

What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 20th October

Together We Will Be OK Day

Thursday 22nd October

Team Colours Day / Book Week Dress Up

Friday 23rd October

AFL Grand Final Public

Book Club Orders Due

Tuesday 3rd November

Melbourne Cup Day

Friday 18th Decemeber

Curriculum Day

Thursday 28th January 2021

Curriculum Day

Ongoing

Virtual Tours



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 4 here at Wang West is off to a flying start, and the students have done an amazing job of settling back into on-site school life and 'normal' school days. It really is a credit to them just how resilient they have been.

Please find below this week's updates:

New COVID-19 Procedures

As of this week, in addition to asking that parents/carers not walk students to and from class (unless in exceptional circumstances), we are now also asking that parents and carers refrain from coming into the office unless absolutely necessary. This is an additional effort to minimise the number of people entering our site as a COVID-19 precaution (particularly in light of recent positive cases in Shepparton).

If you need to speak to Anna or Tania, please call the office on 57213491 or 0477343814 and they will be able to help you. For instance, if you are dropping your child off late or picking them up early, please call the office and they will be able to sign your child in/out and organise for them to meet you at one of the front gates. We thank you in advance for assisting with this and helping to keep everyone safe.

Year 6-7 Transition

At present the Department of Education and Training (DET) have advised schools that they cannot organise on-site transitions for students moving from primary to high school, however if this changes in the coming weeks we will let you know. We will also advise of any virtual/alternative transitions organised by the secondary schools.

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.

Prep 2021 Transition

Thank you again to the parents/carers who gave feedback on this year's Prep transition process. We have used this feedback to make a number of adjustments. For example, to increase communication we have set up a Prep 2021 Seesaw page where we will be posting all information and answering questions as they arise. We have also planned for a longer transition session (2.5 hours) that incorporates a 30 minute play outside (at a different time to our current students) so that incoming Preps become familiarised with our school yard as well as our classrooms and teachers. We hope these small adjustments will prove highly beneficial for our incoming Prep students, particularly in light of the year they (and we all) have had.

West Fest Foods & Arts Festival

In the past, students at Wang West have been involved in an amazing production every second year. This year, (in an alternative year) we had planned to launch our West Fest Food and Arts Festival, showcasing the fantastic artistic skills of our students and the first class art program they have access to. However, due to the disruption caused by two periods of remote and flexible learning, we unfortunately had to postpone plans. We are, however, excited to announce that next year we will be launching this new initiative and planning is already underway. We hope this will be something special for students to look forward to.

Shelter

We are thrilled to announce that we will be reviving and improving our asphalt basketball/netball courts with resurfaced courts, the addition of a rubber area and the construction of a shelter over one of the courts, providing protection from the sun and rain. Works will begin soon and please find below a concept drawing of the area (this is just an example, not an exact representation).



Orima Parent Survey

Our school is again participating in the DET survey to seek your feedback on our strengths and areas for improvement. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst all parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey and responses will be anonymous. This year, the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 12th October** to **Friday 13th November**. It will be conducted **online**, only takes up to **20 minutes** to complete and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The Parent Opinion Survey link and pin will be texted to all families to ensure privacy and accuracy of results (rather than included within this email that is posted publicly).

As always, I will report back to you a summary of results and responses. Thank you very much in advance for your time, effort and support with this.

Locking of School Gate

Our school captains will be locking the gates each day at 9:10AM and unlocking at 3PM so any students arriving to school late will need to enter through the front gates closest to the office. We have not had any security breaches that have necessitated the locking of gates but are simply taking additional measures to limit people entering our school site during the school day.

School Council Update

At Monday evening's school council meeting the following was approved:

- The 2021 draft budget
- The stationary pack provider for 2021
- 2021 school fees
- The year 6 camp-
- Grounds work (netball/basketball court resurfacing and shelter construction).

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.

Curriculum Days 2020 & 2021

Our school council recently approved our first curriculum day for 2021 – Thursday 28th January. This will provide our staff with 2 days of intensive professional development prior to students starting on Friday 29th January. Also, just a reminder that the last day of this school year (18th December) will be our final curriculum day for the year to allow for detailed handover of student information between teachers. We are confident that this will enable a highly successful start to the year for all students.

Stationary Packs 2021

Thank you very much to everyone for responding so promptly to our survey asking if you intend to purchase stationary packs through the office for the 2021 school year. This will allow us to order the correct amount and avoid wasting money on unused packs. If you haven't yet responded, please do so Monday 9AM, or beyond that time, please call the office to advise of your preference.

Hats & Drink Bottles

Please remind your child to bring their hat and drink bottle each day as the weather is heating up now, and don't forget to label these to avoid them being lost in the endless sea of lost property!

Sick Kids

Please remember to keep your child home from school if they are unwell (sore throat, runny nose, fever, cough, etc.). We sincerely thank you for your cooperation with this.

Live Assembly

Today we ran our first on-site assembly and broadcast it live via WebEx so that parents/carers were able to join us. It was great to see members of our school community jumping on and hope they enjoyed seeing the kids wave as they accepted their awards. It is one of the (many) joys of my job seeing students run across the yard to accept their award!

☆☆☆ Principals Award ☆☆☆

Nabiha (3S) – for handling a very challenging situation in a calm, mature and resilient way. You reflect our school values every day and are a positive role model for others around you. Thank you Nabiha!

Have a great weekend.


KRISTY KEENAN
PRINCIPAL

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- Prep A** Judd For showing kindness and empathy towards his classmates when they are sad and consistently showing our school values. Well done, Judd!
- Prep C** Takayla For doing amazing reading, both at home and at school. I love hearing you read Takayla!
- Prep M** Henry For settling in so well to our class. You have already shown what a kind caring and helpful students you are. We are so lucky you have joined our class!
- Prep R** Dakota For making Mr Raison laugh with his hilarious writing.
- Finn For being friendly and inclusive with his classmates at all times.
- Grace For having a go at sounding out words on her own in her writing.
- 1C** Angus For being very caring towards a new students and helping him know our school and his routines. Such thoughtful and gentle ways made it easier for our new classmate to know what to do.
- 1DS** Cooper For demonstrating great enthusiasm and focus in our maths lessons this week.
- 1J** Maya H for her incredible writing this week. I am so proud of how much writing you have been doing and the detail you have been including. Well done, keep up the great work!
- 2M** Shaylee For always coming to class prepared and giving 100% with her work!
- 2SS** Kayden for settling back into the class after Remote Learning. It is lovely to see your smiling face Kayden.
- Ry Well done on the way you are completing your tasks without reminders. We are very proud of you Ry.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- 3WV** Lizzie For completing extra reading at home and always having a fantastic attitude to her learning.
- 4AP** Tala For her impressive improvement in her reading. Well done Tala, all your hard work is paying off!
- 4M** Clarence For dedication and commitment to all his learning.
- 4P** Bella For having such an impressive first week at Wang West. You have already shown many of the WWPS values, and we're happy to have you in 4P.



Woolworths Cricket Blast!

City Colts Cricket Club will be running Woolworths Blaster cricket program for season 2020/21.

Junior Blasters is for those junior cricketers who are either just starting out or have done only a season or two. As a guide Junior Blasters is suited to Preps – Grade 2. It is a fun session where everyone learns the skills of cricket and plays plenty of games.

Master Blasters is more game based and is for children who have played cricket for a couple of seasons but are not quite ready for underage junior competition.

Both sessions are run on a Friday night from 5.30pm at the Bill O'Callaghan Oval (Barr Reserve) under the direction of a Level 1 accredited coach. First session will be on Friday 30th October.

Register via Playcricket.com.au, enter Wangaratta as location and select City Colts as the centre, or for more information please contact:

Ross Moore 0409 186 640 or rmmoore@esc.net.au



Rovers United Bruck Cricket Club: All Junior Players Welcome!

RUBCC are powering up for an awesome season of cricket and we'd love to have you with us.

All ages are welcome to our successful and friendly club. Our aim is to help you develop your playing skills, build your cricket knowledge, enjoy the social side of being in a team and after the year we've had, how good will it be to be outside playing sport with your teammates?

More information about the club can be found on our website <https://www.rubcc.com.au/> and to lodge an expression of interest please email info@rubcc.com.au

We're looking forward to hearing from you!



Wangaratta Netball Association Representative Netball Tryouts Season 2021



WNA welcomes all interested players to attend our tryouts for the 2021 Representative Netball Season.

To be considered eligible for selection players must attend 2 out of the 3 trial dates for your age group.

TRIAL DATES

**17 & UNDER: Monday October 26th, Wednesday October 28th
& Wednesday November 4th, 6:00pm - 7:00pm**

**15 & UNDER: Tuesday October 27th, Thursday October 29th
& Thursday November 5th, 6:00pm - 7:00pm**

**13 & UNDER: Monday October 26th, Wednesday October 28th
& Wednesday November 4th, 4:30pm - 5:30pm**

**11 & UNDER: Tuesday October 27th, Thursday October 29th
& Thursday November 5th, 4:30pm - 5:30pm**

All trials will be held at WNA courts at the Barr Reserve.

Please make sure you wear appropriate footwear and bring your own water.

No representative or club shirts to be worn.

All players are to be registered online prior to tryouts at

<https://forms.gle/S97eMTV8duurgrSQZ>

13 & Under and 17 & Under registration closes 11:59pm 25/10/2020.

11 & Under and 15 & Under registration closes 11:59pm 26/10/2020.

Covid Safe protocols will have to be followed including no spectators and strict drop off and pick up times.

For further information contact Cameron Miller on 0422 984 167 or

cam_wna@bigpond.com

wangarattana.vic.netball.com.au

Wangaratta West is proudly sponsored by the following business.
We are grateful for their support and look forward to the Wangaratta West school community supporting them.



Jordan 0438 982 395

Primma Electrical
ELECTRICAL - SOLAR - AIR CONDITIONING
Ph: 0438 271 213

INSITE REAL ESTATE 03 5721 7995
72 Murphy St. Wangaratta
www.insiterealestate.com.au

Tailor Made
KITCHENS

Choices Flooring
by Aggenbachs
03. 57218900

Design House Interiors
1300 797 535

REFRIGERATION + AIR CONDITIONING
1300 856 588

20 TONE ROAD, WANGARATTA



Tree Pruning & Removal
Hedging
Contract Climber
Stump Grinding
Mulch Sales

FOR ALL YOUR ARBORICULTURAL NEEDS
For a free quote call Dan 0448 599 820

Aged Care Advice Retirement Planning
Values Based Advice Superannuation Advice
Personal Insurance Advice Wealth Creation

CONVENIENCE STORE • LOW COST FUEL
CAR WASH • OPEN 24 HOURS

03 5722 2226 | www.riwangaratta.com.au

Wangaratta West is proudly sponsored by the following business.
We are grateful for their support and look forward to the Wangaratta West school community supporting them.



TIM AUMANN

— P L U M B I N G —

PHONE 0438 572 957



Tyrepower

A1 Tyrepower Wangaratta



Karl's Glass

Glazing & Fabricating

- GLAZING
- WINDOWS
- SECURITY DOORS
- FLYSCREENS
- SHOWER SCREENS
- SLIDING ROBE DOORS
- SPLASH BACKS
- SASHLESS WINDOWS

MOB: 0423 430 132 carls@live.com.au 27 Hay avenue, Wangaratta



Butler's Pantry
Bakehouse

58 REID STREET, WANGARATTA

03 5722 1495

Worklocker

Unlocked, Stocked and full of Value



signeffects

PROFESSIONAL SIGN SOLUTIONS

McPhails

EST. 1969

GLOSS



PINKERTON SECURITY