

What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 27th May
Second Hand Book Stall

Monday 31st May
The Resilience Project
Parent Workshop

Monday 4th June
Book Club Due

Monday 14th June
Queen's Birthday Holiday

Friday 25th June
Final Day of Term 2



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

School Review - Third and final day

Yesterday we completed the final day of our school review and it was again highly productive and positive. The day began with focus groups of parents/carers as well as students to gain broader perspectives on the school as a whole. Thank you very much to the parents and carers who volunteered to join the review panel: Jade Penney, Lilly Scullie, Kate Angikiamo, Craig Twitt, Elise Dalglish, Katie Pallot, Helen Holt, Catherine Barrett, Anne-Maree Sessions and Leanne Semple. We really appreciate you taking the time to share your perceptions of the strengths of the school and areas for future focus. The feedback that we received was lovely and we are very grateful.

Our SRC representatives and school captains next met with members of the panel to share their thoughts and ideas relating to our school and the panel commented on how impressive they were as a group – articulate, thoughtful and full of praise for their teachers.

Reflecting on the progress made across the past four years has highlighted the growth being made in both student achievement results and the development of a positive, respectful culture across the school. This has been achieved through the ongoing dedication of our amazing staff and focussed efforts to provide the best possible learning environment for our students.

We have now drafted our goals for the next four years and these will be communicated as soon as they have been formally approved by the Department of Education.

I honestly couldn't be more proud of our school and the journey we have been on for the past four years. Now I look forward to the path we have selected and the exciting things to come.



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.

Fundraising

Thank you again to our amazing Parents and Friends group who organised the Mother's Day stall for us. Not only did they help to make the day extra special for the women in our community, but they also raised \$1310.25 profit that will go towards our major fundraising focus of replacing the sheds in our yard.

Just a reminder that we will be holding a second-hand book stall on **Thursday 27th May** so if you have any children's books in good condition that you would be willing to donate, please send them in by **Wednesday 26th May** ready for sorting on the 26th. The more the merrier!

Enrolments for 2022 Preps

It's hard to believe but it is that time of year again! 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 as we have already begun planning for next year. We ask that these kindly be returned by the end of term.

NAPLAN

A huge congratulations to all of our year 3 and 5 students who have completed their four NAPLAN assessments. We are extremely proud of how hard they have worked and the way they have all tried their very best.

Acting Assistant Principal Role Swap

Thank you and congratulations to Brody Ricardi for the fantastic job he has done as Acting Assistant Principal for the past 5 weeks. He has handled the complex role in an organised, professional and calm manner and it has been a pleasure working with him as part of the senior leadership team.

We now welcome Michael Raison who will take over as Acting Assistant Principal for the final 5 weeks of term before Xavier Norden returns, and thank Kaylene Mexon for again taking on the role of year 6 teacher to cover Michael's class for the remaining 5 weeks of term.

INVITATION

Marmungun Rock Ceremony

The Dirrawarra Indigenous Network
proudly invites

**Wangaratta West Primary School
Staff and Student Representatives**

to attend a
hand print unveiling
at Marmungun Rock
to honour Wangaratta's
2020 Citizen of the Year

Dr. Warren Garrett

Saturday 29th May 2021
11am - 12:30pm
Apex Park Wangaratta

To RSVP and for further information contact:

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Program

- ⌋ Opening
- ⌋ Welcome To Country
- ⌋ Traditional Dance
- ⌋ Origin of Marmungun Rock
- ⌋ Profile: Citizen of the Year
- ⌋ Hand Print Unveiling
- ⌋ Light Refreshments
- ⌋ Bpangerang Animal Song
- ⌋ Closing

Optional: self-guided tours of
the Bullawah Cultural Trail





**North East Regional
Pre School Association**

WELCOME TO OUR OPEN DAYS FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN IN 2022

- **Appin Park Kindergarten** (4 Year Old Program) – Appin Street, Wangaratta
Wednesday 26th May : 9.30am – 11.00am
- **Bernard Briggs Kindergarten** (3 & 4 Year Old Program) – Church St, Benalla
Wednesday 26th May : 1.00pm – 2.00pm
- **Chiltern Kindergarten** (3 & 4 Year Old Program) – Main St, Chiltern
Monday 24th May : 10.00am – 12.00pm
- **Christopher Robin Kindergarten** (4 Year Old Program) – Merriwa Park, Wangaratta
Tuesday 25th May : 1.00pm – 2.30pm
- **Coronation Kindergarten** (3 & 4 Year Old Program) – Swan St, Wangaratta
Thursday 27th May : 9.00am – 10.30am
- **Glenrowan Pre School** (3 & 4 Year Old Program) – Old Hume Highway, Glenrowan
Monday 24th May : 1.00pm – 2.00pm
- **James Tilson Kindergarten** (3 & 4 Year Old Program) – Burke St, Wangaratta
Tuesday 1st June : 2.00pm – 3.00pm
- **Moyhu Pre School** (Occasional Care, 3 & 4 Year Old Program) – Byrne St, Moyhu
Wednesday 26th May : 1.00pm - 2.00pm
- **Munro Ave Pre School** (4 Year Old Program) – Munro Ave, Benalla
Tuesday 1st June : 9.30am – 12.30pm
- **Munro Ave Pre School** (3 Year Old Program) – Munro Ave, Benalla
Wednesday 2nd June : 9.30am - 11.30am
- **The Hub Kindergarten** (3 Year Old Program) – Burke St, Wangaratta
Tuesday 1st June : 1.00pm – 2.00pm
- **Wangaratta West Kindergarten** (4 Year Old Program) – Orkney St, Wangaratta
Wednesday 26th May : 1.00pm – 3.00pm
- **Whitfield Community Childcare Centre** (3 Year Old Program) – Wangaratta Whitfield Rd, Whitfield
Visitors welcome : email whitfieldchildcare@gmail.com to arrange a time
- **Whorouly Kindergarten** (3 & 4 Year Old Program) – Church St, Whorouly
Thursday 27th May : 9.15am – 11.00am

talk to our staff about how the programs are run, *look* over the facility,
ask questions and *collect* a registration package

Student

OF THE WEEK

Prep A	Chad	For his awesome effort and 'can do' attitude towards sounding out words when reading and writing. Keep it up, Chad!
Prep M	Maya	For gaining confidence when reading and using your sounding out skills when unsure of a word. Keep up the good work Maya!
Prep S	Brandon	For consistently making good choices in class and for taking his time with his writing. Brandon has produced some great persuasive sentences this week. Well done, Brandon!
1C	Emma	For being able to write the 100 Mioow words. This is so clever for a Grade 1 student.
	Jaxon	For improved reading. Fantastic reading of words, using expression and answering questions. It is so exciting to see you reading much harder books than you did at the beginning of the year.
1J	Noah	For having such a positive attitude towards his learning and producing high quality work. I am so proud of all of your hard work, keep it up Noah!
1DC	Henry	For working hard during independent reading and reading groups and making pleasing progress with his reading. Well done, Henry!
	Aiden	For making great choices in both the classroom and school yard. Keep up the wonderful work, Aiden!
2C	Zoe	For working hard in class and pushing herself with her writing. Zoe, I am so impressed with the way you have been bumping up your writing. Keep up the great work!
2M	Mac	For his phenomenal big write story. You have listened very carefully and we loved you amazing introduction, your use of adjectives and also your connectives. What a champion.
2SC	Archer	Thank you for being a caring member of the class. You have encouraging words for others and make us all smile.
	Hunter	Well done on having a red hot go at writing about a sensational setting. We felt like we were walking in the forest with you!

Student

OF THE WEEK

- 3S** Dayne For always contributing during class discussions giving his best efforts in all that we do. This was especially evident during our persuasive writing unit. Well done Dayne.
- Stella For the amazing work and effort she is putting into her reading and small group tasks. The results are speaking for themselves Stella! Keep up this amazing work!
- Charlotte For the amazing attitude and resilience she approached NAPLAN with. You were resilient, fierce and gave it your all. Keep up the amazing work!
- 3VP** All Students For giving 110% in their NAPLAN over the last 2 weeks! 3VP worked hard, showed terrific resilience, a positive attitude and had amazing stamina, in every NAPLAN assessment they completed! Mrs v and Miss Peters are super proud of you all!
- 3WC** Jasmine For absolutely smashing her reading at spelling! You're such a dedicated student and deserve all your successes
- 4B** Ariana For the enthusiasm she shows when sharing her ideas. Your love of learning is infectious, Ariana!
- 4C** Phoenix For displaying persistence when developing his persuasive piece of writing and for continuing to work on building the personal strength of accepting feedback. Great job Phoenix!
- 4H** Dexter For showing kindness and initiative in the classroom. It was wonderful to see you setting up the Math resources for our class without even being asked. We are so lucky to have you!
- 5PR** Gus For all your hard work and persistence in remaining focused in the classroom. Well done Gus, you've really stepped it up, keep going!
- 5P** Harry For supporting and encouraging your group members during the maths challenge this week. When your group member was having a moment of difficulty, it was so beautiful to see how you reassured them it wouldn't have been possible without them. A real team player!
- Auslan** Isla H For your wonderful animal video. Isla, your finger spelling was very easy to read and your animal signs were correctly formed and show great hand shape and movement. You should be proud of yourself!!
- Science** Jaxon W For becoming more confident in your scientific knowledge. Your work this week in identifying changing states of matter was sensational. Congratulations!

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