

What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 22nd March
Safe on Social Parent Night
5:30pm

Wednesday 24th March
Hot Cross Bun orders due

Friday 26th March
Cross Country

Monday 29th March
Easter Raffle tickets

Tuesday 30th March
Prep 2022 Open Morning

Thursday 1st April
Final day of Term 1
2:20pm Finish

Monday 19th April
Proposed Curriculum Day

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Safe on Social

We are very proud to again be offering all parents and carers the opportunity to hear from Kirra Pendergast - CEO and Principal Consultant of Safe On Social.

After a 20+ year career in Cyber Security and IT Business Consulting, Kirra founded Safe on Social Media Pty Ltd in 2014 after experiencing serious and relentless cyberbullying and trolling herself. Kirra is a regular media commentator on the subject of Cyber Safety and speaks of her own experience with serious cyber bullying to 1000's of people each week. Kirra also presents to students K-12, teachers and parents at schools across Australia and New Zealand, and advises organisations in Australia, the United Kingdom, Europe and the United States.

This is a special opportunity that we are offering to our families addressing what is an incredibly important issue so we hope to see you all there.

Please remember to text the school phone on 0477343814 to book your spot.

Improve family relationships

Learn strategies to manage your child's behaviour

Increase your child's social skills

Join our friendly group once a week for 8 weeks for fun family activities and games. Take the opportunity to spend quality time together as a family.

Enjoy a family meal together after every session, supplied by us. Please let us know if we can assist with childcare and transport needs.

To find out more please contact Rose Couttie



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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 Highlights - According to our kids

Last week I shared our school's four year highlights which included a culmination of ideas from staff, students and parents. This week I thought I'd share the responses we received directly from the kids through a survey completed by 109 of our years 3, 4, 5 and 6 students. Here is what they said were highlights for them:

- Improvements to our school grounds – 93 out of 109 (85%)
- All of our digital technology devices – 73 out of 109 (67%)
- Sharing our learning with our family through Seesaw 50 out of 109 (46%)
- Celebrating school values through wristbands and Students Of The Week – 59 out of 109 (54%)
- School productions (2017 and 2019) – 47 out of 109 (43%)
- West Fest (2019) – 51 out of 109 (47%)
- Introduction of Westy Wolf 46 out of 109 (42%)
- The Koorie Program (Koorie garden and activities) – 32 out of 109 (29%)
- More Leadership Options (semesterly school and house captains) – 56 out of 109 (52%)
- Our science program - 56 out of 109 (52%)
- Our specialist programs – 70 out of 109 (64%)
- Our amazing teachers - 85 out of 109 (78%)

Some of the comments we received to the question What makes you proud to be a Wangaratta West Student included:

• All of the kind students and the learning environments, not forgetting the amazing teachers

- We have a great learning environment
- We have choice in our work
- We have heaps of learning opportunities with all our programs.
- Wearing the school uniform makes me feel part of the community/ something
- Being proud of my work.
- We show our school values like Empathy, Honesty, Respect, Resilience and Gratitude and that's good
- We have lots of different activities and chances
- We are a safe school and people are kind and supportive
- I'm proud because of how beautiful the school/garden is
- Getting taught by amazing teacher's
- Teachers give us really good education and there are so many friendly people.
- The teachers and students respect me kindly every school day.
- The great equipment that we have to learn new things.
- This school doesn't only focus on learning but it's fun as well
- We are all different and that will not change

What beautiful things to hear. I couldn't be more proud of our school and the amazing things that happen here every day!

Recruitment

Speech Therapist 2021: A huge congratulations to Samantha Scullie who has been appointed as our school's speech therapist for the remainder of the 2021 year. Sam will be working two mornings per week and we are very excited to have her on board. The program is already up and running so we are fortunate to be able to provide this assistance to our students. Welcome to the team Sam!

HITS Leaders 2021: This year we have created new middle leadership positions called HITS Leaders (short for High Impact Teaching Strategies Leaders). These teachers will help to share high quality practice with others and boost the profile of the Department of Education and Training's (DETs) specified High Impact Teaching Strategies, those proven to have the greatest impact on student success.

Congratulations to:

- Tristan D'Antonio (senior)
- Lauren Claney (middle school)
- Meg Raison (junior)

We are so very fortunate to have an entire staff capable of fulfilling this role as the quality of teacher practice here is outstanding, but I wish these three successful applicants the best in their new roles.

Egg Cartons

Kerrie is looking for some more egg cartons for the art room please. If you have any spare at home, she'd be very grateful for their donation.



Corey J (6RW) – for the outstanding job he is doing as House Captain. Thank you for taking the roles responsibilities so seriously and for going above and beyond in terms of organisation and helpfulness.

Sienna C (6D) - for the kindness she showed towards a younger student by lending him her helmet so that he could enjoy the scooting session at break time. Thank you for your leadership and thoughtfulness Sienna.

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

Day of Difference

Anti Bullying Day



Today our school celebrated differences throughout our Anti-Bullying Day. The day included a whole school assembly where students watched a video created by Mr Raison articulating our school's anti-bullying stance, providing students with strategies if they see, hear or experience bullying, and showcasing a number of students explaining how they are different and special.

Then our entire school participated in a 10 minute meditation session to promote mindfulness which is a consistent focus at our school.

From there students were mixed amongst their year levels and worked with different teachers on a range of activities designed to strengthen their understanding of bullying and how we can avoid it through kindness and celebrating difference.

After first break our middle and senior students also listened to a presentation by Kirra from Safe On Social who discussed ways to stay safe online and use social media appropriately. Her two presentations (one for years 3 and 4, the other for years 5 and 6) were specifically targeted for the two key age groups.

At our school we are absolutely committed to providing students with a safe environment, free from bullying. We have a zero tolerance approach so please do not hesitate to contact me if you are ever concerned about behaviours within our school.



WWPS CROSS COUNTRY

26th March 2021

PARENT HELPERS WANTED!

We are looking for some parent helpers to help with our 3-6 Cross Country at Apex Park on Friday 26th March.

Helpers needed from:

11.30am to 12.30pm

12.30pm to 1.30pm

1.30pm to 2.30pm

Please Seesaw or email me at

demi.walker@education.vic.gov.au with the times

you are available to help!



Thanks from Miss Walker!



NETBALL DEVELOPMENT WEEKEND

MARCH

Saturday

20th

Sunday

21st

What to bring:

Coach Workshops

How to develop an effective training session

Building Drills

Coaching workshops are observational
Pen, Note Pad, Drink Bottle

Umpire Workshops

Toolbox Pt. 1

Toolbox Pt. 2

Umpiring workshops involve some practical development.
What to bring: Active wear, Drink Bottle, Whistle

Note: The workshops are professional development opportunities and no assessments or tests will be conducted.



10:00am - 12:00pm
both days



\$20 per participant
per session



HP Barr Reserve
Schilling Drive, Wangaratta



Contact: Wendy McCormack
Mob: 0457 582 609

REGISTER

Registration via email:
wangnetball@westnet.com.au

Payment: via EFT transfer
BSB: 640-000 **Account:** 111216253

Registrations Close: Wednesday 17th March

WANGARATTA HIGH SCHOOL'S

Talent Quest



MARCH 31ST FROM 7PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT OFFICE

ADULTS \$20 | STUDENTS/CHILDREN \$10

WHS OVAL (OUTDOOR EVENT)

BYO PICNIC RUGS, CHAIRS, BLANKETS, ETC.

FOOD AVAILABLE AT KIOSK, NO BYO



Student

OF THE WEEK

Prep A	Gilad	For his wonderful to start to school at Wang West! Well done, Gilad!
	Riley	For always working hard and putting her best effort into all her work. Keep it up, Riley!
Prep M	Noah	For being such a sensible member of Prep M! You are always making good choices and trying hard with your work, great work Noah!
Prep R	Willow	For being a great role model for our class as she always demonstrates how to be a good listener. Thank you for being such a focused learner, Willow!
Prep S	Sarah	Sarah is always so excited to learn. She has been working so hard, practising her words and sounds and always respects her classroom.
2S	Koko	For using her initiative to support her own learning. It's great to see you making use of classroom resources and always trying to improve, Koko!
3S	Macy	For continually showing fantastic leadership and resilience during camp! You continually put others before yourself and ensured everyone felt apart of the black cockatoo's!
	Emily	For showing fantastic resilience during grade 3 camp! You overcame so many fears and didn't look back at any stage! I am so very proud of you!
3WC	Kayden	For participating in every activity at camp, and showing amazing resilience to get through the night.
3VP	Lindsey	For not only settling beautifully into WWPS but for going on camp after only being at school for 3 days! Already displaying our CAN DO Westy attitude! Lindsey's resilience, strength, courage and overall enjoyment on camp was a pleasure to witness! We are so lucky to have you in our class at our school Lindsey!
4B	Jack	For responding well to feedback to improve his procedure writing. Well done, Jack!
4C	Thomas	For creating a good procedural text and allowing the class to offer feedback to move it to a great piece. Very brave, well done!
5GR	Lilly-Ann	For always being respectful in every area of her school life. Lilly-Ann treats everyone that she encounters with care and respect and is always willing to go the extra mile for her peers and teachers.

Student

OF THE WEEK

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| 5PR | Isaac | For sharing your great understanding of factors and multiples with your classmates, and always being willing to help others with their learning. |
| 5P | Charlotte | For her work with factors and multiples in Maths this week! Well done Charlotte. |
| Music | Ben S | For caring about his classmates and working hard to give his best. |
| | Finn N | For actively listening and trying hard. |
| Auslan | Scarlet A | for her wonderful signing video demonstrating her understanding of Auslan numbers. Scarlet, your handshapes and movements are very clear and easy to read! Keep up the amazing work!! |

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