

What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 21st July

**Grade 2 Melbourne Zoo
Excursion**

Thursday 27th July

Grade 3/4 Cyber Safety

Tuesday 1st August

Grade 5/6 REACH Program

Wednesday 2nd August

Grade 3/4 Cyber Safety

Grade 5/6 REACH Program

Thursday 3rd August

Book Fair

Grade 5/6 Cyber Safety

Friday 4th August

Book Fair

Grade 5/6 AFL 9's

Monday 7th August - Friday

11th August

Grade 3/4 Swimming

Friday 11th August

Mal Webster Author Visit

Grade 5/6 AFL 9's

Friday 18th August

Curriculum Day

Monday 21st August

Book Week & Open Morning



Welcome back to Term 3! I hope you all had a wonderful fortnight with your child/ren and that they were excited to head back to school this week. We have jumped straight back in to school life and it was great to see how settled classes were on the first day back as they resumed established routines and got straight back to work.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Parent Teacher Interviews on Wednesday. All classroom teachers still had spots available so luckily no-one missed out on the opportunity to meet with their child's classroom teacher. Time slots with the specialist teachers however were in high demand and filled up quickly! It was so lovely to see parents and carers coming and going throughout the evening and hearing the teachers talk about how nice it was to highlight the progress students have been making not only academically but also in their social and emotional development. Please remember that if you were not able to make it in on Wednesday and would like a chance to speak to your child's teacher, please send them a message via Seesaw to make an appointment at a suitable time.

Curriculum Day

Just a follow-up reminder that our final curriculum day (pupil free) for the year will be held on **Friday August 18th** so that you can add it to your diaries now.

As mentioned previously, the day will focus on completion of the fourth and final day of training in Trauma Informed Practice led by Berry Street. Our staff have taken a great deal of learning away from the first three days so it will be fantastic to see it all come together in this final day of professional learning.

School Captains

At this week's assembly our new school captains Mia Zachariou, Jack Vincent, Xander Haynes and Ellouise Jones formally took over and did a brilliant job. We look forward to watching them grow and develop as leaders, and set a brilliant example for others, throughout the second semester of the year.

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.

Author Visit

On Monday and Tuesday we welcomed Jodi Toering to our school to work with 50 of our strongest writers across years 3, 4, 5 and 6. This was an amazing extension opportunity for these students, provided by PETAA (Primary English Teaching Association Australia). Her book Mallee Sky was used as a mentor text during the sessions and was loved by students. Our staff also greatly appreciated the opportunity to observe her in action! Mr. Lawford commented:

"Jodie's visit to the Wangaratta West Primary School was an absolute delight, leaving a lasting impression on our students. Through her skilful implementation of literacy techniques, such as "show, don't tell," personification, metaphors, and engaging the 5 senses, Jodie truly brought students' writing to life. Jodie's small interactive activities throughout the visit not only engaged the students but also led to lively game shows that effectively demonstrated their grasp of the employed techniques. It was amazing to observe how Jodie artfully crafted passages utilising "show, don't tell," generating diverse atmospheres within the same locations, captivating the imagination of our students. Jodie made it a point to get acquainted with each student and even collected writing samples from each student, offering written feedback with next steps for their writing journey. We are grateful for the enriching experience Jodie provided for our students."

We look forward to working with her again when she presents to our staff at an after school meeting in the second week of Term 4.

Family Portrait Fundraiser

This term we are collaborating with The Occasion Studio to offer an amazing family portrait opportunity. For \$25 you will receive a photography session where you can have photos taken of the entire family as well as individual children, groups, etc. You will then have the opportunity to select your favourite photo from the collection to be used on an 8x10 inch plaque mount. As a bonus, the school will receive \$20 from every order to go towards our fundraising efforts!

Photography sessions are available August 2nd to 4th between 4 and 7PM. To place your order, go to <https://compasstix.com/e/r4ksy51llw>.

My family took up this offer recently as part of a kindergarten fundraiser and we absolutely love our family plaque. It is a fantastic fundraiser and a great opportunity to get that beautiful family photo with everyone in it (a scarcity!)

Breakfast Club

Our Wang West Breakfast Club will be back up and running next week. Come along to the hall from 8:00 - 8:30am and share a delicious and nutritious breakfast with your friends!

Staffing Changes

We have sadly farewelled **Trudee Seymour** and **Trish Phyland**, both amazing and long-standing Education Support staff members, who retired on the last day of term. Trish had been with us for 12 years and Trudee has been at Wangaratta West on and off since she was a student herself at the school (just a few years ago!)

We are also sadly losing **Lauren Flynn** next week as she will be returning to the medical field. Our school won't be the same without these three incredibly kind and compassionate women who have inspired, adored and supported countless students over the years but we wish them all the very best for the next steps in their lives.

Stay warm and take care,

Kristy



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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

Student OF THE Week

- Prep A** Daisy for her amazing effort when completing her holiday writing. It was great to see you challenging yourself to write more, form neat letters and hear and write lots of new words. Well done, Daisy!
- Prep D** Bobby For working really hard in writing and having a go at sounding out unknown words. Keep up the great work, Bobby!
- Prep O** Jagger Well done Jagger, for working super hard during our decoding words lesson! You concentrated on having your letters formed beautifully and made sure you wrote down all the sounds you could hear, keep up the great work!
- Lucy For being a superstar role model and helping others settle back into the routine of school after holidays. Thank you for brightening our class with your kindness - we are very lucky to have a friend like you in Prep O!
- 1J** Bernie for always having such a positive attitude about not only his learning but also all aspects of school. Bernie, it is such a pleasure to be your teacher!
- 1M** Duke For always being enthusiastic about his learning and working really hard on his reading and writing last term. Your efforts are paying off Duke. Keep up the superstar work!
- 1ZC** Bryce For a wonderful start to term 3. You've been trying your hardest in all areas and showing a real interest in your learning. Well done!
- 2B** Ollie for the confidence he is showing in his writing. Your letter to persuade Mr B of his new favourite animal was sensational! Keep up the good work!
- 2C** Marliah For always having a smile on her face and being engaged in every learning activity in the class with enthusiasm.
- 2K** Abigail Well done Abby for practising being resilient this term. You have found some great strategies to help when you need it.
- 3G** Aiden For always sharing his knowledge and strategies with the class during our maths lessons and helping us to learn more in any area we are studying. Thank you Aiden.
- 3P** Bruce for the positive start made to Term 3! Bruce has engaged in all his learning and is working especially hard on his handwriting. Great start Bruce, keep it up!
- 4MV** Harry L Harry Liu for the positive start he has made at Wangaratta West. Harry has a great can do attitude and has already made some great friendships. Well done Harry!
- 4SM** Harry For the positive way that you have begun term 3. The way you have applied yourself in our new Daily 5 sessions is wonderful! Keep it up, Vinno!

Student OF THE Week

- 4SM** Hunter Thanks for being a caring and considerate member of our community. We appreciate you and your care of others.
- 5C** Raman for displaying our school value of success by putting in a high amount of effort into his reading responses. Well done, Raman!
- 6P** Eli For the effort and persistence shown when creating your stop motion on Gallipoli. Your attention to detail, creativity, and dedication shone through, captivating us all. Keep up the remarkable work, Eli,
- 6S** Gus for your excellent work on your Stop Motion film. Gus the effort and dedication you have put into this is amazing. We can not wait to see the final product. Keep up the great work!
- Willow for your excellent work on your Stop Motion film. Willow the effort and dedication you have put into this is amazing. We can not wait to see the final product. Keep up the great work!

PANGERANG BREAKFAST CLUB



FREE..... EVERY TUESDAY
8am

Bring the kids for a nourishing breakfast .
Cereals, toast, baked beans, fruit, juice & milo
provided.
No Bookings required!

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