

# What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday 6th - 10th December**  
WHS Gr 6 Orientation Week

**Tuesday 7th December**  
- Prep transition day #3  
- Step Up Day  
- Final School Council Meeting

**Wednesday 8th December**  
West Fest 5-7pm

**Friday 10th December**  
Reports sent home

**Monday 13th December**  
Grade 6 Graduation

**Tuesday 14th December**  
Christmas Dress Up Day

**Friday 17th December**  
Final Day of Term 4  
1:20pm dismissal



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Can you believe that there are only 10 days left of the 2021 school year! This will be our second last newsletter of the year so it is a great time to introduce you to some new teachers who will be joining us next year.



Ollie Williams

Ollie is thrilled to be joining the Wang West community officially after working here as a casual relief teacher for several days this term (and doing a fantastic job!) Welcome Ollie.

Kate joins us from Moyhu where she is a beloved and highly regarded member of staff. We are thrilled to be able to welcome Kate to 'The West' where she will be sharing a class with Carly Van Schijndel next year.



Kate White



Jess Zach

Jess is also returning to the country after teaching in Melbourne for several years. Jess will be working alongside Stacey Hedderman next year teaching science three days per week (with science set to run for the entire year for each year level). With a Bachelor of Science up her sleeve (in addition to her Bachelor of Education), Jess will be a wonderful addition to our amazing Specialist team.



# 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.

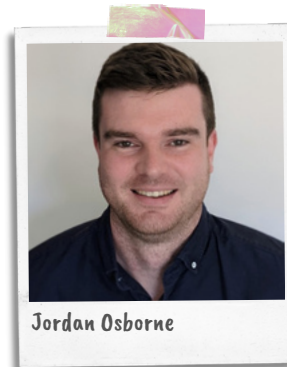
## School Hours

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.

Jordan is excited to be leaving the 'Big Smoke' of Melbourne to join the Wangaratta community and begin his teaching career at our school. Following a previous career as a paramedic, Jordan is very much looking forward to meeting his class who are lucky enough to be placed with someone with such rich life experience and enthusiasm for education.



Jordan Osborne

Tony is returning to his home town of Wangaratta after teaching in Melbourne for several years. Tony's current school is very upset to be losing him from their staff, but their loss is our gain! Welcome Tony.

## Transition

Just a reminder that this coming week we will be holding our two whole school 'step-up' sessions – next Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. New staff to the school will be joining us at these sessions so all students will spend the sessions getting to know their 2022 teacher/s and peers.

Please note that grade placements are now finalised so we are unable at this point to take late requests or make adjustments to classes (as a single shift causes a ripple effect that is extremely complicated). Rest assured that our staff have put considerable time and thought into ensuring each and every student is in the best class for them for 2022.

## Parents on Site

Just a reminder that we can now have parents/carers back on site to pick up/drop off students, however we ask that parents and carers only enter buildings for pre-arranged meetings as you will need to provide proof of vaccination and check-in using the QR code.

I look forward to seeing more of you all around our school in the last few weeks of term.

## West Fest

Bring on the West Fest! We are beyond excited to finally be inviting families back on site for this family event.

Please see below some important information regarding next Wednesday evening:



### WestFest: Wednesday 8th of December 5pm - 7pm

We are so excited to finally invite families on-site to showcase all of our student achievements in The Arts and Inquiry.

On the night we will have:

- 1,500 student art pieces displayed in our Hall.
- Open classrooms and displays around the school celebrating student work.
- Two performances from our school choir and band (5:15pm and 6:15pm)
- A BBQ, cold drinks (even a slushy machine!) and evening sweets available to purchase
- Tickets for a major raffle available - to be drawn on the night.
- Stalls created and operated by our Grade 6 students, such as the classic jelly bean jar guess and lolly bags!

*Please note, following DET guidelines, proof of vaccination and QR check-in will be required when entering this school event and enter will be via the Phillipson Street gate only.*



**Hudson S (1J)** for the amazing progress he has made with his writing lately. Miss Johnston and I are so proud of how hard you have been working and the improvements you have made. Keep up the sensational effort Hudson!

## 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



# Thank You

Dear Wang West,

We are grateful for our school for so many reasons and we wanted to say thank you.

Thank you for providing us with our wonderful classrooms. They are large and spacious so we can fit lots of things inside. We are grateful for all the resources we have to help us learn such as books, whiteboards, dice, counters and hundreds boards. We are also very grateful for the iPads we have. They are fun to use during free time and we love the learning apps we can use in class to help us learn such as reading eggs. We also appreciated having them during remote learning so we could connect with our friends, teachers and complete our learning activities. We also love Seesaw so our families can see what we are learning!

Thank you to all of the fantastic teachers in our school. They help us with everything whether it is learning something new or helping us when we are hurt. They always show us respect and it is nice to always have someone to talk to. The office ladies also help us out when we are hurt by giving us first aid like band aids and ice packs. If we are late to school they help us sign in and get to class. They are very nice and generous and always there for us. Thank you to our school cleaners who keep our school clean and tidy. You do a great job! Thank you for giving us so many amazing specialist subjects and for our specialists teachers making our learning fun!

Thank you to all of the kind kids at our school. We are lucky to have thoughtful kids at our school who we can always rely on. Our friends help us if we are hurt or need help with our learning. The bigger kids in our school help us with our classroom jobs such as emptying our bins and also look out for us in the playground. Our friends make us feel special and happy.

We are grateful to have our playground and all of the fun things outside that keep us entertained at break times. We have a brand new basketball court that is lots of fun and provides shade for us on hot days. We are also thankful for all the equipment we have to use on the courts and in the yard to play with.

Thank you for the bubblers to keep us hydrated and the fruit tubs to enjoy for fruit break. Thank you for the bins to take care of our school grounds, the environment and mother nature. We are grateful for all of the beautiful nature in our school including trees, plants and the Koorie Garden.

We love our school so thank you Wang West for being the best!

Kind regards,  
Grateful Wang West Students.

# Student

## OF THE WEEK

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| <b>Prep M</b> | Maya     | For working hard on your confidence in class. You have come such a long way, you should be very proud of yourself!   |
| <b>Prep R</b> | Cash     | for working so hard to improve his letter formation and his drawings. Thanks for all your hard work and concentration Cash man!  |
|               | Zachary  | for being a consistently sensible, reliable and helpful classmate. Thank you for being such a great role model in our grade!   |
| <b>Prep S</b> | Maddison | for continuing with her learning even when she is on a family holiday. Awesome effort, Maddison! Well done!  |
| <b>1D</b>     | Zahra    | For being such a kind, caring and respectful member of our grade. We will miss you next year!  |
| <b>1C</b>     | Mason    | For 100 nights of Reading. Superstar!  |
|               | Flynn    | For 200 nights of Reading. Incredible Superstar  |
|               | Isabella | For 150 nights of Reading. Super Superstar.  |
|               | Xavier   | For challenging yourself with the skip counting patterns you chose in our maths warmups.   |
| <b>1J</b>     | Harvey   | for the amazing questions he asked during our excursion to the Benalla Art Gallery. Harvey, your enthusiasm and ability to engage in discussion was absolutely amazing to see, well done!  |
|               | Amelia   | for the amazing questions she asked during our excursion to the Benalla Art Gallery. Amelia, your enthusiasm and ability to engage in discussion was absolutely amazing to see, well done! |
| <b>2C</b>     | Jack     | for his phenomenal writing skills! Jack, your writing just blows us away with your use of description, writer's voice and sense of humour. Thank you for always entertaining us!           |
|               | Max      | for the amazing effort he put into his fairy tale for WestFest. Max, you worked so hard on developing your story and your illustrations to match. We are so impressed!                     |
| <b>2SC</b>    | Angus    | For the magnificent and imaginative fairy tale you have written for our West Fest celebration. It is full of descriptive and up levelled vocabulary.                                       |
|               | Tia      | For the consistency that you put into your work each day. It is a pleasure to see this and the example that you set for the rest of the class.   |

# Student

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| <b>2SC</b>  | Zac     | For the positive attitude that you bring to school each day. You are willing to give everything a go and with a smile.  |
|             | Britney | for reaching 252 nights of home reading! What an achievement! You are a reading superstar!  |
|             | Cooper  | for the amazing fairy tale that you have written, published, and illustrated! An author in the making! Well done, Cooper.   |
|             | Hayden  | for the amazing fairy tale that you have written, published, and illustrated! You were able to superbly up level your sentences! Well done, Hayden.                 |
|             | Remy    | for her amazing handwriting. You are working hard at writing neatly and becoming quicker at this.   |
|             | Pasidhi | For the imaginative fairy tale you have written for our West Fest celebration. It is full of descriptive and up levelled vocabulary that makes it an exciting read! |
| <b>3S</b>   | Charlie | for an amazing stop motion dreamtime story. We are all blown away by the amazing efforts you have put into this.  |
|             | Maddi   | for the amazing clay birds you made for your dreamtime story. The level of detail was fantastic. Keep up the amazing work.  |
|             | Jack    | for his incredible dreamtime story. The effort you put into this was amazing, along with your stop motion picture. It has been a joy to help you complete these.    |
|             | Ava     | For the amazing time and dedication she has put into her stop motion dreamtime story. The results are amazing. Well done Ava!                                       |
| <b>3WC</b>  | Lennox  | For constantly blowing us away with his determination to achieve his maths goals.   |
|             | Layla   | For being an utter delight ALL YEAR!  |
|             | Ashton  | For having an infectious personality and blitzing her first semester at Wang West   |
| <b>3VPA</b> | Alexis  | for the way she has settled into her new school at Wang West with grace and ease. She has made some lovely friends and is a joy to have in our classroom.           |
|             | Zac     | for the way he is always happy to use his muscles and help Mrs v in the classroom lifting and moving heavy objects, Thanks for your help Zac.                       |
|             | Emma    | for always making us laugh in 3VP with stories about her horse and sisters. Happiness is contagious so thanks for sharing Emma.                                     |

# Student

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| <b>3VPA</b>   | Indi     | for always volunteering to help out in the classroom. Indi is always the first to put her hand up for a job whether it is wiping tables or being a messenger. Thanks for caring for our classroom Indi.  |
| <b>4B</b>     | Kavish   | for always giving 110% towards his work. Kavish loves a challenge and doesn't give up. You have a great growth mindset Kavish.   |
| <b>4C</b>     | Charli   | for the empathy she shows in looking out for our class. You bring a happiness and enthusiasm to all that you do!   |
|               | Jack     | for caring for others, always showing respect towards peers and staff alike and reflecting on the best learning situations for himself.  |
|               | Emily    | for her impressive contributions to class discussions and sharing of her understanding of persuasive techniques.   |
|               | Noah     | for setting himself personal goals and working hard at achieving them. Keep up the great work Noah!  |
| <b>5GR</b>    | Charm    | For her preparation and note taking leading up to our week Book Club discussion. Charm has lots of information and thoughts to share with her group.   |
| <b>5PR</b>    | Millie   | For always showing her kind and caring nature by helping those around her. Millie demonstrates persistence and courage when working and she willingly takes on advice and additional responsibilities. Millie shows true Westie spirit. Keep it up Millie!   |
| <b>6D</b>     | Harrison | For the effort you put into your West Fest project. Well done Harro the song you created with Billy about your journey through primary school is very creative and original.   |
|               | Billy    | For the effort you put into your West Fest project. You worked fantastically well with your partner and you should be proud of the song you created.   |
|               | Maahi    | Well-done on crafting an engaging memoir. Your use of figurative and emotive language helped to paint a vivid image of the memory you focused on.  |
|               | Georgia  | Well done on a fantastic year Georgia. No matter the subject you put in 100%. The creativity and effort you have put into producing earrings is something you should be very proud of.   |
| <b>Auslan</b> | Zach W   | for your inquisitive nature about Auslan. You always ask me for new signs and then when you see me in the yard later you sign them to me to show you have remembered. I am so impressed with your enthusiasm towards Auslan. Keep up the amazing work Zach!! |



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# 2022 YEAR 7 ORIENTATION WEEK 6th - 10th DECEMBER

- Students are to wear their primary school uniform.
- There will be a short assembly in the FLC on Monday morning to welcome the students, and hand out information.
- Students will be in their proposed SPD Group for 2022 and will be given a timetable for the week.
- Students will be allocated lockers.
- If you require bus travel for the week or have any other questions, please contact the general office on 03 5723 0500.



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This event is funded by the Adult, Community and Further Education Board (ACFE) allowing participants to attend for free.

- Eligibility for ACFE funding requires
- proof of Australian Citizenship (see examples below) and,
- participants cannot be currently enrolled in any other education.

**Australian Citizenship requirements:** *(Please tick relevant item and place a copy on file)*

- Birth Certificate provided (Current not extract)
- Green Medicare Card (Current)
- Australian Passport (Current)
- New Zealand Passport (Current)
- Formal documentation issued by the Australian Department of Immigration confirming permanent residence


The Centre for Continuing Education also requires all persons attending this event to be fully vaccinated with an approved vaccine against COVID-19, unless they have been granted an authorised exemption by an authorised provider. Proof of vaccination status will be required.

We would greatly appreciate RSVP's and any dietary requirements to [empower@thecentre.vic.edu.au](mailto:empower@thecentre.vic.edu.au) by 4:30pm on Monday 6th December.


Any questions or enquiries please feel free to contact The Centre on 1300 843 236 or email [empower@thecentre.vic.edu.au](mailto:empower@thecentre.vic.edu.au)

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Secure your spot by Monday 6 December.  
Please bring ID (Medicare card) and proof of vaccination.

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