

What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 11th May
NAPLAN - Writing

Wednesday 12th May
NAPLAN - Reading

Tuesday 18th May
NAPLAN - Language

Wednesday 19th May
NAPLAN - Maths

Thursday 27th May
Second Hand Book Stall

Monday 31st May
The Resilience Project
Parent Workshop



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What's going on in the West?!

Last Friday Danielle, Brody and I wandered around the school and came across this...the chairs in 3VP had quit!



It was beautiful to see the kids so engaged in such a fun writing piece focussed on persuading the chairs to return to work (and thoroughly enjoying being under the tables as you can see!)

I also walked some guests from Devenish Primary School around through a range of classes and I honestly couldn't have been prouder of what they saw. The classrooms were beautifully settled, kids were engrossed in their learning tasks and teachers had planned amazing activities that they knew their grade would love. Everywhere I went kids were really keen to show me what they were doing and did so with such pride on their faces. How lucky we are to be part of such a wonderful school.



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.

NAPLAN

Our years 3 and 5 students will be sitting NAPLAN tests on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the next two weeks. I understand that these tests can cause some nerves so if your child is feeling anxious please reassure them that it is just a snapshot in time that will help to showcase all of the great learning they have been doing, and encourage them to just do their best. I wish all of our students the very best with these.

School Council

On Monday evening we held our third school council meeting for the year. At this meeting:

- Child Safety training for school council members was completed
- Camps were locked in for each year level for the next three years. A huge thank you to Dave Sexton for contacting the camps and organising dates for us.
- It was decided that Kristy, on behalf of school council, would not permit students to continue using the Out of Schools Hours Care (OSHC) service if they failed to comply with behaviour expectations.
- School budget updates were approved.

Thank you to our school council members for making our meetings so productive and fun (there are a lot of giggles at these meetings!)

Postman Pat Raison

Each Friday at our school, we have a special guest wandering around delivering postcards to students – our very own 'Postman Raison'. What a character!



School Sores

A parent has reported that their child has school sores. This is a skin infection caused by Staphylococcus or Streptococcus bacteria (or sometimes both). Impetigo appears as a flat, yellow, crusty or moist patch on the skin. Diagnosis is based on clinical examination. Dry, cracked skin serves as an area for growth of the streptococcus and staphylococcus bacteria. The bacteria can easily spread to other parts of the infected person's body or to other people directly by contact with sores or indirectly by contact with contaminated clothes.

Children with school sores are highly infectious.

Incubation period - 4-10 days.

Infectious period - As long as there is discharge from the sores.

Control of spread - Any sores on exposed surfaces should be covered with a watertight dressing. Good hand washing procedures should be encouraged.

Treatment - The doctor may recommend the use of antibiotic ointment or antibiotics by mouth. Children are to be excluded from school until treatment has commenced.

Please see fact sheet from the Royal Children's Hospital

https://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact_sheets/Impetigo_school_sores/

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

Mother Day Stall

I'd like to extend an enormous thank you to our amazing Parents and Friends Committee who organised the Mother's Day Stall for us. In particular thank you to Cassie Kay, Kristie Meggs, Stacey Hedderman and Leanne Semple who each made and/or donated a significant number of gorgeous gifts, and the lovely ladies who helped out (almost all day) at the stall this morning – Bec Cummins, Katie Pallot, Julie Tzaros, Catherine Barrett, Katie Graham, Stef Wilson and Lauren Da Silva. We are so grateful for your help!

Congratulations to the year 4s who raised an amazing \$277 for the North East Oncology department through the pot plants that they grew and decorated to be sold at the Mother's Day stall today.

I hope all of the mothers, grandmothers, carers and other special women in the lives of our kids have a wonderful day on Sunday (and are spoiled rotten!)





**North East Regional
Pre School Association**

WELCOME TO OUR OPEN DAYS FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN IN 2022

- **Appin Park Kindergarten** (4 Year Old Program) – Appin Street, Wangaratta
Wednesday 26th May : 9.30am – 11.00am
- **Bernard Briggs Kindergarten** (3 & 4 Year Old Program) – Church St, Benalla
Wednesday 26th May : 1.00pm – 2.00pm
- **Chiltern Kindergarten** (3 & 4 Year Old Program) – Main St, Chiltern
Monday 24th May : 10.00am – 12.00pm
- **Christopher Robin Kindergarten** (4 Year Old Program) – Merriwa Park, Wangaratta
Tuesday 25th May : 1.00pm – 2.30pm
- **Coronation Kindergarten** (3 & 4 Year Old Program) – Swan St, Wangaratta
Thursday 27th May : 9.00am – 10.30am
- **Glenrowan Pre School** (3 & 4 Year Old Program) – Old Hume Highway, Glenrowan
Monday 24th May : 1.00pm – 2.00pm
- **James Tilson Kindergarten** (3 & 4 Year Old Program) – Burke St, Wangaratta
Tuesday 1st June : 2.00pm – 3.00pm
- **Moyhu Pre School** (Occasional Care, 3 & 4 Year Old Program) – Byrne St, Moyhu
Wednesday 26th May : 1.00pm - 2.00pm
- **Munro Ave Pre School** (4 Year Old Program) – Munro Ave, Benalla
Tuesday 1st June : 9.30am – 12.30pm
- **Munro Ave Pre School** (3 Year Old Program) – Munro Ave, Benalla
Wednesday 2nd June : 9.30am - 11.30am
- **The Hub Kindergarten** (3 Year Old Program) – Burke St, Wangaratta
Tuesday 1st June : 1.00pm – 2.00pm
- **Wangaratta West Kindergarten** (4 Year Old Program) – Orkney St, Wangaratta
Wednesday 26th May : 1.00pm – 3.00pm
- **Whitfield Community Childcare Centre** (3 Year Old Program) – Wangaratta Whitfield Rd, Whitfield
Visitors welcome : email whitfieldchildcare@gmail.com to arrange a time
- **Whorouly Kindergarten** (3 & 4 Year Old Program) – Church St, Whorouly
Thursday 27th May : 9.15am – 11.00am

talk to our staff about how the programs are run, *look* over the facility,
ask questions and *collect* a registration package

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Prep A	Nerida	For her amazing effort sounding out new words and challenging herself to write more during writing activities.
Prep M	Kaitlyn	For working really hard on your writing and adding lots of detail! Well done Kaitlyn!
Prep R	Finn	For his incredible writing this week which included finger spaces, full stops and having a go at sounding out new words. So proud of your work, Finn!
Prep S	Alex	For using his growing knowledge of letters and sounds to improve his reading and writing.
1B	Amelia	For turning up to school with a massive smile and ready to learn, every day this week! Great stuff, Amelia!
1C	Jonny	For being able to talk about why one number is more than another, by using the tens and ones maths language. Wow. This is superstar thinking.
1DC	Nate	For the enthusiasm he is showing towards writing and the improvement he is making. Well done, Nate!
1J	Charlie	For his absolutely amazing improvement in reading. Charlie, I am so proud of all of the work you have been putting in to your reading, well done!
2C	Sophie	For the beautiful way she cares for others. Sophie, thank you for showing empathy towards your peers to help them in any way that you can. We appreciate your kindness!
2SC	Amelliah	Well done on the way that you remind students of the rules for football in the playground. This makes the yard a safer place.
	Hayden	Well done on pushing yourself when there are unfamiliar and new learning tasks. You are giving them a go which takes courage and resilience!
3WC	Mitchell	For settling in beautifully at the West! It's great to have such a positive student in our class.
3VP	Quinn	For taking on feedback and up-levelling her persuasive writing to be amazing. Quinn has a real writers voice that engages the reader from the get go. Her writing is structured, expressive and humorous at the appropriate times. Keep expressing yourself through your writing Quinn! We love it!

Student

OF THE WEEK

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| 4C | Lizzie | For always showing respect, listening to instructions, contributing to class discussions, and producing great work. Keep it up Lizzie. |
| 4H | Cody | For being a joyful and kind member of 4HH. You always know how to make somebody smile, Cody! |
| 5GR | All 5GR | For their excellent efforts in co-constructing our class persuasive writing piece titled, Teachers Must Never Assign Homework! This piece shows how much you all have listened to our teaching and feedback and how passionate you are about this topic. Well done! |
| 5PR | Lleyton | For having a great positive mindset this week at school. You've worked really hard during all our maths sessions, and it's lovely to see you enjoying yourself. |
| 6RP | Shayla | For her positive attitude and consistently applying herself in all areas of her learning. Shayla takes on feedback from her teachers and has been working hard to challenge herself in writing, with the use of the bump it up wall. Keep up the good work, Shayla! |
| | Fern | For her dedication to caring for the environment and educating others about world issues. |
| Auslan | Harry V | For picking up Auslan extremely well in your first ever session. You blew me away with how well you remembered the numbers to 20. Keep up the brilliant work. |

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