

What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 14th September
RUOK Day

Friday 15th September
Final Day of Term 3
2.20pm Dismissal

**Term 4 begins
Monday 2nd
October**



One week of Term 3 to go – my goodness this term has flown! As we all head towards the holidays, here is a recap of what has been happening around The West:

School Council

The Father's Day Breakfast was also a huge success with more than 250 egg and bacon rolls made up for hungry dads and grandfathers. Thanks to everyone who came along and enjoyed a breakfast together, and a special thanks to the helpers who made it all happen. Tania McAlpin, Cassie Kay, Karli Vincent, Jade Penney, Kristie Meggs, Amanda Beazley, Rachel Hogan, Katie Pallot, Brianna (Bub) Norden – you are just the best. What an amazing group of women!

Footy Colours Day

Footy Colours Day is next Friday! Come dressed in ANY sporting colours - doesn't have to be AFL! We will have a full day of fun activities before we **finish at 2:30pm**.

Icy poles will be sold at second break for \$1!



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.

Hats are back!

With the sunnier weather finally upon us, it's time to start wearing our broad brimmed and bucket hats again! Please ensure your child's hat is clearly labelled so they can be easily returned if lost. We will be enforcing the 'No Hat, No Play' policy beginning next term. Students not wearing a hat will be required to play under shelter near the hall,



Pre Service Teachers

For the past three weeks we have also supported pre-service teachers by hosting 4 third-year university students from RMIT Melbourne for their three week teaching placement. It has been an absolute pleasure welcoming Josh, Ashlea, Jasvine and Jacinta into our school community and having them work with the teachers and students in 5C, 2B, 3G and 4S respectively. We wish them every success for their final year of study and their transition into the best profession in the world (and we hope to see them back up in Wangaratta when they graduate!)

Athletics Day

Congratulations to everyone who participated in our athletics days last week. We had the perfect weather for both days and everyone competed so well. We want to thank everyone who helped on the day, especially our parent volunteers and students from Wangaratta High School.

We awarded age group champions and sportsmanship awards to students in each year level.

Sportsmanship Awards:

Prep – Ivy E and Jah-Hura C
Grade 1 – Hazel J and Judd S
Grade 2 – Kaity H and Ed B

Age Group Champions:

9 year old – Eva D and Lucas D
10 year old – Amelliah H and Logan V
11 year old – Asta E and Ollie F
12/13 year old – Paige-Lee D and Nick J

Inquiry

Finally, I really enjoyed listening to teams presenting a summary of celebrations from their recent Inquiry units of study. It was particularly pleasing to hear that, as a result of their investigation into sustainability, the year four students desperately wanted solar panels at our school, as we are currently in the final stages of planning for the upcoming installation of solar panels on our rooves later this year. It is great that they will understand the positive impact that these solar panels will have not only on our school but also as a contribution towards greener living for the benefit of our planet.

Here is a little look at what was being investigated in each year level:

Prep - How do we look after the places we belong to?



Grade 1 - How do we communicate and how has communication changed over time?



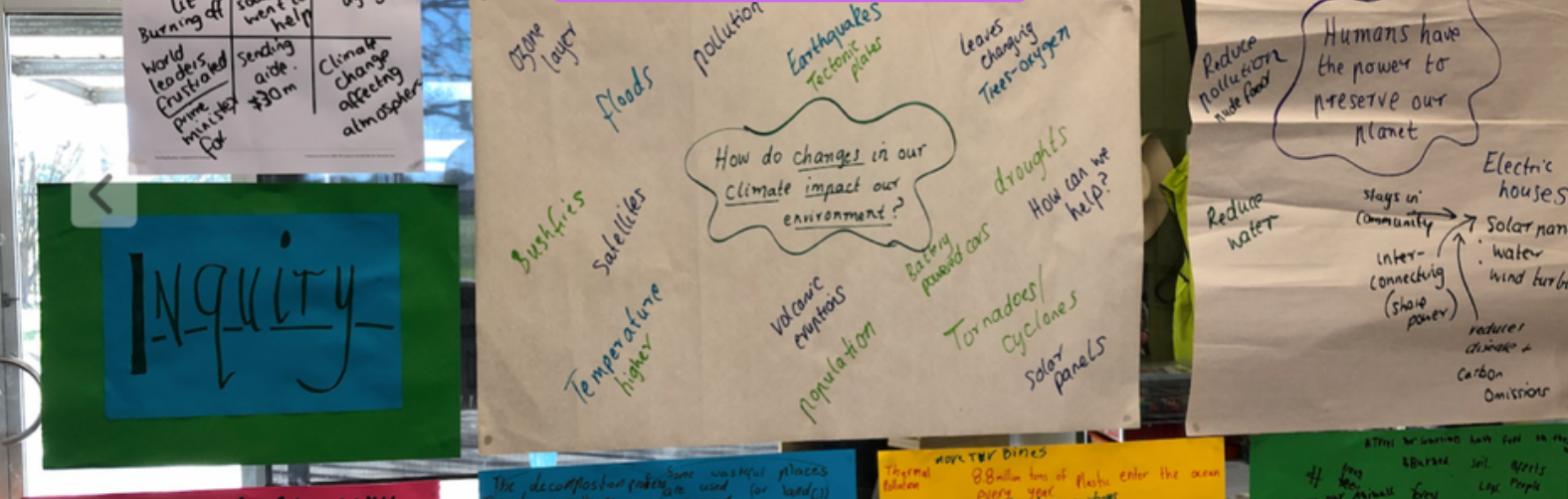
Grade 2 - How do animals adapt to their environments?



Grade 3 - How has technology impacted life and changed over time?



Grade 4 - How do changes in our climate impact our environment?



Student OF THE Week

- Prep A** Scarlet For confidently explaining how she has solved addition and subtraction problems. It's wonderful to hear your reasoning and see you using materials in the classroom to prove your answer and achieve success! Fantastic effort, Scarlet!
- Prep D** Jah-Hura For working very hard at trying his best at all learning tasks and for displaying resilience when things sometimes seem a little bit tricky. Keep up the amazing work, Jah!
- Prep M** Sarah For working hard during class and making positive choices with your learning. Keep up the good work!
- Prep O** Ollie Ollie, I am so proud of how hard you have been working on your sight words!
- Jasmine Jaz, after some time off school, you have bounced straight back into your learning. You're a star!
- 1J** Malakye For the improvement he has made in his handwriting. The effort you have putting in has been amazing, keep up the great work!
- 1M** Alexis For her enthusiastic participation in athletics day last Friday. Well done on your great persistence and sportsmanship Alexis!
- 1ZC** Pippa For making your writing more interesting by including detail, wow words and a sizzling start. Well done!
- 2B** Tuhaniu for the way he communicates about how he is feeling when under pressure. It is great to see you being able to recognise how you are feeling and work together with teachers through tough times! We are proud of you, mate!
- 2C** Lily For showing resilience at school when things weren't going well. I love how you came into school with a smile on your face, ready for a fresh day, after a tricky day before.
- 2K** Carter Well done Carter for your patience with practising your handwriting daily. You are putting in a lot of effort and taking your time. Keep it up!
- 2WR** Max You are always a kind person and wait patiently for help in our class. We are so proud to watch your reading improve this term. Keep it up, Max!
- 3G** Aiyana For working extremely hard to improve her fluency, phrasing and expression when reading aloud. You have made some great improvements Aiyana, well done!
- 3P** Judd For the enthusiasm and effort he puts into his maths. Judd always challenges himself and ensures he takes his understanding to the next level. Judd thinks deeply about problems and brings so much value to our maths reflections. Keep it up next term Judd!
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- 4MV** Eli For the respectful way in which he has been responding to his classroom teachers. Keep it up buddy!
- 4SM** Pasidhi Well done on the way you are exploring different strategies to solve division problems. It is great to see you using a range of strategies.
- 4WR** Zac For improvement in your reading comprehension. All your hard work is paying off.
- 6P** Bridget For her persistence in trying new multiplication strategies. Your hard work is paying off Bridget - keep it up!



WANGARATTA YOUNG WRITERS AWARD 2023



ENTRIES CLOSE on 30th September 2023

ARE YOU A YOUNG WRITER?

The Rotary Club of Appin Park Wangaratta and Rotary Club of Wangaratta are proud to present the **Wangaratta Young Writers' Award for 2023**.

The award encourages you to develop your capacity and imagination through your writing.

All young people between the ages of 10-19 years are encouraged to put pen to paper and enter an original piece of writing in one of the following categories:

Story [no more than 2000 words]

Poetry OR song lyrics [no more than 50 lines]

PRESENTATION NIGHT

An award presentation will be held on Thursday 19th October at Wangaratta Library.

ABOUT THE AWARD

The Wangaratta Young Writers Award is run by the Rotary Club of Appin Park Wangaratta, Rotary Club of Wangaratta, and supported by Wangaratta Library.

We want to unearth local talent and inspire young people to be creative.

The award will recognise writing in two categories:

- Story
- Poetry or song lyrics

In each of these categories there will be a first, second and third prize.

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC

WED 27 SEP - FRI 29 SEP
MORNING CLINIC - AGES 6-11 - 9:00AM - 12:00PM
AFTERNOON CLINIC - AGES 9-14 - 1:00PM - 4:00PM

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