

What's on in the West

School Newsletter

TERM 2 WEEK 9 | 12.6.2020

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 26th June
Final day of Term 2 - 2:30pm dismissal

Ongoing
Virtual Tours

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear parents and carers,

Week 9 is now done and dusted, and we are certainly glad to have all of our students back on site! Things here are finally returning to normality and, after the initial excitement of seeing friends and teachers again on Monday, our senior students have now settled back into familiar routines, albeit with some additional hygiene practices in place. We also have some new and exciting initiatives up and running now which students will hopefully love, like our 5/6 netball comp, lunchtime clubs (see below) and Hands On Learning.

Lunch Time Clubs

This week we launched a new lunch time initiative - activity clubs. Activities include:

Mondays - Drawing and reading with Signorina Cardamone

Tuesdays - 'Just Dance' with Miss Walker,

Wednesdays - Lego Club with Mrs. Hedderman

Thursdays - Story time in the library with Kerrie, and

Fridays - Dance and songs with Mrs. Beddoe.

I popped into Lego Club this week and it was extremely popular to say the least! The room was buzzing with excited kids of all ages making an assortment of creations. Thank you very much to all of those wonderful families who donated their spare Lego to this initiative. If anyone else has some extra Lego at home, we would love more.



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. We recommend that students enter classrooms between 8:45am and 8:55am to prepare for their day.

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.



Netball

Our senior years netball comp also started this week which is part of our school-based sporting comp rotation. We have 7 teams, created by our house captains, and games are being supervised by Mr Norden and Miss Walker. Games will be played every 2nd day with the grand final scheduled for the last day of this term. Good luck to all of our teams!



Hands on Learning

Today interviews began for the first round of Hands On Learning for this year. Education Support staff Tommy and Blair, along with student mentor Karlesha grilled potential applicants with hard-hitting questions across the board room (staff room) table. To apply, students were required to write an application and from these applications, students were shortlisted. There are 18 places available in this round and students will be notified on Monday if they have been successful. Thank you Tommy, Blair and Karlesha!



Student Representative Council (SRC)

A huge congratulations to the students chosen to be our SRC representatives! It was great to (finally!) be able to present these students with their badges at this week's virtual assembly after a long wait.



Science Room Renovations

Our science room has had a face lift! To protect this building moving forward, we have had the outside reclad in colourbond and it looks terrific.



Have a great week everyone!

Kind regards,

Kristy Keenan

PRINCIPAL

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.

Postcard Competition Winners

Congratulations to Adini in 5/6D, Lara in 3S, Layla in 2HV & Mim in Prep R who have won this years WWPS Postcard competition. All artists captured the values of the West perfectly. Congratulations, ladies!



Wang West Beanies

We are excited to announce that we will be receiving some nice and cosy Wang West beanies to keep us all warm this winter! Beanie's will be \$15 each, and arriving early Term 3. Order forms will be sent home, and payment can be made at the office. Card payment is preferred due to current Covid conditions.



FRONT



BACK

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- Prep A Connor For his outstanding effort in Maths. His "have a go" attitude has been very impressive and has helped him to complete all his learning activities. Well done!
- Prep C Connor for being an amazing reader and writer! We are so impressed with all the letters and words you know!
- Prep M Flynn for staying focussed and on task during learning time. I am so impressed with the hard work you are putting into all your work. Amazing work!
- Prep R Madison for her amazing sounding out in her writing.
Zion for his incredibly neat handwriting.
- 1J Wania for consistently approaching learning tasks with enthusiasm and positivity. Your dedication to your learning is so wonderful to see, keep up the fantastic work Wania!
- 1DS Jobe for always being so respectful towards his teachers and classmates.
Dave for always being so respectful towards his teachers and classmates
- 2SS Jack for showing resilience and determination in difficult situations. Well done Jack!
- 4AP Alex N for returning to school with a positive approach to your work, and being a helpful member of 4AP – Thanks Alex!
- 5C Addyson for displaying amazing resilience and determination towards her learning and specialist activities such as PE and Music during remote learning when unwell. You are one tough cookie!
- 6C Dylan for coming back to school after remote learning with a positive attitude and for always trying his absolute best in everything he does! Keep up the amazing work Dylan!!
- Anabelle for her creative and imaginative work in the Potato Olympics! You did a spudtacular job!!

CARDBOARD BOXES NEEDED FOR SCIENCE

Our MAKER shelves are looking a bit bare.

Please save your cereal & food boxes, shoe boxes and any other medium sized boxes and bring them to the Science room, ready for our Makers Lab.

Many thanks,
Mrs Hedderman & the
little engineers at the
West



**North East Regional
Pre School Association**

NERPSA KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2021 WILL OPEN ON MONDAY 1ST JUNE, 2020

As OPEN DAYS at NERPSA Kindergartens are unable to be held in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions, we invite all prospective parents to find information to assist with their child's enrolment at the NERPSA website: www.nerpsa.com.au

Information found on the website will include:

- General information on each NERPSA kindergarten,
- Each kindergarten's educational philosophy,
- The manner in which each kindergarten program operates,
- A virtual tour of each kindergarten.

As well as:

- Enrolment information and enrolment forms.

Further information: Please contact the NERPSA office on 5721 2755

Appin Park Kindergarten
Bernard Briggs Kindergarten
Christopher Robin Kindergarten
Coronation Kindergarten
Glenrowan Kindergarten
James Tilson Kindergarten
Moyhu & District Kindergarten
Munro Ave Pre School
The Hub Kindergarten
Violet Town & District Early Childhood Centre
Wangaratta West Kindergarten
Whorouly & District Kindergarten



Wangaratta West OSHC June, 2020 Holiday Program

Bookings must be made by June 19th to ensure a place is available

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

PH: 0407 004 059 E: wangwestoshc@gmail.com

Monday 29 th June	Tuesday 30 th June	Wednesday 1 st July	Thursday 2 nd July	Friday 3 rd July
<p>In this Together</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create a reconciliation puzzle - a walk the talk map - play some traditional Yulunga games and watch some of the Little Jay and Big Cuz series 	<p>Minute To Win It</p> <p>Join us in playing the fast paced games of Minute to Minute to win it.</p> <p>Can you beat the clock</p>	<p>Book Club</p> <p>Come dressed as your favourite book character, Get your face painted, make a dream jar from the book BFG and snuggle up in our cosy corner to listen to some enchanting audio books</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>Learn how to make your own mini mud bricks to use in constructing your own building, use pieces of recycled cardboard to make a construction set and create a lego, duplo pool noodle marble run.</p>	<p>Farmers Market</p> <p>Today we create our own farmers market. Market stands will include a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flower stand - Fresh produce stand - Plant stand - Pizza stand <p>Each child will receive play money and a produce bag filled with their purchases to take home at the end of the day</p>
Monday 6 th July	Tuesday 7 th July	Wednesday 8 th July	Thursday 9 th July	Friday 10 th July
<p>Winter Wonderland</p> <p>Cosy up with a hot chocolate and make a paper snowflakes and scarf.</p> <p>Later in the day, enjoy a game of ice hockey on the basketball court using a frozen ice puck</p>	<p>Arcade Games</p> <p>Use recycled items to create and play a game of foosball, ten pin bowls and pinball.</p>	<p>Fashion</p> <p>Make a tie dye T - Shirt, And costume, then model it on the OSHC runway</p>	<p>Share the Love</p> <p>Create a thank you slide show to post on Class DoJo for all the parents/guardians who have been working so hard during the Covid pandemic.</p> <p>Post a letter to a friend or family at our OSHC Post Office and thank them for their contribution to your life.</p>	<p>Photography</p> <p>Capture and write a story using the photographs you have taken.</p> <p>Create a gallery</p> <p>Capture your emotions, frame them and add it to our gallery.</p>

Wangaratta West OSHC Vacation Care Bookings

29th June – 10th July 2020

Bookings must be made by 19th June to ensure a place is available

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

PH: 0407 004 059

E: 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 see OSHC staff for further instructions. Please do not use the My Family Lounge Portal (accessed via the Wang West website) to make bookings for Vacation Care, as this is only used when updating enrolment 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.

Child Care Subsidy

In order to receive these benefits, you must provide us with your and your child's, Child Care Reference Number (CRN) and both your and your child's DOB. If you are unsure if you are receiving or are eligible for CCS please contact Centre Link to find out.

Please remember that if you child has not attended care for a period of 8 weeks or more, you will need to inform the service to we can reactivate you 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

Overview for Parents/Students

Introducing Free Pads and Tampons in Government Schools

The Victorian Government is providing free sanitary pads and tampons in every government school because being able to access sanitary products shouldn't be a barrier for girls and young women to getting the most out of their education.

This initiative aims to:

- provide students with the confidence that sanitary items will be readily accessible at school
- relieve students of the stigma, anxiety and discomfort that can be associated with menstruation and its management
- ease the cost of living for families.



Lack of easy access to sanitary items can negatively affect attitudes, behaviours and equal participation in sport and everyday school activities. By providing access to sanitary items these barriers can be reduced.

The Government's investment will ensure sanitary pads and tampons are available at school to help female students to manage their periods with greater ease and less embarrassment and to normalise periods as a healthy part of growing up.

Product Information

Students will be able to choose from two Libra Products

1. Libra Tampons – Regular
2. Libra Ultrathin Pads with Wings – Regular



Why these products were chosen:

Libra's product usage study (females 10-18) showed that pads (day) are the most popular, with Ultrathin Regular pads with wings the most used amongst girls this age. For tampons, non-applicator tampons are preferred, with regular absorbency tampon most used.

Information about these products can be found: <https://lovelibra.com/products>

How will the sanitary items be accessed?

Dispensers will be allocated and installed within the nominated school bathrooms to allow easy access for students.

Dimensions: 45cm W x 55cm L



The use of sanitary items provided at school will be entirely voluntary.

Providing both sanitary pads and tampons allows students to make a choice based on their own needs, cultural beliefs, maturity and parental preferences.

Overview for Parents/Students

Looking for information to share with your child

Information available from the following websites may help to guide your conversations:

The Love Libra website

<https://lovelibra.com/educators/>

The Australian Parenting Website (suitable for 9 – 15 year olds) <https://raisingchildren.net.au/pre-teens/development/periods-hygiene/periods>

Jean Hailes for Women's Health

<https://jeanhailes.org.au/health-a-z/periods>

Jean Hailes Yarning About Periods

[https://jeanhailes.org.au/contents/documents/Resources/Fact sheets/Yarning about periods.pdf](https://jeanhailes.org.au/contents/documents/Resources/Fact%20sheets/Yarning%20about%20periods.pdf)

Contact Us

Asaleo Care Contact Details

All general enquiries can be directed to Asaleo Care via email or phone, details are below:



Email: libraschools@asaleocare.com



Phone: 1800 234 613



Wangaratta West
Primary School

VIRTUAL TOUR



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



**SCAN HERE TO ACCESS
VIRTUAL TOUR, OR
VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

