

# What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Friday 9th June**

**Book Club Orders Due**

**Monday 12th June**

**Kings Birthday Holiday**

**Friday 16th June**

**Trivia Night**

**Wednesday 21st June**

**Gr 6 Winter Sports**

**Friday 23rd June**

**Final Day of term, 2:20pm  
dismissal**

**Saturday 24th June**

**WinterFest Lantern Walk**

**Monday 10th July**

**Term 3 Begins**



TERM 2 WEEK 7 | 09.06.2023

Congratulations to the cross-country runners who braved the cold and rainy conditions on Wednesday to compete in the zone cross country, and a special congratulations to Amelliah Hart and Paige-Lee Dummett who both came first! Thank you to Mr. Norden and Tessa who for taking the kids, and to Bree Thewlis who helped to ferry kids to and from the event so that they didn't have to wait around in the cold.

### **P & F Meeting**

Wednesday night the Parents and Friends group met to undertake final planning for our upcoming trivia night. We have now sold 17 out of 20 tables so if you would still like to attend you will need to get in quickly! We have also received a number of very generous donations that will be used as prizes on a spinning wheel (to be run on the evening by Xavier and Hayden J (Johnno)) including:

- Body shops products (approx. value \$500) by Amanda Beazley (The Body Shop independent consultant)
- Alive hand and body wash/lotion pack (worth \$79) – kindly donated by John Wohlers Showcase Jewellers (organised by Amanda Beazley)
- 2 watches - a mens (value \$249) and a ladies (value \$100) kindly donated by Prouds Jewellers (organised by Pam Gregory)
- A \$50 bar voucher for Old Faithfuls kindly donated by Tania McAlpin and David Thayer
- Alcohol donations from The Watts family and Rickard family

Thank you so much to our amazing school community for organising these donations for us!

# 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.

## School Council Meeting Summary

On Monday evening the school council group met for our regular (but shortened) school council meeting before then completing school governance training.

At the meeting:

- The OSHC holiday program for Term 2 was approved
- An option for a long sleeved polo top for winter was discussed. Samples will be taken to the next meeting for consideration.

The governance training was a great chance to explore the role of a school council member and verified our current practices.

Thank you to the crew for attending a big night (5:30-8:00PM), with a special shout out to Rachel Hogan who attended both the school council meeting and the Parents and Friends meeting this week!

Thank you also to our president Tom who also completed the two hour presidents training recently. We are so grateful for your dedication to the role

## Plastic Free July

The single-use plastics ban was introduced in Victoria on 1 February 2023 to help reduce plastic waste and contamination at recycling facilities, and includes schools.

Beyond our school, families may like to get involved in Plastic Free July® which is a global movement helping millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution – so we can have cleaner streets, oceans, and beautiful communities.

Plastic Free July provides resources and ideas to help you (and millions of others around the world) reduce single-use plastic waste everyday at home, work, school, and even at your local café. Their movement has inspired 100+ million participants in 190 countries. Best of all, being part of Plastic Free July will help you to find great alternatives that can become new habits forever. To take the challenge, go to: <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/take-the-challenge/>



**Tyson W (6P)** - for showing respect and leadership towards their peers. Tyson, you embody kindness, empathy, and inspire others to do their best. Thank you for setting a positive example and making a lasting impact on our school community. Well done!

## Attitudes Towards School Survey

Student Attitudes to School Survey Results are in and improvements are visible in almost every category! Considering out data was above that of Similar schools, Network and State levels in every category already last year, these improvements are really exciting and show that the hard work being done by staff and students to improve student wellbeing and to support social & emotional development is paying off for our young people. Well done everyone!

FACTOR	2021	2022	2023
Differentiated learning challenge	85%	<b>87%</b>	<b>90%</b>
Effective classroom behaviour	80%	79%	<b>89%</b>
Effective teaching time	86%	<b>87%</b>	<b>88%</b>
Stimulated learning	73%	<b>82%</b>	<b>88%</b>
Attitudes to attendance	84%	<b>90%</b>	86%
Motivation and interest	76%	<b>80%</b>	77%
Perseverance	85%	78%	<b>80%</b>
Self-regulation and goal setting	84%	<b>85%</b>	<b>90%</b>
Sense of confidence	79%	<b>80%</b>	77%
Advocate at school	89%	<b>89%</b>	<b>94%</b>
Managing bullying	83%	<b>83%</b>	<b>86%</b>
Respect for diversity	84%	<b>84%</b>	<b>85%</b>
School stage transitions	68%	<b>97%</b>	Not yet available
Sense of connectedness	80%	79%	<b>83%</b>
Sense of inclusion	92%	91%	<b>94%</b>
Student voice and agency	70%	<b>75%</b>	<b>77%</b>
Effort	81%	<b>81%</b>	<b>82%</b>
High expectations of success	93%	<b>96%</b>	95%
Teacher concern	78%	73%	<b>79%</b>

# Student OF THE Week

- Prep A** Beau for the outstanding effort he is putting into his writing, both at home and school. I am so proud to see you forming your letters correctly and writing the sounds that you hear. Great job Beau and keep it up!
- Prep D** Parker For always showing respect to his teachers and classmates and for working really hard on his writing. Well done, Parker!
- Prep M** Mia For working hard on your writing. You are using your knowledge of letters and sounds to write challenging words and it is amazing to see. Keep up the good work!
- Prep O** Christian For being checked in and ready to learn each morning with a smile on his face. Thank you for actively participating in our morning literacy with enthusiasm!
- 1J** Landon for the love of maths he has been showing lately. It has been so nice to see the smile on his face during maths lesson and the perseverance he has been showing is amazing. Keep up the great work Landon!
- 1M** Lachlan For showing that he is ready to learn by choosing a good listening spot on the mat and putting his hand up to speak.
- 1ZC** Hazel For having a great go at writing all of the sounds you hear in a word. Well done Hazel, your writing has improved so much this year!
- 2B** Maddison for her improved focus during writing time. It is great to see what you can achieve when you put your mind to it!
- 2C** Sarah For using such delightful expression when reading aloud. You are a great model for the students in your reading group.
- 2K** Gilad Well done Gilad for spreading kindness in our class and school grounds. You have shown that you care by checking in on your peers. Keep on spreading kindness like confetti!
- 2WR** Noah For always listening to your teacher's feedback and being able to work independently during writing time to 'Bump Up' your writing. Well done, Noah!
- 3G** Emma For showing a growth mindset by taking on and implementing feedback in her learning. This was especially evident during our assessment where Emma made some pleasing academic progress. Well done!
- 4MV** George for always modelling what a great Wang West learner should be. George is consistently ready to learn, contributes in whole class discussions, completes work to a high standard and cares for others. Keep up the great work George!

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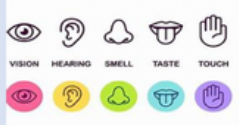






- 4SM** Cooper For the mature and thoughtful responses given in group discussions. It is always a pleasure to hear your insights and thoughts.
- Mackenzie Thanks for bringing love and laughter to our room. Not a day goes by that Mackenzie does not ask a classmate if they need help or are OK. You are a caring classmate and we appreciate this.
- 4WM** Ella You are such a delight in our classroom. Thanks for given everything a red hot go, with a smile on your face.
- 5C** Lennox for making positive choices in the classroom which allow him to be ready to learn. Well done, Lennox!
- 6R** Matilda for her excellent writing piece about the Federation of Australia. You put in a high level of effort and research to create your character and defend your ideas. Amazing work, well done!

## Wangaratta West OSHC June/ July 2023 Holiday Program

**Bookings must be made by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June to ensure a place is available**

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

**PH 0407004059 [wangwestoshc@gmail.com](mailto:wangwestoshc@gmail.com)**

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June
<p><b>Rainbow Day</b> Somewhere over the rainbow we have some colourful activities to do!! Join us as we dive into some coloured experiments.</p> 	<p><b>Plush making day</b> From your favourite animal to your favourite food. Come and join us to make your very own plush toy.</p> 	<p><b>Sensational Senses</b> Put your senses to the test today as we blindfold you and test your knowledge of taste and smell and learn about our senses.</p> 	<p><b>Zone Laser Tag Excursion</b> Come and have some fun playing laser tag and mini golf! Enjoy a play at Oodies Park.</p>  <p><b>An additional \$25 will be added to your account</b></p>	<p><b>Spies and detectives</b> Can you crack the code and discover who stole the treasure? How about write secret messages in invisible ink? Find out today while we do all that and more.</p> 
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July
<p><b>Electronic smash up day</b> Join us in building new items using parts from old electronics.</p>  <p><b>If you have any at home, please bring them in</b></p>	<p><b>Bunnings Incursion</b> Come and enjoy a DIY activity with a Bunnings staff member.</p> 	<p><b>Talent Show</b> Practise dance Routines, Lip Syncing Act, playing a Musical Instrument or Show off an Athletic Talent to perform in front of an audience.</p> 	<p><b>Beyblade Battle day</b> Make your own Beyblade using Lego and enjoy a friendly battle with your friends.</p> 	<p><b>Movie day</b> Enjoy a relaxing day watching movies of your choice and making ice-cream</p> 

## Wangaratta West Primary School Vacation Care Program

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

**PH: 0407 004 059**

**E: [wangwestoshc@gmail.com](mailto:wangwestoshc@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 head to the Wangaratta West Primary School website for instructions. Please do not use the My Family Lounge Portal (accessed via the Wang West website) to make bookings for Vacation Care, this is only used when updating enrolments 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. Additional fees will be charged for excursions, please see the Vacation Care Program for these costs. Care will be provided at our service for those families who do not wish to have their child/ren attend an excursion.

### Child Care Subsidy

In order to receive CCS, you must provide the service with your and your child's Child Care Reference Number (CRN) and DOB.

If your child has not attended care for a period of 13 weeks or more you will need to inform the service so we can reactivate your 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



LIVERPOOL FOOTBALL CLUB INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

# COMMUNITY DAY

GALEN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

**COME AND TRY**  
Free Taster Sessions  
of Training the  
"Liverpool Way"

**\* LIMITED PLACES!**  
Players aged 6-16



**Galen Catholic College  
Soccer Field**

\*enter from College Street

[galen.vic.edu.au/liverpool-fc-partnership-launch](http://galen.vic.edu.au/liverpool-fc-partnership-launch)



*On-field sessions under LFC Academy accredited coaches designed to complement club football commitments. Bring sunscreen, water bottle, shin pads and boots where possible*

Scan to register  
and choose your  
session time



International Academy



Galen Catholic College

FRIDAY

**7 July 2023**

9AM -3PM

## Competition for Primary School Students

### "Wonderful Worms"

Tell us how wonderful worms are for our soil and for the environment.

**Lots of GREAT PRIZES to be won including \$500 and \$100 vouchers**

Entry can be in any digital format - video, mural, posters, or even a rap dance!

To enter, scan the QR code or visit:  
[www.soilweekaustralia.com.au](http://www.soilweekaustralia.com.au)

Free to enter  
Competition open now  
Closes 15 Sept 2023

# VACCA Ovens Murray NAIDOC 2023

Wangaratta Community Gathering



**VACCA**  
Connected by culture

VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL  
CHILD CARE AGENCY

**FOR OUR  
ELDERS**

**SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

1.00pm - 4.00pm

**Apex Park Wangaratta**

### Cultural Activities:

- Free Community BBQ • Coffee Van
- Fun stalls • Big Games
- Indigenous Outreach Projects Hip Hop Crew
- Boomerang Painting & Throwing
- Weaving & Dilly bag making • Face Painting
- Madi Colville Yorta Yorta Musician

*No alcohol & smoke free event*

Come along and enjoy the Clothing the Gap walk along the Bullawah Cultural trail at Apex Park Wangaratta at 12.15pm. VACCA Wangaratta Community Gathering will begin after the walk.

Scan the QR code for more information or use this link: [https://www.canva.com/design/DAFj-pmsPys/oppolbgumj8i4XoldtOJWg/view?utm\\_content=DAFj-pmsPys&utm\\_campaign=designshare&utm\\_medium=link&utm\\_source=publishsharelink](https://www.canva.com/design/DAFj-pmsPys/oppolbgumj8i4XoldtOJWg/view?utm_content=DAFj-pmsPys&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=publishsharelink)



COVID Safety: Please adhere to all COVID safe instructions throughout the day and during travel to the event venue.


Artwork by: Kaitlyn Boyer, Gunditjmara, VACCA Graphic Designer & Artist

**Supported By:**

Rotary  
Appin Park Wangaratta, 9790







SHIELDS OF EMOTIONS  
NURRATJ GALNYA (DREAM STREET) KOORIE ART BY REBECCA ATKINSON

2023

# AWAHS SHIELDS OF EMOTIONS FESTIVAL

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**SAVE THE  
DATE**

ENQUIRES CONTACT  
BRITTA ON 0433 007 326

WELCOME · LIVE  
ENTERTAINMENT ·  
ELDERS AREA · STALLS ·  
WORKSHOPS · KIDS ·  
ACTIVITIES · FOOD  
VENDORS · COFFEE VANS  
AND MANY MORE

**JUNE 17 · 2023  
APEX PARK WANGARATTA  
10:30AM - 3:30PM**



# TRANSPORT

## ALBURY/ WODONGA

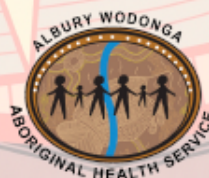
WE WILL HAVE A BUS PICK UP POINT  
FOR ALBURY & WODONGA MOB AT  
AWAHS GLENROY AT 9AM

## BENALLA / WANGARATTA

BUS SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR  
BENALLA AND WANG MOB. MORE  
DETAILS TO COME..

# ENTERTAINMENT

KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED ON OUR  
SOCIALS FOR THE LINE UP OF LIVE  
ENTERTAINMENT WE HAVE PLANNED  
FOR THE DAY!



# Neurodiverse peer support group for parents and guardians



*Come and refill your cup with a source of support and sharing for parents and guardians.*

## **New and Free group to help support parents and guardians of anyone who is neurodiverse.**

Do you care for a neurodiverse child or adult? Together Emily and Deb are starting a mutual support group to help parents and guardians on their journey with neurodiversity.

We plan to meet fortnightly at first, then monthly or as required by participants.

**About us:** Emily and Deb are local women with lived experience. Emily works in arts and education and Deb has facilitated groups in different settings and contexts.

We hope this group will be a support to parents and guardians. Ideas of how the group will be structured and topics will be decided with participants.

This group is a peer self support group and not a clinical nor therapy group.

**What:** Neurodiverse facilitated group

**When:** Starts Thursday 15 June 2023

**Time:** 7 - 8.00 pm

**Where:** Kids Plus, 47 Ryley Street  
Wangaratta (next door to Watermarc)

**For further information and to RSVP please contact:**

Deb Humphreys 0490 286 968