

# What's on in the West

School Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Friday 26th June**

Final day of Term 2 - 2:30pm dismissal

Beanie order form due back

Ongoing  
Virtual Tours

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear parents and carers,

One week to go of a term like no other. This week things felt like they had returned to normal, with classes settling back into familiar routines, and the 'little things' resuming like the reward of a class casual day in 5C for filling their Positivity Jar.



### Nuts

Just a reminder that we have a number of students at our school who are allergic to nuts so we ask that parents/carers please refrain from sending peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches to school. We thank you for your cooperation with this.



# 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. We recommend that students enter classrooms between 8:45am and 8:55am to prepare for their day.

## 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.

## Buildings & Grounds

The ground area around the new portable has been collecting rainwater due to drainage issues so works began today to rectify this issue. You may have also noticed that we have had a number of security cameras installed around the school due to an increase in thefts. These cameras are all external, apart from one in the front foyer and another in the office area.

## Beanies

We now have WWPS beanies for sale, with our first batch due to (hopefully) arrive in time for the beginning of Term 3 so get your orders in fast!



## Students Arriving Late to School

We have an automated system which sends texts to parents/carers if students are not marked as present at school by 10AM. Rolls are marked at 9AM so if your child arrives late, please ask them to head to the office and collect a late card, so that they can be marked as present by office staff and avoid a text being sent.

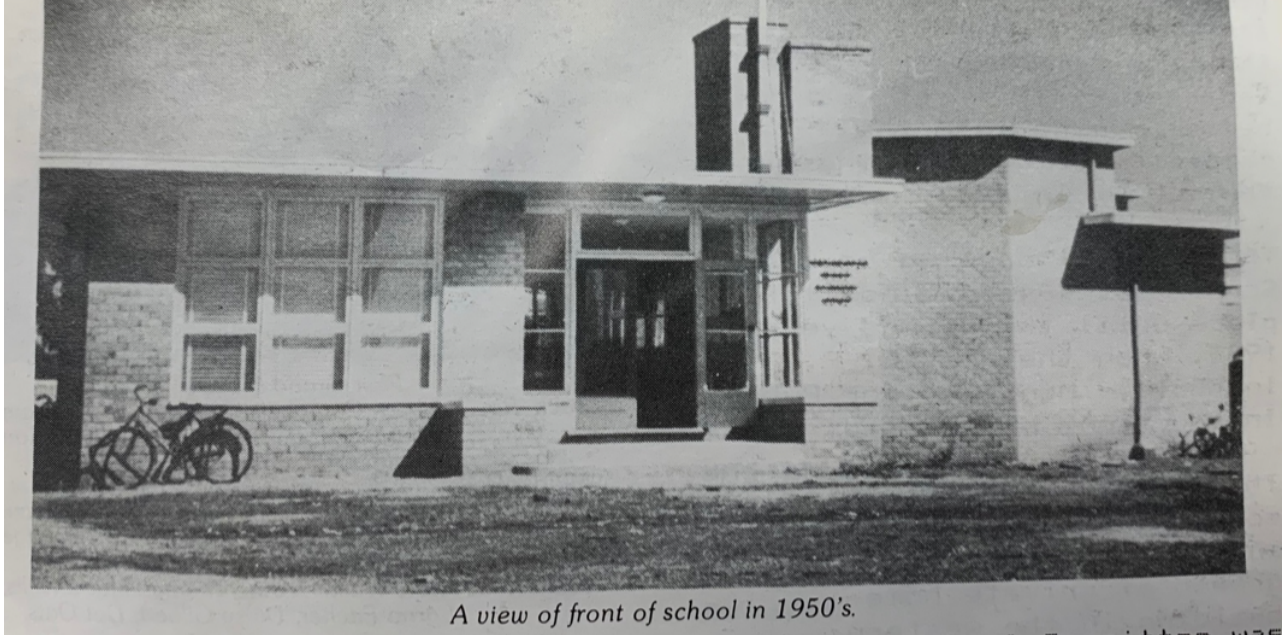
## Bikes

There have been a number of students riding bikes and scooters through the yard before and after school which poses a danger to students and particularly younger siblings so please remind your child to walk within the school grounds.

## Parents/Carers Conversations with Teachers

Just a reminder that we are still asking parents of students in years 1-6 to remain off-site until further notice, so if you would like to discuss your child's learning or wellbeing with their classroom teacher, please request a phone call via Seesaw. Also, please remember that parents and carers are not permitted to enter classrooms/buildings. The staff and I thank you for your cooperation with this.

## WWPS 70th Anniversary book and pavers



Our school opened 70 years ago on the 31st of January, 1950. Back then the school had 164 children enrolled in grades one to six, accommodated in two army huts that made four small rooms whilst new buildings were being constructed. The new brick building (pictured above) was then built, featuring staggered hexagonal shaped rooms with a flat roof, the intention being to build a second story at a later date.

To celebrate the history of our great school, later this year we will be holding a 70th anniversary celebration. More details on this will come at a later date.

As part of this, we will be compiling a 'History of Wangaratta West Primary School' book, with photos, information and stories relating to our school throughout time. I am inviting all members of the school community, past and present, to submit a story or recollection to be included in this book. This may relate to the changes in the school over time, humorous moments, recollections of what it was like to be a student at our school in the past, and/or the perspective of our current students now as, in years to come, these will paint the picture of our school today. If anyone is interested in helping myself and Rose compile the book and/or plan the 70th anniversary event, please either call or email me as we would love to get as many people involved as possible.

We are also again putting the call out for people to secure their place in the future of our school by purchasing an inscribed paver, to be laid in preparation for the 70th anniversary. At present we have not had the number of orders needed to go ahead with this venture so if you plan to purchase one or more for your family, please do so as soon as possible so that we can gauge interest. A hard copy will be sent home next week with each child. Please spread the word to past members of the school community also.

## 2020 Learning from Home Parents Survey Results

Thank you very much to the parents and carers who contributed their thoughts and opinions to the DET Feedback survey. We had 30 responses in total, with detailed written responses. Here is a snapshot of the data collected:



	% Positive – agree or strongly agree
I received clear communication from my child's school on how to prepare and transition to learning from home	96%
I felt prepared to transition my child to learning from home on the first day of Term 2	89%
My household has the necessary IT equipment for learning from home (e.g. appropriate hardware / devices, software and learning platforms, internet connection, etc.)	89%
The technology my child has needed to learn from home has worked reliably without any major problems (e.g. computers, internet, software)	89%
I feel like I can adequately provide the help that my child needs to learn effectively from home	67%
My child's school is well prepared and well-resourced to deliver classes remotely (e.g. using an appropriate online platform or paper-based learning materials, providing a structured student learning schedule, regular teacher interaction with students online, etc.)	85%
My child has retained the same teacher(s) that they had prior to learning from home	93%

### What aspects of learning from home worked well?

Online class meetings via zoom/other platform	7
Greater detail in explanations of tasks with 'teacher talk' explained	3
More interactive online work	1
Use of a different platform (rather than Seesaw)	1
A weekly phone call from teachers	1
More detailed feedback	1

### What aspects of learning from home could be improved?

Flexibility of supervising whilst multitasking with home/work commitments	2
Spending valuable time with children	2
Gaining greater insight into my child's learning strengths and areas for improvement	5
Regular, clear and consistent communication	3
Good quality and well prepared/organised materials sent home	4
Personalised teacher feedback	1
The teamwork and amazing efforts of the entire staff	10
Use of Seesaw as a familiar online platform	2
Appropriate amount of work and appropriate level of difficulty	1
Supporting resources (explanation videos and examples)	3
Introduction of Specialists Wednesday and lighter Fridays in response to feedback	2
Support from the wellbeing team (Bree and Rose)	1
Accessibility of the leadership team	1

Thank you again for your feedback. I hope that we won't have to move back into a remote and flexible learning space again but, should this occur, we have some great ideas for how to learn from and improve our approach.

Have a great week everyone!

Kind regards,

*Kristy Keenan*

PRINCIPAL

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- Prep A** Harper for showing great resilience during remote/flexible learning and for always putting in her best effort during learning activities. Well done, Harper!
- Prep C** Oska For his superstar reading and amazing letter and sound knowledge. You are awesome, Oska!
- Prep M** George For always being a caring classmate to everyone in our class. You always try your best to help others around you. Thanks George!
- Prep R** Zoe For her outstandingly neat handwriting.
- Hudson For motivating himself to complete his work.
- Owen For counting from 100 all the way back to 0 in his maths book.
- 1DS** Charlotte For working very hard on her handwriting and trying to form her letters correctly. Keep up the wonderful work, Charlotte!
- Ella For working very hard in Art and staying focused on her task. Well done, Ella!
- Cooper For always showing his classmates and teachers respect
- 1J** Ruby G For her the amazing persistence she shows during guided reading, when she is attempting an unknown word. Well done Ruby, keep it up!
- Max for his incredible reading during guided reading. Max showed great focus and persistence during our guided reading session. Well done Max, keep it up!
- 2HV** Indi V For her positive approach in all her learning areas. Your willingness to always have a go and try your best is showing some really exciting results, well done Indi.
- Lucy For being a kind friend who shows the school values at all times, we are lucky to have you in our classroom Lucy, thank you.
- 2M** Quinn For always having a positive attitude and giving 100% of her effort in class. Keep up the great work Quinn!

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- 2SS** Remy Remy was an amazing "Technology " assistant in 1C. He helped set up iPads for testing. Thank you for your help (From Mrs Fulton).
- Ava For being an honest and hardworking class member. You can always be counted on to finish your work to a high standard and are willing to help others as well. Thanks Ava!
- 3R** Annabelle For working hard to slow down and complete her work to the best of her ability. Your results show your patience Annabelle, well done!
- 3S** Cody For settling back into school really well and displaying an amazing attitude towards his learning.
- Nabiha For continuing to show a fantastic attitude towards all activities that we complete in class. Keep up the fantastic work!
- 4M** Taylor For the amazing progress you have made with your reading. You should be very proud of yourself
- 4P** Lesta For his constant persistence and determination towards learning tasks. You have made a fantastic start to your time at Wang West!
- 5C** Miley H For her positive return to the school environment including the establishment of a friendship club with other grade 5 students. What a great idea and display of initiative.
- 5G** Violet For her effort towards maths. It has been great to see you putting in some much effort during maths activities and seeing your confidence grow. Keep up the great work!
- 5/6D** Jasmine F For completing her role in Literature circles with great detail and effectively sharing her understanding of the text with her group members.
- 6C** Taylor For absolutely BLOWING me away with how she has applied herself to all aspects of her learning since we returned to school. You are amazing Taylor! Keep up the incredible work!
- 6MW** Kaydence For her kindness. She saw a lady fall off her bike and went to check if she was ok. You are a very thoughtful young lady - proud of you!

**THANK YOU  
FOR THE  
DONATIONS  
OF BOXES  
AND  
CARDBOARD**

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**OUR ENGINEERS ARE NOW WELL EQUIPPED  
FOR TERM 3 CONSTRUCTION.**



**North East Regional  
Pre School Association**

## **NERPSA KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2021 WILL OPEN ON MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE, 2020**

As OPEN DAYS at NERPSA Kindergartens are unable to be held in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions, we invite all prospective parents to find information to assist with their child's enrolment at the NERPSA website: [www.nerpsa.com.au](http://www.nerpsa.com.au)

### **Information found on the website will include:**

- General information on each NERPSA kindergarten,
- Each kindergarten's educational philosophy,
- The manner in which each kindergarten program operates,
- A virtual tour of each kindergarten.

### **As well as:**

- Enrolment information and enrolment forms.

**Further information:** Please contact the NERPSA office on 5721 2755

Appin Park Kindergarten  
Bernard Briggs Kindergarten  
Christopher Robin Kindergarten  
Coronation Kindergarten  
Glenrowan Kindergarten  
James Tilson Kindergarten  
Moyhu & District Kindergarten  
Munro Ave Pre School  
The Hub Kindergarten  
Violet Town & District Early Childhood Centre  
Wangaratta West Kindergarten  
Whorouly & District Kindergarten





## Wangaratta West OSHC June, 2020 Holiday Program

**Bookings must be made by June 19th to ensure a place is available**

OPEN DAILY from 6:30am to 6pm (excluding public holidays)

PH: 0407 004 059      E: wangwestoshc@gmail.com

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
<p><b>In this Together</b></p> <p>Create a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- reconciliation puzzle</li> <li>- a walk the talk map</li> <li>- play some traditional Yulunga games</li> </ul> <p>and watch some of the Little Jay and Big Cuz series</p>	<p><b>Minute To Win It</b></p> <p>Join us in playing the fast paced games of Minute to Minute to win it.</p> <p>Can you beat the clock</p>	<p><b>Book Club</b></p> <p>Come dressed as your favourite book character, Get your face painted, make a dream jar from the book</p> <p>BFG</p> <p>and snuggle up in our cosy corner to listen to some enchanting audio books</p>	<p><b>Construction</b></p> <p>Learn how to make your own mini mud bricks to use in constructing your own building, use pieces of recycled cardboard to make a construction set and create a lego, duplo pool noodle marble run.</p>	<p><b>Farmers Market</b></p> <p>Today we create our own farmers market. Market stands will include a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flower stand</li> <li>- Fresh produce stand</li> <li>- Plant stand</li> <li>- Pizza stand</li> </ul> <p>Each child will receive play money and a produce bag filled with their purchases to take home at the end of the day</p>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July
<p><b>Winter Wonderland</b></p> <p>Cosy up with a hot chocolate and make a paper snowflakes and scarf.</p> <p>Later in the day, enjoy a game of ice hockey on the basketball court using a frozen ice puck</p>	<p><b>Arcade Games</b></p> <p>Use recycled items to create and play a game of foosball, ten pin bowls and pinball.</p>	<p><b>Fashion</b></p> <p>Make a tie dye T - Shirt, And costume, then model it on the OSHC runway</p>	<p><b>Share the Love</b></p> <p>Create a thank you slide show to post on Class DoJo for all the parents/guardians who have been working so hard during the Covid pandemic.</p> <p>Post a letter to a friend or family at our OSHC Post Office and thank them for their contribution to your life.</p>	<p><b>Photography</b></p> <p>Capture and write a story using the photographs you have taken.</p> <p>Create a gallery</p> <p>Capture your emotions, frame them and add it to our gallery.</p>

# Wangaratta West OSHC Vacation Care Bookings

29<sup>th</sup> June – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**Bookings must be made by 19<sup>th</sup> June to ensure a place is available**

**OPEN DAILY from 6:30am to 6pm (excluding public holidays)**

**PH: 0407 004 059**

**E: [wangwestshc@gmail.com](mailto:wangwestshc@gmail.com)**

**Coordinator:** Maree Honeychurch

## **How to Book**

Please use your My Family Lounge App to make your bookings for Vacation Care. If you have not already created a My Family Lounge Account please see OSHC staff for further instructions. Please do not use the My Family Lounge Portal (accessed via the Wang West website) to make bookings for Vacation Care, as this is only used when updating enrolment or making permanent bookings or cancellations.

## **Cancellation**

Cancellation must be made within 24 hours of you booking to ensure fees are not incurred. Please use your My Family Lounge App to cancel bookings

**Cost** The cost per child, per day for vacation care is \$55.00. Child Care Subsidy will be applied for families who have been assessed and are eligible.

## **Child Care Subsidy**

In order to receive these benefits, you must provide us with your and your child's, Child Care Reference Number (CRN) and both your and your child's DOB. If you are unsure if you are receiving or are eligible for CCS please contact Centre Link to find out.

Please remember that if you child has not attended care for a period of 8 weeks or more, you will need to inform the service to we can reactivate you CCS enrolment. Once your enrolment has been reactivated you will need to confirm your child's enrolment using your MyGov/Centrelink APP. This will ensure your CCS is applied.

## **What to bring:**

- All meals. Please ensure meals don't contain nuts
- A set of spare clothes for messy activities
- Drink bottle
- Your child's medication if applicable



Wangaratta West  
Primary School

# VIRTUAL TOUR



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



**SCAN HERE TO ACCESS  
VIRTUAL TOUR, OR  
VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

