

What's on in the West

School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 8th June
Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 9th June
Grades 3 to 6 recommence
on-site learning

Ongoing
Virtual Tours



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear parents and carers,

We made it! Congratulations to everyone- staff, students and parents – for the way you have all handled this challenging period of remote and flexible learning. It has certainly had its highs and lows but now we can look forward to returning to normality (or close to).

For students in years 3-6 returning to school, here are some reminders:

- 1)** All school gates will be opened and parents/carers are asked to maintain 1.5m from others whilst entering/exiting and whilst on school grounds.
- 2)** Parents/carers of prep students only are permitted to drop students off/pick students up from classrooms. Parents/carers are not permitted on site before 8:45AM and before 3:15PM, and must maintain social distancing rules whilst on site meaning that no adults are permitted to congregate on site before or after collecting their child. Essentially, please collect your prep child and leave the school grounds as quickly as possible.
- 3)** Parents/carers of students in years 1-6 must drop off and collect students from one of our gates (unless there are specific circumstances that require you to come on-site or you are collecting/dropping off students to our Out of School Hours Care program). Please let your child know where you will meet them, and remember to maintain social distancing rules whilst waiting.

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. We recommend that students enter classrooms between 8:45am and 8:55am to prepare for their day.

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.

4) No parents, carers or siblings are to enter classrooms.

5) All contact with teachers must be made via Seesaw or email. Teachers will not be available for discussions with parents in person before or after school.

6) Please minimise visits to our school office and remember that only 2 adults are permitted in the office waiting area at a time.

7) Please remember that if your child is unwell, they must not attend school. Any student with a fever, cough or sore throat will be isolated at school and parents/carers will be called for immediate collection.

Parents Survey

The closing date for the Department of Education and Training (DET) Learning from Home Survey is this coming Tuesday, 9th of June so if you would still like to contribute your thoughts and opinions, please go to <https://www.orima.com.au/lfh/parents>, enter the School Name and PIN: **473385**. I will report back to you all on the results of this survey once they have been released to us. Thank you very much for your contributions.

School Council

On Monday night we had our second school council meeting for the term, again via Zoom. At this meeting the following items were addressed:

- 1) **Annual Report** to the School Community – I presented this report to the school council for discussion. It has been approved, submitted to the DET and will be uploaded to our website.
- 2) **School camps** – We are still awaiting further information from the DET relating to whether or not we will be permitted to run camps in terms 3 and 4, and the changes we would need to make to our current planning in light of social distancing requirements. We will be making a decision at our next meeting in the last week of term.

3) Budget – Our 2020 school budget was revised in light of Covid-19 expenses and plans for upcoming expenditure. Major additions include:

- the installation of security cameras around the school,
- the purchase of additional iPads for our teaching staff to use in order to continue making videos that will support small group work, and
- the renovation of our basketball courts. This is an exciting project that includes one rubberised court, one artificial turf court and two acrylic courts as well as a long jump and several 4 square courts.

4) Out of School Hours Care – The vacation program for Term 2 was approved and it was agreed that in the future (when we are again allowed to run excursions), we will offer an opt out for students who would prefer to stay at school.

Congratulations Mr Norden!

A huge congratulations to Mr Norden who is the inaugural recipient of the Public Education Foundation's Techers Mutual Bank Victorian Mid-Career Scholarship.

This scholarship will enable Xavier to build partnerships and connections with, and learn from, globally recognised education experts at Stanford University. In particular it will allow him to bring further evidence-based research to our school in the areas of mathematics and growth mindsets.

This is a very exciting opportunity for Xavier and our school.



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.

Sanitary Dispensers

This week, the Victorian Government installed a sanitary item dispenser in the female toilets at our school. This was part of an initiative to provide free sanitary pads and tampons in every government school from Term 3, 2019 because being able to access sanitary products shouldn't be a barrier for girls and young women to getting the most out of their education.

Please note that the use of these sanitary items is completely voluntary. Unfortunately we were unable to provide pre-warning as we were not aware of the date of installation.

Please find at the end of this newsletter 'Overview for parents/students' which will provide further information. The installation of these products may have raised questions from your child so please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like some support materials or advice. Alternatively please visit <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/free-sanitary-pads.aspx> for further information on this government initiative.

Weekly Update Videos & Upcoming School Assemblies

Thank you to our school captains Talon, Ellie, Merlin and Holly who have done a fantastic job of preparing our weekly update videos while our students have been learning remotely. As of this coming Tuesday, our whole school assemblies will be run via an online platform that each class can access from their classroom. We will still announce Students Of The Week so that students can be recognised in front of the school, however unfortunately parents and carers will not be able to access our online platform, as this is a DET platform. If you would like video footage of your child receiving their award, please contact me and we will record and send this to you.

Have a wonderful long weekend with your family and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Kind Regards,

Kristy Keenan

PRINCIPAL



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- 1DS Sienna For working hard on ensuring she is focused. This was seen in the way she completed her independent reading this week.
- Aayla For working very hard on ensuring she is focused and ready to listen and learn. Well done Aayla, keep up the great work!
- 2SS Ryder It has been delightful to see the way in which you have settled back into the classroom. You should be proud of your work and the effort that you are putting in. Keep it up Ryder!
- Madisan Thank you for being a kind and respectful member of 2SS. You can always be counted on for a positive comment and a helping hand.
- 4M Chase Chase you have sometimes found remote learning a challenge but you have shown great resilience and stuck at the tasks to complete your work. You should be proud of what you have achieved.
- 4P Oliva for persisting through remote learning and submitting all her work. Great work Olivia!
- 5C Maahi For your dedication to remote learning. You have consistently read instructions, maintained motivation and produced a great standard of work while navigating these unusual times. Congratulations!
- 5G Isla For her dedication and effort towards remote learning. It has been great to see the hard work you put in each and every day. Your creativity has been fantastic and I love seeing your drawings each week!



**North East Regional
Pre School Association**

NERPSA KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2021 WILL OPEN ON MONDAY 1ST JUNE, 2020

As OPEN DAYS at NERPSA Kindergartens are unable to be held in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions, we invite all prospective parents to find information to assist with their child's enrolment at the NERPSA website: www.nerpsa.com.au

Information found on the website will include:

- General information on each NERPSA kindergarten,
- Each kindergarten's educational philosophy,
- The manner in which each kindergarten program operates,
- A virtual tour of each kindergarten.

As well as:

- Enrolment information and enrolment forms.

Further information: Please contact the NERPSA office on 5721 2755

Appin Park Kindergarten
Bernard Briggs Kindergarten
Christopher Robin Kindergarten
Coronation Kindergarten
Glenrowan Kindergarten
James Tilson Kindergarten
Moyhu & District Kindergarten
Munro Ave Pre School
The Hub Kindergarten
Violet Town & District Early Childhood Centre
Wangaratta West Kindergarten
Whorouly & District Kindergarten



Wangaratta West OSHC June, 2020 Holiday Program

Bookings must be made by June 19th to ensure a place is available

OPEN DAILY from 6:30am to 6pm (excluding public holidays)

PH: 0407 004 059 E: wangwestoshc@gmail.com

Monday 29 th June	Tuesday 30 th June	Wednesday 1 st July	Thursday 2 nd July	Friday 3 rd July
<p>In this Together</p> <p>Create a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reconciliation puzzle - a walk the talk map - play some traditional Yulunga games <p>and watch some of the Little Jay and Big Cuz series</p>	<p>Minute To Win It</p> <p>Join us in playing the fast paced games of Minute to Minute to win it.</p> <p>Can you beat the clock</p>	<p>Book Club</p> <p>Come dressed as your favourite book character, Get your face painted, make a dream jar from the book</p> <p>BFG</p> <p>and snuggle up in our cosy corner to listen to some enchanting audio books</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>Learn how to make your own mini mud bricks to use in constructing your own building, use pieces of recycled cardboard to make a construction set and create a lego, duplo pool noodle marble run.</p>	<p>Farmers Market</p> <p>Today we create our own farmers market. Market stands will include a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flower stand - Fresh produce stand - Plant stand - Pizza stand <p>Each child will receive play money and a produce bag filled with their purchases to take home at the end of the day</p>
Monday 6 th July	Tuesday 7 th July	Wednesday 8 th July	Thursday 9 th July	Friday 10 th July
<p>Winter Wonderland</p> <p>Cosy up with a hot chocolate and make a paper snowflakes and scarf.</p> <p>Later in the day, enjoy a game of ice hockey on the basketball court using a frozen ice puck</p>	<p>Arcade Games</p> <p>Use recycled items to create and play a game of foosball, ten pin bowls and pinball.</p>	<p>Fashion</p> <p>Make a tie dye T - Shirt, And costume, then model it on the OSHC runway</p>	<p>Share the Love</p> <p>Create a thank you slide show to post on Class DoJo for all the parents/guardians who have been working so hard during the Covid pandemic.</p> <p>Post a letter to a friend or family at our OSHC Post Office and thank them for their contribution to your life.</p>	<p>Photography</p> <p>Capture and write a story using the photographs you have taken.</p> <p>Create a gallery</p> <p>Capture your emotions, frame them and add it to our gallery.</p>

Wangaratta West OSHC Vacation Care Bookings

29th June – 10th July 2020

Bookings must be made by 19th June to ensure a place is available

OPEN DAILY from 6:30am to 6pm (excluding public holidays)

PH: 0407 004 059

E: wangwestshc@gmail.com

Coordinator: Maree Honeychurch

How to Book

Please use your My Family Lounge App to make your bookings for Vacation Care. If you have not already created a My Family Lounge Account please see OSHC staff for further instructions. Please do not use the My Family Lounge Portal (accessed via the Wang West website) to make bookings for Vacation Care, as this is only used when updating enrolment or making permanent bookings or cancellations.

Cancellation

Cancellation must be made within 24 hours of you booking to ensure fees are not incurred. Please use your My Family Lounge App to cancel bookings

Cost The cost per child, per day for vacation care is \$55.00. Child Care Subsidy will be applied for families who have been assessed and are eligible.

Child Care Subsidy

In order to receive these benefits, you must provide us with your and your child's, Child Care Reference Number (CRN) and both your and your child's DOB. If you are unsure if you are receiving or are eligible for CCS please contact Centre Link to find out.

Please remember that if you child has not attended care for a period of 8 weeks or more, you will need to inform the service to we can reactivate you CCS enrolment. Once your enrolment has been reactivated you will need to confirm your child's enrolment using your MyGov/Centrelink APP. This will ensure your CCS is applied.

What to bring:

- All meals. Please ensure meals don't contain nuts
- A set of spare clothes for messy activities
- Drink bottle
- Your child's medication if applicable

Overview for Parents/Students

Introducing Free Pads and Tampons in Government Schools

The Victorian Government is providing free sanitary pads and tampons in every government school because being able to access sanitary products shouldn't be a barrier for girls and young women to getting the most out of their education.

This initiative aims to:

- provide students with the confidence that sanitary items will be readily accessible at school
- relieve students of the stigma, anxiety and discomfort that can be associated with menstruation and its management
- ease the cost of living for families.



Lack of easy access to sanitary items can negatively affect attitudes, behaviours and equal participation in sport and everyday school activities. By providing access to sanitary items these barriers can be reduced.

The Government's investment will ensure sanitary pads and tampons are available at school to help female students to manage their periods with greater ease and less embarrassment and to normalise periods as a healthy part of growing up.

Product Information

Students will be able to choose from two Libra Products

1. Libra Tampons – Regular
2. Libra Ultrathin Pads with Wings – Regular



Why these products were chosen:

Libra's product usage study (females 10-18) showed that pads (day) are the most popular, with Ultrathin Regular pads with wings the most used amongst girls this age. For tampons, non-applicator tampons are preferred, with regular absorbency tampon most used.

Information about these products can be found: <https://lovelibra.com/products>

How will the sanitary items be accessed?

Dispensers will be allocated and installed within the nominated school bathrooms to allow easy access for students.

Dimensions: 45cm W x 55cm L



The use of sanitary items provided at school will be entirely voluntary.

Providing both sanitary pads and tampons allows students to make a choice based on their own needs, cultural beliefs, maturity and parental preferences.

Overview for Parents/Students

Looking for information to share with your child

Information available from the following websites may help to guide your conversations:

The Love Libra website

<https://lovelibra.com/educators/>

The Australian Parenting Website (suitable for 9 – 15 year olds) <https://raisingchildren.net.au/pre-teens/development/periods-hygiene/periods>

Jean Hailes for Women's Health

<https://jeanhailes.org.au/health-a-z/periods>

Jean Hailes Yarning About Periods

[https://jeanhailes.org.au/contents/documents/Resources/Fact sheets/Yarning about periods.pdf](https://jeanhailes.org.au/contents/documents/Resources/Fact%20sheets/Yarning%20about%20periods.pdf)

Contact Us

Asaleo Care Contact Details

All general enquiries can be directed to Asaleo Care via email or phone, details are below:



Email: libraschools@asaleocare.com



Phone: 1800 234 613



Wangaratta West
Primary School

VIRTUAL TOUR



As you are unable to visit our school in person during these unprecedented times, we have put together a video that summarises many key aspects of what makes our school special.

Please use the password
West4642 to access the video.

For enrolment packs or queries, please
contact our office on 5721 3491



**SCAN HERE TO ACCESS
VIRTUAL TOUR, OR
VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

