

What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 27th July
Grade 3/4 Cyber Safety

Tuesday 1st August
Grade 5/6 REACH Program

Wednesday 2nd August
Grade 3/4 Cyber Safety
Grade 5/6 REACH Program

Thursday 3rd August
Book Fair
Grade 5/6 Cyber Safety

Friday 4th August
Book Fair
Grade 5/6 AFL 9's

**Monday 7th August - Friday
11th August**
Grade 3/4 Swimming

Friday 11th August
Mal Webster Author Visit
Grade 5/6 AFL 9's

Friday 18th August
Curriculum Day

Monday 21st August
Book Week & Open Morning

TERM 3 WEEK 2 | 21.07.2023

Week 2 at The West started off with a bang as we celebrated our NAPLAN data! Our students did an amazing job and I am so very proud of them.

This year, NAPLAN has changed the way it groups student results, shifting from Top 2 bands, Middle 2 bands and Bottom 2 bands, to 4 categories: Excelling, Strong, Developing and Needs additional support. The intention of this is to make it easier for parents and carers to understand the results.

Schools are also provided with data comparing their students' performance against those of similar schools. I'm thrilled to let you know that Wang West outperformed Similar Schools in every category except 1 (where we drew), and in most cases by 10% or more (see below).

	Wang West	Similar Schools
Reading – Year 3	77%	65%
Reading – Year 5	84%	74%
Writing – Year 3	88%	76%
Writing – Year 5	71%	68%
Spelling – Year 3	63%	52%
Spelling – Year 5	61%	61%
Numeracy – Year 3	74%	65%
Numeracy – Year 5	70%	63%
Grammar & Punctuation – Year 3	67%	48%
Grammar & Punctuation – Year 5	70%	59%

These results are a credit to the students and how hard they have been working in class, our teachers and their dedication to the academic growth of every single child, and to you as parents and carers for the support, encouragement and help you are providing at home. Congratulations to all

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.

Family Portrait Fundraiser

Just a reminder that we still have plenty of sessions available as part of our family portrait fundraiser. It's a great chance to get a lovely keepsake or gift, and is a great fundraiser for our school so if you are keen to get involved, please go to <https://compasstix.com/e/r4ksy51llw> to book your session on August 2nd, 3rd or 4th between 4 and 7PM.

Staffing

You may have seen us advertising for a new music teacher in 2024. Please rest assured that the amazing Atty Carr is not leaving us but is swapping the ukulele for the metre ruler and heading back into a classroom teacher role. We have begun recruiting early to secure the best possible applicant (as she leaves very big shoes to fill) and will keep you informed once we find the right fit.

We will also be advertising a range of roles in the coming weeks so that we can lock in our 2024 teaching staff as soon as possible. As always, I'll announce the teachers in each year level as soon as we have it finalised.

Students coming early

As we are in the grip of Winter, I'd encourage students not to arrive at school too early as warm classrooms are not open until 8:45AM. We have seen students arriving before 8AM, particularly those who walk or ride to school, and temperatures at that time have often been less than 5 degrees so, whilst I completely understand that sometimes kids will need to be dropped off earlier than 8:45, if possible we encourage students not to arrive before 8:30AM.

Practising Lockdown Drills

Last week we ran a lockdown drill as part of our termly Emergency Management Plan drill schedule. Each term we rotate between an off-site evacuation drill, shelter-in-place (hall) drill, on-site evacuation drill (netball courts) and lockdown drill. Unfortunately last week's drill coincided with an actual lockdown that was called at another school which may have led to some parents/carers wondering whether we'd had an emergency also. My sincere apologies if this was the case.

In the future, I will send out a Seesaw message when we have a drill to ensure that we minimise uncertainty and concern for all.

Stay warm and take care everyone,

Kristy

Student OF THE Week

- Prep A** Mikayla For showing resilience and kindness towards others in the classroom. It's great to see you making positive choices and bouncing back from the little bumps that come your way. Well done, Mikayla!
- Prep D** Beau For working very hard during reading and writing sessions, and showing great improvement. Keep up the wonderful work, Beau!
- Prep M** Carter For working showing persistence when sounding out words. You have been working hard on your reading skills and it is amazing to see. Keep up the good work!
- Prep O** Patrick Pat, I am so proud of how hard you have worked this week! You have tackled every learning task with a positive mindset and 'can do' attitude!
- 1J** Mack For working so hard on his writing this term. The way that he has taken on feedback has been amazing. Keep up the great work Mack!
- 1M** Patrick For his perseverance and persistence when working on his skip counting goal. Keep up the great work Patrick!
- 1ZC** Sam For the improvement you've made in your writing. You have been trying really hard to make sure your writing makes sense and is easy to read. Well done!
- 2K** Mia Well done Mia on an amazing start to life at Wang West! You have settled into 2K seamlessly and have already created some wonderful friendships. Well done Mia!
- 3G** Praise For always having a positive attitude towards her learning by always being checked in, engaged and trying her best. Well done Praise.
- 3P** Grace For her persistence and growth in maths. Grace, you have been working so hard at challenging yourself and sharing your thinking. We are so proud of you.
- 3RH** Connor For using his initiative during spelling to segment more words than expected and math each sound CORRECTLY to the Soundwaves chart. A fantastic effort, Connor, keep it up!
- Ginger What amazing hard work you have put into your Maths this week, Ginger. Your knowledge of 'time' has developed so much, and you now have great confidence with reading analogue time to the minute, and using addition to add minutes to a particular time. Keep up the hard work!
- 4MV** Charlotte for taking on feedback with her writing goal and using her sound waves chart to help spell tricky words. Keep up the great work and initiative Charlotte.
- 4SM** Hudson It has been wonderful to have you back in our class after your exciting trip. We have missed you and we love hearing the stories of your travels! Welcome back Hudson!

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- 4WM** Khloe You've fitted in smoothly to life at Wang West. You've got a kind and caring personality and we love having you in our class.
- 5C** Lucy for putting an incredible amount of effort into each learning task and for applying feedback to 'show' the reader instead of 'telling' them. Well done, Lucy!
- 5D** Eli Fantastic effort for being punctual and ready to learn each day this term. A massive improvement, well done!
- 5L** Dayne For developing outstanding connections with your peers. It's been fantastic to see you continually make sure that each member in class has a voice when working in groups settings. Keep up the great work.
- 6P** Cody For his improving his focus, attention and effort in his learning. Keep up the great work, Cody.
- 6R** Evana for her hard work and dedication to reading her pages for weekly Lit Circles. Thanks for all your concentration and the effort you put into your notes. We can't wait to hear more of your wonderful thinking, well done, Eva!
- 6S** Paige-Lee for the fantastic work and presentation you completed on your stop motion film. It was fantastic.
- Isaac for the excellent way you have started term 3. Keep up the amazing work!

PANGERANG BREAKFAST CLUB



FREE..... EVERY TUESDAY
8am

Bring the kids for a nourishing breakfast .
Cereals, toast, baked beans, fruit, juice & milo
provided.
No Bookings required!

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