

What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 25th May - Friday
26th May
Grade 3 Camp to Howman's
Gap

Friday 2nd June
Trivia Night

Celebrating the Women of the West

We had a beautiful morning celebrating the special and important women in our lives with a yummy breakfast, delicious hot drinks and visiting the student run nail salon. There was also a spectacular flower backdrop that was hand made by some of our students in Art which was used as a photo backdrop. It was lovely to see so many families come along and support this event.

A big thank you to all our staff and parent helpers who were involved in the coordination and preparation of this morning.

Thank you also to Tan from Old Faithful's Café for ordering all of the supplies for us, Kaylene (Glenrowan Providore) who very kindly donated some supplies for the morning, and the Happy Wanderer Coffee Van who came along to supply hot drinks.

Ordering online via compass was a big success and made the whole process much smoother. We look forward to welcoming more families to this special event next year!

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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.

Visitors to the School

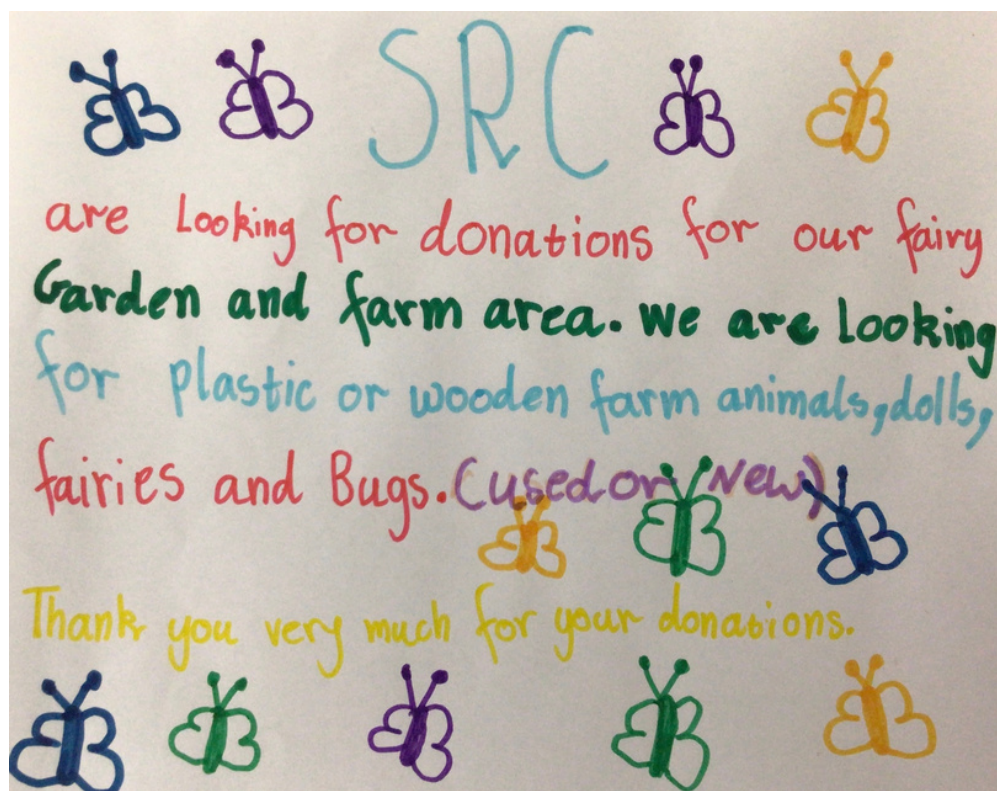
This week we have welcomed a number of principals and Department of Education staff through the school during our Professional Learning Community (PLC) Link School Open Day on Tuesday and again yesterday when we hosted the Benalla/Mansfield/Wangaratta (BMW) Principals Network Day. I felt so very proud walking our guests around our school and listening to the incredible feedback received. This included comments about the very calm, orderly and beautiful environment we have at our school (both in classrooms and in the yard), the consistency of approach that was evident in classrooms throughout the school, the excellent practice of teachers, and the culture of pride that staff and students clearly felt for the school. It really is a very special school and I felt so lucky to be a part of this wonderful community.

Good Luck Lara!

Lara from 6P is participating in fundraiser to raise money and awareness for Motor Neurone Disease and will be walking 42km on 26th-28th May! This is an incredible thing for her to be doing so we wish her all the very best with this endeavour and are already incredibly proud of her.

Please check out her fundraising page if you would like to make a donation via <https://www.mndrelay.org.au/account/my-fundraising> Click on 'Sponsor a friend' and look up Lara.

We can't wait to hear all about it Lara!



Grade 5 Camp

On Monday our Grade 5 students attended their overnight camp at Valley Homestead. This camp was a fantastic experience for our students to further build positive relationships with their peers and teachers, while also challenging themselves to take on outdoor adventure activities. They participated in rock climbing, high ropes challenges, the giant drop and a dual flying fox. Overnight they enjoyed cooking marshmallows over a camp fire and staying warm with a hot milo. Our Grade 5 cohort represented our school and were so respectful and caring throughout the trip, cheering each other on and using great manners while eating together in the food hall. This group can look forward to Phillip Island in 2024 as their next big adventure!





Westy's Sports Report

Vic School Footy

Earlier in the year Urban H and Nicholas J were nominated to trial for the Victoria Schools Under 12s AFL team. On Monday, Urban went to Benalla for this trial. Nicholas was unfortunately injured and unable to trial. Urban was selected to progress through to the next trial after impressing the coaches. Urban will head to Bendigo in a few weeks to compete in the next stage of selections. Good luck Urban!



Thanks RSL!

Thank you to Toph Simsen from the Wangaratta RSL for generously donating our netball superstar vouchers for all of our Saturday morning netball teams!





Student OF THE Week

- Prep A** Arlo Shout out to Arlo for challenging himself to work with and count bigger numbers in Maths. Keep challenging yourself Arlo and you'll achieve great things.
- Prep D** Angela For working very hard at hearing sounds when she tries to read and write words. Well done, Angela!
- Prep M** Roy For working hard with your reading and writing, it is amazing to see you using your sounds to read and write tricky words. Keep up the good work!
- Prep O** Lilah Congratulations, Lilah for your incredible effort when reading the Acknowledgement of Country to the class in our morning circle! You spoke beautifully and made everybody proud!
- 1J** Isla for always being so kind and empathetic to her peers. She is always looking out for those around her and always showing such kindness and understanding. We love having you in our class Isla!
- 2B** Huntah for always following instructions and demonstrating our classroom expectations in everything he does. You are a superstar, Huntah!
- 2C** Maddie For always showing respect in all her time at school. Maddie always says thank you to everyone and speaks quietly and gently to all. If someone needs some help, Maddie quickly volunteers to give her time and support. We are so lucky to have you in 2C.
- 3G** Oliver For having a positive growth mindset during maths lessons and always challenging himself in his learning.
- 4SM** Angus For the positive way he is tackling new learning and strategies. It is wonderful to see the leadership and respect that you have been demonstrating. Keep it up, Hinesy!
- Mac What an awesome role model you are in the classroom. Thank you for constantly demonstrating our values, both in the classroom and yard. You are wonderful and we appreciate you!
- 4MV** Gerrich for always being first to the floor, with a smile on his face, ready to learn and give anything a go! Great job Gerrich, keep it up!
- 4WM** Jack Thanks for your constant enthusiasm and amazing humour. You take your learning seriously and are a joy to teach.
- 5C** Ivy for being a supportive big buddy, by looking out for your Jas in the yard and supporting her when she needs support.
- 5D** Ryder For going out of your comfort zone and challenging yourself to try activities at camp. You displayed fantastic courage and resilience when facing these difficult obstacles. I am very proud of you, well done!

Student OF THE Week

- 6P** Paige for always coming to school with a smile on her face, eager to learn and ready to be a part of everything that our school has to offer. Never lose this enthusiasm for learning, Paige!
- 6R** Braxton for an awesome start to term two – we love seeing you every day! Thanks for all the hard work you are putting into your learning and for sharing your sense of humour with the class.
- 6S** Logan for your fantastic analysing and interpretations of our My Place mentor text. The way you have applied yourself to this topic has been exceptional. Keep up the fantastic work.

WELCOME TO OUR OPEN DAYS FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN IN 2024

- **Appin Park Kindergarten** (4 Year Old Program) – Appin Street, Wangaratta
Wednesday 17th May : 9.30am – 11.00am
- **Bernard Briggs Kindergarten** (3 & 4 Year Old Program) – Church St, Benalla
Wednesday 17th May : 12.30pm – 2.00pm
- **Chiltern Kindergarten** (3 & 4 Year Old Program) – Main St, Chiltern
Friday 2nd June : 9.00am – 11.00am
- **Christopher Robin Kindergarten** (4 Year Old Program) – Merriwa Park, Wangaratta
Tuesday 30th May: 1.00pm – 2.30pm
- **Coronation Kindergarten** (3 & 4 Year Old Program) – Swan St, Wangaratta
Wednesday 31st May : 2.30pm—4.00pm
- **Glenrowan Pre School** (3 & 4 Year Old Program) – Old Hume Highway, Glenrowan
Tuesday 16th May: 2.30pm—3.00pm
- **James Tilson Kindergarten** (3 & 4 Year Old Program) – Burke St, Wangaratta
Thursday 1st June : 2.00pm – 3.00pm
- **Moyhu Pre School** (Occasional Care, 3 & 4 Year Old Program) – Byrne St, Moyhu
Tuesday 23rd May : 2.00pm - 3.00pm
- **Munro Ave Pre School** (3 & 4 Year Old Program) – Munro Ave, Benalla
Wednesday 24th May : 2.30pm – 3.30pm
- **The Hub Kindergarten** (3 Year Old Program) – Burke St, Wangaratta
Friday 26th May : 9.30am—10.30am
- **Wangaratta West Kindergarten** (4 Year Old Program) – Orkney St, Wangaratta
Thursday 18th May : 1.30pm – 3.30pm
- **Whitfield Community Childcare Centre** (3 Year Old Program) – Wangaratta Whitfield Rd, Whitfield
Visitors welcome : email whitfieldchildcare@gmail.com to arrange a time
- **Whorouly Kindergarten** (3 & 4 Year Old Program) – Church St, Whorouly
Thursday 25th May : 1.00pm – 2.00pm

talk to our staff about how the programs are run, *look* over the facility,
ask questions and *collect* a registration package

PARENT / CAREGIVER / GUARDIAN INFORMATION AND CONSENT LETTER

2023 Student Attitudes to School Survey

Dear Parent / Caregiver / Guardian,

This letter is to inform you about the 2023 Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS), that your child is invited to participate in.

About the survey

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of their school.

The AtoSS is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education to assist schools to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

This year, the AtoSS will be conducted at your school on Monday May 15th, with catch-up sessions throughout the week for students not attending on the Monday.

What are the benefits?

Young people enjoy having a say! This survey has been running for nearly 20 years and is invaluable in helping schools understand student views to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. The survey responses also help the Department of Education understand how student's learning experiences can be improved.

What are the risks?

While we do not anticipate many risks of participation, some students may find some of the survey questions personal and sensitive in nature. Should you agree for your child to participate, they are still free to skip questions or to withdraw at any stage if the survey makes them upset or uncomfortable. A teacher will be present during the survey to support students.

The questions are selected from validated survey instruments used in Australia and around the world, are strength-based, and tailored for each year level group.

What will my child be asked to do?

Your child will be invited to complete the survey **online during class time** using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Please note:

- Student participation in the survey is voluntary and students may withdraw at any time.
- The survey will take around 20-45 minutes to complete.

How is my child's confidentiality protected?

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey from their teacher. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only. Personally identifiable data will not be recorded in the survey response file to ensure the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times.

How will results be reported?

The survey results will be reported back to the school in aggregate form throughout the survey period. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Data suppression rules are used for schools with low student numbers per year level.

Your school may share the results of the survey with parents, in documents such as the School Annual Report.

Options for participation

Participation in this survey is **voluntary**. If you **do not** wish for your child to do the survey, please opt out via email to your school: kristv.mullins@education.vic.gov.au Please do so before Thursday 11th of May stating that you wish to opt out of your child's participation, along with their name and year level.

If your school does not receive a Refusal of Consent email from yourself before the survey commencement date mentioned within this letter, it means that you give your consent for your child to participate in the 2023 Attitudes to School Survey.

A copy of the survey that we are asking your child to complete is available from your child's school. Please contact the administration office if you would like to see the survey before making your decision about whether you would like your child to participate.

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher, or contact the department at school.surveys@education.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Department of Education, Victoria

PLAYGROUP



9:30AM - 11:00AM
EVERY WEDNESDAY

WWPS HALL
EVERYONE WELCOME
NO COST
FRUIT PROVIDED

**COME
ALONG!**



WANGARATTA
HIGH SCHOOL



2024 SEAL INFORMATION EVENING

17th of May 2023 at 6pm in the FLC Building

Please join us for our 2024 SEAL (Select Entry Accelerated Learning program) Information Evening on Wednesday, the 17th of May at 6pm in the FLC Building.

For any enquiries, please contact our friendly SEAL Coordinator, Meryl Herman on 03 5723 0500 or via Meryl.Herman@education.vic.gov.au.

To RSVP, please use the provided QR code or via our Administration Office on 03 57230500.

We look forward to meeting you.



RSVP TODAY