

What's on in the West

School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 15th May 12 - 3:30pm
Learning Pack Pick Up

Mobile Library

Monday 25th May
Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 26th May
Grades Prep, 1 and 2 to recommence on-site learning

Monday 8th June
Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 9th June
Grades 3 to 6 recommence on-site learning

Ongoing
Virtual Tours



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear parents and carers,

The end (of remote learning) is in sight! I could not be more proud of the way students, staff and parents/carers within our school community have tackled the challenges that have arisen throughout this time, but I am also very much looking forward to welcoming our students back to school in the coming weeks. Please remember that we are here to help if and where we can, so don't hesitate to get in contact.

Thank you!

Parents and carers of students in years Prep to 2, in this week's learning package you will notice a little note and treat for you all to say thank you for your support, hard work, patience and commitment throughout this period of remote and flexible learning. I recognise that it was definitely challenging so I wanted to applaud you all for the wonderful job you have done and show our gratitude. Please note – the little treat is delicious, so make sure that you get to it before your child does!

Staged Return to On-Site Learning

Parents/carers of students Following advice from the Victorian Government on Tuesday 12 May, some students will be returning to school from Tuesday 26 May. The Victorian Chief Health Officer has advised that it is safe for Victorian school students and teachers to return to on-site schooling in a two-staged approach:

Stage 1

Monday 25 May: Pupil free day (Out of School Hours Care available)

Tuesday 26 May: Early years students (Prep to Grade 2) and all staff will return to on-site schooling.

Stage 2

Tuesday 9 June: Grade 3 to Year 6 students will return to on-site schooling, subject to health advice.

To ensure that we are following the Chief Health Officer's advice regarding social distancing, the following protocols will be in place:

- All school gates will be opened and parents/carers are asked to maintain 1.5m from others whilst entering/exiting and whilst on school grounds.
- Parents/carers of prep students only are permitted to drop students off/pick students up from classrooms. Parents/carers are not permitted on site before 8:45AM and before 3:15PM, and must maintain social distancing rules whilst on site meaning that no adults are permitted to congregate on site before or after collecting their child. Essentially, please collect your prep child and leave the school grounds as quickly as possible.
- In years 1-6 must drop off and collect students from one of our gates (unless there are specific circumstances that require you to come on-site or you are collecting/dropping off students to our Out of School Hours Care program). Please let your child know where you will meet them, and remember to maintain social distancing rules whilst waiting.
- No parents, carers or siblings are to enter classrooms.
- All contact with teachers must be made via Seesaw or email. Teachers will not be available for discussions with parents in person before or after school.
- Our playgrounds will still be out of bounds for all students and siblings.
- Please minimise visits to our school office and remember that only 2 adults are permitted in the office waiting area at a time.

Staged Return to On-Site Learning

- Please remember that if your child is unwell, they must not attend school. Any student with a fever, cough or sore throat will be isolated at school and parents/carers will be called for immediate collection.

We are attempting to avoid staggering drop-off and pick-up times as we realise the difficulties this may cause for families with multiple students so we implore you to follow the above rules. If adults congregate on site or around gates, we will need to review this and consider further measures.

For further information, the Department's latest advice on can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

Parent Survey

Learning from home is a big change for schools, teachers, students and families. We would love to know more about the experience for you and your family, so we are inviting you to please take the time to complete the Department of Education and Training's (DET) Learning from Home Survey. The information you provide will be used to drive school improvements.

The survey will be conducted online and should take 10 minutes to complete on any internet enabled device (desktop or laptop computer, tablet, smartphone) and is compatible with most browsers. The survey will be open until **Sunday 24th May 2020**.

Please be assured that your responses are completely confidential. The survey is conducted anonymously and it is important to us that you complete the survey as honestly as possible. Your comments in the final, open-ended questions will be provided back to the school.

Please follow the instructions below to complete the survey. NOTE: Only one parent from your family is invited to complete the survey.

To complete the survey, simply:

1. Click on the link below, copy and paste the text into your browser or scan the below QR code with your smartphone camera. This link will take you directly to the survey.

<https://www.orima.com.au/lfh/parents>

2. Select the School and Campus name below.

School Name: Wangaratta West Primary School

3. Enter the School PIN below.

PIN: 473385

4. When complete, please click on the 'FINISHED!' button at the end of the survey to submit your answers. Please note that the survey will time out after 60 minutes of inactivity.



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. We recommend that students enter classrooms between 8:45am and 8:55am to prepare for their day.

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.

School Lunch Orders

For students on-site, from next Thursday (28th May), lunch orders will again be available. Please use Munch Monitor to place your order.

Autism Spectrum Disorder Webinar

For students on the autism spectrum, returning to a school environment that may look, feel and operate very differently, and may present its challenges. As such, Positive Partnerships are delivering a free online webinar next week for teachers, parents and carers of students on the autism spectrum titled Returning to School- Preparing for Change. The webinar is free and all participants will receive a certificate upon completion. There will be two session times:

Tuesday 19 May 12-1pm

Tuesday 19 May 7.30pm-8.30pm

Please visit

<https://www.positivepartnerships.com.au/workshops-online-learning/webinars/returning-to-school-preparing-for-change> for further information or to register. Please note places are filling fast!

Education Support Personnel Day

Yesterday we celebrated all the wonderful ES staff we have at Wang West with a surprise morning tea! They are an integral part of our school staff and we're so appreciative of everything they do! We hope they enjoy their special day tomorrow.



Kind Regards,

Kristy Keenan

PRINCIPAL

Evie & Pog Colouring Competition Winners

Congratulations to our Evie & Pog colouring competition winners!



Thankyou to everyone who entered their beautiful work. We had over 50 entries, and it was very hard to choose so well done to you all!

We hope you love your Evie & Pog book prizes girls!

Remember you can go to Tania McCartney's website for more Evie & Pog fun activities - paper dolls, online jigsaw puzzles and more colouring.

All three books will be available to borrow at our Outside Library on Fridays - but be quick because these are too cute to last on the display tables for long!

Melissa



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- Prep A Flynn for his wonderful effort sounding out and writing tricky words in his writing activities. Keep it up, Flynn!
- Prep M Piper for consistently working so hard on all your learning tasks at home. I have loved watching the videos of you practising your sight words and your reader. Amazing effort Piper!
- 1C Matilda for working so hard on all her tasks at home during Remote Learning. I am especially delighted with how hard you are practising your reading strategies. Well done!
- Allaryce for giving everything her absolute best with the remote learning activities this week. I am so proud of you.
- 1J Zac for the amazing improvements he has made on his handwriting. It is so wonderful to see how much time and effort you have been putting in. Keep up the great work Zac!
- 2SS Bridie For the way in which you have tackled remote learning. Your video uploads are enthusiastic and demonstrate your commitment to your learning!
- Ry Thank you for your top effort and enthusiasm for remote learning. You are completing all set tasks and to a high standard! Well done Ry!
- 3HV Lily for working really hard and trying her best in all her Remote Learning activities. Your stories have been a highlight.
- Hazel for caring for her learning and giving 100% in everything she does both at home and her sessions at school. Well done Hazel.
- 3S Isaac for going above and beyond and making his own pair of shoes he designed.
- Willow for showing excellent resilience and persistence in all of her remote learning tasks.
- 4M Bailey for the consistent high standard of work completed independently whilst learning at school during remote learning. Well done, Bailey.
- 4P Lachlan for consistently completing his remote learning to an exceptionally high standard

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- 5C Cooper for his persistence with remote learning and the creative way in which he is solving and presenting his Maths activities on Seesaw. Keep up the great work!
- 5G Susie for her effort and determination towards remote learning. The effort you put into your learning activities is evident through your consistent communication and uploading of work to Seesaw. Your creative ideas for our procedure texts are fantastic. Keep up the great work!
- 6C Deacon for creating an exceptional presentation for his app idea in writing this week! Apple will be knocking at your door Deacon! Loved your idea, you've worked so well during Remote Learning, you should be proud of yourself.
- Jess for always applying her best effort to every aspect of her learning. Your impressive standard of work wows me every time Jess! Well done.
- 6MW Osten you have completed so much work during remote learning and we are so impressed! Your work ethic is incredible!



Wangaratta West
Primary School

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**

