

# What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 21st - Friday 25th  
August  
Grade 5/6 Swimming

Friday 25th August  
Casual Clothes Day - gold  
coin donation raising money  
for Hands on Learning

Wednesday 30th August  
Grade 3-6 Athletics Day

Thursday 31st August  
Prep-Grade 2 Athletics Day

Thursday 14th September  
RUOK Day



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### Mrs Mullins' Musings

This week started off with a colourful bang at The West with our Book Parade! The kids (and staff) looked sensational!!! It was so nice to see so many parents, grandparents, relatives and friends filling the yard and cheering on the students as they paraded their outfits. Thanks again to Jacinta Robinson and Bec McDonald for coordinating Book Week for us, and Stacey Hedderman and our students for the beautiful artwork that filled the space.

Thank you also to the Parents and Friends group who coordinated hundreds of hotdogs for the kids to enjoy. Thanks to Cassie for all of the organising and the team of helpers on the day – Katie Easton, Tanya McAlpin, Kristie Meggs, Amanda Beazley, Ethel Beazley and Jade Penney.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our amazing netball coaches and team managers who worked tirelessly as volunteers coaching 14 hours of training and 12 hours of games (plus all the behind-the-scenes preparation). Without them we wouldn't have any opportunities for our children to play netball so we give our heartfelt thanks to them all. What absolute legends!

So thank you to...

Jodie Wells and Meg Rickard  
Rheanna Lang and Jacinta Robinson  
Leah Dean and Stacey Hedderman

Laura Fisher and Rachel May  
Emere Te Tai and Cassie Kay  
Ebony Adamo and Nissa Smith  
Ricki Ryan, Kylie Wealands and Jane Elzinga

**GOOD  
LUCK!**

We wish the **Alfa Wolves** and **Westy Warriors** the very best of luck for the finals this weekend.

# 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.

## Gardening Greats

We also extend a huge thank you to Kristie Meggs, Amanda Beazley, Jamie Berry and Ethel Beazley who all spent a large chunk of Sunday de-weeding, mowing, whippa snipping and tidying our front veggie patch garden.

## Parents & Carers Survey

The Parent/Carer Survey is still open and we are currently sitting on a response rate of 10% (32 respondents). It would be amazing to increase this so if you have a spare 5 minutes, please fill in the survey via the link texted earlier in the week ☺.

## Just Keep Swimming

Our Grade 5 & 6 students are beginning their swimming program next week. The timetable is as follows:

5C & 5D - 11:15 am

5L & 6P - 12:30 pm

6R & 6S - 1:15 pm

Please remember to have items clearly labelled so they don't go missing!

## There's No Place Like Home

This week Danielle Ashmead, Jackie Gardner, Vanessa Daly and I trekked down to Melbourne to visit some other schools that are also Professional Learning Community Link (exemplar) schools like us. It was a fantastic opportunity to see what is happening in metro schools. We walked away with some ideas for how to strengthen what we are already doing but mostly the experience was very affirming as we already the same very strong routines and practices that we saw firmly embedded here at Wang West. We also left feeling very proud of what we have created over the years – a beautiful school with very strong, high quality planning and teaching and a sensational community vibe/culture.

On Wednesday we also welcomed our new Acting Senior Education Improvement Leader Karl Russell who has just taken on the role of supporting principals across the Benalla, Wangaratta and Mansfield area for the remainder of the year (the role I was in last year before returning home to The West). It was lovely showing him around and hearing his positive comments about the lovely settled classrooms, engaged kids, warm, welcoming staff and gorgeous grounds.

We really have something special here and I am so grateful to be a part of it.

Have a great week everyone!



# Student OF THE Week

- Prep A** Alexandor for working hard on keeping his hands to himself and always listening and following Mrs Allan's instructions. It's wonderful to see you making so many great choices in the classroom. Keep it up, Alexandor!
- Prep D** Elizabeth For working hard at sounding out her words when reading and writing. Keep up the great work, Elizabeth!
- Prep O** Ivy For being a rockstar with your sight words - all your hard work and effort has paid off! Mrs O'Connor and Kellie are very proud of you!
- 1J** Malia for always being so engaged in all learning tasks. You are always willing to participate and you give your best effort always, we love having you in our class!
- 1ZC** Kenzi for showing resilience both inside and outside of the classroom when faced with challenges and having an optimistic attitude.
- 2B** Hudson for the persistence he showed in counting money. It was great to see you come up with so many ways to make \$1! Well done, Hudson!
- 2C** Murray For the positive attitude that he always has towards learning and the kindness he displays to others. Murray approaches all tasks with a positive mindset and completes all activities. We loved the wonderful outfit you wore for book week. Keep up the great effort Murray!
- 2K** Wyatt Well done Wyatt for showing success during our money unit! You have learnt some great skills to help you count coins. Keep up the great work!
- 2WR** Macey For always displaying our school values! The persuasive techniques you used in your writing this week were fantastic.
- 3G** Harper For confidently and fluently reading our Acknowledgement of Country to the class this week. We were all so impressed and are so proud of the effort you have been putting in to improve your fluency. Well done!
- 4MV** Brax for the way he genuinely connected with the Grade 2 students during shared reading. Brax listened intently to all his Grade 2 partners and was a great role model, helping them with unknown words. Brax, what a way to show our school value of Connection! Great job!
- 4SM** Peyton For the way you ensure that all around you are OK. You do this naturally and are not seeking praise, just being you. You are wonderful, Robbo and we are proud to be your classmates.
- 4WR** Zoe You are an extremely valued member of our class. Your positive attitude and hard work don't go unnoticed.

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- 5C** Dallas for showing our school value of success by asking for help when he was completing a challenging task.
- 5D** Nate For bringing an improved mindset towards learning. You have shown a genuine interest when investigating how Australian's can better protect the Great Barrier Reef.
- 6P** Matilda For making adjustments to your learning and improving your focus. The poetry pieces you're creating in this unit of work are beautiful, Matilda. You are a brilliant, creative writer.
- 6R** Patrice for her succinct and thought- provoking reading responses to our mentor text unit. Thanks for sharing your ideas with us Patrice. Well done!
- Darby for continuing to develop his ability to speak up and share his thinking with others. Your ideas and contributions are so valuable to our classroom and we are lucky to be able to hear from you!



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# ATHLETICS DAYS!

**GRADES 3-6  
WEDNESDAY 30TH AUGUST  
APPIN PARK ATHS OVAL  
9:30AM**

**PREP - GRADE 2  
THURSDAY 31ST AUGUST  
AT SCHOOL  
9 - 11AM**

## CAN YOU HELP?

If you can help on the WEDNESDAY,  
please contact Demi Walker.





SRC FUNDRAISER FOR THE HANDS ON LEARNING TEAM!!

# Casual Day

FRIDAY THE 25TH OF AUGUST  
GOLD COIN DONATION



Project

365

*U can cry!*

# THE RIPPLE EFFECT

LIVE MUSIC BY LOCALS

PROMOTING POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25TH 2023

WANGARATTA RODEO GROUNDS

TWILIGHT MARKET & FOOD STALLS IN A FAMILY FRIENDLY  
ATMOSPHERE. GATES OPEN AT 3PM!

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!

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# PANGERANG BREAKFAST CLUB



**FREE..... EVERY TUESDAY**  
**8am**

Bring the kids for a nourishing breakfast .  
Cereals, toast, baked beans, fruit, juice & milo  
provided.  
No Bookings required!

St Michael's  
Church  
42 Appin  
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