

# What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 27th August  
Book Week Dress Up/Casual Day

Thursday 9th September  
RU OK Day

Friday 10th September  
Prep - 2 Athletics Day

Thursday 16th September  
3-6 Athletics Day



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### Book Week

This year we sadly still cannot have parents on site to join in the Book Week Dress Up Parade, however we will still proceed with it so that at least the kids can still enjoy the experience. As such, we will run a dress up day on Friday 27th August (next Friday). Your child can choose to either dress up as their favourite book character OR wear casual clothes (we hope this helps to take the pressure off having to find/make costumes).

### Spring Raffle

Don't forget to grab your Spring Raffle tickets. There are amazing prizes up for grabs, and all proceeds will go towards the purchase of a much needed new Hands-On Learning shed.

Tickets can be purchased via <https://bit.ly/3srl30c>

The graphic features a QR code labeled 'TICKETS' on the left, the school logo on the right, and the text 'WWPS Spring RAFFLE' in the center. Below this are eight circular images showing prizes: a whole orange, a BBQ feast, a steel fire pit, coffee cups, a spice rub, a first aid kit, wine bottles, and a gift card.

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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.

## Playground Update

Danielle Ashmead and I met with the playground designer on Monday to begin drafting the final design of our new playground. This will be a fantastic addition to our school grounds so we are thrilled that our grant proposal was approved.

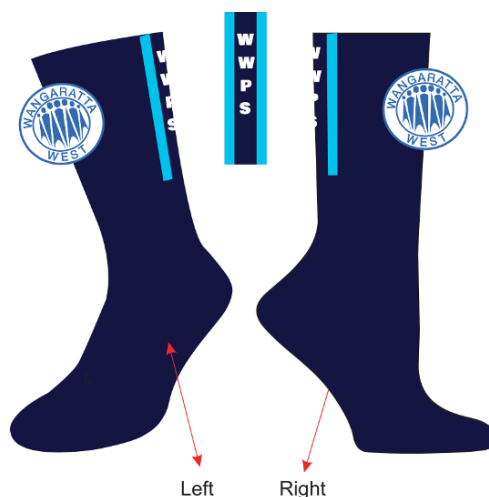
At this stage, we expect the playground to be finished by March-April next year.

## Sock Fundraiser

We are bringing in Wang West socks! We have ordered 400 pairs but they will be snapped up quickly (by both staff and students) so be quick to put your order in.

\$10 pair or 2 for \$18

Crew Socks



## 2020 Parent/Carer Opinion Survey

So far we have had 27 responses (8% of our parent/carers population) so we are hoping to still receive some additional responses. If you are willing to share your thoughts, please go to:

<https://www.orima.com.au/parent> (PIN: 499121) by Friday 3rd September.

Thank you so much to those who have already completed the survey. We look forward to reading the responses and sharing a summary in early September.

## National Pyjama Day

Our school raised \$663 for the The Pyjama Foundation who raise much-needed awareness and funds for children in foster care. Well done everyone!

## Parents/Carers Onsite

Thank you again for your understanding regarding only entering school grounds if absolutely necessary. I completely understand that this can be difficult but I'm desperately trying to make sure that we are following the Department of Education and Training (DET) rules and keep our school community safe (particularly in light of today's positive regional case in Shepparton).

Please remember that if your child is having a tough day and needs you to walk them in, we support that but whenever you can, please drop and pick up your child from a gate. Myself, Danielle and Xavier are also available to help walk kids in too so please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

## Smile Squad

The dental van will be back again next week to continue seeing students.

## School Uniform

Just a reminder to please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform each day (no denim or striped pants please). Also, as students go through growth spurts, please check that skirts/shorts are not becoming too short.

Uniform can be purchased from Worklocker or please see Breanna/Rose if you would like assistance and they can help with a State Schools Relief voucher or second hand piece.

## Father's Day Stall

With Father's Day fast approaching, P&F are putting the call out for any donations! Individually wrapped chocolates, lollies or anything that would make a great present! With so many students, they would be grateful for anything!



**Oliver T (Prep S), Dominic H (Prep R), Declan S (Prep M) and Lenny W (Prep S)** for taking a big step with their independence this week by walking to class from a gate this week. I am so proud of you all for being so brave! Keep up the sensational effort boys.

**Stella (2C)** – for sticking up for a classmate and cheering her up when she was down. We are so lucky to have a kind, caring person like you in our school, Stella. We are so proud of you for looking out for others!

## 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



# Westy's Sports Report



## WINTER SPORTS DAY

On Tuesday this week, Grade 6 students participated in Winter Sports Day.

In the netball, Wang West 1, played 6 games and achieved 4 out of 5 in the round robin competition then continued in the quarter finals and lost by 4. A huge congratulations to every Wang West team on their effort and competitive attitude and a huge congrats on Wang West 1 the team that almost one the quarter final. Good job. Thank you Miss Walker for coaching us!

For Netball there were two teams, Wang West 1 and Wang West 2, Wang West 2 competed with their best skills on and won 3 out of 5 games but unfortunately didn't make it to the quarter finals but they were a great cheer team for the other team while they competed. Thank you to the coach Will and Cassie for coaching Wang West 2.

After we walked to the Barr Reserve, the footballers played our first game against Saint Joseph's, we lost by 4 points. After we played Sacred Heart and lost again then we played St Bernards who won by over 40 points. We had a bye then played Saint Pats and won 63 to 13. It was a really fun time! Thank you, Mr Ricardi, for coaching us!

By Fern, Lusila and Tyler





# Student

## OF THE WEEK

- Prep A** Harper For his awesome effort learning his sight words and for using interesting words in his writing! Keep up the wonderful work, Harper!
- Prep M** Aakash For using great describing words in your writing, Keep up the good work!
- Prep R** Lily For working so hard on her writing by trying her best to keep her letters on the lines and sound out tricky words. You are a wonderful writer Lily, well done!
- Huntah For showing our school value of resilience by bravely walking in and out of school by himself this week. We are so proud of you Huntah, well done!
- Prep S** Edward For student of the week this week, please. For being an awesome team player in our Prep Olympics this week and for doing an amazing job with his writing.
- Paige For her awesome attempts at sounding out unknown words in her writing.
- 1C** Emma For 100 nights of reading. Super Star Effort.
- William For being able to read the 300 M100W sight words easily. Amazing skill.
- 1D** Harriet For the writing of wonderful comments in his reading log after he has finished reading at night. I love that you stop to think about what you have read.
- Brock For working very hard at staying focused in class and trying his best at all activities that are set for him.
- Xavier For trying to challenge himself with his writing and include more detail in his writing pieces.
- 2C** Reese For her positive and quirky personality. I love your videos in remote learning and love even more seeing you in person each day! Thanks for brightening our classroom, Reese!
- 2M** Ivy For just being a wonderful Wang West kid. You always display all our values and we are so lucky to have you in our class.
- Ruby J For your dedication to your learning and the high quality work you always produce.
- 2SC** Angelina Thank you for being a wonderful role model in our class. You are a respectful and honest learner; asking for help and helping others when needed. These skills make you a Wang West learner and we are so proud.

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- 3S** Gracie For always going above and beyond with all her learning when learning from home! Keep up the amazing work Gracie!
- Bridie For her excellent enthusiasm on all that we do at school! Keep up these great efforts Bridie!
- Ruby For taking on board feedback with her writing. It is great see you applying this feedback in your writing!
- Charlotte For taking on board feedback with her writing. It is great see you applying this feedback in your writing!
- 4B** Urban For looking out for his peers and showing empathy. Thank you for also trying your best in all aspects of classroom learning!
- 4C** Patrice For her active contribution to class discussions, sharing of Math strategies and working hard in all areas of her learning. Keep up the great work Patrice!
- 5GR** Jed For the resilience and perseverance he showed when he lost all of his completed writing on his iPad for our Cold Write. Jed was not fazed by the situation and chose to rewrite his story from scratch with a smile on his face!!
- Auslan** Nicholas J For always being an enthusiastic, respectful and helpful participant in Auslan. Every session you are always asking if you can help, applying your Auslan knowledge to work out new signs and eager to learn as much as you can!! Keep up the amazing work!
- Brock C For showing your whole body listening and for being the most respectful student in the classroom. It was so amazing to see what you can do in Auslan!! You are a super star!!
- PE** Claire L For your amazing efforts in high jump this week! I was so impressed with your skills and how high you could jump! I can't wait to see what you can do on Athletics Day!
- Isaac R For your incredible efforts in high jump this week! You are always so cool, calm and collected when you jump and it is so good to watch! I can't wait to see how you continue to improve this year!



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Rural City of  
**Wangaratta**

Hello,

I am writing to you hoping that you will speak to your students about the bike jumps in Wangaratta.

We are constantly getting people from the community contacting us about the behaviours and actions of the kids, teens and young adults who are hanging out at the jump areas.

The bike jump issue has been going on for a long time, months before I started. Council staff have been actively looking for ways to allow young people to enjoy building and using bike jumps while respecting others and the environment.

We had discussion with a number of young people about the 'rules' or guidelines they had to follow for them to be allowed to build on the area. We had concerns from environmental groups and members of the community about the plants and trees getting damaged and the animals being harmed and losing their shelters.

I spent a lot of time talking to bike jump users at St Bernards & Arlington, reiterating that they can't leave rubbish behind, chop down the trees, light fires and make jumps near tree roots.

I do understand that the people I spoke to may have moved on and a new group of young people may have moved in.

We had large signs made up specifying the areas and a map showing where the other allocated jumps were. The signs also had the rules we agreed upon.

It wasn't long before we got complaints. Jump ownership, bullying and threatening behaviour, rubbish left behind and fires lit.

Our teams would go and clean up the mess left behind. We don't want rubbish getting in the waterways!

The sign at the railway bridge was the first to be vandalised. First it was spray painted, then ripped out and stomped on. We discussed the damage with our councillors, who agreed originally that we should keep the bike jumps in specified jump areas. They were disheartened, as we all were, and the decision to remove the railway bridge jumps was tabled.

Recently, damage has begun again at the Arlington bike jump site. It is hard for us to support these sites when we are having to deal with these actions.

We are one of the only Councils that let their young people build jumps on our land!

*What we're seeking from you:*

We are hoping that you can get the message across to your students that it is not okay to damage trees, leave rubbish everywhere, abuse passers-by and light fires.

Local environment and sustainability groups as well council's natural resource management team are really upset as young trees they planted have been broken, a waste of time and resources.

We really appreciate if you could make all students aware that we won't tolerate the damage and complete disregard to the rules that we agreed upon. If the damage continues, we won't be able to support these bike jump sites anymore and they will be dug out, with no further activity allowed. This is their last chance.

We're sorry we have to bring this to your attention, but we hope that you can speak to the students and make them aware. It is worth noting that these actions and behaviours could result in police action. The signs installed were of a significant cost and the activity is blatant vandalism.

We don't want our young people to lose these jumps. We think it's great that they get out there and build them, testing their limits, collaborating with others, being active and off devices!





Sincerely,

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# Audition for the circus!

We are looking for young people  
aged 8 – 17 to join our elite circus  
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**Albury Audition Dates:**

**27 September** – General Auditions

**28 & 29 September** – call back workshops by invitation

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