



NEWSLETTER



7th February, 2020

WHAT'S ON IN THE WEST

2020

Mon 10th February

Wed 12th February

Thur 13th February

Friday 21st February

Mon 24th – Wed 26th February

Monday 2nd March

Friday 6th March

Monday 9th March

Mon 23rd - Wed 25th March

Friday 27th March

Lunch Orders start for 2020 Monday/Thursday/Friday

Play Group 10am – 11:30am

Pool Party ~ Olympic Pool 5pm – 7pm

Book Club Issue 1 Due

Grade 4 Borambola Camp

School Photos

Pupil Free Day ~ Staff Numeracy Professional Development Day

Labour Day Public Holiday ~ NO SCHOOL

Grade 3 Nillahcootie Camp

Last Day of Term 1

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our first full week back at school has been great. Walking through classrooms, I have observed students enthusiastically participating in class tasks and specialist activities so I congratulate all of our students on the positive start they have made to the year. Below are some photos from around the school this morning:



Emilie, Logan, Harry and Alexis browsing for library books.



New Preps Isabella, Scarlett and Alfie enjoying fruit break



Aimee and Madison playing Simon Says using the 'Kung Fun Punctuation' moves.



'Brain Break' time for Lucy, Gracie and Tyler.

[New Portable](#)

Unfortunately we were informed on Wednesday that the delivery of the new portable (scheduled for delivery yesterday) has been postponed to next Tuesday 11th Feb. We have been assured that tradespeople will work as quickly as possible to finish the installation so that the classrooms can be handed over to us for use. I will keep you updated on the progress.

[Celebrations at Assembly](#)

One of the many wonderful aspects of my role is getting to recognise the achievements of our students at assembly. In the past, such achievements have related to sports, performing arts, dance, Scouts and much more. If your child has achieved something out of school hours that we could recognise at an assembly, please email me (keenan.kristy.k@edumail.vic.gov.au) by Sunday evening (6PM at the latest) so that I can inform our school leaders.

[School Leaders](#)

We will be holding elections for 2020 Semester 1 School Captains next Monday, with the leaders presented at our assembly on February 17th. I wish all applicants the best of luck and look forward to watching the speeches take place next week.

[School Council Elections](#)

We have four parent and one DET employee positions available on our School Council for 2020. I encourage any member of our school community who is interested in standing for school council to nominate themselves or alternatively you may wish to nominate a fellow parent/carer for a position. Please speak to me should you wish to find out more about the role of a school councillor. Nomination forms are available from the office with nominations closing Friday, 21st February 2020 at 4pm.

[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.

[Late Arrivals](#)

All classes (including specialist classes) will begin at 9:05am following roll call, so we ask that students please make their way in to classrooms by 8:55am when the music begins, so that they are ready to start learning by 9am. We recommend that students enter classrooms between 8:45am and 8:55am so that they may get ready for the day (unpack their bag, hand in notes, etc.)

[Signing Students In and Out](#)

Just a reminder to 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 and Anna will call the classroom to ask that your child be sent up. This minimises distraction to students and ensures that we know who is in the school at all times. We appreciate your assistance with this.

[Absences](#)

If your child is absent from school, please text 0477 343 814 or call 5721 3491 to let us know the reason for the absence. Alternatively you can use Compass to explain the absence. It is a requirement from the Department of Education and Training that all absences are explained, so we kindly ask that you assist us with adhering to this requirement.

[Digital Technology Permission Forms](#)

This week we sent home the Digital Technology Permission forms with students. Could these please be read, signed and returned to your child's class teacher as soon as possible as forms must be returned before iPad use is permitted.

[Names on belongings](#)

Each year we end up with a huge number of school uniform items in lost property that are unnamed. Please ensure that all items have your child's name on them so that, in the event they are misplaced/lost, we are able to return them.

[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 not, the headlice will return and the cycle reoccurs. If you require a treatment kit, please let the office know.

[Health Care Card Holders - Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund \(CSEF\)](#)

If you currently have a valid Health Care Card, you may be eligible for financial assistance of \$125 per student which is provided to the school to assist in payment for camps, swimming/sports and excursions. A form will be sent home next week, if you are eligible please complete and return to the office ASAP. These are **due by Wednesday 27th February, 2018.**

[School Parking](#)

Just a reminder that, similar to last year, council will be patrolling schools, both morning and afternoon, conducting enforcement for parking non-compliance. They will be issuing warnings to those detected breaching parking requirements with those deemed to be parking in an unsafe manner being issued with an infringement. Those parked in 'No Stopping' areas will be deemed to be parked in an unsafe manner and will receive an infringement in the first instance. Anyone found parking in spaces reserved for those with valid disabled parking permits will also receive an infringement. We have been informed that there will be zero tolerance for these offences.

We thank our school community for their assistance in complying with these instructions.

[Principal's Award](#)

Bridget (5/6D) and **Aniston (5C)** for looking after a new Prep student who has been catching the school bus for the first time. You are both great role models for others in the way you care for those around you.

[Annual Pool Party](#)

Just a reminder that our annual pool party will take place at the Olympic Pool on Thursday February 13th from 5pm to 7pm and we hope to see a strong turnout of family members there. It is a great chance to meet your child's teacher and socialise with members of the school community. Normal pool entry fees apply. There will also be free sausages available and drinks to buy for \$2 each, so we hope to see everyone there.

As always, I welcome feedback and suggestions so if you ever have any ideas, questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone, email or in person.

*Kind regards,
Kristy*

[Lunch Orders](#)

We will start lunch orders again from Monday 10th February. Order online through Munch Monitor as usual. Lunch order days remain the same as last year, Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays first break (11.20am).

Principal: Kristy Keenan

Phillipson Street, Wangaratta, Phone 5721 3491

Website: www.wangwestps.vic.edu.au

Email: wangaratta.west.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

All OSHC Queries/Bookings to 0407 004 059 or wangwestoshc@gmail.com TEXT SCHOOL

ABSENCES to 0477 343 814

[Lunch Orders Wangaratta Marathon & Fun Run – Sunday 23 February 2020](#)

Register now as the event is only 2 weeks away. If possible please do this via www.wangarattamarathon.com.au click the Enter button and follow the prompts. Be sure to choose 'Wangaratta West Primary' in the 'Primary School' drop down on the 'Do you want to join a team?' page for each entrant to count towards our schools tally. You have the option to pay via Credit card or EFT. Alternatively students will be sent home with a registration form which must be returned with the correct payment to the office by Thursday 13/02/2020 (there is also a form attached to this newsletter). Everyone who takes part on the day gets a medal to celebrate their achievement which is a great memento. This will also be a great warm up for our cross country which will be held on 13 March 2020.

(Please attach both attachments)

[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.

[Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Health Service \(AWAHS\)](#)

This is a free service for Indigenous children and families and is a great way to engage with your local Indigenous community. AWAHS Outreach van starts weekly for 2020 in Apex Park in Wangaratta next Thursday 6th Feb 10am to 3.30pm providing a medical service to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders.

Starting next week 6th Feb is also the first BBQ Gathering from 12pm that will continue through the year being held on the first Thursday of every month. Feel free to pop down.



0M	Dane	for bringing such a positive attitude into the classroom each day for your first day of prep. I love seeing your smiling face each morning.
1DS	Hudson	for making a great start to the year by always being focused and ready to learn.
1J	Scout	for making a great start to the year by always being kind, caring and helpful to his classmates.
2SS	Jack	for challenging himself in maths this week. He set himself a challenge to extend his learning, worked hard to prove it and demonstrated he understood the concept. Keep up this positive learning mindset Jack!
5C	Shaemus	for his critical thinking and positive contributions to collaborative Maths discussions. Keep up the great work!
56D	Mitchell	for showing the school value of respect and being a good role model when asking a member of the public to retrieve a ball.



SAVE TIME with our ONLINE CANTEEN!

Wangaratta West Primary School Canteen
accepts online orders using MunchMonitor



Setting up an online account is easy!

1. Go to www.munchmonitor.com
2. Click **LOGIN**
3. Click **REGISTER**
4. Enter
 - School ID: **wanwestps**
 - Password: **munch3676**
5. Click **Submit**
6. Enter your email address
7. Enter the password you want. Make sure you can remember your password
8. Review and tick on the Terms of use
9. Click **Create your Account**
10. Click on the **Activation Link** in the email we sent
11. Follow the steps to **create your Parent Profile**
12. **Add Students** to your account
13. Click on **Account Top-up** to transfer money into your account
14. **You are now ready** to order online!

SETUP A NEW ACCOUNT

SUBMIT

Quick Information

Using MunchMonitor Online Ordering

- You can place orders online up to 4 weeks in advance
- Top-up your account online using VISA/MasterCard
- List allergies to alert canteen staff
- You can order anytime you want using web browsers such as Chrome or Safari
- You can use desktops, laptops, tablets or smart phone with internet access
- It only cost \$ 3.30 (incl. GST) per school term for the family account
- No sign up fee
- No transaction fee

Call us at 1300 796 190 or email us at help@munchmonitor.com
if you require further assistance.

MunchMonitor...making your school day easier



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**FRIDAY NIGHTS
ARE BACK!!**

Mini Roos Friday Soccer Competition

Boys and girls welcome : 5yrs - 12yrs

Muster Day: 21st February 5pm - 7pm

Muster Day: 28th February 5pm - 7pm

**Season Commences on Friday 13th March
5.30pm - 7pm**

Mini Roos Registration NOW OPEN online

To register log onto www.playfootball.com.au

**Select 'find a place to play' then select
Wangaratta South Wang Reserve.**

Full instructions are on our website www.wangarattacityfc.com.au

Payments are made online at time of registration via Credit Card.



**Registration enquiries
please email:
registrar@wangarattacityfc.com.au**

**All participants must attend a
Muster Day to collect welcome
packs and confirm registration.**

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2020 WANGARATTA MARATHON & FUN RUNS



Dear Parents,

Our school is participating in the RJ Sanderson 2km Primary School Challenge in the Wangaratta Fun Walk/Runs in February 2020.

Event date: Sunday 23rd of February 2020

Where: Showgrounds (at the back near the netball courts and Magpies club rooms).

Time: 9:45am (please be early)

Details: <http://www.wangarattamarathon.com.au/menuteams/primary/>

Entry includes a customised finisher's medal, bib-chip timing, a safe, well marshalled course, free entertainment and refreshments at the finish line and an accurate course.

There will be vendors such as face painting, a jumping castle, an ice-cream van, a BBQ and breaky vendor and coffee van.

Also, there will be free live music starting at 8am. Come with a chair and enjoy the festivities or event commentary.



There are 2 event groups:

1. Group 1 (**Racers**) is for primary students aiming for a time under 15 minutes (without any accompaniment). Starts at 9:45am.
2. Group 2 (**Chasers**) is for any 2k participants wanting to enjoy a leisurely walk/run which may have accompanying supporters with them (\$5 per accompanying person). Starts at 10:00am.

Please complete the entry form and bring it back to school with your payment. More entry forms can be found at the office.

Race Director, Ultra-distance Runner and 2010 World Ultra Athlete of the Year - Sharon Scholz will be handing students event bib's and entry information to on Saturday 22nd of February.

Though this is not an official school event, we encourage all families to take part. Children participating benefit from the challenge of completing a 2km event and gain points for our school. The prize is \$1000 cash which can be used toward facilities of the school's choice.

We thank event sponsors are R J Sanderson and Associates and Telstra Store Wangaratta.

There's a range of longer events to consider for the whole family from the 5km & 10km walk/run, Half Marathon and full Marathon (42.2km) too. Full event details and online entry here:

www.wangarattamarathon.com.au

If you have any questions not answered on the website, please email

sharon@wangarattamarathon.com.au or call Sharon Scholz on 0407 0810 070.



RJ Sanderson 2km Primary School Challenge

Child 1 (\$15) Name: _____ DOB: __/__/____ Age at 23/2/20: _____ BOY GIRL

Child 2 (\$10) Name: _____ DOB: __/__/____ Age at 23/2/20: _____ BOY GIRL

Child 3 (\$10) Name: _____ DOB: __/__/____ Age at 23/2/20: _____ BOY GIRL

MULTIPLE 2km ENTRIES: Children must be from the same immediate family. If more than 3 children, use an extra form.

Carer bibs (\$5 each): Quantity: _____ First Names: _____

NOTE: Adults may only accompany children if they are wearing a parent / carer bib.

TOTAL \$ _____ School: _____

I consent to my children taking place in the Wangaratta Fun Run 2km Primary School Challenge and agree to the Waiver and Rules*:

Name: _____ *Email: _____ (for entry confirmation)

Phone: _____ (Emergency contact) Signature: _____

*Full WAIVER and RULES available at www.wangarattamarathon.com.au/waiver/ and www.wangarattamarathon.com.au/rules/. Waiver, rules and further enquiries may be made by contacting sharon@wangarattamarathon.com.au or by phoning 0407 081 070. *Max. One parent / carer bib per child.

Event date **Sunday 23 February 2020**, 9:45am At the Showground Wangaratta. Additional information will be sent where an email is provided by the parent.

* Return form and by payment to school **before: THURSDAY 13/02/2020.**

* Bibs can be collected at public registrations or on event day.

Proudly sponsored by:



Customised Medal



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Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

Factsheet for school students and children

Last updated 29 January 2020

An outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) was detected in Wuhan, China in late December 2019. Cases have been reported predominantly in the city of Wuhan, in the Hubei province of China, as well as some other Chinese cities and countries, including two confirmed cases in Victoria, Australia.

What is this virus?

Coronaviruses can make humans and animals sick. Some coronaviruses can cause illness similar to the common cold and others can cause more serious diseases, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS).

The virus seen in Hubei Province, China is called 'novel' because it is new. It has not been detected before this outbreak. Most people infected live in, or travelled to, Hubei Province, China. There have been cases of 2019-nCoV reported in other Chinese provinces and other countries. It is likely that the virus originally came from an animal, and there is now evidence that it can spread from person-to-person.

What are the symptoms?

Symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath. Symptoms can take up to 14 days to develop.

What if my child is well, and returning to school after being in Hubei province, China or other countries with cases in the last 14 days?

All students and staff members who have travelled to Hubei Province, China, are advised to stay at home and avoid public settings, including attendance at schools and early learning centres, until 14 days after last being in Hubei province, China.

Children and staff who are well and have travelled to other provinces in China, or any other areas where there have been reported cases, are NOT recommended to be excluded from schools and child care services unless the following applies:

- The person is a confirmed case of novel coronavirus
- The person is a close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus in the past 14 days

What if my child feels sick now or within 14 days of being in Hubei Province, China or another part of China?

- If your child has a cough, sore throat or shortness of breath, they must be excluded from school and be reviewed by a doctor.
- Seek medical attention but first place a mask on the student if you have one and call the doctor or hospital before you attend. Tell them your child has been in Hubei province, China, or the location of travel within China.
- When you get to the hospital or doctor's clinic, tell them where your child has travelled in China and whether this included Hubei Province. Ensure a mask is placed on your child before or as soon as you arrive at the medical facility.

If your child has severe symptoms, such as shortness of breath:

- Call 000 and request an ambulance, and
- Inform the paramedics where your child has been in China.

How can I help prevent the spread of 2019-nCoV?

Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence. The most important actions are:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow

Where can I get more information?

For Victorian updates to the current incident, go to: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/novelcoronavirus>

For national updates: <https://www.health.gov.au/news/latest-information-about-novel-coronavirus>

For international updates: <https://www.who.int/westernpacific/emergencies/novel-coronavirus>

WHO resources <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

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Presents

STEP UP TO THE PLATE

2ND FEB

@ Targoora Park, Wangaratta

9TH FEB

@ Springdale Baseball Field, Albury

16TH FEB

@ Benalla Racecourse, Benalla

23RD FEB

@ Porepukah Baseball Field, Porepukah

1ST MAR

@ Gayview Park, Wodonga

2020 JUNIOR
COME AND TRY DAYS FEATURING:

- Hand-eye drills for batting and fielding
- Ages 7-15 | All abilities
- Teamwork and Inclusivity
- BBQ Lunch
- All equipment supplied



For more information contact Owen Godenzi - 0419 514 695

Each session will run from 10am - 12:30pm. Come along to one or all of our sessions, cost is absolutely FREE!



Our Vision: Developing learners for life who care for themselves, others and the environment.