

# What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday 20th February**  
5L & 6S Winton Wetlands  
Book Club Due

**Tuesday 21st February**  
School Photos

**Thursday 23rd February**  
School Disco

**Monday 27th February**  
5C & 5D - Winton Wetlands

**Thursday 2nd March**  
Grade 6 Leadership Camp  
2B, 2K & 2W - Winton Wetlands

**Monday 6th March**  
1J & 1M - Winton Wetlands

**Thursday 9th March**  
Prep D & Prep M - Winton Wetlands

**Monday 13th March**  
Labour Day Public Holiday



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Welcome to summer! The heat is on at the moment but our students are doing an amazing job of coping and working hard in the classroom.

Thank you to all of our parents and carers who have been working hard to get kids back into routine after the long break. We know it can be challenging to get students motivated in the mornings so we really appreciate the effort everyone is going to to ensure kids are at school every day and that they are here on time (between 8:45 and 9:00AM). It is just so important! If students arrive late, they not only miss important learning in the morning but often can feel anxious about entering the classroom when everyone else is already settled (and potentially looking at them). We completely understand that life happens and sometimes things pop up, but if you find yourself arriving late regularly it would be a great idea to reconsider morning routines early in the year so that students get into good habits.

The table below also shows how much education can be missed by having days off school regularly:

### Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

If students are ill they absolutely need to stay home, but wherever possible it's best to avoid days off. Thank you all for your help with this.

# 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.

## Professional Development

This week we were very lucky to welcome Glen Pearsall, an expert consultant on positive behaviour support strategies, to our school to work with our staff. He led an after school meeting with the entire staff, then worked with groups throughout the following day to provide strategies and answer questions that will help us to set up our classroom routines successfully and provide staff with a toolkit of strategies for responding to both desirable and undesirable behaviour.

Last Friday we also welcomed Misty Adoniou, writing consultant, to our school to work with staff during our curriculum day. There was such a palpable buzz of excitement in the air as staff engaged with the presentation which both affirmed and built on our current approach. We are really excited about the writing lessons that have now been planned for students this term!

At Wangaratta West Primary School we are absolutely committed to providing our staff with ongoing, high quality professional development so that we can continually refine our craft and provide the best possible learning environment and experiences for our students.

## Lunchtime Clubs

Like last year, we will again be running lunchtime activities for students during the first break (11:30-12:00). These are a great way for kids to make new friends with other students who share their interests. Please see further in newsletter for the timetable.

## School Council Nominations

Just a reminder that we are calling for nominations to fill four parent and two DET employee positions on our school council. I encourage anyone interested to nominate for a position by collecting a nomination form from the office or emailing me requesting one to be sent through. Nominations close next Friday, 24th February 2023 at 4pm.

## Hats

Following our Sunsmart policy, students need to wear a school hat (not cap) at break times. It is particularly important given the very hot weather we are experiencing at the moment. Students without a hat will need to play in the shade outside the hall. School hats can be purchased from Worklocker Wangaratta.

## Safe Drop Offs and Pick Ups

We have been contacted by concerned drivers that some parents/carers are dropping students and/or picking up students by stopping on the road rather than parking. Please help us to keep our students safe and avoid accidents by being patient and finding a park so that we can avoid a tragedy from occurring.

## Art Room Supplies

Please bring in clear soft drink bottles (all sizes) for an upcoming Art project. There will be a collection box outside the Art room door. Many thanks!

If you have any laundry detergent bottles (this shape) please donate, too.



# PRINCIPAL'S *Award*

**Indie M (6R)** for the resilience she showed when faced with a challenging situation. Indi you showed such maturity and understanding and the staff and I were extremely proud of the overcame disappointment.

## 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



**2023 AIP**

Here is a summary of our focuses at WWPS for 2023:

# 2023 AIP PRIORITIES



## NUMERACY

### **Focuses:**

Differentiation - support and extension  
Intervention  
Challenge & Engagement

### **Strategies:**

PD (Internal)  
PLCs and supported collaborative  
planning  
Formative Assessment  
Peer observations/modelling

### **Targets:**

- Increase % of students at or above the expected level in Number & Algebra
- Increase % of students making benchmark growth
- Decrease the disparity between males and females in top 2 bands & benchmark growth

## WRITING

### **Focuses:**

Writer's voice  
Engagement/motivation  
6+1 Traits & Mentor texts

### **Strategies:**

PD (Misty)  
PLCs and supported  
collaborative planning  
Formative Assessment  
Peer observations/modelling

### **Targets:**

- Increase % of students above the expected level

## ATTENDANCE

### **Focuses:**

#### **Reducing:**

- Undesplained absences
- Average number of days absent per student
- % of students with 20+ days absence.

### **Strategies:**

Data Wall  
Communication with parents/carers

## DISABILITY INCLUSION

### **Focuses:**

Formative Assessment  
Point of need teaching  
Intervention

### **Strategies:**

PD  
Supported collaborative  
planning  
High quality IEPs  
Reading Intervention/TLI

## WELLBEING

### **Focuses:**

- School Wide Positive Behaviour Support
- Resilience
- Berry Street Trauma Informed Practice
- Positive classroom culture

### **Strategies:**

- Professional Development (Berry Street + Glen Pearsall)
- Learning Walks
- Behaviour support
- Presentations for students

### **Targets:**

- Increase positive endorsement in Student Attitudes to School Survey in relation to:
  - Effective behaviour
  - Resilience
  - Attitude to attendance



## School Photos

School photo day is **Tuesday 21st of February** and all orders need to be placed through Compass. If you don't have your Compass login details or you are having trouble logging in, please contact the office on 57213491.

**PRE-PAY ENVELOPE**

More products and options available - **Order Online!**  
[www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au)

**Premium Pack**  
Group Photograph (as determined by your school) + 2x 10" x 8" + 1x 5" x 7" Black and White Portrait + 1x 5" x 7" + 4x 5" x 3.5" + 4x 1.7" x 1.2" + Portrait Download (Print quality)  
See Overleaf →

**Classic Pack**  
Best Value for Money  
Group Photograph (as determined by your school) + 1x 10" x 8" + 1x 5" x 7" + 2x 5" x 3.5" + 3x 3.5" x 2.5" + 4x 1.7" x 1.2" + Portrait Download (Print quality)  
See Overleaf →

**Value Pack**  
Popular Choice  
Group Photograph (as determined by your school) + 3x 5" x 7" + 2x 5" x 3.5" + 3x 3.5" x 2.5" + 4x 1.7" x 1.2" + Portrait Download (Not print quality)  
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**Essential Pack**  
Group Photograph (as determined by your school) + 4x 5" x 7" + 4x 1.7" x 1.2" + Portrait Download (Not print quality)  
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**Basic Pack**  
Group Photograph (as determined by your school) + 1x 5" x 7" + 2x 5" x 3.5" + 3x 3.5" x 2.5" + 4x 1.7" x 1.2" + Portrait Download (Not print quality)  
See Overleaf →

**Gift Pack\***  
All 12 items  
\*Only available when purchasing one of the packs listed above.  
3 x Photo Bookmarks 6" x 2" + 3x 2" x 1.4" + 1x Door Hanger 10" x 4" + 1x Photo Calendar 5" x 7" + 4x Photo Gift Tags 3.4" x 2.5"

**Group Only**  
Group Photograph (as determined by your school)  
See Overleaf →

**msp photography**

**100% Money Back Guarantee**  
(conditions apply)

**CAPTURING SCHOOL MOMENTS**

## Be a Chorister for a Day, 10.00am-11.30am Saturday 25 February 2023

The Holy Trinity Cathedral Choristers is a youth choir for children in local schools. We offer music education through the Royal School of Church Music Voice for Life program. The Choristers is a great way for children from different schools to work together and make friends while performing great music during the school term.

Be a Chorister for a Day is a great way to come and find out about the Holy Trinity Cathedral Choristers, what it involves, and how you might enjoy it while reaping wider benefits in literacy and maths. Entry is open to children from grade 3 upwards.

To register please visit: <https://beachorister.eventbrite.com.au>

Enquiries to the Director of Music, Kieran Crichton: (03) 5721 3719

## Book Club

Book Club orders are due by **Monday 20th Feb**, online via LOOP. Don't forget the ordering bonus for this issue - you could receive up to **THREE FREE BOOKS!**

Receive	When you spend over
1 Free Book	\$30
2 Free Books	\$50
3 Free Books	\$70

LOOP orders only. Conditions apply.

THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

# SCHOOL DISCO

PREP & GRADE 1'S - 4:00PM-4:30PM  
 GRADE 2'S, 3'S & 4'S - 4.30PM-5:15PM  
 GRADE 5'S & 6'S - 5:15PM-6:00PM

## \$5 ENTRY

DRINK & ZOOPEE DOOPER WITH ENTRY

Pay upon entry at the hall doors

Pick up at the end of the disco can be made from the bike shed and Grade 3/4 playground. Please be advised that all students **MUST** be picked up by an adult, or communicated prior of leaving with another family.

No students will be able to leave without sighting an adult - sorry - it's our duty of care. Thanks for your understanding. All funds raised will go towards the continued beautification of our school grounds, including a water bore to keep our grass green!

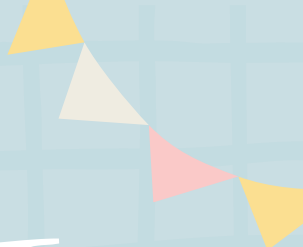
# Student OF THE Week

<b>Prep D</b>	Finley	For excellent focus in class and always being polite and caring towards others. Well done, Fin!
<b>Prep M</b>	Carter	For having an amazing start to Prep! Thank you for being a positive member of the classroom and trying your best with all of your work!
<b>Prep O</b>	Lenny	Shout out to Lenny for being responsible for his own learning and always being ready to participate! You have shown wonderful body control by always placing yourself on the floor where you know you will best learn. Thank you for bringing so much enthusiasm to our classroom!
<b>1ZC</b>	Eden	for being a wonderful class member who always shows the school values.
<b>2B</b>	Maya	for always following instructions the first time and being a leader for our transitions in between tasks. You are setting such a wonderful example for our class, Maya!
<b>2WR</b>	Mason	For reading at home each night this week and for showing perseverance during our lessons. Keep it up, Mason and you will have a very successful year!
<b>3G</b>	Reese	For being checked in and ready to learn during whole class and independent learning times.
<b>3RH</b>	Xavier	for his hard work and concentration in all lessons. A brilliant start to Grade 3!
	Freya	for her wonderful start here at Wang West. You've fitted in beautifully. Well done Freya!
<b>4MC</b>	Gerrich	You are always smiling and we are so pleased you are a part of 4MC. This week, we were super impressed with your efforts in reading and writing. Well done
<b>4SM</b>	Logan	A big hi-five for the way you have begun your year. You make sure you are ready to learn each morning and set yourself up for a successful day! Keep it up Vinno!
<b>4WM</b>	Shane	For settling in beautifully here at Wangaratta West.
<b>5C</b>	Ruby	for responding to a text by asking questions using text clues. Well done, Ruby!
<b>6P</b>	Tyson	Thank you Tyson for being such a positive role model in our classroom. Your focus on your Winton Wetlands writing task shows your passion and understanding for the environment and outdoors. Be proud of your efforts and your knowledge!
<b>6R</b>	Baiden	for representing our school in such a positive way during our Winton Wetlands excursion. Thank you for your insightful discussions and constant enthusiasm, BZ - we love to see it!





# LUNCHTIME CLUBS



## MONDAY

**DRAWING &  
COLOURING**  
PREP D - MRS DALY

**READING**  
LIBRARY - MS COATS



## TUESDAY

**DRAWING &  
BOARD GAMES**  
2WR - MRS WEBSTER

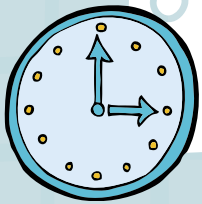


**OUTDOOR GAMES**  
COURTS - MR LAWFORD

## WEDNESDAY

**READING**  
LIBRARY - MISS KITTELTY

**DRAWING &  
COLOURING**  
6R - MISS RAISON



## THURSDAY

**MINECRAFT**  
HALL - MR D'ANTONIO

**PLAYDOUGH**  
4SM - MRS SOLIMO



## FRIDAY

**SCIENCE**  
SCIENCE - MR RAISON





**WANGARATTA NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

**NETSETGO 8-10 years Competition  
(Grade 3 and 4 players)**

Modified game for girls and boys aged 8-10 years. Incorporates skills development at training sessions and round-robin games with the emphasis on participation and having fun while learning the game of netball.

Commencing Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 from 11.30am-12.30pm for 12 rounds.

Team registrations close 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023 on Netball Connect.

Contact your local primary school or view our website, wangarattanetball.com or Facebook page for further information



**WANGARATTA NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

**NETSETGO 5-7 years (Foundation, Grade 1 and 2)**

The program introduces girls and boys aged 5-7 years to learn basic netball skills through various skills and drills.

Friday from 4.30pm - 5.30pm for 8 weeks commencing 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at the netball courts.

Participant registrations open online via Netball Connect on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

Further information on our website, wangarattanetball.com or Facebook page



**WANGARATTA**  
marathon & fun  
**Chronicle RUN** **GARRY NASH & CO. REAL ESTATE**  
EST. 1981

**Sunday 19 March 2023**

Total cash prize pool of over \$5000 plus trophies and gift packs

**ENTER NOW**

For further information and to register go to [wangarattamarathon.com.au](http://wangarattamarathon.com.au)



**MARATHON**  
**HALF MARATHON**  
**10KM**  
**5KM**  
**2KM PRIMARY SCHOOL CHALLENGE**

Sponsored by



Supporting Partner



*Junior Netball Competition*

**WANGARATTA NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

**11 to 17 years**

Commencing Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023 from 8.30am - 11.30pm for 14 rounds.

Online Team registrations via Netball Connect close 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

Further information on our website, wangarattanetball.com or Facebook page





**SIGN UP!**  
**2023** (raising awareness of depression and suicide prevention)  
**1 DAYER**  
 19TH MARCH 2023



WANGARATTA  
 VICTORIA

**SAVE THE DATE  
 SO YOU  
 DON'T MISS OUT  
 ON THIS ICONIC  
 RIDE!**

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 and join your local 1 Dayer!

Departing from Apex Park,  
 Wangaratta VIC 3677

[www.blackdogride.org.au](http://www.blackdogride.org.au)

**8 AUSTRALIANS TAKE THEIR LIVES EVERY SINGLE DAY, THAT'S ONE AUSSIE EVERY 3 HOURS LOSING THEIR LIFE TO THE BLACK DOG.**

On the third Sunday of March, Black Dog Ride is uniting under one banner with one voice on one single day to amplify a national message of hope, awareness and prevention.

Scan the QR Code to register

For more information contact ride coordinator  
 Kurt Dissegna  
 e: Kurt922@yahoo.com

**Fun & Creative Outdoor Activities, Challenges and Games**

**TERM 1, 2023 SPARTAN CHALLENGE**

*Our mission is to improve the social and emotional wellbeing of young people!*

- Group Challenges, Activities & Games
- Obstacle Course
- Fun & Engaging Coaches
- Health & Fitness
- Meaningful Experiences

**For any young person aged 4-12 years old. Young people will be placed in their own age group!**

**To sign up head to**

[WWW.MYFUTUREACADEMY.COM](http://WWW.MYFUTUREACADEMY.COM) BOOK-ONLINE

**My Future Academy SPARTAN!**

MFA's Spartan program aims to improve the physical and mental wellbeing of young people by being active with new friends in the great outdoors! For young people aged 4 - 12 years old.

Kids Spartan involves an obstacle course, team challenges, mindfulness, games and activities and is all about inclusion!

- Social & Emotional Wellbeing ✓
- Health & Fitness ✓
- Teamwork & Communication ✓
- Resilience ✓
- Improved self awareness, empathy and compassion ✓

Young people will be in their own age group and will be guided by one of our amazing coaches! We value the individual and aim to make our program as inclusive as possible. Our games do not align with competitive sport, yet an opportunity to move freely with their peers.

To register, please head to the website below

[www.myfutureacademy.com/book-online](http://www.myfutureacademy.com/book-online)