

What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 14th August
Book Parade & Book Week
Finale

Friday 18th August
Curriculum Day

Friday 25th August
Casual Clothes Day - gold
coin donation raising money
for Hands on Learning



TERM 3 WEEK 5 | 11.08.2023

Mrs Mullins' Musings

Book week was upon us at The West this week. The library was looking absolutely fabulous thanks to the hard work of Jacinta and Bec who have been coordinating the week, as well as Stacey (Hedderman) and the kids who prepared some beautiful artwork to decorate the space. Throughout the week we sold over \$6000 worth of Scholastic books and accessories which will lead to a significant amount of credit available to the school to spend on new books for our library. Thank you so much to everyone who has supported this very important fundraiser. I hope your kids loved reading their beautiful new books.

We were also extremely lucky to have **Mal Webster**, published author and illustrator (and brother of our wonderful Meg Webster in 2WR) who very kindly volunteered his time to present to every class in the school. Mal has written two books (so far) – *The Box Boy* and *Ship Ahoy! Box Boy* and he spoke to our kids about the process involved in writing and illustrating a book from scratch. I'd like to extend a huge thank you to Mal for sharing his experience and wisdom with our kids. He may well have inspired some future authors or illustrators!



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.

Our Book Parade will take place this coming Monday first thing in the morning (just after 9AM) in the middle area. We encourage students to dress up as a favourite character, and invite parents, grandparents, carers and friends to come along and join in the celebrations. Following the parade, visitors are invited into classrooms to read with the kids and share in the joy of reading together.

At first break we will serve the hotdogs that the Parents and Friends committee are organising. For those students who have swimming on Monday, we will deliver the hot dogs early (at 10:45 prior to getting ready for swimming at 11AM). Swimmers won't be able to get into the pool with face/body paint so we will have baby wipes on hand to remove any paint after the parade. Coloured hair spray is also best avoided for those year levels. We originally had the Book Parade planned for a day where there was no scheduled swimming but unfortunately a late change to the swimming timetable was necessary so we apologise for the overlap.

In other news, last week we had six staff attend a **mathematics professional learning day** in Ballarat with Jo Boaler presenting. This was an amazing opportunity as Xavier Norden last year had to travel all the way to America to see Jo in action! Here is an account of the day from the teachers who attended:

Last Thursday a team of 7 teachers ventured across to Ballarat to participate in a Mathematics Professional Development Day with internationally renowned presenter Jo Boaler. Jo is the co-founder of You-Cubed which focusses on inspiring and empowering teachers to develop Growth Mindsets for students in Maths. The team came away with some awesome strategies to use in the classroom to engage students and they will be sharing these with the rest of the teaching staff next week. Thanks to Mr Norden and Tan for organising and to Mrs Solimo, Mrs Allen, Ms Raison, Ms Pederick, Mr D'Antonio, Miss Johnston & Mr Ricardi for making the voyage to Ballarat.



On Monday evening the School Council group met for our first meeting of the term. During this meeting we:

- Approved the vacation care plan for our Out of School Hours Care program. A \$5 per session price rise was also approved, resulting from increasing staffing and food costs, increases to child care subsidies and the fact that we hadn't raised the cost of sessions in more than 5 years.
- Added a long sleeve polo with our school logo to the approved Winter uniform list, to be sold at Worklocker.
- Approved the first two curriculum days for the 2024 school year (Monday January 29th and Tuesday January 30th).
- Approved upcoming fundraising events proposed by the Parents and Friends Committee(see below) and the West Fest end of year event (more information to come soon).
- Discussed and approved a revised ICT Parent Contribution Levy for 2024.
- Approved a streamlined method for ordering stationary packs for families for the 2024 school year.

The school council group will be undertaking finance training at our next meeting, having previously completed the governance training (and the school council presidents training completed by our president Tom). Thanks to the team for the time you are each putting in, and for another productive meeting!

Parents & Friends

The Parents and Friends crew met on Wednesday evening to finalise plans for the hot dog lunch, Father's Day breakfast and upcoming major fundraising events including:

- Father's Day - We will celebrate all of the special men in our kids' lives on Friday September 1st with a hearty breakfast. On offer will be egg, cheese and bacon rolls for \$6 each or combined with a coffee/hot chocolate or juice for \$10.
- An upcoming major raffle (Term 3/4)
- Our annual Colour Run in term 4.

Thank you to the team for coming out on a cold Winter night to help plan fun events that will help us to achieve our fundraising goal of purchasing a bore for our school.

Lastly, I sent out a link to the Department of Education Parent Opinion Survey on Wednesday morning. So far we have had 26 responders (thank you!!) totalling 8% of our parent population (335 families). We would love to see this percentage increase before the survey closes so please help us out by giving your feedback. The survey takes about 10 minutes only and truly helps to shape our understanding of parent perceptions and where we can target our future efforts. Please go to <https://www.orima.com.au/parent> and use the PIN 419726.

Thanks everyone. Have a great weekend!

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

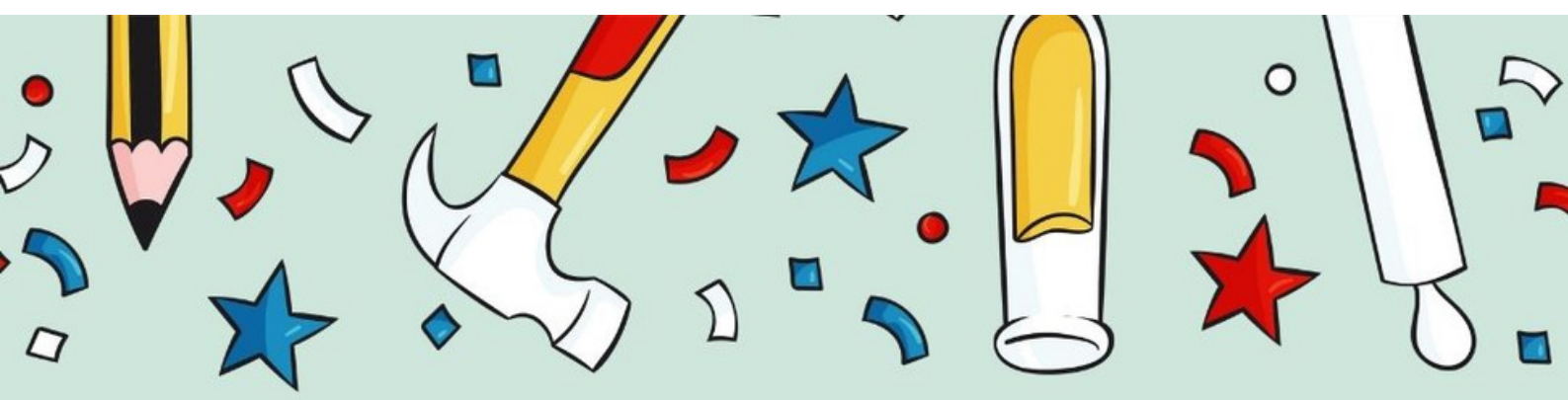
All OSHC Queries/Bookings to 0407 004 059 or wangwestoshc@gmail.com

Student OF THE Week

- Prep A** Alfie for making such a wonderful start here at Wang West by beginning each day with a big smile and a kind hello. You have shown great resilience and have already made some awesome new friends. We love having you in Prep A, Alfie!
- Prep D** Pearl For working very hard in reading groups and sounding out her words. Keep up the wonderful work, Pearl.
- Prep M** Harry For being actively involved in all learning in the classroom. You are always presenting your work neatly and you should be proud of that. Keep up the good work!
- Prep O** Madelyn For always showing enthusiasm for her learning and being a role model to others. We are so lucky to have you in Prep O!
- 1J** Eden for the positive way she has been entering the classroom of late. It has been so nice to see the smile on your face every morning!
- Finn for the effort that he has been putting into writing. Finn, your determination has led to amazing writing, keep up the great work!
- 1M** Skylah For her care and thoughtfulness towards others, and for her beautiful writing when describing a beach as the setting for her story. Well done Skylah!
- 1ZC** Adam For working hard to build your writing stamina and including interesting words in your stories.
- 2B** Angus for his improvements in reading. It has been great to see you listening to feedback and keeping up your daily practice! Well done, mate!
- 2C** Aidan For the positive attitude that he always has towards learning and the kindness he displays to all students. Aidan approaches all tasks with a positive mindset and encourages others. Keep up the great work Aidan!
- 2K** Oliver Thank you Oliver for always being a kind and considerate member of 2K. You are always willing to lend a hand and always show our school value of connection!
- 3G** Chloe For having a great time at swimming and trying her best to learn new skills. Well done Chloe.
- 3P** Lucas for showing our school value, CONNECTION each and every day. Lucas is inclusive of everyone and has made an effort to build connections with everyone in 3P. We are lucky to have you in our class, Lucas!
- 3RH** Harvey for being an outstanding role model within our school and for showing pride and determination in everything he does. Keep it up Harves!

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| 3RH | Mim | for working diligently in all learning tasks and supporting her peers to help them have success as well. You're a star Mim! |
| 4MV | Amelliah | for working diligently in all learning tasks and supporting her peers to help them have success as well. You're a star Mim! |
| 4SM | James | Well done on the way you have been extending your comfort zone through group sharing times. It is lovely to hear you participating and sharing your wealth of knowledge. |
| 5C | Manvidu | for showing the value of success by seeking and applying feedback to further develop his writing. Well done, Manvidu! |
| 5D | Lucca | for your ability to reason with your classmates. You were able to develop a theory/rule to solve a problem, test it on another problem and justify how and why you got your solution. Amazing work! |
| 5L | Annabel | For demonstrating resilience when challenged in numeracy tasks. Your ability to persist has been infectious amongst your peers. Well done, Annabel! |
| 6P | Mia | Mia consistently goes above and beyond, impressing us all with her hard work and positive attitude. A true inspiration for her classmates. |
| 6R | Georgia | for being a wonderful listener and leader in her Lit Circle group. Thanks for always making room for others to speak and demonstrating the skill of building on the thoughts of another. Great work! |



SRC FUNDRAISER FOR THE HANDS ON LEARNING TEAM!!

Casual Day

FRIDAY THE 25TH OF AUGUST
GOLD COIN DONATION



Project

365

U can cry!

THE RIPPLE EFFECT

LIVE MUSIC BY LOCALS

PROMOTING POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25TH 2023

WANGARATTA RODEO GROUNDS

TWILIGHT MARKET & FOOD STALLS IN A FAMILY FRIENDLY
ATMOSPHERE. GATES OPEN AT 3PM!

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!

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PANGERANG BREAKFAST CLUB



FREE..... EVERY TUESDAY
8am

Bring the kids for a nourishing breakfast .
Cereals, toast, baked beans, fruit, juice & milo
provided.
No Bookings required!

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