

What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 18th June
Reports go home

Monday 21st June
Parent Teacher Interviews
via Webex or phone

Wednesday 23rd June
Parent Teacher Interviews
via Webex or phone

Thursday 24th June
Breakfast Club

Friday 25th June
Final Day of Term 2

Monday 12th July
Term 3 commences

Friday 16th July
Prep Enrolments Due



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Safe on Social Day

What a cold, wet week we have had! Here at The West we rounded out this week with our Safe On Social Day where students participated in activities aimed at developing their awareness of safe online practices. A lot of fun was had but more importantly students were reminded of the importance of developing positive digital footprints, being respectful towards others (in person and online) and safe practices for internet use. A huge thank you to our Respectful Relationships team (Kellie Canning, Vanessa Daly and Holly Johnston) for organising this day for us.

Reports

Reports will be sent home today with students. If your child was not at school you can access their report via Compass. Despite the disruption of two periods of remote learning this semester, our students have demonstrated excellent resilience and made fantastic progress which is a credit to them and their amazing teachers (and parents/carers supporting their learning from home).

Danielle Ashmead and I absolutely loved reading this semester's reports, particularly the general comments which so beautifully summed up the individuality of each child and showed how well staff know each and every student in their grade.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews have unfortunately had to be changed from face-to-face which we had planned on, to conversations via either email or phone. You can book a suitable time next Monday or Wednesday afternoon through Compass (please call the office if you are unsure of your login details). We completely understand that phone/WebEx conversations are not the most desirable approach however recent COVID-19 restrictions still prohibit us from running them face-to-face. We hope to invite families back onto school grounds and into classrooms as soon as possible next term.

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.

Enrolments for 2022 Preps

Just a reminder that if you have a child who will be starting Prep in 2022 with us, please pop into the office to collect an enrolment pack ASAP so that we can begin planning for next year. We ask that these kindly be returned by the end of term or by **Friday July 16th** at the latest.

Winter Raffle

Tickets are still on sale if you would like to get involved in this raffle, offering amazing prizes (see below):

1st prize – A brand new Apple iPad (7th Generation, 32GB) from Education Advantage

2nd prize – Big W Cooking Pack – Kambrook slow cooker, a two pack of Raco Buono premium non-stick frypans, a 5 pack of Lock & Lock food storage containers and a variety of Taste.com.au recipe booklets.

3rd prize – Indulgence pack - \$100 voucher from Gloss Makeup and Beauty Studio AND a \$50 voucher from KY Designs

4th prize – A \$100 voucher from Mario Solimo Footwear & Shoe Repairs

5th prize – A voucher for six free coffees from Madem Espresso

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<https://www.raffletix.com.au?ref=v62np>



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Parents/Carer Opinion Survey

Thank you very much to the parents and carers who jumped online to give us some feedback on how we are travelling. Please find below a summary of responses:

In relation to this latest period of remote learning, what did we do well?

- Having the matrix of activities for students to choose from.
- All parents/carers having the ability to post work to Seesaw rather than returning hard copies.
- Teacher feedback on student work.
- The school's organisation (having work ready to go for the Friday before the Pupil Free Day was announced).
- The slides of learning tasks (easy to follow).
- The videos of teachers doing mini lessons.
- WebEx meetings to help kids connect with their teacher and class.

In relation to this latest period of remote learning, what could we do to improve?

- Longer WebEx meetings
- Daily WebEx meetings
- Make posting work as simple as possible.
- Nothing!

Thoughts and suggestions regarding homework

- Keep it simple and not too excessive.

Thoughts and suggestions regarding our home/school communication

- Seesaw is great
- Texts are appreciated for vital information and updates
- Happy with the communication offered currently.
- It's great that what is posted on Facebook is also on Seesaw so we don't constantly need to check two platforms.

In general, what are we doing well/what should we keep doing?

- Communication between teachers and parents/carers.
- Working well together, and working hard to educate the kids.
- Being organised and supportive.
- Auslan – the shift was a great move.
- WebEx meetings

In general, what suggestions do you have for ways we could improve?

- Keep making learning fun and incorporate play into learning as much as possible.

Breakfast Club

We're bringing Breakfast Club back! The end of term will be capped off by Breakfast Club next Thursday 24th June. All students are welcome from 8AM-8:30AM . At this stage we are unable to have parents and carers helping but if the rules change I will let you know as it would be great to have a group assisting again.

Bike Safety

We were recently made aware of a Wang West student being involved in a near miss with a car backing out of a driveway. Could all parents and carers please remind students who walk or ride to school about road safety so that we avoid a tragedy.



Addy (6RP) for the beautiful manners and respect she shows towards others. The way you conduct yourself and interact with peers and staff has not gone unnoticed Addy and I'd like to thank you for being such a wonderful role model within our school community.

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

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BREAKFAST CLUB

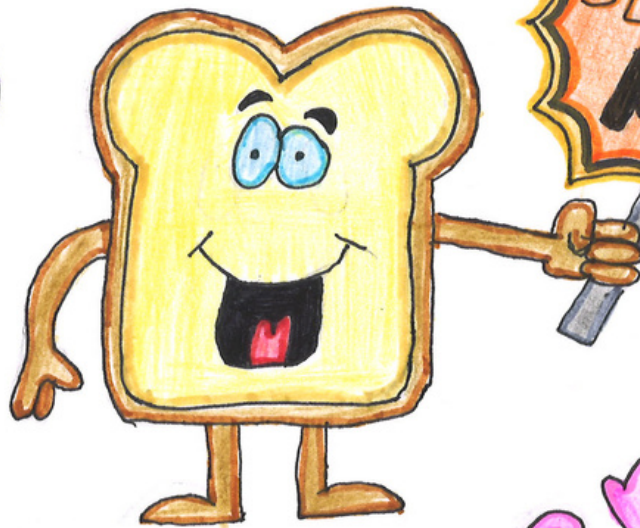


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7:30^{AM} - 8^{AM}

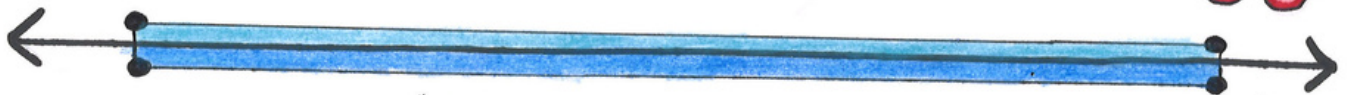


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YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT'S FREE!

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Come along to the hall for some brekky and a chat with your friends.

Student

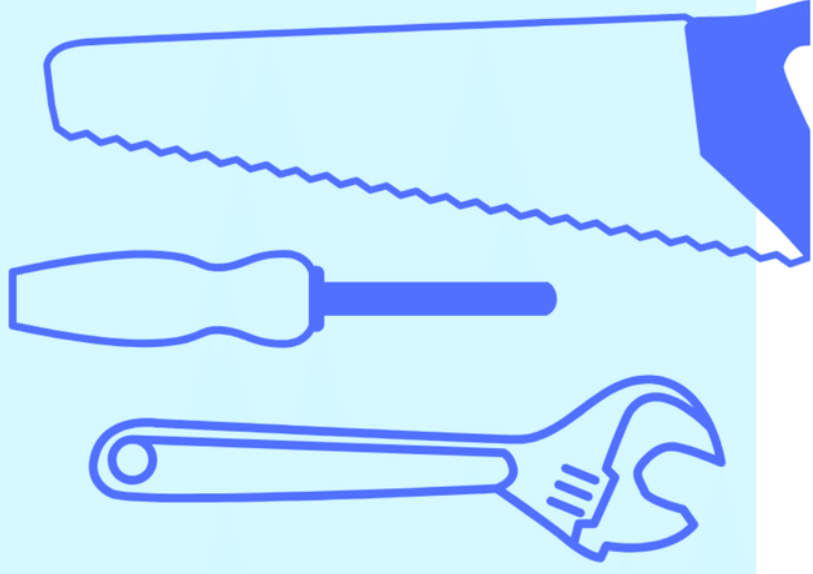
OF THE WEEK

Prep A	Maddon	For his awesome listening efforts during floor time and being a wonderful helper in our class. Well done, Maddon!
	Noah	For making positive choices in the class, listening to feedback and working hard to improve his writing. Keep it up, Noah!
Prep M	Sophia	For bringing such a positive attitude to school this term! You have worked so hard in class and achieved such amazing work, well done!
Prep R	Tommy	For being such a great helper in the classroom and actively looking for ways to help his classmates and teachers. Thanks for looking out for others Tommy!
Prep S	Oliver	For his awesome effort in writing and for the resilience he has shown towards new challenges.
1C	Connor	For caring about the environment in the 1C classroom. Connor always helps tidies up and will go to extra effort to clean and sweep our floor with the dustpan and broom. Thanks, Connor. You are a wonderful help.
1DC	Connor	For creating a wonderful bakery for our class town, during WOW week.
	Iris	For being very creative when designing and building the hotel for our class town, during WOW week.
2C	Dave	For the hard work he puts into his learning and the great improvements he is making because of this. Dave, we are so proud of you! We also appreciate your respectful attitude towards everything!
2M	Max	For the amazing progress you have made with your spelling.
	Maya H	For putting your best effort in and trying hard with your remote learning at school and also at home and submitting your work regularly.
	Wannia	For always displaying all the Wang West values and being so dedicated to all her learning.
2SC	Mitchell	Well done on your enthusiasm through WOW Week. It was great to see this.
3S	Ava	For amazing contributions to our class WOW week activities. Your assignment on the Philippines was fantastic and you demonstrated fantastic leadership throughout.
	Koda	for his eager contributions to our procedural text work. Your plan on how to make a paper plane was detailed and you had great success with all of your trial and error planes. Keep up the great work Koda.

Student

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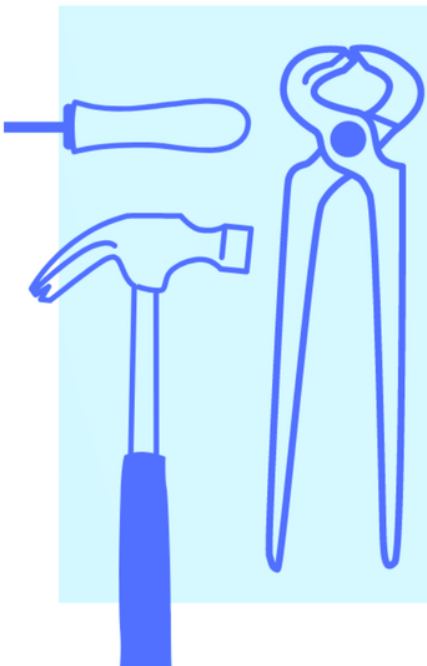
3S	Jessica	For her continued dedication towards all of her class work. The effort you are putting in is demonstrated with the amazing results that you are producing.
	Gracie	For always being an amazing leader and role model within our classroom. You constantly go above and beyond in demonstrating all of the schools values. Keep up the amazing work Gracie.
3WC	Layla	Thanks for being such a great role model in our class. Maybe you could teach me how to draw one day.
4B	Georgia	For always being willing to help others when the learning becomes challenging. It is this kindness that makes you such a great leader of our class. Thank you!
4C	Luke	For persisting with all learning tasks, asking questions, and working hard towards his learning goals. Keep up the great work Luke.
5GR	Macey	For always coming to school with a smile on her face and an amazing attitude towards her learning. Well done Macey.
5PR	Kieran	For being so engaged in his Stop Motion film creation on the Eureka Stockade. Great to see you enjoying yourself, Kieran! You've done an amazing job.
6RW	Jay	Your bubbly personality and positive character shines in our room. Keep it up.
6RP	Kirrah	For her amazing research project and persuasive letter on 'homelessness' during WOW week.
	Connor	For his terrific leadership during Wang West Footy this term.
PE	Anthony	For the fantastic effort you put into skipping in this week's lesson. It's awesome to see that you've remembered all those skills that we learnt last year! Can't wait to see what tricks you'll be able to do next!



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Artwork: Care For Country by Maggie-Jean Douglas (Gubbi Gubbi)

When creating 'Care for Country' I kept in mind that this meant spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially and culturally – I chose to create a bright and vibrant artwork that included the different colours of the land but showed how they come together in our beautiful country and to make people feel hopeful for the future. I've included communities/people, animals and bush medicines spread over different landscapes of red dirt, green grass, bush land and coastal areas to tell the story of the many ways country can and has healed us throughout our lives and journeys.

NAIDOC Week

4-11 JULY 2021



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The Smile Squad will soon visit this school to provide all students with free, high quality dental care.

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One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community is to stay at home when we are unwell, even when we have the mildest of symptoms.

What you need to know

1. If a child is unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms, they must stay at home

If a child becomes unwell during the day, they must be collected from school/early childhood education and care (ECEC) as soon as possible.

2. If a child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) outlined below, however mild, they should get tested and they must remain at home until they receive their results:

- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss of sense of smell or taste.

In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered symptoms.

For further advice:

- call the 24-hour coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline 1800 675 398
- call a general practitioner
- use the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) [online self-assessment tool](#).

Visit: [Where to get tested](#).

3. A child must stay at home until they are symptom free, even if their coronavirus (COVID-19) test is negative

If a person has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or been identified as a close contact they must isolate/quarantine until they receive clearance from DHHS.

Children with persistent symptoms due to underlying conditions such as hay fever or asthma whose symptoms are clearly typical of their condition can continue to attend ECEC/school. They should be tested for COVID-19 if they develop symptoms that are different to or worse than their usual symptoms. They should consider getting a medical certificate from their GP to attend ECEC/school if they have persistent symptoms that may overlap with symptoms of COVID-19 such as cough or runny nose.

Younger children (pre-school up to Grade 2) may have prolonged post viral symptoms such as a runny nose or cough and may return to school/ECEC following a negative COVID-19 test even if they are not completely free of symptoms. They will need a medical certificate from their GP to confirm they are otherwise well or have recovered from their acute illness.

For information on the minimum periods students and children need to stay at home for other conditions, refer to the [DHHS school exclusion table](#).

4. Children do NOT need a medical certificate before returning to school/ECEC

Once symptoms have cleared, there is no requirement from the Department of Education and Training or DHHS for children/students to have a medical certificate before they return to school/ECEC.

Thank you for your support in following these steps, together we can all stay safe.





Individual Parenting Support Program

A 5 week face-to-face Tuning into Kids program for parents/carers of children 2-10 years of age that helps you tune into your children's emotions and manage their behaviour.

Learn about:

- “Emotion coaching” - helping children to understand and regulate their emotions.
- Responding to your children's individual needs in ways that suit the child and the family.
- Problem solving and managing strong feelings.
- Using children's emotional experiences as an opportunity for connection and teaching.



Individual Parenting Support

Gateway Health
45-47 Mackay Street
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Tuesday, Wednesday
and Thursday by
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To book or ask a
question phone:

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or email

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Space Virtual Reality (for ages 7 years and over)

Wednesday 30 June, 10.30 - 11.30am

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Out of this world craft

Friday 2 July, 2.30 - 3.30pm

Design your ideal space ship, create aliens, melted crayon galaxies and a chalk eclipse.

Stikbot Stop Motion (for ages 8 and over)

Monday 5 July, 2.30 - 3.30pm OR Wednesday 7 July, 10.30 - 11.30am

Create a simple stop-motion animation using posable Stikbot figures.

**BYO device with Stikbot Studio 2.0 app loaded.

Movie - Home (Rated PG)

Friday 9 July, 2.30 - 4.00pm

An alien on the run from his own people makes friends with a girl. He tries to help her on her quest, but can be an interference

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