

What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday 7th August - Friday
11th August**
Grade 3/4 Swimming
Book Fair Begins

Friday 11th August
Mal Webster Author Visit
Grade 5/6 AFL 9's
Book Fair Ends

Monday 14th August
**Book Parade & Book Week
Finale**

Friday 18th August
Curriculum Day

Mrs Mullins' Musings

This week, we began the initial stages of planning for 2024. It is hard to believe that this time is already upon us but an enormous amount of time and energy goes into the process of organising grade structures, recruiting and (at a later stage) placing students into classes so we have made a jump-start nice and early.

We have also seen an influx of numbers at Playgroup recently which is fabulous! The hall is filled each week with the sounds of happy, energetic little people (and their parents/grandparents) enjoying the activities prepared by our wonderful Rose Couttie. It has also been so lovely to see the way our year 5 students have been welcoming and supporting our guests each week. Their maturity and courage shown in initiating conversations has been such a pleasure to watch.

There have also been a number of comments about our beautiful new artificial turf in the Out of School Hours Care area adjoining the hall. This is thanks to a grant which allowed us to replace the old hall windows with beautiful sliding doors and enhance the outdoor space with artificial turf in order to improve airflow inside and create an inviting outdoor learning/playing space.



TERM 3 WEEK 4 | 04.08.2023

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 also jumped into explorations as a staff of the newly revised Maths Curriculum which dropped over the weekend. This aligns perfectly with our term 3 professional learning focus on mathematics and, in particular, how we can plan engaging, relevant learning opportunities that cater to the many different ability levels within each classroom (informed by ongoing formal and informal assessment). This numeracy focus is one of the key priorities of our Annual Improvement Plan (see below) and one that will continue through to the end of the year.

2023 AIP PRIORITIES

NUMERACY
Focuses: Differentiation - support and extension
Intervention
Strategies: PD (Internal)
PLCs and supported collaborative planning
Formative Assessment
Peer observations/modelling
Targets:

- Increase % of students at or above the expected level in Number & Algebra
- Increase % of students making benchmark growth
- Decrease the disparity between males and females in top 2 bands & benchmark growth

WRITING
Focuses: Writer's voice
Engagement/motivation
6+1 Traits & Mentor texts
Strategies: PD (Misty)
PLCs and supported collaborative planning
Formative Assessment
Peer observations/modelling
Targets:

- Increase % of students above the expected level

DISABILITY INCLUSION
Focuses: Formative Assessment
Point of need teaching
Intervention
Strategies: PD
Supported collaborative planning
High quality IEPs
Reading Intervention/TLI

ATTENDANCE
Focuses:
Reducing:

- Undesplained absences
- Average number of days absent per student
- % of students with 20+ days absence.

Strategies: Data Wall
Communication with parents/carers

WELLBEING
Focuses: SWPBS
Resilience
Berry Street Trauma
Informed Practice
Positive classroom culture
Strategies: PD (Berry Street + Glen Pearsall)
Learning Walks
Behaviour support
Presentations for students
Targets: Increase positive endorsement in Student AtoSS in relation to:

- Effective behaviour
- Resilience
- Attitude to attendance

Thank you to everyone who has ordered a family photo as part of our fundraiser. We sold 37 sessions, raising \$676 that will be put towards fundraising for a school bore. I hope you enjoy your beautiful photos. Soon we will be sending out the parent feedback survey. Please help us by filling in the survey so that The Department of Education can gain an insight into the amazing school that we have here at Wangaratta West! I'll text the link to make the process as easy as possible.

Thanks everyone. Have a great weekend!

Kristy

Senior REACH Program

This week we welcomed back the Reach Foundation to once again work with our Grade 5 and 6 students.

The Reach workshops are safe and supportive spaces where our students can connect and share stories honestly; spaces where they can push their comfort zones, experience belonging, discover their strengths, and build their self-efficacy and resilience.

The themes of Term 3 and Term 4 workshops are 'Connection' and 'Teamwork'. The general aims of the workshops:

- Enhance the social and emotional skills of young people
- Build their resilience and belief in themselves and each other as a group
- Promote self awareness and optimism
- Provide an opportunity to come together as a group in a meaningful way



Book Fair

Kids will be rolling through the Book Fair set up early next week to prepare their wishlists, with the Fair officially opening on Wednesday morning! Opening time details can be found in last weeks newsletter.

The library is looking AMAZING with all of the 'Read, Grow, Inspire' artworks students have been creating!



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

Student OF THE Week

- Prep A** Ivy For thinking and working hard to hear and write sounds during writing lessons. It's wonderful to see you having a "can do" attitude towards your learning which is helping you achieve success in the classroom, Ivy! Well done!
- Prep D** Harmonni For making new friends and settling in to the Wang West school routines. Keep up the wonderful work, Shane!
- Shaun For settling in to Wang West school routines and making new friends. Well done, Shaun!
- Prep O** Christian I am so proud of how hard you have been working on your sight words this week! Keep up the great work!
- 1M** Archie For showing that he is ready to learn by asking questions and applying himself to his work. Keep up the great work Archie!
- 1ZC** Misty For always trying your hardest in all areas of your learning. Keep up the amazing work!
- 2B** Sophia For her amazing resilience and positive attitude to school life. We are so proud of the growth you have shown this term! Well done, Sophia!
- 2C** Riley For the positive attitude that she always has towards learning and the kindness she displays to all students. Riley approaches all tasks with a positive mindset and encourages others. Keep up the great work Riley!
- 2K** Aviana Well done Aviana for showing success in writing. You have worked hard to write your facts into your own words. I can't wait to see your finished piece!
- 2WR** Ed Well done with your writing this week. You persisted and I was very proud of you for having a go with your writing before asking for help. Keep up the great work!
- 3G** Dane For always displaying our school value of Connection with everyone that he interacts with at WWPS. Dane is a beacon of kindness and positivity and always makes our day brighter! Thank you!
- 3RH** Audrey For always bringing such a positive attitude to 3RH and celebrating everyone's success!
- Noah For a significant improvement in his handwriting and overall attitude towards his learning. Well done Noah!
- Louis For creating a writing piece using his own interesting idea. He did this by listening to others ideas and verbalising his own possible ideas, which allowed him to get straight into his writing! Keep it up, Louis!

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| 3RH | Laura | For creating a wonderful writing piece during our Wang West Write. You included rich word choice, description and voice which made your audience very engaged! We loved seeing how proud you felt about your work - fantastic! |
| 4MV | Archer | For always showing care and empathy towards his friends. Archer, keep being the great friends that you are! |
| 4SM | Logan | Thanks for coming to school each day with an 'I can do it' attitude. This makes a difference to all your learning as you already have a positive outlook for the day! Awesome work, Vinno! |
| 5C | Jess | For displaying our school value of connection when participating and sharing ideas during the Reach session. |
| 5L | Mitchell | For an amazing start to Term 3! Your willingness to challenging yourself in your learning has lead to great success thus far! Keep it up! |
| 6S | Cooper | For the excellent maturity you showed whilst participating in the REACH Workshop. You did an amazing job Coop and we are all so proud of you! |
| | River | For the excellent maturity you showed whilst participating in the REACH Workshop. You did an amazing job Riv and we are all so proud of you! |

Project

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U can cry!

THE RIPPLE EFFECT

LIVE MUSIC BY LOCALS

PROMOTING POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25TH 2023

WANGARATTA RODEO GROUNDS

TWILIGHT MARKET & FOOD STALLS IN A FAMILY FRIENDLY
ATMOSPHERE. GATES OPEN AT 3PM!

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!

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JOIN THE GIRLS!

THE FUTURE OF AFLW STARTS HERE

\$60 for 6 weeks, a guaranteed AFLW half-time experience & awesome goodies!

Wangaratta ALL GIRLS AUSKICK

Wednesday - 9th August 6 Weeks
4.30pm - 5.30pm - Barr Reserve

REGISTER NOW



PANGERANG BREAKFAST CLUB



FREE..... EVERY TUESDAY
8am

Bring the kids for a nourishing breakfast .
Cereals, toast, baked beans, fruit, juice & milo
provided.
No Bookings required!

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Street
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