

What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 17th December

Final Day of Term 4

Friday 18th December

Curriculum Day

Thursday 28th January

2021

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Friday 29th January 2021

Term 1 Begins

Ongoing

Virtual Tours



NAIDOC WEEK

This week each class participated in activities to celebrate NAIDOC week. This is traditionally celebrated in July each year however, was postponed to November due to COVID. NAIDOC stands for the National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee. It is a significant week in the Australian calendar, and an especially important one for many Indigenous communities around the country. It is a week to celebrate our culture and heritage, commemorate our history, unify our communities, and to share with the rest of the nation.



2021 Fees & Charges

Today your child will bring home the 2021 Fees & Charges form. For those families that have opted to purchase their own stationery packs, an itemised list is on the back of the fees with brands and quantities required so that all students have the same books etc. For those families that have requested to purchase their child's pack through the school, please ensure that payment is made prior to their first day of school next year being Friday 29th January 2021. For 2021 prep families, you can collect a copy of your child's fees at the office. Payment details and office open hours the week before school starts next year are also included on the front page. If your child is not at school today or doesn't bring this home, spare copies are available at the office.

Remembrance Day

On Wednesday our entire school observed one minute's silence at 11am in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. One of our school captains, Freddie, articulated the importance of the day by leading the minute of silence and reading the poem 'In Flanders Fields' by John McCrae, broadcast across the speaker system. Across the school you could have heard a pin drop and it was really pleasing to hear teachers speaking afterwards about the way students demonstrated respect and understanding.

Assembly Link

We are continuing to run our weekly assembly (every Friday at 2.30pm) via Webex. Please use the link below each Friday if you would like to join our assembly:

Meeting link: <https://bit.ly/3oFCKIk>

Meeting number: 165 658 6523

Password: 3677

Empathy Week

This week the school has been promoting the value of EMPATHY with each class has participating in a range of activities to celebrate the value. Congratulations to Harriet and Zahra from Prep A who were the lucky recipients of the empathy lunch!



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.

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.

Garden Club

Our veggie patches are looking magnificent! The Garden Club has been getting their hands dirty preparing the patches for the summer veg. A big thank you to Lindsay Edwards and Cathryn Barrett who have been coming in on weekends giving the garden a little extra love.



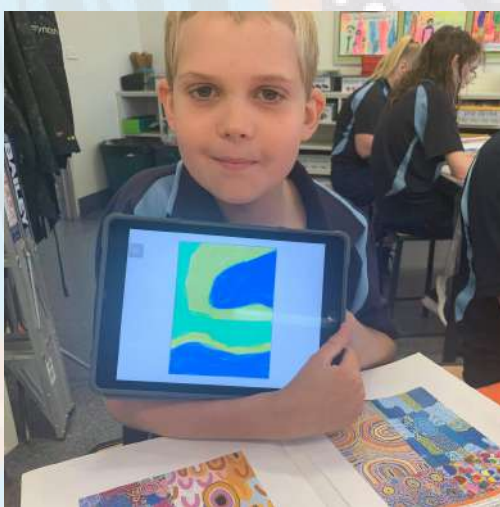
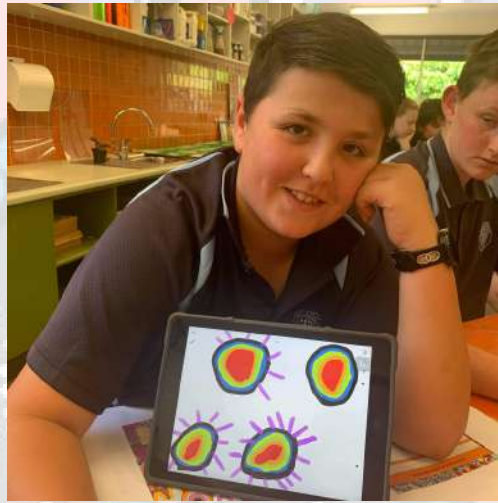
Toilets

Our new toilets will be handed over next week, ready for use!

★★★Principal's Award★★★

Patrice 3WV - for the resilience she has shown managing a new situation. Well done Patrice for continuing to focus on your learning and being your usual happy and respectful self throughout this change.

NAIDOC WEEK

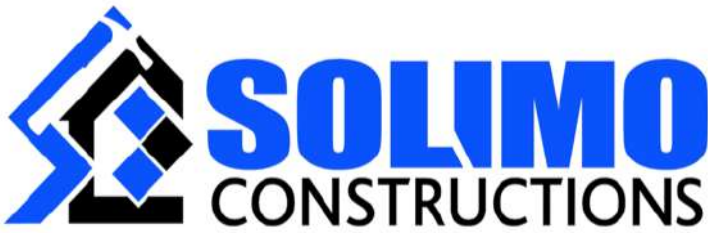




STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- Prep A** Scarlett for her awesome effort sounding out new words when she reads her readers. Keep it up, Scarlett!
- Prep C** Indigo for her beautiful reading and writing. It is pleasure to listen to you read and hear your stories. It is also awesome to hear you explain how you have worked on maths problem. You articulate your thoughts brilliantly. Well done Indigo.
- 1C** Matilda for improvement in the way she thinks about her reading and can answers tricky questions about the text that start with WHY?
- 1J** Max for the empathy he displayed towards another student in our class. It was absolutely beautiful to see you demonstrating this school value! Well done Max.
- 2SS** Ollie Well done on the effort and commitment to following the school values and bettering himself and his behaviour.
- Hayley For being a positive and trustworthy member of the class. You can be trusted to complete tasks independently and to a high standard.
- 3R** Ellie for showing empathy for her classmates by offering to bring in spare tissues in a high pollen week. Thank you for caring for your classmates!
- Issy for her incredible effort during our assessment week. Thank you for caring for yourself by making strong choices!
- 4AP** Aidan For his motivation and enthusiasm to achieve his goals in mathematics. Keep it up, Aidan!
- 4P** Amelia for sharing with the class your working out so that you could find your error and work through it. Demonstrating your amazing Growth Mindset!
- 4M** Bailey For his artistic flair during our NAIDOC Week activities.
- 5C** Cooper
Fern
Aniston
Elliot for the fantastic use of verbs, nouns, adverbs, and adjectives in your cold write. What a great read - keep it up!
- 5G** Max for always showing sportsmanship and encouragement to fellow teammates during lunchtime organised sport. Your positive attitude is admirable, keep it up Max!

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