

# What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 4th October  
Term 4 commences



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Here at 'The West' the staff and I were thrilled and very grateful to be able to welcome back our Prep-2 students (in addition to our on-site learners) last Friday. I know our 3-6 teachers are counting down the days until they too get their full class back face-to-face but in the meantime they are doing a wonderful job of covering the supervision of on-site learners, giving feedback to students at home and planning for next term.

With three lockdowns, this has certainly been a trying term, but fingers crossed after the break we return to normality for an enjoyable, productive final term for the year.

I wish everyone a very safe and happy holidays and look forward to seeing you on October 4th.

### Phillipson St Upgrade

We have been notified that Regional Roads Victoria Hume Region is planning to begin works next week (September 20th onwards) on Safer Cycling Corridor improvements on Phillipson Street, Wangaratta. During the works, temporary lane closures may be required at times and speed restrictions will be in place. There may also be minor traffic delays.

### Grounds Update

The school yard is certainly looking absolutely stunning at the moment, and it is about to get even better! We have just ordered new turf and a sprinkler system for the 'dust bowl' between the year 2 portables and the basketball courts. This is due to be installed in November.

### Speech Therapy

Congratulations to Samantha Scullie who has just been appointed to an ongoing speech therapy position at our school from 2022 and beyond. Sam has been doing an amazing job this year of supporting students at our school so we are thrilled that she is joining the team permanently. Congratulations Sam!

# 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.

## Spring Raffle Winners

Congratulations to our raffle winners!

- A \$500 voucher from the BBQ Garden & Providore for a BBQ Viking Feast for 8 - **Tanya McAlpin**
- Jumbuck Steel Fire Pit & Kindling Pack (Bunnings Wangaratta) (RRP: \$100.00) - **Katie Easton**
- 2 bottles of Adam's Rib Red Wine from Castagna Wines (RRP: \$100.00) - **Sarah Lloyd**
- \$50 gift card from Officeworks Wangaratta - **Leslie Gibson**
- Pack of six assorted spices from King Valley Spices (RRP: \$50.00) - **Michael Raison**
- Gift card for six small drinks from Madem Espresso (RRP: \$25.00) - **Bree Thewlis**

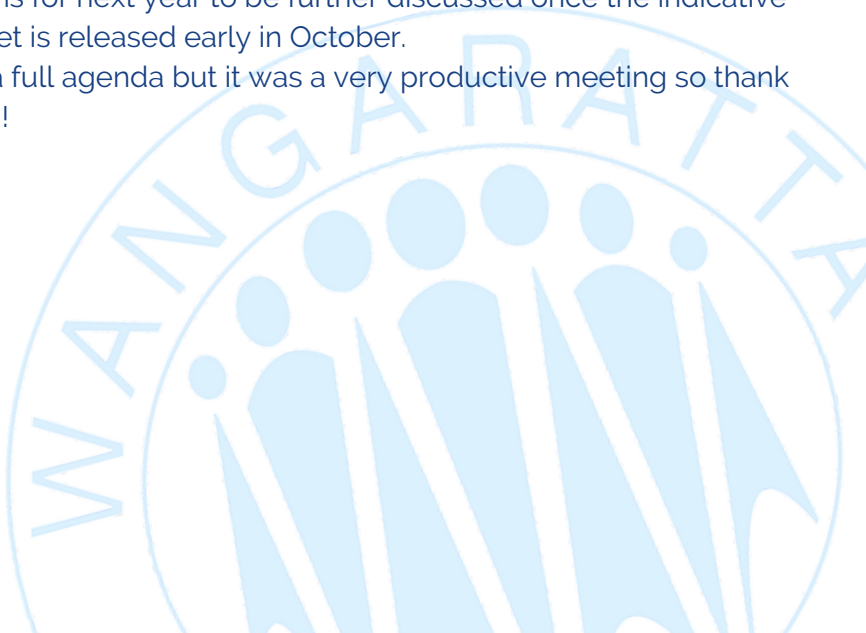
Michael Raison was drawn out as the Officeworks prize winner too, but didn't want to take a clean sweep so re-drew the prize! Thank you to everyone who bought tickets!

## School Council Meeting Summary

Our school council met on Monday evening (via WebEx) for our 5th meeting of the year. At this meeting:

- A new Parent Payment Policy for our school for 2022 was presented and approved.
- Our school review findings were presented within a document prepared by our reviewer. This public document is available on our website.
- A draft 2020-2024 Strategic Plan was presented and approved.
- It was decided that our current fundraising efforts would go towards the purchase of a new Hands On Learning shed and new concrete slab, as opposed to the alternative of re-cladding the original frame. The new shed option will be more expensive but will last longer.
- A number of options for grounds improvements were discussed and it was determined that turfing the area between the portables and the basketball courts would be completed this year, with options for next year to be further discussed once the indicative budget is released early in October.

We had a full agenda but it was a very productive meeting so thank you team!



# Student

## OF THE WEEK

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| <b>2C</b>     | Dax     | For the incredible contributions he makes to our classroom and how willing he is to help others around him. Your brilliance and kindness doesn't go unnoticed, Dax. We appreciate you so much! |
| <b>2SC</b>    | Gus     | Well done on the thought and effort that you have put into your sea creature habitat. The results of your effort and planning are phenomenal!  |
|               | Britney | Well done on the effort and planning that you have put into your sea creature habitat. The results of your effort and planning are awesome!  |
| <b>Auslan</b> | Annabel | For her absolutely amazing retell of Sally and Possum! Your finger spelling was brilliant! Keep up the wonderful work Annabel!   |
|               | 5GR     | Every week you all smash out the Auslan remote learning tasks. Every one of you tries your best and consistently completes work! Keep up the amazing efforts 5GR!!                             |



## “JUNIOR MUSTER DAY”

The Wangaratta Magpies Cricket Club is holding a Junior Muster Day for Girls and Boys Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16.



All current and new players, and their parents are encouraged to come along. Please look for the Covid check in signs and adhere to current government guidelines.

**When: Saturday 18th September 2021**

**Time: 10am**

**Where: Norm Minns Oval Nets  
(Wangaratta Show Ground)**

Contact Club President Darren Grant on 0427 978 485  
with any questions



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