

What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 13th March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 15th March

Safe on Social

First Wednesday for Preps

Thursday 16th March

**Prep M & Prep D - Winton
Wetlands**

Monday 20th March

2C & 1ZC - Winton Wetlands

Tuesday 21st March

Harmony Day

Wednesday 22nd March

Open Night

Thursday 23rd March

**Prep A & Prep O - Winton
Wetlands**

Friday 24th March

CROSS COUNTRY

Wednesday 29th - Friday

31st March

Year 5/6 Camp

Thursday 6th April

Last day of Term 1

2:20pm Dismissal



This week we have welcomed some visitors to our school including some year 9 Galen students running netball clinics on the basketball courts, some players from AFL Victoria taking our Prep and Year 1 students through some football skills training (happening for the next four weeks) and a trainer from the Woolworths Cricket Blast team who ran the first of four cricket training sessions for a group of girls on Tuesday afternoon. It is great to be able to expose our kids to a range of sports as an addition to our wonderful P.E. program.

We are also excited about our brand new shed which is up and looking sensational! Tommy, Hayden and Xavier Norden took a group of 16 students for their first Hands On Learning session down in their new learning space this week, and Demi has keenly eyed off the other half of the shed for her sports gear. We are so grateful to the school community for helping us to raise the funds needed to purchase and put up this new shed which has allowed us to expand our Hands On Learning Program (doubling the group size from 8-16 each semester) and continue to beautify our school environment. For those students who missed out on Hands On Learning this term, please reassure them that they have another chance next semester.



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.

Parents & Friends

On Wednesday our first P&F meeting for the year (and AGM) was held and I am so grateful to all of the parents who came along to help. We would love to grow this group even further so if you are available to help at all, please reach out to Cassie Kay (president) or myself. There is no pressure to take on a formal role or attend every meeting/event – we are very grateful for any help we can get so just come along when you can.

First Aid Training

On Wednesday afternoon our staff all undertook our annual CPR training and 17 staff also completed their Level 2 First Aid training. All Education Support staff, admin staff and leaders have current level 2 First Aid training and a member of each teaching team also trains each year to ensure we have a large number of trained staff both on site and at excursions/camps.

Attendance

I'd like to say a huge thank you to our parent/carer group for helping us to keep accurate attendance records. We have seen a significant drop in unexplained absences this year and are having to make fewer phone calls so thank you for sending through texts and/or updating Compass to let us know if your child is absent.

Just a reminder that it is hugely important for students to be at school before 9AM each day as the learning for the day starts right on nine o'clock. Even ten minutes per day can add up quickly and have a detrimental effect on not only academic development (as students often miss the same subject each morning) but also on the way kids feel for the day (as walking into an already settled class can be intimidating/uncomfortable). Ideally, we would love to see all students at school, unpacking their backs and getting ready for the day by 8:55AM.

Camp

Last week the year six students headed away for an overnight camp at Valley Homestead, just past Myrtleford, and had an amazing time! I loved visiting them there to hear about their experiences with the flying fox, the 'Big Drop', rock climbing and other fun activities. Funnily enough, I quickly remembered just how loud 75 students could be when it came time for dinner in the hall!!

A huge thank you to Meg Raison, Dave Sexton, Kirby Phillips, Bec McDonald, Breanna Thewlis, Tessa Oates, Tommy Deans and Xavier Norden for taking the kids away for this fun adventure.

Easter Raffle

Thanks to those who have already donated to this year's Easter Raffle. Please send along any Easter themed donations (doesn't have to be chocolate!) to the office by April 4th, please!

Parent/Carer Feedback Survey

I have made a very brief survey for parents and carers asking two simple questions: What are we doing well? And what suggestions do you have for ways we could improve our school?

I will go through the responses and summarise key themes in an upcoming newsletter so if you have some thoughts, please jump on to the survey and let us know.

<https://forms.gle/THtC1rnhH2gV163m8>

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



Westy's Sports Report

Saturday Morning Netball

If your child would like to play Saturday morning netball for Wangaratta West please email Demi Walker at demi.walker@education.vic.gov.au ASAP. Please refer to the Seesaw announcement from 21/02/23 for more information.

Cricket

The Growing Cricket For Girls (GCG) is funding an all girls after school cricket program with the support of Woolworths Cricket Blast (W/WCB).

This program is for girls aged 5yo-12yo and is run over four weeks in Term 1 on the school oval with the aim to have 15-25 girls involved in the program and being charged a subsidised \$10 each. The program would begin on Tuesday 7th March and finish on Tuesday 28th of March (3:30pm to 4:30pm).

If your child is interested please email Demi Walker at demi.walker@education.vic.gov.au

Spots are limited so be quick!

DON'T MISS YOUR WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST POP UP BLAST PROGRAM!

WANGARATTA WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL - ALL GIRLS BLAST



REGISTER AND RECEIVE A BAG, BOTTLE AND BALL

Venue: Wangaratta West Primary School
Address: 47-49 Phillipson St, Wangaratta VIC 3676
Sessions: 7th March, 14th March, 21st March & 28th March (All Tuesdays) from 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Use discount code 7622EDEA for \$20 off when you register

OFFICIAL KIDS PROGRAM



*Please note pack items may vary dependent on the State or Territory



Student OF THE Week

- Prep A** Mia for having a go and challenging herself in Maths even though she was feeling unsure. It is wonderful to see your positive attitude towards learning, Mia. Keep it up!
- Prep D** Henry For always trying his best and for being so proud of the work he completes. Well done, Henry!
- Prep M** Eloise For being brave in the morning when coming to school. You have been gaining confidence in the classroom and it so nice to see a smile on your face everyday. Well done Eloise!
- Prep O** Madden Thank you Madden for always being checked in and ready to learn each morning!
- 1ZC** Pippa for always trying her very best and having a positive attitude.
- 2B** Willow for the kindness she showed in pairing up with other students on our Winton Wetlands excursion. Thank you for always looking out for our class!
- 2K** Charlotte Well done Charlotte for always being kind and respectful to everyone in our class and for your love of learning. We are so lucky to have you in 2K!
- 2WR** Peyton for being such a caring, kind and helpful class member. You have done such a wonderful job getting your own work done and also helping your classmates this week. Well done!
- 3G** Iris For being such a positive and inquisitive learner who is open to new experiences and other people's ideas and opinions.
- 3P** Amelia for her insightful comments and questions during our discussions of our mentor text. Keep it up Amelia!
- 3RH** Indi For making excellent choices in the schoolyard and displaying our school value of resilience.
- 4MC** Charlotte For always demonstrating our school values, especially resilience and connection. You are thoughtful and kind and we appreciate you.
- 4SM** Maya Congratulations on the way you have been focussed on tasks. You are aware of disturbances to your learning, and you have shown your confidence by moving away and ignoring these. Keep it up, Maya!
- 4WM** Maya You are such a breath of fresh air! We love your attitude and sense of humour, we are very lucky to have you in our class.
- 5C** Tyler for showcasing his strong data skills when displaying the average temperatures of his chosen country. Well done, Tyler!

Student OF THE Week

- 6P** Phoenix for making such a positive to start to Grade 6! Phoenix, you should be so proud of all the great learning you have achieved already this year! Not to mention challenging yourself at camp! Well done, mate!
- 6R** Ky for showing us all how to complete the drop slide while on camp. Thank you for continuing to be a wonderful role model for others and always being willing to give new things a try!
- PE** Finley D for being an amazing role model in our PE lessons. You always show that you are doing full body listening and are ready to learn. Keep up the great work Finley!
- Art** Archie Calvene an art superstar. Archie you are so engaged in your art works and you are a working so well in Art.
- Auslan** Darcy K for his amazing effort in Auslan. Darcy, not only did you demonstrate excellent school values but also a wonderful recall of the Auslan signs we have learnt. Keep up the great work!

WWPS 2023

\$2 PER
TICKET

EASTER

• RAFFLE •



EASTER HAMPERS UP FOR GRABS!

PLEASE SEND ANY EASTER DONATIONS TO THE OFFICE.
ALL MONEY AND DONATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN
TUESDAY 4TH APRIL.

PRIZES DRAWN THURSDAY 5TH APRIL

PLAYGROUP



10AM - 11:30AM
EVERY WEDNESDAY
WWPS HALL

BEGINS
TERM 2

Family Movie Night

FREE



Sunday 12th March

Doors open at 7pm

Movie starts at 8pm*

Bill Eaton Aths Complex,
Appin Street, Wangaratta

*Dependent on sunset.

SING 2

Join Pangerang Community Hub for a family-friendly free movie night with an Outdoor Cinema, Mobile Community Hub display and more!

More info:



**Pangerang
Community Hub**

Bringing people together

pangerang.org.au

This project received grant funding from the Australian Government.

Galen Catholic College Year 7 2024 Enrolments

Dear Parents and Year 6 students,

We would like to invite you and your family to our

Family Discovery Tour on Thursday 16th March from 5.30pm to 7pm

simply scan the QR code below to book your place.

During the evening you will be able to explore the school, tour our facilities and ask any questions to our leadership team and educators. We will also have our student leaders to help with any questions that your son or daughter may have about life at Galen. Our application process is now online [Click here for](#) to start the application. Once you have completed the application form & application fee payment you will then be provided with dates for interviews. If you are unable to join us for the evening, you can also book for one of our Learning walks [Book a Learning Walk](#)

We look forward to seeing you and your family! For any queries please email enrolments@galen.vic.edu.au



Family Discovery Tour

Thursday
16th
MARCH

— 5.30pm - 7pm —






- Focused** on 2024 Year 7 cohort
- Explore** the college
- See** what's new around the campus
- Meet** the school leaders
- Interactive** and hands-on activities



Scan the QR code to register your family

More info:
admin-enquiry@galen.vic.edu.au

We look forward to seeing you!



Galen Catholic College | 188 - 244 Phillipson Street, Wangaratta | galen.vic.edu.au | 5723 6322



WANGARATTA NETBALL ASSOCIATION

**NETSETGO 8-10 years Competition
(Grade 3 and 4 players)**

Modified game for girls and boys aged 8-10 years. Incorporates skills development at training sessions and round-robin games with the emphasis on participation and having fun while learning the game of netball.

Commencing Saturday 13th May 2023 from 11.30am-12.30pm for 12 rounds.

Team registrations close 4th April 2023 on Netball Connect.

Contact your local primary school or view our website, wangarattanetball.com or Facebook page for further information



WANGARATTA NETBALL ASSOCIATION

NETSETGO 5-7 years (Foundation, Grade 1 and 2)

The program introduces girls and boys aged 5-7 years to learn basic netball skills through various skills and drills.

Friday from 4.30pm - 5.30pm for 8 weeks commencing 24th March 2023 at the netball courts.

Participant registrations open online via Netball Connect on 1st March 2023.

Further information on our website, wangarattanetball.com or Facebook page



WANGARATTA

marathon & fun

Sunday 19 March 2023

Total cash prize pool of over \$5000 plus trophies and gift packs

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For further information and to register go to
wangarattamarathon.com.au

MARATHON

HALF MARATHON

10KM

5KM

2KM PRIMARY
SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Junior Netball Competition

WANGARATTA NETBALL ASSOCIATION

11 to 17 years

Commencing Saturday 29th April 2023 from 8.30am - 11.30pm for 14 rounds.

Online Team registrations via Netball Connect close 4th April 2023.

Further information on our website, wangarattanetball.com or Facebook page



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SIGN UP! 2023 1 DAYER

(raising awareness of depression and suicide prevention)

19TH MARCH 2023



WANGARATTA
VICTORIA

SAVE THE DATE
SO YOU
DON'T MISS OUT
ON THIS ICONIC
RIDE!

Help us get the country talking
and join your local 1 Dayer!

Departing from Apex Park,
Wangaratta VIC 3677

www.blackdogride.org.au

8 AUSTRALIANS TAKE THEIR LIVES EVERY SINGLE DAY, THAT'S ONE AUSSIE EVERY 3 HOURS LOSING THEIR LIFE TO THE BLACK DOG.

On the third Sunday of March, Black Dog Ride is uniting under one banner with one voice on one single day to amplify a national message of hope, awareness and prevention.

Scan the QR Code to register



For more information contact ride coordinator
Kurt Dissegna
e: Kurt922@yahoo.com

Fun & Creative Outdoor Activities, Challenges and Games



TERM 1, 2023 SPARTAN CHALLENGE

Our mission is to improve the social and emotional wellbeing of young people!

- Group Challenges, Activities & Games
- Obstacle Course
- Fun & Engaging Coaches
- Health & Fitness
- Meaningful Experiences

For any young person aged 4-12 years old. Young people will be placed in their own age group!

To sign up head to www.myfutureacademy.com

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My Future Academy SPARTAN!




MFA's Spartan program aims to improve the physical and mental wellbeing of young people by being active with new friends in the great outdoors! For young people aged 4 - 12 years old.

Kids Spartan involves an obstacle course, team challenges, mindfulness, games and activities and is all about inclusion!

Social & Emotional Wellbeing ✓
Health & Fitness ✓
Teamwork & Communication ✓
Resilience ✓
Improved self awareness, empathy and compassion ✓

Young people will be in their own age group and will be guided by one of our amazing coaches! We value the individual and aim to make our program as inclusive as possible. Our games do not align with competitive sport, yet an opportunity to move freely with their peers.

To register, please head to the website below

www.myfutureacademy.com/book-online



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Learn tips and tricks to grow your budget and saving skills. Save for 10 months. Get up to \$500 of matched savings for school expenses. Just in time for 2024.

*Eligibility criteria apply saverplus.org.au

Are you eligible to join Saver Plus & receive \$500 for your back to school costs?

Must meet all eligibility criteria:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card AND an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✓ Be studying yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

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Spotlight on You

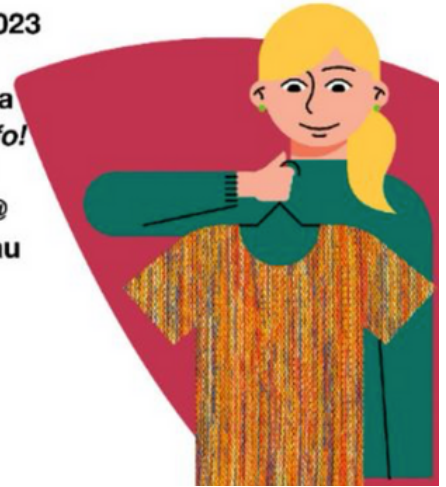
A series of FREE workshops aimed at shining a light on mental health and wellbeing for yourself, your mates and loved ones.



WORKSHOP	DATE & TIME	LOCATION
Workshops for young people		
Self-Care: Looking after your mental health	Mon 27 February 4-5:30pm	Wangaratta Rovers Football Netball Club
Looking out for your friends	Tues 28 February 4-5:30pm	Wangaratta Rovers Football Netball Club
Self-Care: Looking after your mental health	Tues 28 February 6-7:30pm	Wangaratta Rovers Football Netball Club
Self-Care: Looking after your mental health	Mon 6 March 4:30-6pm	Online Delivery
Workshops for families (young people can be joined by a family member)		
Flourish 1	Wed 8 March 4-5:30pm	HP Multipurpose Room, Schilling Drive, Wangaratta
Flourish 2	Thurs 16 March 4-5:30pm	HP Multipurpose Room, Schilling Drive, Wangaratta
Connect the lines through Cartooning	Tues 21 & Wed 22 March 4-4:45pm	HP Multipurpose Room, Schilling Drive, Wangaratta
Connect the lines through Cartooning	Tues 28 & Wed 29 March 5:30-6:15pm	HP Multipurpose Room, Schilling Drive, Wangaratta
Workshops for parents & carers		
Supporting young people: notice, ask, connect	Mon 27 February 6-7:30pm	Wangaratta Rovers Football Netball Club
Supporting young people: notice, ask, connect	Tues 7 March 6-7:30pm	Online Delivery

Register Now!! For our Young Creators Market 2023

When: March 25, 2023
Where: Holy Trinity Cathedral Wangaratta
Contact Trinity for info!
Mob: 0447 119 145
Email: trinity.byatt@gatewayhealth.org.au



Scan the QR Code for more information and to register



headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health.

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seasonal retreats; yoga, meditation, self development + wellness workshops

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sunday 2nd april
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