



NEWSLETTER



20th February, 2020

WHAT'S ON IN THE WEST

2020

Mon 24th – Wed 26th February

Wed 26th February

Thursday 27th February

Monday 2nd March

Friday 6th March

Monday 9th March

Mon 23rd - Wed 25th March

Friday 27th March

Grade 4 Borambola Camp – Departure 8:00am Sharp

Play Group 10am – 11:30am

Breakfast Club (New Day This Year) 7:45am – 8:15am

School Photos

Pupil Free Day ~ Staff Numeracy Professional Development Day

Labour Day Public Holiday ~ NO SCHOOL

Grade 3 Nillahcootie Camp

Last Day of Term 1

Principal's Message:

School Captains

It was my absolute pleasure to announce our first four school captains for 2020 at assembly this week. Congratulations again to Ellie M (5/6D), Holly C (5/6D), Merlin T (6C) and Talon F (6MW).

At the beginning of Term 3, our final four school captains will be announced. We are proud to be able to offer a range of leadership positions to our students to further strengthen their organisation, public speaking and general leadership skills.



Rebound Wall

I'd like to extend a huge thank you to Barry Cook who has painted these amazing images onto our rebound wall for us. Barry actually painted the wall originally, approximately 30 years ago so it was great to have him do this update for us. Let's hope it lasts the next 30 years!

Numeracy Professional Development

On Tuesday we welcomed Rob Vingerhoets back to our school. Rob is a well known numeracy consultant who has been working with our school for the past 4 years, helping our staff with new ways to engage our students in real world, challenging maths tasks. Each of our new staff were released from teaching duties for half of the day in order to observe Rob modelling lessons and participate in debrief sessions. This helped them to understand how our maths sessions run at Wang West so that we can ensure consistency across classes.

I had the pleasure of watching Rob model a lesson in 1J

and was amazed by the risk taking I saw in that class. In particular, Maya H blew me away with her



willingness to attempt a challenging task (reading aloud a four digit number in front of her class) despite initial reservations. With the support of Rob (and a couple of very enthusiastic classmates!) Maya successfully completed the task, and the smile on her face was priceless.

Something else that stood out in Rob's approach was his ability to link everything to Maths, and never miss a potential learning moment. Within a single lesson focused on place value he managed to tie in counting, money and 2D shapes and, as he asked them to collect their maths books from the rectangular prism on the floor (grey tub), he said it simply - "Maths is everywhere, all the time. It never stops". Having the confidence to take risks in maths, and the resilience to cope even if you don't succeed, is crucial not only to school, but to life. This is an area that the staff focussed on during our first two curriculum days. All staff were given a copy of the text 'Limitless Mind' by Jo Boaler in which she refers to the fact that, for a lot of kids, being confronted with a mathematics problem generates the same neurological reactions as would seeing a spider or a snake. Their problem solving skills shut down as fear responses take over. This is devastating, so we are tackling it head on with explicit resilience building lessons (2 x 30 minutes sessions per week) and engaging ways of teaching mathematics whereby, through the use of open-ended tasks and activities, students at a range of ability levels can succeed.

New Portable Update

We are nearly in! We have been assured that we are in the final days of the new portable's installation, so we will be in very soon (fingers crossed by mid to late next week). Thank you to everyone affected for your ongoing patience.

Principal's Award

Maya (1J) for having the confidence to take a risk and have a go at a challenging maths task. The pride I saw on your face when you succeeded was amazing! Keep up the great effort Maya.

Tane M (5G) – for not only completing his Big Write draft during class time, but continuing the writing process at home (editing, up-levelling and publishing) in order to finish a quality piece of writing. Keep up the fantastic effort Tane!

Brady F (5G)– for taking great pride in his Big Write and the publishing process. It's great to see your enthusiasm Brady!

5/6 Music

I am thrilled to welcome Rachel Hogan to our staff. She will be teaching music and performing arts on Mondays for the rest of the year, working with the year 5 and 6 students. Welcome to the team Rachel!

Dogs in the Yard

I would like to remind parents that dogs are not permitted in the school grounds. The exceptions to this rule are assistance dogs and our trained therapy dog (Moose) who works with students as needed (parental consent is sought prior). If you would like to bring a kitten or puppy to school for show and tell, please see your child's teacher.

Uniform

It has come to our attention that a number of students are wearing black pants/shorts/skirts/leggings to school.

Please remind your child that our uniform is navy blue shorts, pants and skirts.

Furthermore, a number of students appear to have gone through recent growth spurts, resulting in very short shorts/dresses/skirts. Please check your child's uniform to ensure it is an appropriate length.

If you are having difficulty purchasing new uniform, please don't hesitate to contact/see me and we will be able to help. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Safety around our school

I have been notified by concerned parents that there have been a number of near misses involving students and cars around our school. PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY AROUND OUR SCHOOL as our students' safety is paramount.

If your child rides to school, please also remind them to wear their helmet correctly as there have been some students seen with helmets only half-on or not done up lately.

*Kind regards,
Kristy Keenan*

REMINDERS:

[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.

[Late Arrivals](#)

All classes (including specialist classes) will begin at 9:05am following roll call, so we ask that students please make their way in to classrooms by 8:55am when the music begins, so that they are ready to start learning by 9am. We recommend that students enter classrooms between 8:45am and 8:55am so that they may get ready for the day (unpack their bag, hand in notes, etc.)

[Signing Students In and Out](#)

Just a reminder to 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 and Anna will call the classroom to ask that your child be sent up. This minimises distraction to students and ensures that we know who is in the school at all times. We appreciate your assistance with this.

[Absences](#)

If your child is absent from school, please **text 0477 343 814** or **call 5721 3491** to let us know the reason for the absence. Alternatively you can use Compass to explain the absence. **It is a requirement from the Department of Education and Training that all absences are explained**, so we kindly ask that you assist us with adhering to this requirement.

[Digital Technology Permission Forms](#)

Last week we sent home the Digital Technology Permission forms with students. Could these please be read, signed and returned to your child's class teacher as soon as possible as forms must be returned before iPad use is permitted.

[Names on belongings](#)

Each year we end up with a huge number of school uniform items in lost property that are unnamed. Please ensure that all items have your child's name on them so that, in the event they are misplaced/lost, we are able to return them.

[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 not, the headlice will return and the cycle reoccurs. If you require a treatment kit, please let the office know.

[Breakfast Club](#)

We have changed the day of Breakfast Club from **Tuesday's to Thursday's**, our first Breakfast Club will be **Thursday 27th February**. Come along every Thursday morning from 7:45 to 8:15am for some toast, cereal and milo. All welcome, we'd love to see some new faces come along this year.

We are looking for some donations of tins of milo and jam, if you would like to drop these into the office we would be delighted to receive them. ~ Dave Woodburne

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All OSHC Queries/Bookings to 0407 004 059 or wangwestoshc@gmail.com TEXT SCHOOL

ABSENCES to 0477 343 814

[Health Care Card Holders - Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund \(CSEF\)](#)

If you currently have a valid Health Care Card, you may be eligible for financial assistance of \$125 per student which is provided to the school to assist in payment for camps, swimming/sports and excursions. A form was sent home this week, if you are eligible please complete and return to the office ASAP. These are **due by Wednesday 27th February, 2018.**

[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.

[Lunch Orders](#)

Lunch orders are available online through Munch Monitor (Login details attached) as usual. Lunch order days remain the same as last year, Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays first break (11.20am).

[Wangaratta Marathon & Fun Run – Sunday 23 February 2020](#)

Thank you to everyone who has already registered. We are excited and cannot wait to see so many of our students taking part this weekend. It's not too late to register! **Head along to the public registration day on Saturday at the Show Grounds (Down the Dog & Obedience centre end) between 10am – 2pm** or you can even register on the day for the 2km event only but make sure you get there early! **To save time on the day consider collecting your bib at the Saturday registration session.** Wearing of school uniform is optional. See you Sunday!

[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.



- 0A Alfie** for being such a great helper to everyone in the class and showing such enthusiasm towards your learning.
- 0C Mason** for sharing lots of interesting facts and working really hard in class. Well done Mason!
- 0M Jonny** for giving every learning task his best effort. You are such a hard worker and have made amazing progress with your learning already. Great work Jonny!
- 1C Olivia** for using delightful expression in her voice as she reads aloud.
- Matilda** for working so very hard to get her work done in her reading group activities. Fantastic caring for her learning.
- 2HV Lachlan** for caring for himself and others by being aware of his learning and showing positive decisions in the classroom. We are so pleased you are in our class Lachlan.
- Layla** for her amazing efforts and the positive attitude she shows in every aspect of her learning and friendships. What an asset you are to our classroom Layla, thank you.
- 2SS Chelsie** In the yard Chelsie was faced with a situation where she demonstrated her ability to bounce back when things didn't go according to plan. Well done!
- 3R Cristian** for quietly and kindly helping other students with their ipads. Thanks for checking in on your classmates, Cristian!
- 4AP Madison** for her inclusiveness of others and always treating people equally.
- 5C Shayla** for caring about her learning. You have gone above and beyond BIG Write expectations by working hard at home on your narrative piece. Keep up your passion for writing!
- 6C Bailey** for having an exceptionally high standard of work in all areas. I am jealous of how neat your handwriting is Bailey! Very impressive.
- Luke** for having an outstanding work ethic during our recount writing project. Well done Luke! I am proud of you.
- 6MW Freddie** for using his leadership skills to model a lesson to his peers.
- Levi** for using his leadership skills to model a lesson to his peers.
- PE Sam** for being inclusive and really kind to his class mates in PE.

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TRANSITION TO YEAR 7

WANGARATTA
HIGH SCHOOL

INFORMATION NIGHT

Thursday, 5th March

6pm to 7pm

In the Flexible Learning Centre (FLC)

The session will also cover information about the 2021 SEAL Program intake at Wangaratta High School.

Please call 03 5723 0500 to RSVP.



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**FRIDAY NIGHTS
ARE BACK!!**

Mini Roos Friday Soccer Competition

Boys and girls welcome : 5yrs - 12yrs

Muster Day: 21st February 5pm - 7pm

Muster Day: 28th February 5pm - 7pm

**Season Commences on Friday 13th March
5.30pm - 7pm**

Mini Roos Registration NOW OPEN online

To register log onto www.playfootball.com.au

Select 'find a place to play' then select

Wangaratta South Wang Reserve.

Full instructions are on our website www.wangarattacityfc.com.au

Payments are made online at time of registration via Credit Card.



**Registration enquiries
please email:
registrar@wangarattacityfc.com.au**

**All participants must attend a
Muster Day to collect welcome
packs and confirm registration.**

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Presents

STEP UP TO THE PLATE

2ND FEB

@ Targoora Park, Wangaratta

9TH FEB

@ Springdale Baseball Field, Albury

16TH FEB

@ Benalla Racecourse, Benalla

23RD FEB

@ Porepukah Baseball Field, Porepukah

1ST MAR

@ Gayview Park, Wodonga

2020 JUNIOR COME AND TRY DAYS FEATURING:

- Hand-eye drills for batting and fielding
- Ages 7-15 | All abilities
- Teamwork and Inclusivity
- BBQ Lunch
- All equipment supplied



For more information contact Owen Godenzi - 0419 514 695

Each session will run from 10am - 12:30pm. Come along to one or all of our sessions, cost is absolutely FREE!



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