

# What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 27th October  
Grade 2 Beechworth  
Excursion & School  
Sleepover

Wednesday November 1st -  
Friday November 3rd  
Grade 4 Camp to Barambola

Wednesday 1st November  
Galen Transition Day

Tuesday 7th November  
Melbourne Cup Day

Friday 10th November  
COLOUR RUN



TERM 4 WEEK 1 06.10.2023

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope everyone had a wonderful break and is ready for what will be a long but hopefully fantastic term at The West.

To start the term off, with some exciting news...



It is my absolute privilege to announce that Wangaratta West Primary School has been shortlisted as finalists in the 2023 Victorian Excellence in Education Awards under not one but two categories!. This is a direct result of the ongoing commitment of our staff to providing our students with the very best educational experience possible. The care they show towards the students in their class, and the dedication to the job is simply incredible.



As a school we have been committed to continually refining our practices based on feedback, theories of best practice and good ideas, to continue improving over time and, most importantly, ensure enhanced outcomes and results for our students.



A finalist summary (written on our behalf) can be found below:

# 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.

## 2023 Team Award finalists

Outstanding School Improvement

Working together over several years to develop into a high-performing school improvement team, the leadership team at Wangaratta West Primary School has led an inclusive process of deep renewal at the school.

Working collaboratively with staff and their professional learning community, the team co-created new learning materials, practices, and processes. The team's implementation of a Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support framework has significantly improved the wellbeing of staff and students and is ensuring a calm and inclusive learning environment.

To strengthen the school's culturally inclusive practices, leadership recruited a Wellbeing team and established the student Mundgee Group as a platform to promote and celebrate Koorie culture as a school.

The leadership team have a shared commitment to realising the school's vision of 'developing learners for life who care for themselves, others and their environment'.

Data shows clear evidence of significant improvement in attitudes and student outcomes at the school.

We have also been lucky enough to be shortlisted for a second category - 2023 Individual Award finalists - Outstanding Primary Principal.

The winners will be announced at the official ceremony on Friday October 27th so I'll update you on the outcome of both awards after that.

I just wanted to again reiterate how incredibly proud I am of the staff we have here at Wangaratta West. To our teachers, Education Support staff, admin staff and leadership team – this is an absolute credit to your dedication, professionalism, care and passion.

What an amazing school!

## Parents & Friends

Get excited – the Colour Splat-acular is coming!! Like last year, this will involve students running a lap (or two) of the oval in a white top as they are squirted with all the colours of the rainbow. Last year it was a huge amount of fun (even if I did end up with orange, green and yellow streaks in my hair for weeks!!!)

The top fundraisers will again get the opportunity to drench myself, Xavier and Danielle in colour so that will no doubt be a giggle for everyone (except us!)

Brochures will be sent home soon with students soon so keep an eye out for these at the bottom of bags (under the squished bananas and reader satchels!). All students will need to create an online profile to share with family and friends so that they can start fundraising. 60% of all profits raised go towards our school's fundraising goal (a new bore) and students can collect prizes based on the amount raised.

It would be a good idea to get a white top organised for your child soon (remembering that it will get stained so a cheap white top is perfect).

Have a great week everyone,

Kristy

## 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** Hannah for her fantastic start to Term 4! Your effort in writing has blown me away, Hannah and it's so wonderful to always see you showing that you are ready to learn. Great job!
- Prep D** Vincent For focusing really hard during reading and writing tasks. Well done, Vincent!
- Prep O** Lenny Lenny, it was so heartwarming to see you noticing a friend struggling in writing this week - You took it upon yourself to help them also be successful by sounding out their word and making sure their letters were formed correctly. What a legend!
- 1J** Marlee for the enthusiastic way she has started Term 4! Your positive attitude and determination has been amazing to see, keep it up!
- 1ZC** Lucia for such a great start to term 4 and being optimistic about your learning.
- 2C** Matthew For always showing respect and kindness to his teachers and students in 2C. Your quiet, caring nature is such a lovely quality that we all are grateful for in our classroom.
- 2K** Clara Well done Clara on consistently showing our school values both in the classroom and the yard. Clara, you have a wonderful attitude towards all of your learning. Keep up the fantastic work!
- 2WR** Gabby For always sharing your ideas in Maths, Reading and Writing and listening well to other people's ideas. We love the way you include others at all times in the playground. Keep it up!
- 4SM** Max What an awesome start to the term. Straight into a narrative about your holiday that made us feel like we were there with you!
- Kenzie Well done on the way you remain calm throughout the day. You are always able to take a breath and carry on, even with distractions, great work!
- 4MV** Cruz for the success he has shown in his writing this week. Cruz completed a great comic retell independently. Keep up the good work buddy!
- 5C** Gracie for listening and applying feedback in writing which has resulted in her varying her sentence fluency. Well done, Gracie!
- 6P** Lilian For always making excellent choices both within the classroom and in the school grounds. You always treat others with kindness and respect and follow expected behaviour. Congratulations Lilian on being a superstar student!
- 6S** Josh For his fantastic start to Term 4. Josh it has been great to see you at school everyday and seeing you produce excellent work. Keep it up mate!





WANGARATTA  
HIGH SCHOOL

# DISCOVERY DAY

Grade 5/6 students come on down and experience High School life.

- Interactive activities
- Sausage sizzle
- Subject tasters

**Tuesday, 21st NOVEMBER, 2023**



JOIN US  
TO PAINT  
THE TOWN  
JAZZY BLUE

You might remember last year we  
drove 'One More Mile'  
This year we are setting the  
stage for a celebration of over  
30 years with the 'Midnight Special'

Highly experienced Wangaratta visual art educator David Godkin is leading this final workshop titled "The Midnight Special". It borrows from a traditional old blues song popularized by the artist Leadbelly (AKA Huddie Leadbetter). The simple, but fun drawing workshop will focus on musicians and trains.

The aim... is to create a community work to display in selected Wangaratta CBD windows for the final festival.

Please, consider involving your school or group (or part of your school) for this last special occasion.

All ages welcome

## Workshops

Oct 11th 4/5pm St Bernards

Oct 12th 4pm Wang Library

To book a spot - contact David Godkin  
godric2106@gmail.com or 0439 040 868

[WWW.WANGARATTAJAZZ.COM/GET-INVOLVED](http://WWW.WANGARATTAJAZZ.COM/GET-INVOLVED)





# JOIN THE FUN!

**NAB AFL AUSKICK SUMMER HUB  
HP BARR RESERVE WANGARATTA**

**4 Weeks - Wednesday Nights 4:15pm - 5:15pm  
Starting 18th October 2023**

**For ages 5-8 years**

**REGISTER NOW**





# PLAY FOR KICKS

Superkick is next level fun for 8 to 12 year olds who are new to footy, or want to continue to grow their skill levels.

**HP BARR RESERVE WANGARATTA**

**WEDNESDAYS 4:15PM**

**18TH OCT - 22ND NOV**

**5 WEEK PROGRAM**

**AFL**

**PLAY**

**Superkick**





# PLAY NINES

HP BARR RESERVE WANGARATTA

WEDNESDAYS 5:30PM  
18TH OCT - 22ND NOV  
6 WEEK PROGRAM

AFL

PLAY

COMPETITIONS:  
YOUTH (13-17 YEARS)  
OPEN (18+)

MIXED & WOMENS COMPS





# AusBike

AGES 5 - 12



A new national program, designed by Australia's peak cycling body, AusCycling, is running at Wangaratta Cycling Club.

AusBike gives kids the essential skills to experience the freedom, fun and adventure of life on a bike.

**AusBikers are safe & active kids!**

Our accredited coaches will help build your child's competence and confidence on two wheels...and who knows where their love of riding will take them?!



 REGISTER NOW



# Project 365

*U can cry!*



SCAN FOR  
TICKETS

FEATURING OUR VERY OWN MRS V & MRS CARR!



# THE RIPPLE EFFECT

LIVE MUSIC BY LOCALS  
PROMOTING POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25TH  
WANGARATTA RODEO GROUNDS

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

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

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