



NEWSLETTER



13th February, 2020

WHAT'S ON IN THE WEST

2020

Wed 19th February

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Friday 21st February

Mon 24th – Wed 26th February

Thursday 27th February

Monday 2nd March

Friday 6th March

Monday 9th March

Mon 23rd - Wed 25th March

Friday 27th March

Play Group 10am – 11:30am

Parents & Friends Meeting 7pm in the Staffroom

Book Club Issue 1 Due

Grade 4 Borambola Camp

Breakfast Club (New Day This Year) 7:45am – 8:15am

School Photos

Pupil Free Day ~ Staff Numeracy Professional Development Day

Labour Day Public Holiday ~ NO SCHOOL

Grade 3 Nillahcootie Camp

Last Day of Term 1

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our school community turned out in masses for our annual **pool party** last night, with beautiful weather making for a great evening. A record 650 sausages were consumed as quickly as they could be cooked, and the manners used by our students were a delight to hear. Thank you to the staff who helped serve sausages and drinks to the hungry hoards, and an extra thank you to Cam Meggs, Dave Sexton and Xavier Norden who braved the heat, smoke and splatters of hot oil to run the barbeque.



In other exciting news, **our new portable is here!** A crowd of excited onlookers watched on with fascination as all 5 sections of the new portable were craned into place on Tuesday. Since then tradespeople have been busily working to complete the installation works before handover. We don't have a date at this point, but we will keep you informed.



Road safety

Since the beginning of the year we have had a number of people, both from within our community and beyond, let us know about dangerous behaviour displayed by our students on the roads. Several students in our school uniform have been seen darting across roads without looking, causing near misses by people travelling in cars. If your child or children walk, ride or scoot to/from school unsupervised, PLEASE remind them about how to cross safely and encourage them to use supervised crossings wherever possible.

Principal's Award:

Scout (1J) for picking up rubbish in the schoolyard before school. Thank you for caring for our environment Scout and for helping to keep our grounds looking sensational.

Lillian (5G) for demonstrating fantastic dedication to improving your writing by taking your Big Write home to finish and producing 4 pages! Keep up the fantastic effort Lillian.

Kind regards,

Kristy Keenan

REMINDERS:

[School Council Elections](#)

Just a reminder that we have four parent and one DET employee positions available on our School Council for 2020. I encourage any member of our school community who is interested in standing for school council to nominate themselves or alternatively you may wish to nominate a fellow parent/carer for a position. Please speak to me should you wish to find out more about the role of a school councillor. Nomination forms are available from the office with nominations closing **Friday, 21st February 2020 at 4pm.**

[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.

[Late Arrivals](#)

All classes (including specialist classes) will begin at 9:05am following roll call, so we ask that students please make their way in to classrooms by 8:55am when the music begins, so that they are ready to start learning by 9am. We recommend that students enter classrooms between 8:45am and 8:55am so that they may get ready for the day (unpack their bag, hand in notes, etc.)

[Signing Students In and Out](#)

Just a reminder to 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 and Anna will call the classroom to ask that your child be sent up. This minimises distraction to students and ensures that we know who is in the school at all times. We appreciate your assistance with this.

[Absences](#)

If your child is absent from school, please text 0477 343 814 or call 5721 3491 to let us know the reason for the absence. Alternatively you can use Compass to explain the absence. It is a requirement from the Department of Education and Training that all absences are explained, so we kindly ask that you assist us with adhering to this requirement.

[Digital Technology Permission Forms](#)

Last week we sent home the Digital Technology Permission forms with students. Could these please be read, signed and returned to your child's class teacher as soon as possible as forms must be returned before iPad use is permitted.

[Names on belongings](#)

Each year we end up with a huge number of school uniform items in lost property that are unnamed. Please ensure that all items have your child's name on them so that, in the event they are misplaced/lost, we are able to return them.

[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 not, the headlice will return and the cycle reoccurs. If you require a treatment kit, please let the office know.

Principal: Kristy Keenan

Phillipson Street, Wangaratta, Phone 5721 3491

Website: www.wangwestps.vic.edu.au

Email: wangaratta.west.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

**All OSHC Queries/Bookings to 0407 004 059 or wangwestoshc@gmail.com TEXT SCHOOL
ABSENCES to 0477 343 814**

[Health Care Card Holders - Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund \(CSEF\)](#)

Our Vision: Developing learners for life who care for themselves, others and the environment.

If you currently have a valid Health Care Card, you may be eligible for financial assistance of \$125 per student which is provided to the school to assist in payment for camps, swimming/sports and excursions. A form was sent home this week, if you are eligible please complete and return to the office ASAP. These are **due by Wednesday 27th February, 2018.**

[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.

[Breakfast Club](#)

We have changed the day of Breakfast Club from **Tuesday's to Thursday's**, our first Breakfast Club will be **Thursday 27th February**. Come along every Thursday morning from 7:45 to 8:15am for some toast, cereal and milo. All welcome, we'd love to see some new faces come along this year.

We are looking for some donations of tins of milo and jam, if you would like to drop these into the office we would be delighted to receive them.

~ Dave Woodburne

[Parents and Friends](#)

The first Wangaratta West Parents & Friends Association meeting will be held at the school on Wednesday 19th February at 7pm.

We love having new members along so if you are unsure about coming, bring a friend to keep you company and you'll soon realise that it's a very welcoming committee. Kids are welcome (we're all parents!) and can either play outside or quietly in the staff room. We aim to have the meetings run to an 8pm finish.

It is a really great way to meet new people while also helping the teachers and staff provide extra activities and events for the students, while raising additional funds for the school.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask at the office. We look forward to having you along! ~ Cassie Kay

[Lunch Orders](#)

Lunch orders started on Monday 10th February. Order online through Munch Monitor (Login details attached) as usual. Lunch order days remain the same as last year, Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays first break (11.20am).

[Wangaratta Marathon & Fun Run – Sunday 23 February 2020](#)

Register now as the event is only 1 week away. We cannot accept any more registrations at the office so please register via the online registration from www.wangarattamarathon.com.au click the Enter button and follow the prompts. Be sure to choose 'Wangaratta West Primary' in the 'Primary School' drop down on the 'Do you want to join a team?' page for each entrant to count towards our schools tally. You have the option to pay via Credit card or EFT. Note: Online registrations close midnight Wednesday 19 February. Or there is a **public registration day on Saturday 22 February at the Show Grounds (Down the Dog & Obedience centre end) between 10am – 2pm. You are able to collect your bibs during this session which will save you some time on the day.**

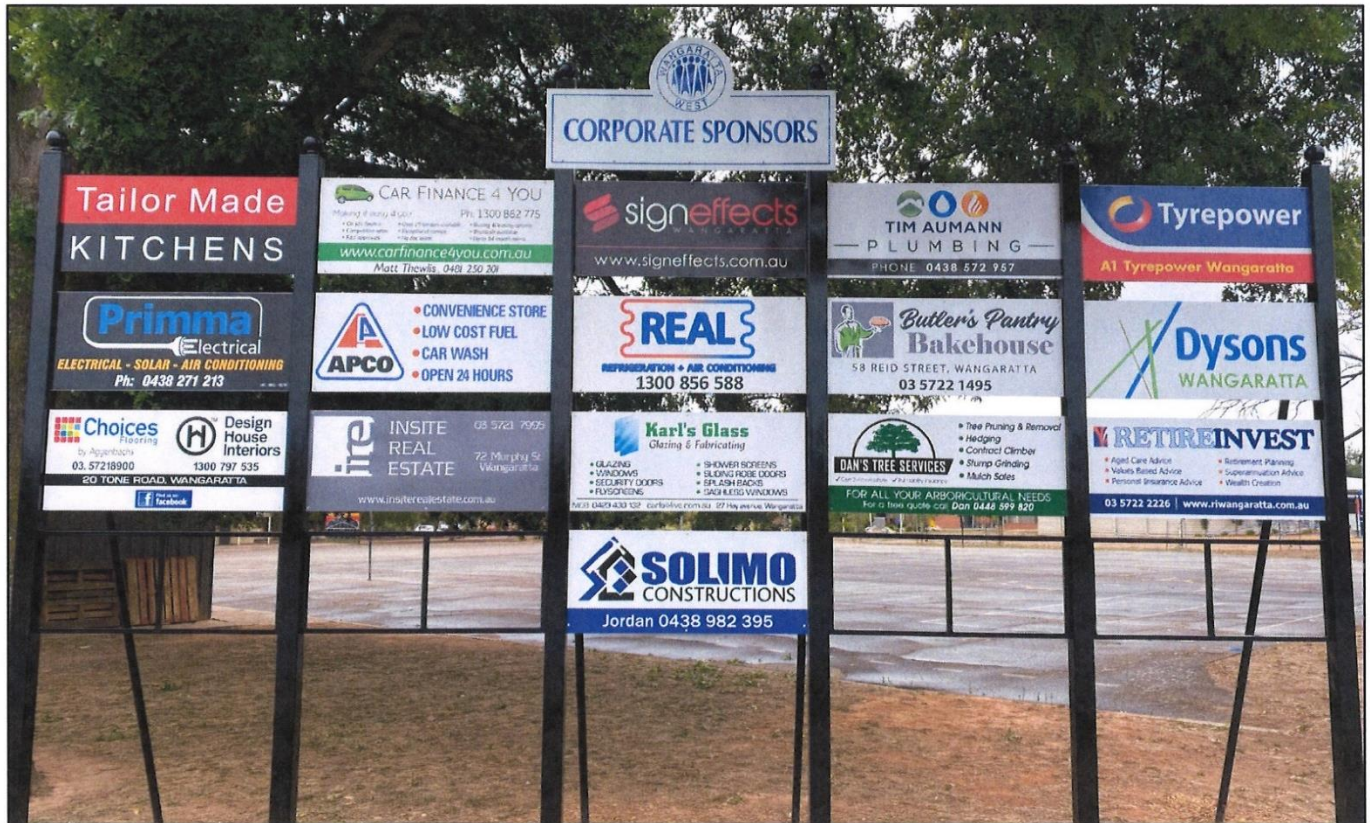
[Bike Storage & Locks](#)

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.



- 0A** **Louis** for starting his school life with a positive attitude towards his learning and always showing gratitude towards his teachers and peers. Well done, Louis!
- 0C** **Harper** for showing how much she cares for herself by always trying her hardest and asking great questions.
- 1C** **Mitchell** for caring for our grade and bringing a bag of apples to share.
- 1DS** **Remy** for being such a caring girl and helping a new Prep student when they were upset, she even went and checked on them the next day too.
- 1J** **Brax** for having such a positive attitude towards learning and always being willing to contribute to class discussions.
- 2M** **Isoabelle** for making a great start at Wang West and always being ready to learn every day! Thanks, Isabelle!
- 2SS** **Remy** we are proud of the way that Remy encourages his classmates. His thoughtful comments demonstrate that he is a leader in the class. You are a bucket filler Remy and we are glad to have you in 2SS!
- 4M** **Kaity, Kayla and Kai** for the amazing way you have settled into Wangaratta West. You have embraced our school values and you are an asset to your school.
- 5C** **Cooper** for actively using his writing goal to add more descriptive words into his writing. Cooper your writing is inspiring your peers. We look forward to hearing more of your engaging and lively pieces. Keep up the great work.
- 6C** **Toby** for settling into year 6 exceptionally well and producing an impressive standard of work. Well Done Toby! Keep up the great work.
- Amy** for achieving incredible results with her maths and working at a high standard in all areas. Very impressive start to year 6! Well Done Amy.
- 6MW** **Jack** for settling into your new school with a positive attitude. Welcome and thank you for your smiles.
- Malo** for settling into your new school with a positive attitude. Welcome and thank you for your smiles.
- PE** **Paige** for showing great enthusiasm in PE this year.
- Remi** for being a great partner in PE and consistently giving encouragement to her classmates.

Support our local sponsors that support us!



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Could you be a permanent care parent?

There are a number of children supported by the Department of Health & Human Services who require a *family for life* as they are unable to live with their birth families. We are seeking committed and motivated people who would be interested in learning more about providing a permanent family for a child.

Assistance payments are made to the Permanent Care family to assist with the day to day expenses of caring for a child/young person. Assistance payments are considered to be a reimbursement for expenses and not an earned income.

We are also keen to speak with families who are particularly interested in caring for children aged between 5 and 10 years.

Information sessions are being held on:

Wednesday 4th March 2020 at 6:00pm
Department of Health & Human Services
43-47 Rowan Street, **Wangaratta**

Thursday 5th March 2020 at 6:00pm
Department of Health & Human Services
163-167 Welsford Street, **Shepparton**

**Bookings are not essential. For further information please contact:
Permanent Care Program
☎: 5832 1552**





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4. Enter
 - School ID: **wanwestps**
 - Password: **munch3676**
5. Click **Submit**
6. Enter your email address
7. Enter the password you want. Make sure you can remember your password
8. Review and tick on the Terms of use
9. Click **Create your Account**
10. Click on the **Activation Link** in the email we sent
11. Follow the steps to **create your Parent Profile**
12. **Add Students** to your account
13. Click on **Account Top-up** to transfer money into your account
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Your School Password

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**FRIDAY NIGHTS
ARE BACK!!**

Mini Roos Friday Soccer Competition

Boys and girls welcome : 5yrs - 12yrs

Muster Day: 21st February 5pm - 7pm

Muster Day: 28th February 5pm - 7pm

**Season Commences on Friday 13th March
5.30pm - 7pm**

Mini Roos Registration NOW OPEN online

To register log onto www.playfootball.com.au

Select 'find a place to play' then select

Wangaratta South Wang Reserve.

Full instructions are on our website www.wangarattacityfc.com.au

Payments are made online at time of registration via Credit Card.



**Registration enquiries
please email:
registrar@wangarattacityfc.com.au**

**All participants must attend a
Muster Day to collect welcome
packs and confirm registration.**

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Are you looking for some fun?

Are you between 7 and 14?

GAMES

COME TO

CRAFT

STORIES



ACTIVITIES

It starts on 17th February

Every second Monday afternoon

3:30pm—5.00pm

At The Salvation Army Church

13-17 Garnet Ave

Call Captain Rosie

0467 065 720

COOKING

SINGING





Presents

STEP UP TO THE PLATE

2ND FEB

@ Targoora Park, Wangaratta

9TH FEB

@ Springdale Baseball Field, Albury

16TH FEB

@ Benalla Racecourse, Benalla

23RD FEB

@ Porepunkah Baseball Field, Porepunkah

1ST MAR

@ Gayview Park, Wodonga

2020 JUNIOR
COME AND TRY DAYS FEATURING:

- Hand-eye drills for batting and fielding
- Ages 7-15 | All abilities
- Teamwork and Inclusivity
- BBQ Lunch
- All equipment supplied



For more information contact Owen Godenzi - 0419 514 695

Each session will run from 10am - 12:30pm. Come along to one or all of our sessions, cost is absolutely FREE!



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