

# What's on in the West

School Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday 25th May**  
Pupil Free Day

**Tuesday 26th May**  
Grades Prep, 1 and 2 to  
recommence on-site  
learning

**Friday 29th May**  
12:00 - 1:30  
2:10 - 3:30

Learning Pack Pick Up (3-6)  
Mobile Library

**Monday 8th June**  
Labour Day Public Holiday

**Tuesday 9th June**  
Grades 3 to 6 recommence  
on-site learning

Ongoing  
Virtual Tours



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### We are **BACK!**

Our school will be buzzing again on Tuesday as we welcome back all students in years Prep to 2 as well as our on-site learners in years 3-6. I'd like to extend a huge thank you and congratulations to the parents of our junior learners for getting through these first 6 weeks of remote learning. If you still have a child or children from years 3-6 at home, hang in there – the end is in sight!

We hope our Prep to year 2 students are feeling excited and well prepared for their transition back to school on Tuesday following the information and videos that we sent out on Wednesday. Please remember that if your child is feeling particularly anxious about the new drop off rules, you are still able to walk them to and from their classroom. Please just let your child's classroom teacher know.

I also sent out the survey link <https://forms.gle/dTdJjhYXq8ghidYY9> for you to submit any further questions, concerns or general feedback you may have. So far we have only had one submission so hopefully that means we have provided enough information thus far. Also, to that lovely person who submitted feedback, thank you for your very kind words!

# REMINDERS

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## 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.

## DET Parent Survey

As mentioned last week, The Department of Education and Training has released a survey for parents and carers relating to your experience with remote and flexible learning. We would really appreciate your feedback through this formal survey so if you have a spare few minutes, please use the following link:

<https://www.orima.com.au/lfh/parents>

School Name: Wangaratta West Primary

School PIN: 473385

## Temporary Changes in 1C

Chris Clapham will be taking leave for the rest of term so we wish her all the very best during this time and we welcome Urve Fulton and Leonie Arnold who will be taking over 1C during this time. It will be great to have you both back on the team.

## Grades 3-6 Learning Packs

For parents/carers picking up and dropping off learning packs over the next two weeks, please do this from 12-1:30PM or 2:10-3:30 as we will have over 250 students in the yard between 1:30 and 2:05PM each day. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

## Borrowed iPads Prep-2 students

If your child borrowed an iPad to support their remote learning, can these please be returned to the office so they can be signed back in, checked for damage, sanitised and restored for school use.

Have a great week everyone!

Kind Regards,

*Kristy Keenan*

PRINCIPAL

# Staged Return to On-Site Learning

Parents/carers of students Following advice from the Victorian Government on Tuesday 12 May, some students will be returning to school from Tuesday 26 May. The Victorian Chief Health Officer has advised that it is safe for Victorian school students and teachers to return to on-site schooling in a two-staged approach:

## Stage 1

**Monday 25 May:** Pupil free day (Out of School Hours Care available)

**Tuesday 26 May:** Early years students (Prep to Grade 2) and all staff will return to on-site schooling.

## Stage 2

**Tuesday 9 June:** Grade 3 to Year 6 students will return to on-site schooling, subject to health advice.

To ensure that we are following the Chief Health Officer's advice regarding social distancing, the following protocols will be in place:

- All school gates will be opened and parents/carers are asked to maintain 1.5m from others whilst entering/exiting and whilst on school grounds.
- Parents/carers of prep students only are permitted to drop students off/pick students up from classrooms. Parents/carers are not permitted on site before 8:45AM and before 3:15PM, and must maintain social distancing rules whilst on site meaning that no adults are permitted to congregate on site before or after collecting their child. Essentially, please collect your prep child and leave the school grounds as quickly as possible.
- In years 1-6 must drop off and collect students from one of our gates (unless there are specific circumstances that require you to come on-site or you are collecting/dropping off students to our Out of School Hours Care program). Please let your child know where you will meet them, and remember to maintain social distancing rules whilst waiting.
- No parents, carers or siblings are to enter classrooms.
- All contact with teachers must be made via Seesaw or email. Teachers will not be available for discussions with parents in person before or after school.
- Our playgrounds will still be out of bounds for all students and siblings.
- Please minimise visits to our school office and remember that only 2 adults are permitted in the office waiting area at a time.

# Staged Return to On-Site Learning

- Please remember that if your child is unwell, they must not attend school. Any student with a fever, cough or sore throat will be isolated at school and parents/carers will be called for immediate collection.

We are attempting to avoid staggering drop-off and pick-up times as we realise the difficulties this may cause for families with multiple students so we implore you to follow the above rules. If adults congregate on site or around gates, we will need to review this and consider further measures.

For further information, the Department's latest advice on can be found at [www.education.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)



# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- 2SS      Macy      Macy, you have been an absolute superstar throughout remote learning. It has been a challenge that you have worked through and I am so proud of you! Awesome work Macy!
- Mason      Thank you for sharing your reading throughout remote learning. Your enthusiasm is contagious and your improvements are phenomenal. Be very proud of your achievements.
- 3HV      Manvidu      For caring for his learning and trying his best throughout his time in remote learning. He worked hard and listened to really well to feedback so that he could uplevel his work in all areas. Well done Manvidu.
- Layla      For outstanding efforts and gratitude throughout her Remote Learning experience. We really appreciated your morning messages and positive feedback in all our remote learning activities.
- 4AP      Millie      Millie, your dedication to your learning whilst we've been remote learning is to be commended! You put thought and effort in to all that you do, thank you!
- 5C      Matilda      For adopting a remote learning routine that includes caring for others, collaborative learning and maintaining a sense of humour and fun. Well done!
- 5G      Corey      For his outstanding effort in all activities during remote learning. Your commitment and effort to remote learning has been fantastic. It has been great to see the hard work you continuously put into each and every learning activity. Keep it up!
- 6MW      Nathan      You have stepped up the quality and quantity of your work during remote learning! We are really impressed! Keep up the great work for the rest of the term!



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**

