

What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 22nd October
Team Colours Day

Friday 23rd October
AFL Grand Final Public Holiday

Tuesday 3rd November
Melbourne Cup Day

Ongoing
Virtual Tours



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

New Toilets

As previously communicated, we have been granted a new relocatable toilet block to help alleviate congestion caused by growing student numbers. There were limited options available for the placement of this toilet block on our site but we have settled on the space directly behind the current year six portable (backing on to the Donald St. end), between the portable and the Prep playground. We are hoping that these new toilets will arrive at some stage this term but at the latest they will be ready by the beginning of the 2021 school year.

Temperature Checks

Last term I communicated that we would be taking the temperature of all students this term prior to entry into classrooms (as was determined by the DET), however on the last day of school holidays the Department confirmed that this was no longer necessary due to low community transmission numbers. If this changes I will let you know.

Student Page

This term our media leaders Kodee and Sienna will be developing a 'kids page' this term within the newsletter as part of their leadership role. We hope all students will enjoy this inclusion.

Helmets

A concerned parent has kindly let us know that a number of our students have been riding scooters to and from school without helmets so please remind your child of the importance of wearing a helmet for safety reasons.

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.

Live Assemblies

This term we will be continuing to run live assemblies each Friday at 2:30PM for our students and we invite parents/carers to join us for any/all of these, particularly if your child is receiving a Student Of The Week or Principal's Award as you will see them receive their award in the staff room. This week's awards will be presented along with some from last term at our first assembly for this term next Friday 16th October. We will send you an updated WebEx invitation and hope to see you there!

World Teachers Day

The first day of this term (Monday 5th) was World Teachers Day so today we recognised the work of our amazing staff. I feel so privileged to work alongside a group of passionate, dedicated professionals whom I admire tremendously. The care and commitment they show for their students every day and their eagerness to go above and beyond for the kids in our school is remarkable and I'd like to express my wholehearted gratitude to each and every one of them. Thank you for making our school such a special place.

Book Week Dress Up / Team Colours Day

This year's Book Week was moved from August to October due to Covid-19 restrictions. We usually run a Book Week parade however unfortunately we are still unable to invite parents/carers on site or assemble the whole school together. As such this year, being that the week coincides with the AFL grand final, we will be holding a dress up day on Thursday 22nd October where students are invited to wear either footy colours OR come dressed as a book character.

On Thursday afternoon we will also be running an afternoon of fun physical activities. In line with DET guidelines students will remain within their year level grades, any shared resources will be cleaned before and after use, and student hand hygiene will be maintained. We hope that this will be a great way to end the week prior to the long weekend.

Together We Will Be OK Day

WWPS is excited to be running a "Together We Will Be OK Day" on Tuesday the 20th October from 12pm until end of day. This day pulls together RUOK and Anti-bullying Day. The students will participate in a series of art and craft activities reflecting themselves, resilience, and TEAM - "together everyone achieves more" concepts. The day will end with the creation of a whole school display, show 'n' tell walks and a viewing of the departing Grade 6 mural. Please send your child to school in either YELLOW or ORANGE for this day.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

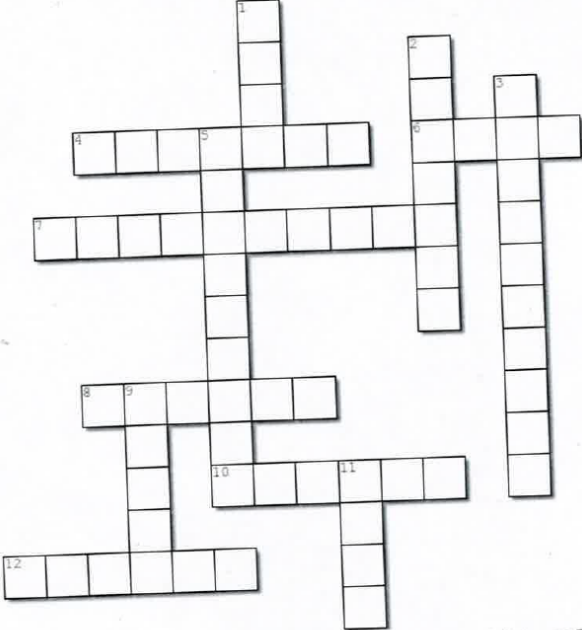
- Prep A** Milly for her wonderful enthusiasm towards her learning and for continually showing many of the Wang West values in the classroom and yard. Well done, Milly!
- Prep C** Riley for working really hard on his reading and writing this week. Well done Riley!
- Prep R** Mim for her amazing note taking during class and for being able to read every word Mr Raison throws at her.
- Iris for the incredible detail she puts into her pictures and the care she takes in her writing.
- Audrey for the razor sharp focus she gives to her writing and always sounding out words she doesn't know on her own.
- 1C** Sophie For amazing thinking and explanation, of how she solves Mathematical problems.
- 1DS** Dave For beginning Term 4 with great focus and enthusiasm to learn. Well done, Dave!

Kids Page (Crossword)

Name: _____

School crossword

Complete the crossword puzzle below for a prize



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

Across

4. They help you learn
6. Something you read
7. Most people live here
8. We go there every Monday- Friday
10. It's the start of the week
12. The day at the end of the school week

Down

1. $1 + 1 = 2$ (we do it most days)
2. It has the most books in the school
3. We have been doing it for the past Six weeks
5. You go there when the bell rings
9. It's the reason we went in to lockdown
11. Something that you roll



Woolworths Cricket Blast!

City Colts Cricket Club will be running Woolworths Blaster cricket program for season 2020/21.

Junior Blasters is for those junior cricketers who are either just starting out or have done only a season or two. As a guide Junior Blasters is suited to Preps – Grade 2. It is a fun session where everyone learns the skills of cricket and plays plenty of games.

Master Blasters is more game based and is for children who have played cricket for a couple of seasons but are not quite ready for underage junior competition.

Both sessions are run on a Friday night from 5.30pm at the Bill O'Callaghan Oval (Barr Reserve) under the direction of a Level 1 accredited coach. First session will be on Friday 30th October.

Register via Playcricket.com.au, enter Wangaratta as location and select City Colts as the centre, or for more information please contact:

Ross Moore 0409 186 640 or rmmoore@esc.net.au



Rovers United Bruck Cricket Club: All Junior Players Welcome!

RUBCC are powering up for an awesome season of cricket and we'd love to have you with us.

All ages are welcome to our successful and friendly club. Our aim is to help you develop your playing skills, build your cricket knowledge, enjoy the social side of being in a team and after the year we've had, how good will it be to be outside playing sport with your teammates?

More information about the club can be found on our website <https://www.rubcc.com.au/> and to lodge an expression of interest please email info@rubcc.com.au

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As you are unable to visit our school in person during these unprecedented times, we have put together a video that summarises many key aspects of what makes our school special.

Please use the password
West4642 to access the video.

For enrolment packs or queries, please
contact our office on 5721 3491



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VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

