

What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES

Ongoing
Virtual Tours

Friday 21st August
Learning Pack Pick Up
12 - 4pm

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Recruitment

AUSLAN - Congratulations to Sharon Sealey who was recently appointed as our AUSLAN teacher for 2021 and beyond. It will be great to have Sharon leading the implementation of this new language at our school.

Education Support – Welcome to Pat Eefting who was recently appointed as an Education Support staff member for the remainder of the 2020 school year. It is great to have Pat joining the team.

North East Victoria Region Area Principal Forum

On Wednesday it was my absolute privilege to present at the NEVR Area Principal Forum, sharing our school's approach to the use of technology to support teaching and learning. I was asked to provide examples of how staff are using digital technology tools and online platforms to support engaging, meaningful teaching; capture student learning through written and audio/video reflections; provide feedback; and communicate with students, parents and carers. I felt incredibly proud to present the outstanding work of our staff and thank Xavier Norden for his leadership in this area.

Parent & Carer Feedback Survey Form

We would love to hear your feedback regarding our new and improved version of Remote and Flexible Learning – model 2.0. If you would be willing to share your thoughts, please follow the link below to a quick survey:

<https://forms.gle/DHFtvd1Wfq8hqZor6>



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.

Safe on Social

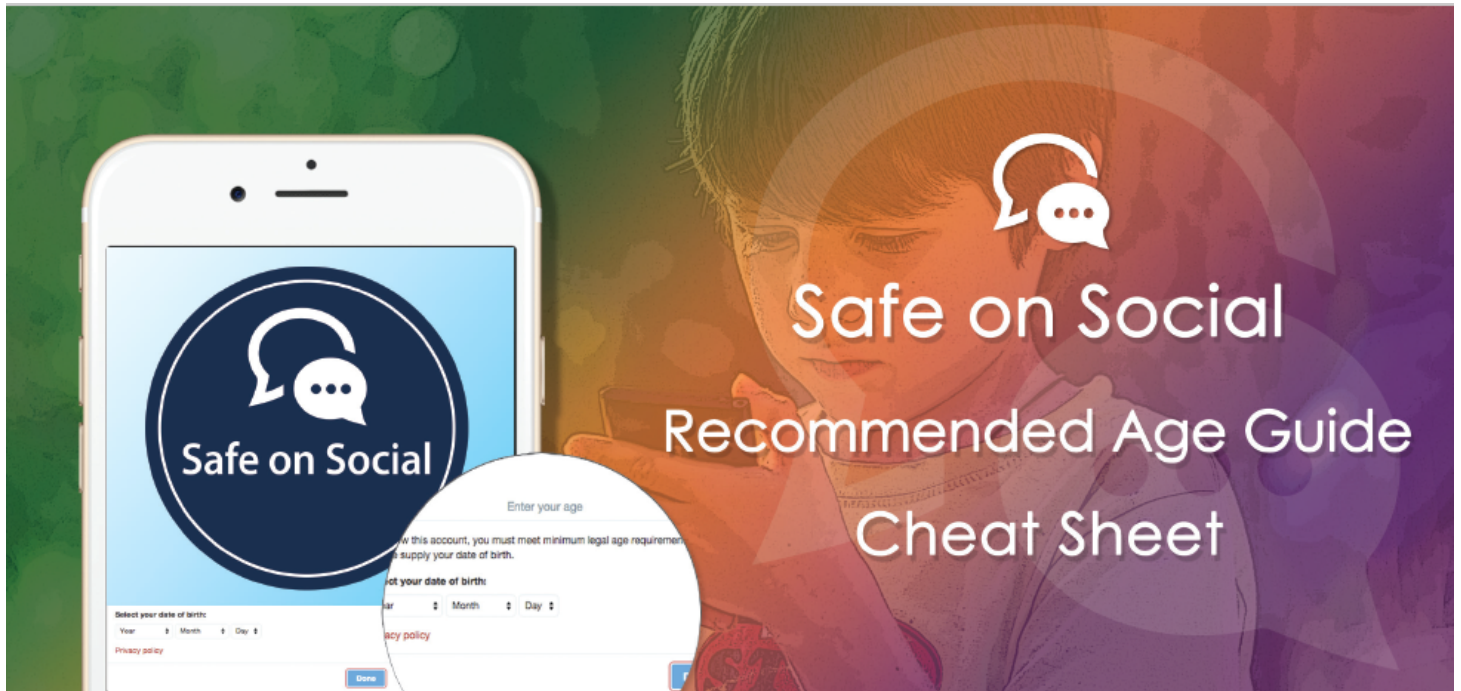
Following on from our Safe on Social presentation, we will be adding information for parents and families about certain social media and online platforms to our newsletter.

If you ever have any questions regarding how you can ensure the safety of your children when online or using digital technology, please contact our office for additional resources from Safe on Social.

In this week's newsletter we have some information relating to the age recommendations for popular applications that your children may be using or requesting to use. Also attached to the email of this newsletter, is a "cheat sheet" of information about the app that is of current debate in Australia and that Safe on Social warned was unsafe for children - TikTok.

Kristy Keenan
PRINCIPAL





Social Media

Terms of Use - Minimum Age Requirements

ASK.fm	13+
Club Penguin Island	9+
Facebook	13+
Facebook Messenger	13+
Flickr	13+ (for users 13-17 years there are restrictions on the content they can both access, and who they can allow to view their material)
Google+	13+
Instagram	13+
iTunes	13+ (though younger children may access this through the Family sharing feature)
Kik	13+ (age of majority)
LinkedIn	16+ (with parental permission to 18)
Minecraft	All ages (parental permission required to create an account if user is under 13 yrs)
Moshi Monsters	All ages (directed at 6 - 12 year olds. If user is under 13, parent's email is required)
Musical.ly/TikTok	13+ (with parental permission up to 17 yrs)
Reddit	13+

Pandora	15+ (in Australia)
Peek Video	13+
Pinterest	13+
Playstation Network	18+ (younger children may play on a sub account, an adult must first set up a Master Account with parental controls)
Roblox	13+
Sarahah	17+
Skype	18+ (13 - 17 years with parental permission)
Snapchat	13+
Steam	13+
Tinder	18+
Tumblr	13+
Twitter	13+
Vimeo	13+ (13 - 17 years with parental permission)
WhatsApp	13+ (13 - 17 years with parental permission)
YouTube	13+ (with content further restricted with parental controls)
Yellow/Yubo	17+ (13 - 17 years with parental permission)



w: safeonsocial.com
e: wecanhelp@safeonsocial.com

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- 1C** Zoe For being able to write her numbers correctly. They are the right size, in the right spaces of the dotted thirds lines AND Zoe now uses commas as well as spaces, to separate her numbers.
- Sophie For reading 100 nights of reading. Great effort.
- 1DS** Tia For completing all of her remote learning activities each day and for presenting them beautifully, she even held her own Master Chief class! Keep up the wonderful work Tia.
- Ethan For impressing us with his amazing Bollywood moves!
- Audrey For challenging herself and extending matrix activities where she can. Great work Audrey!
- 1J** Ruby J for having such a positive and resilient attitude towards remote learning, and for your dedication to your learning. Well done Ruby, keep up the great work!
- 2SS** Jack for the superb effort that he is putting into remote learning. Each activity that he completes is with enthusiasm and joy. Keep it up Jack!
- Bridie for the enthusiasm and creativity when uploading videos. Your excitement is contagious and we look forward to seeing your videos.
- 4AP** Tiahna For completing high quality work whilst attending onsite learning. You're attention to detail is great, Tiahna and you're producing some really good work. Keep it up!
- 5C** Miley For her active engagement with Remote Learning 2.0. Keep up the great attitude towards your work!

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VIRTUAL TOUR



As you are unable to visit our school in person during these unprecedented times, we have put together a video that summarises many key aspects of what makes our school special.

Please use the password
West4642 to access the video.

For enrolment packs or queries, please
contact our office on 5721 3491



**SCAN HERE TO ACCESS
VIRTUAL TOUR, OR
VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

