

What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 17th September
Raffle Closes
Final day of Term 3

Monday 4th October
Term 4 commences



TERM 3 WEEK 9 | 10.09.2021

Grounds Update

We have a new, beautiful mural on the wall outside the staffroom. This was painted by Chris Henderson, a local Wangaratta man.

Chris was given the brief to create a vibrant mural for the front of our school that is eye catching, has a connection to nature and helps to transform our front garden into an inviting space for our school community. We plan to further develop this space with more garden beds so each of our grades have their very own. This will provide many learning opportunities for our students and create for them a connection to the outdoors and community.



Spring Raffle

Don't forget to grab your Spring Raffle tickets. There are amazing prizes up for grabs and all proceeds will go towards the purchase of a much needed new Hands-On Learning shed.

Tickets can be purchased via <https://bit.ly/3srl30c>



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.

Sock Fundraiser

Our sock design has changed slightly due to difficulties with the logo but the new and improved version looks fantastic! Don't forget to order quickly so you don't miss out.

\$10 pair or 2 for \$18

W W P S = On back of sock



Thank you & Good Luck, Georgina

Georgina Wills has decided to continue pursuing endeavours beyond our school and has therefore recently resigned from her ongoing position.

Georgina worked at Wang West Primary from January 2000 to December 2019 as an integral and highly respected member of the staff. Her many talents extended beyond those as an incredible musician, to art (she was the designer of the Westy Wolf mascot/logo) and writing (composing her own picture story book). Georgina has left a lasting impression on our school and we wish her all the very best for all future goals.

Following a subsequent recruitment process, I would like to congratulate Atalana Heale who was the successful applicant for the ongoing music/performing arts position. It is great to welcome you to the team permanently Atty!

Thank You!

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Charlie's Bar for donating a small cup of hot chips to all students in Year 1 upon return to school as a reward for achieving the first of their raffle ticket goals (in the raffle jar). What a lovely gesture

THANK
YOU!

Parent/Carer Feedback Survey

Thank you so much to everyone who shared their thoughts and ideas within our recent Google survey. Yesterday morning the staff and I met via WebEx to go through the comments and suggestions, appreciating the beautiful words of encouragement and looking at ways we could improve our current approach based on the ideas shared. Due to the sudden change caused by the announcement, we can't put changes into place for the junior grades, however our senior teachers have taken your ideas into consideration whilst planning yesterday.

Here is a summary of feedback we received, and answers to your questions.

What is working well?

- Daily WebEx meetings (at the same time each day (to establish a routine)
- Encouraging, timely feedback (written and voice)
- The option of paper and pencil activities
- The matrix with options each day to choose from
- Demonstration videos, live teaching and daily videos
- Specialist Wednesday
- A consistent approach across year levels.
- Teachers accepting of 'down days and keeping in touch with families and available to help.

What could we do to improve?

Idea: Change up the matrix/include some project or challenges.

Great idea! The teachers in years 3-6 have incorporated this idea into their planning for next week.

Idea: Try to encourage some work to be completed using pen & paper as well as some on the iPad.

Thanks for this suggestion. The staff in years 3-6 kept this in mind whilst planning for next week. If you need any resources to help with this (a writing book, pen, paper, etc.) please contact the office and we can make this available for collection.

Idea: Could individual WebEx sessions be offered for students who are anxious in front of a group?

We absolutely understand that some students can feel nervous logging on in front of the group so if this is the case for your child, please contact the classroom teacher who will try to arrange something.

Idea: More online teaching?

Our teams are currently offering videos and/or some live teaching to support learners at home. It currently varies in different year levels across the school as teachers are experimenting with what works best for the students in their class.

Idea: Could the same teacher supervise all day at school rather than swapping at 12PM?

The reason why most staff do half day shifts is so that they can spend the other half of the day giving feedback to the students in their class who are working from home. With approximately 100 students on site, staff are busy supporting the students on site whilst rostered on for supervision so they are unable to give feedback at the same time. Sometimes our wonderful specialist teachers help out with giving feedback but not all classes can be covered this way so the half day shifts have been the best solution available.

Idea: Could the kids on site log on to Webex meetings at school and have their work uploaded?

Absolutely. We have recently been implementing this (for the last week or so)

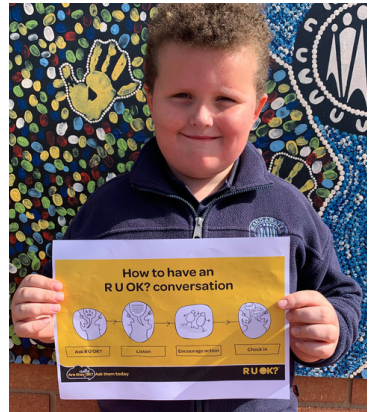
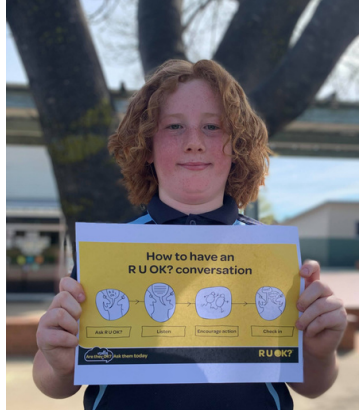
Idea: Could incomplete Seesaw work remain in pending tasks so that kids can continue working on it later on?

Staff have been archiving these so that students don't become confused or overwhelmed by too many tasks, but feel free to take a screenshot of the tasks or save the matrix so that you can continue working on tasks at your own pace if you would like to.

And finally...Just some of the beautiful comments we received (thank you so much!)

- "Keep up the awesome and creative work! The support and understanding from teaching staff has been amazing."
- "You're all doing an incredible job to keep delivering and changing your methods based on feedback. Thank you!"
- "So appreciative of the hard work from everyone. Thank you all for the effort you are ALL continuing to put in to keep our kids engaged and involved in their learning with a mixture of hands on, tech based and traditional pen and paper work. Keep up the amazing efforts."
- "The teachers are doing a great job despite the extremely hard circumstances. This is not how anyone wanted school to be. Please let them know they're doing an amazing job, and we know it's hard."





Student

OF THE WEEK

- Prep A** Sam for setting himself a learning goal and working so hard to improve his handwriting of some tricky letters and numbers during remote learning. Outstanding work, Sam!
- Prep R** Archer for the wonderful work that he has completed from home during remote learning, especially his maths activities, story writing and 10/10 magic trick. So proud of you Archer, well done!
- 1B** Manika for uploading work every day during remote learning and always trying your best. Well done, Manika! 😊
- Tyler for trying your hardest throughout remote learning, completing all tasks and coming along to nearly all of our class Webex sessions. Great stuff, Tyler! 😊
- Piper for balancing both working from home and working at school during remote learning. You did it with ease and always tried your best. Well done, Piper! 😊
- 1C** William For the amazing work he did on writing down interesting questions before he read his book. Then he filmed himself reading and answering his questions, showing Ms C where he found his answers in the book. Very clever thinking and dedicated working.
- Mason For the incredible progress he has made in his writing this year. There are now spaces between his words, capital letters and full stops being used as well as interesting detail and some wow words. I am so proud of you Mason, and excited when I read your writing.
- Tui For her amazing work during Remote Learning number 7. I am so proud of your efforts and for seeing you logon to our Class meets on WebEx was such a delight.
- 1D** Mim For demonstrating a range of talents that she has, through all her remote learning work uploads and Webex appearances.
- Carter For being an absolute Superstar during remote learning and completing everything he was asked, including responding to his feedback!
- Sam For completing extra work during remote learning without even being asked.
- 1J** Hudson for the positive attitude that he has demonstrated towards remote learning while he has been on-site. I have been very proud of you Hudson, well done!
- 2C** Harry for the effort he put into his home learning. Harry was consistent in the work he was submitting and the feedback he was applying to his work. You were also a breath of fresh air in our WebEx's. You're a star, Harry!

Student

OF THE WEEK

- 2M** Wania for the high standard of work you have been submitting during remote learning
- Maya H for trying so hard with a positive attitude with all your matrix work at school.
- 2SC** All students For handling Remote Learning 7.0 like rock stars! We are proud of you!
- 3VPA** Olive for showing care for her learning during remote learning. Olive we loved your Bushranger Interview video this week! Very creative and funny! Keep up the great work!
- 3WC** Asta For always challenging herself during remote learning and submitting high quality work. Super effort Asta.
- Jacob For always challenging himself during remote learning and acting on his feedback. Your resilience has been phenomenal, especially when internet problems have caused you to miss our class Webex's.
- 4B** Luke For the resilience you have shown during on-site learning this week. Your drawings from our mentor text 'I Saw Pete and Pete Saw Me' were outstanding, as were your 'excellent endings'. Keep up the good work, buddy!
- Skyla For putting in an extra special effort during Remote Learning and staying connected to Mrs Castagna. Thanks for your hard work and resilience.
- Georgia For putting in an extra special effort during Remote Learning and staying connected to Mrs Castagna. Thanks for your hard work and resilience.
- 4C** Tyler for his outstanding participation during Webex's and the quality of work sent through each day.
- James For putting in an extra special effort during Remote Learning and staying connected to Mrs Castagna. Thanks for your hard work and resilience.
- 4HH** Cody For always submitting work to a high quality which demonstrates he has tried to challenge himself. Thank you and well done Cody!
- Amilyia For putting in an extra special effort during Remote Learning and staying connected to Mrs Castagna. Thanks for your hard work and resilience.
- 5GR** Riley For his enthusiasm, conversations and smiles during our Webex meetings over Remote Learning. You brighten our day just by being you!
- Advay For his dedication towards his learning during Remote Learning. Advay always submits high quality work that it detailed and interesting. Well done!

Student

OF THE WEEK

- 5PR** Olivia For diligently completing her remote learning activities every day. Thanks Olivia!
- Auslan** Ariana for her wonderful video counting from 1-30 and then by hundreds to 1000 in Auslan!! Super amazing work Ariana. I am also super proud of your efforts in the Kahoot! Keep up the wonderful work Ariana!
- Music** Ruby J for her brave and compelling singing video.
- Lachlan Downing for his submission of magic tricks with a very engaging performance.
- Charlie L For his instrumental submission and sharing his talent.
- Darby For his short film submission, which is exceptional. He has worked hard to create excellent pieces each week throughout lockdown and should be extremely proud of himself. Well done, Darby.



TICKETS

WWPS Spring RAFFLE



ALL MONEY RAISED WILL HELP BUILD OUR NEW HANDS ON LEARNING SHED!

1st Prize: BBQ Viking Feast for 8 (\$500) from The BBQ Garden, Glenrowan

2nd Prize: Jumbuck Steel Fire Pit & Kindling Pack (\$100) from Bunnings

3rd Prize: Two bottles of wine from Castagna Wines (\$100)

4th Prize: Officeworks Gift Card (\$50)

5th Prize: Six Assorted Spices from King Valley Spices (\$50)

6th Prize: Six Small Drink Card from Madem Espresso (\$25)



OVER \$800 IN PRIZES!





“JUNIOR MUSTER DAY”

The Wangaratta Magpies Cricket Club is holding a Junior Muster Day for Girls and Boys Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16.



All current and new players, and their parents are encouraged to come along. Please look for the Covid check in signs and adhere to current government guidelines.

When: Saturday 18th September 2021

Time: 10am

**Where: Norm Minns Oval Nets
(Wangaratta Show Ground)**

Contact Club President Darren Grant on 0427 978 485
with any questions



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