

What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 27th October
Grade 2 Beechworth
Excursion & School
Sleepover

Wednesday November 1st -
Friday November 3rd
Grade 4 Camp to Barambola

Wednesday 1st November
Galen Transition Day

Tuesday 7th November
Melbourne Cup Day

Friday 10th November
COLOUR RUN

It has been another busy week at The West, with classrooms back in the swing of routines and kids (and teachers) enjoying the beautiful weather that has been upon us lately.

Last week we welcomed 30+ educators from around the state to a day focused on disability inclusion practices. Across the day we talked about the approaches we have in place at our school to support students both academically and in relation to emotional and/or behavioural regulation. This includes classroom adjustments (differentiated learning tasks, physical manipulatives, sensory resources, etc) as well as interventions such as Mini Lit and Multi Lit, Hands On Learning, Tutor Learning Initiative, etc. . We then led groups through classrooms to see our inclusive practices in action which was a beautiful part of the day. I am so very proud of our school and everyone in it (students and staff) so I love taking people on tours and telling them all about The West.

CLC (Community Learning Challenge) is back!

Last week we welcomed year nine students to our school again as part of the semesterly CLC (Community Learning Challenge) program. This involves students volunteering in the community to help others, therein growing their leadership skills, organisational skills and compassion. We will have 19 students joining us over the coming 7 weeks including nine working with Miss Walker in P.E., five working in classrooms (prep and Art) and five working as a 'grounds crew' for Miss Ashmead. She had them hard at work today putting in tree stakes, sanding outdoor tables, blowing paths and tidying up long grass with the whipper snipper (and they did a fabulous job!). It has also been lovely to see former Wang West students returning including Gus J, Kade H, Jayla K, Noah S, Levi S, Aurelio, Ethan R and Zoe J.

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.

School Council

Last Monday evening the school council met again, with the meeting chaired by vice-president Rachel Hogan (who did a wonderful job in Tom's absence – thanks Rachel!)

At the meeting we discussed and approved a proposal to install a significant number of solar panels at our school (awaiting final confirmation by the Victorian School Building Authority) which would be a very exciting step forward for our school in relation to sustainable energy use.

We also discussed 2024 Parent Curriculum Contributions and how we can make the purchasing of stationary and books etc. as easy and stress free for parents and carers as possible. As such, for 2024 we are planning to return to coordinating the entire book pack on behalf of parents/carers so that families will not have to source stationary separately this year. We hope this will make the process simpler and less stressful. Further information will be sent out later in the term. Our final school council dates for the year have been set, and a plan to call for tenders soon for a new school cleaner, commencing January 2024, was approved. Further information on this will be circulated in the newsletter and through community channels in the coming weeks.

Cooking Club

A past Wangaratta West family has kindly donated some money to the school to go towards a new cooking program. The program for this term will be starting next week and will include some lucky Grade 5&6 students.

The students will be involved in selecting meals, following recipes, preparing food and, of course, cleaning up. 2 groups will be involved, each cooking fortnightly, however both groups will join together each week to eat the meal prepared as a big group. The recipes that the students have followed will also be collated and presented as a cooking book for the students.

A big thanks to Mrs Castagna for coordinating this and offering a fantastic opportunity to our students!

Go Tommy & Mr C!

A big GOOD LUCK to Tommy and Mr C this weekend who are tackling the Melbourne Marathon! We hope they can still walk next week!

Smile Squad six month fluoride varnish visit

The Smile Squad team are heading back to our school to complete six-monthly fluoride varnish applications for those students who have provided consent. Fluoride varnish applications help make sure students have the best chance of preventing tooth decay, so we're excited Smile Squad are coming back.

This is occurring **Monday 30th October 2023 – Friday 17th November 2023.**

Consent for this fluoride varnish application was provided when students' initial consent forms were returned. However, if anyone has changed their mind and do not wish to receive a fluoride varnish application, they can contact Northeast Health Dental Wangaratta, directly to let them know.

Please contact the Smile Squad team via:

03 5722 5587

NHWDentalAdmin@nhw.org.au

Book Club

The latest issue of Book Club has been sent home - please check bags and satchels for the catalogue!

Orders are due 23rd October, online via LOOP.

Wang Show

If you're heading to the Show this weekend, make sure to pop your head in to the art shed - we have some incredible student artwork on display! Thank you to Mrs Hedderman for all her hard work creating with our students and setting this up!



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.

OSHC

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





Westy's Sports Report

Zone Athletics

Last Friday, we took 24 students to compete in the Ovens and Mitta Athletics competition. Our students had to compete against the best students in the surrounding area with only the top two in each event getting through to the next round. We are very proud of how our students conducted themselves over the entire day and should also be incredibly proud of how they competed.

Well done to Eli D, Evie F, Urban H, Samuel G, Ellouise J, Koko H, Tate L, Gus M, Brax M, George M, Eva M, Ava P, Alex S, Tom S, Max T, Logan V, Cody W and Logan W who all gave it their best in their events!

And a big congratulations to Paige-Lee D, Asta E, Ollie F, Amelliah H, Nick J and Ella T who finished either first or second and have qualified for Regional Athletics. Good luck! The West is proud of you!



Student OF THE Week

- Prep A** Ava for always showing the class what "ready to learn" looks like and for being a role model for kindness in Prep A. Thank you Ava.
- Prep D** Joe For showing his understanding of what he has read, through a detailed retell. Well done, Joe!
- Prep M** Hamish For working hard on your reading strategies, it's great to see you sounding out tricky words. Keep up the good work!
- Prep O** Lilah Lilah, I am so proud of your incredible effort with 3D shapes this week! You completed your own work to a very high standard and without being asked helped friends on your table! What a star!
- 1J** Amelia for how hard she has been working on her writing. Amelia, your dedication to writing has been absolutely amazing, keep up the great work!
- 1M** Evie For building her reading fluency by practising over and over again. Keep up the great work Evie!
- 1ZC** Judd for trying hard to improve your reading fluency by rereading and monitoring your pace.
- 2B** Aakash for settling back so well into our classroom routine following his holiday. You set such a fantastic example of dedication and high standards in your learning!
- 2C** Lily Rose For experiencing Success, when working and reworking her thinking to make arrays in Mathematics. I was so proud to see how hard you worked.
- 2K** Charlotte Well done Charlotte on your fantastic performance as the 'witch' during our Reader's Theatre this week. You used great expression and accuracy! Keep up the great work Charlotte!
- 2WR** Hannah For your outstanding reading especially during Reader's Theatre! You showed so much confidence and read with fluency and expression. Well done!
- 3G** Noah For having a great start to his final term of Grade 3. Noah has already produced some amazing work including his poster about Indigenous Songlines and Music. Keep up the great work, Noah!
- 4MV** Ben for being a great leader in our classroom. Ben has a great growth mindset and shows success and care for his learning by always giving 100%. Ben consistently demonstrates positive behaviours in our classroom, making him a great example for his peers.
- Cooper for always showing the Wang West values of Respect, Success, Connection and Safety. Not only that, but for also being our tech guru, we would be lost without you there and if we could give you a student of the week every week, we would! Thanks for being a great role model Coop!

Student OF THE Week

- 4SM** Tatum It is lovely to have such a caring and kind person like you in our class. You are always making sure everyone is OK and invite all to play with you. Thanks for making everyone feel welcome and loved.
- Maya Well done on the effort you are putting into your reading and achieving your reading goals. Keep up this positive mindset.
- 5C** Raman for being a kind and generous member of the 5C community. Always willing to help out peers in need!
- 5D** Emily For using your knowledge of sentence structure to create a variety of interesting and purposeful sentences to engage the reader and make your idea clear.
- 6P** Scarlet For her enthusiasm and engagement in her West Fest project. You've been a positive role model to your group, and we cant wait to see your stall come together! Keep up the great work!



WANGARATTA
HIGH SCHOOL

DISCOVERY DAY

Grade 5/6 students come on down and experience High School life.

- Interactive activities
- Sausage sizzle
- Subject tasters

Tuesday, 21st NOVEMBER, 2023



JOIN THE FUN!

**NAB AFL AUSKICK SUMMER HUB
HP BARR RESERVE WANGARATTA**

**4 Weeks - Wednesday Nights 4:15pm - 5:15pm
Starting 18th October 2023**

For ages 5-8 years

REGISTER NOW



PLAY FOR KICKS

Superkick is next level fun for 8 to 12 year olds who are new to footy, or want to continue to grow their skill levels.

HP BARR RESERVE WANGARATTA

WEDNESDAYS 4:15PM

18TH OCT - 22ND NOV

5 WEEK PROGRAM

AFL

PLAY

Superkick



PLAY NINES

HP BARR RESERVE WANGARATTA

WEDNESDAYS 5:30PM
18TH OCT - 22ND NOV
6 WEEK PROGRAM



PLAY

COMPETITIONS:
YOUTH (13-17 YEARS)
OPEN (18+)

MIXED & WOMENS COMPS



AusBike

AGES 5 - 12



A new national program, designed by Australia's peak cycling body, AusCycling, is running at Wangaratta Cycling Club.

AusBike gives kids the essential skills to experience the freedom, fun and adventure of life on a bike.

AusBikers are safe & active kids!

Our accredited coaches will help build your child's competence and confidence on two wheels...and who knows where their love of riding will take them?!



 REGISTER NOW

Project 365

U can cry!



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THE RIPPLE EFFECT

LIVE MUSIC BY LOCALS
PROMOTING POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25TH
WANGARATTA RODEO GROUNDS

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

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