have completed the application form & application fee payment you will then be provided with dates for interviews. If you are unable to join us for the evening, you can also book for one of our Learning walks [Book a Learning Walk](#)

We look forward to seeing you and your family! For any queries please email enrolments@galen.vic.edu.au



Family Discovery Tour

Thursday
16th
MARCH

— 5.30pm - 7pm —






- Focused** on 2024 Year 7 cohort
- Explore** the college
- See** what's new around the campus
- Meet** the school leaders
- Interactive** and hands-on activities



Scan the QR code to register your family

More info:
admin-enquiry@galen.vic.edu.au

We look forward to seeing you!



Galen Catholic College | 188 - 244 Phillipson Street, Wangaratta | galen.vic.edu.au | 5723 6322



WANGARATTA NETBALL ASSOCIATION

**NETSETGO 8-10 years Competition
(Grade 3 and 4 players)**

Modified game for girls and boys aged 8-10 years. Incorporates skills development at training sessions and round-robin games with the emphasis on participation and having fun while learning the game of netball.

Commencing Saturday 13th May 2023 from 11.30am-12.30pm for 12 rounds.

Team registrations close 4th April 2023 on Netball Connect.

Contact your local primary school or view our website, wangarattanetball.com or Facebook page for further information



WANGARATTA NETBALL ASSOCIATION

NETSETGO 5-7 years (Foundation, Grade 1 and 2)

The program introduces girls and boys aged 5-7 years to learn basic netball skills through various skills and drills.

Friday from 4.30pm - 5.30pm for 8 weeks commencing 24th March 2023 at the netball courts.

Participant registrations open online via Netball Connect on 1st March 2023.

Further information on our website, wangarattanetball.com or Facebook page



WANGARATTA

marathon & fun

Sunday 19 March 2023

Total cash prize pool of over \$5000 plus trophies and gift packs

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wangarattamarathon.com.au

MARATHON

HALF MARATHON

10KM

5KM

2KM PRIMARY
SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Junior Netball Competition

WANGARATTA NETBALL ASSOCIATION

11 to 17 years

Commencing Saturday 29th April 2023 from 8.30am - 11.30pm for 14 rounds.

Online Team registrations via Netball Connect close 4th April 2023.

Further information on our website, wangarattanetball.com or Facebook page



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2023 (raising awareness of depression and suicide prevention)
1 DAYER
 19TH MARCH 2023



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 THEIR LIVES EVERY
 SINGLE DAY, THAT'S ONE
 AUSSIE EVERY 3 HOURS
 LOSING THEIR LIFE TO
 THE BLACK DOG.**

On the third Sunday of March, Black Dog Ride is uniting under one banner with one voice on one single day to amplify a national message of hope, awareness and prevention.

Scan the QR Code to register



For more information contact
 ride coordinator

Kurt Dissegna
 e: Kurt922@yahoo.com

Fun & Creative
 Outdoor
 Activities,
 Challenges and
 Games



**TERM 1, 2023
 SPARTAN
 CHALLENGE**

Our mission is to improve the social and emotional wellbeing of young people!

- Group Challenges, Activities & Games
- Obstacle Course
- Fun & Engaging Coaches
- Health & Fitness
- Meaningful Experiences

For any young person aged 4-12 years old. Young people will be placed in their own age group!

To sign up head to

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**My Future Academy
 SPARTAN!**



MFA's Spartan program aims to improve the physical and mental wellbeing of young people by being active with new friends in the great outdoors! For young people aged 4 - 12 years old.

Kids Spartan involves an obstacle course, team challenges, mindfulness, games and activities and is all about inclusion!

- Social & Emotional Wellbeing
- Health & Fitness
- Teamwork & Communication
- Resilience
- Improved self awareness, empathy and compassion

Young people will be in their own age group and will be guided by one of our amazing coaches! We value the individual and aim to make our program as inclusive as possible. Our games do not align with competitive sport, yet an opportunity to move freely with their peers.

To register, please head to the website below

www.myfutureacademy.com/book-online



**BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS
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AQUATHON



RUN SWIM RUN

2023

Sunday 5th March 2023

**THIS IS AN ALL AGE EVENT
 AT THE SPORTS AND AQUATIC CENTRE**

COMPETE INDIVIDUALLY OR WITH YOUR SQUAD

- MARLIN - 2KM RUN - 400M SWIM - 2KM RUN
- CLOWNFISH - 1KM RUN - 200M SWIM - 1KM RUN
- GOLDFISH - 500M RUN - 50M SWIM - 500M RUN

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**EMAIL FOR MORE INFORMATION
 WANGARATTA@BBBSAUS.ORG**



**Big Brothers Big Sisters
 of Australia**

Spotlight on You

A series of FREE workshops aimed at shining a light on mental health and wellbeing for yourself, your mates and loved ones.



WORKSHOP	DATE & TIME	LOCATION
Workshops for young people		
Self-Care: Looking after your mental health	Mon 27 February 4-5:30pm	Wangaratta Rovers Football Netball Club
Looking out for your friends	Tues 28 February 4-5:30pm	Wangaratta Rovers Football Netball Club
Self-Care: Looking after your mental health	Tues 28 February 6-7:30pm	Wangaratta Rovers Football Netball Club
Self-Care: Looking after your mental health	Mon 6 March 4:30-6pm	Online Delivery
Workshops for families (young people can be joined by a family member)		
Flourish 1	Wed 8 March 4-5:30pm	HP Multipurpose Room, Schilling Drive, Wangaratta
Flourish 2	Thurs 16 March 4-5:30pm	HP Multipurpose Room, Schilling Drive, Wangaratta
Connect the lines through Cartooning	Tues 21 & Wed 22 March 4-4:45pm	HP Multipurpose Room, Schilling Drive, Wangaratta
Connect the lines through Cartooning	Tues 28 & Wed 29 March 5:30-6:15pm	HP Multipurpose Room, Schilling Drive, Wangaratta
Workshops for parents & carers		
Supporting young people: notice, ask, connect	Mon 27 February 6-7:30pm	Wangaratta Rovers Football Netball Club
Supporting young people: notice, ask, connect	Tues 7 March 6-7:30pm	Online Delivery

Register Now!! For our Young Creators Market 2023

When: March 25, 2023
Where: Holy Trinity Cathedral Wangaratta
Contact Trinity for info!
Mob: 0447 119 145
Email: trinity.byatt@gatewayhealth.org.au



Scan the QR Code for more information and to register



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