

What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday July 31
Book Club Due

Ongoing
Virtual Tours

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Here at Wang West we are feeling very fortunate to have returned to on-site learning given the current climate. The beautiful sunshine provided the perfect backdrop for students to catch up with their friends and teachers before then diving back into their learning.

Our school yard was a sea of blue and white striped beanies this week as a number of students donned their new school beanies! Thank you Kirby Phillips for designing and organising these for us. It is not too late if you would still like to purchase one as additional orders can be made.

Weekly Assemblies

We are trialling something new this term. From next week onwards we will be running our weekly assemblies at 2:15PM on Fridays, with Wang West TV returning fortnightly. This way we will be able to get stuck into learning activities first thing Monday morning when students are at their freshest, and can celebrate the week's achievements at the conclusion of the school week.

Book Club

New Book Club catalogues will be sent home with students today. Please place your orders online via LOOP at scholastic.com.au/loop. Orders are due back **Friday 31st July**.



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.

School Captains

It was my absolute pleasure to announce our new school leaders at this Monday's assembly, including a number of new positions. Congratulations to the following students:

School Captains – Freddie L, Levi Z, Zoe TG and Jess K

Media Captains – Kodee V and Sienna M

Head of House – Harry P and Beth T

Media captains will be responsible for adding student voice to our school newsletters, and will play a lead role in the creation of Wang West TV episodes, whilst Head of House captains will provide updates at weekly assemblies and help to coordinate house events.

On behalf of the whole school I would also like to thank and congratulate our four school captains from semester 1 on the outstanding job they did. Holly, Ellie, Merlin and Talon were organised, responsible and embraced every opportunity and change we threw at them. In particular, the way they transitioned from live assemblies to the creation of online weekly updates and back again was truly impressive. I will miss working with you all.



Grounds

We have begun landscaping around the new portables, with a colourful new rubber surface installed near the new Donald Street gate and another scheduled to be completed this weekend. This is part of our ongoing efforts to improve the overall appearance of our outdoor environment.



I was also blown away by the efforts of some of our students yesterday. Our new school captains Freddie and Levi noticed that some of our school bins were overflowing so took it upon themselves to empty them into the skip, whilst a group of year 1s worked together to fill a bag with rubbish just because they cared about the way our school looks. What amazing initiative by these students!



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.

Covid-19 Update

Our precautionary measures are continuing this term with additional cleaning throughout the day, provision of hand sanitiser and antibacterial wipes in all rooms, soap and (working) hand driers available in student toilets, and the distancing of tables etc. wherever appropriate.

Please remember that if you, your child, or a family member develops symptoms of a fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell or taste, they should get tested at a coronavirus (COVID-19) testing facility and stay home. We ask that you support us by not sending your child to school unwell.

If your child or a member of your family is tested for coronavirus (COVID-19), please let the school know as soon as possible, and again update us once you have received the results. Thank you all for your cooperation with this.

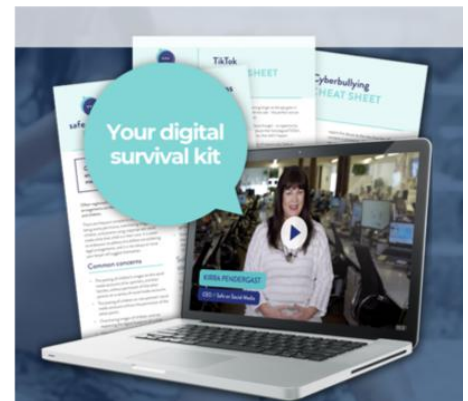
Safe on Social

We are excited to offer families the opportunity to engage in an online session with Kirra from Safe On Social. Kirra is a highly sought after presenter who provides current, relevant information to families to help protect children online. The topics covered in presentations include:

- Cybersafety - using social media with awareness
- What you signed up for –explaining terms and conditions of use and what they mean
- Keeping personal information private
- Online stranger danger (grooming)
- Posting and sharing photos
- Managing digital footprints positively
- Cyber-bullying, online harassment and how to report it.
- Online gaming safety
- Strategies to build resilience

Kirra will also cover the most popular social media apps being used in schools (YouTube, Instagram, Musical.ly, Snapchat, Roblox, Minecraft, Clash of Clans/ Clash Royale, Online Gaming, Fortnite etc.)– what they are, how they work, security and privacy tips for safe usage.

A parent session will be run on Monday 3rd August. We will provide further details in the weeks to come with a link that you can use to log on at home. I strongly encourage all parents/carers to view the presentation as this topic is extremely relevant to our students



Kristy Keenan
PRINCIPAL

Westy's Sports Report



NETBALL COMPETITION

Congratulations to Jayla K and Malo S who were awarded the Demi Walker Medal for this seasons most valuable players.



Beanies!



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- Prep A** Zoe for being such a wonderful teacher helper and for trying her best to be an active listener and show "ready to learn" behaviour. Keep it up, Zoe!
- Milly For always showing great team work by working hard and helping others during group activities and pack up times. Great work, Milly!
- Prep C** Fala For working really hard on his letters and numbers. You always try your best, Fala, ad should be proud of yourself.
- Prep M** Sam For working extremely hard at school and at home learning your sight words. You are amazing Sam!
- 1J** Hunter For his incredible reading during guided reading. Hunter showed great focus and persistence. Well done Hunter, keep up the great work!
- Pia For the way she has started Term 3 with such a positive and hard-working attitude. Well done Pia, keep up the great work!
- 2M** Mirah For a great start to Term 3 and always coming to class with a positive attitude towards her learning, great work Mirah!
- 3R** Braxton For his awesome improvement during reading, showing that all his hard work is paying off. Keep it up, Fresh!
- 4M** Laila For your approach to all your work and the way you are a friend to everyone. You are a great member of 4M.
- 5C** Dylan For actively setting up his Skimming and Scanning table and applying this concept to his reading warm-ups. Keep up the great work!
- 5G** Mia For her hard work and effort in maths. It is great to see the depth and detail you are putting into your maths reflections. Keep up the awesome work!
- 6C** Lexi For creating an absolutely AMAZING black out poem during our writing session this week. You should be so proud of yourself Lexi!

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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



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