

What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 27th February
Photo Day

Wednesday 6th March
P&F AGM

Monday 11th March
Public Holiday

Wednesday 13th March
NAPLAN begins

Monday 25th March
Grade 3 overnight camp

Wednesday 27th March
Whole School Cross Country

Thursday 28th March
Last day of Term 1



Feeling hot, hot, hot! We certainly had warm weather for our Community Picnic, but that didn't stifle the positive vibes here at The West. It was so wonderful to see everyone enjoying a social night out together with good food and great company. A huge thank you to everyone who came along and I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. We'd like to also thank Sushi Sistas and Tu Vietnamese for their kind donations to the school, as well as Danielle from Coles Wangaratta for hooking us up with the BBQ and drinks.

In other news, we have just appointed a new Tutor to take on the Tutor Learning Initiative (TLI) from Term 2-4. Welcome to the team Courtney Shiels!

This year we had a significant drop in TLI funding (a reduction of approximately 50%) due to our fabulous NAPLAN results last year so we will be running a program for 2.5 days per week focussing on numeracy. In addition to this, we have Danni Castagna released from teaching for a day per week to oversee the entire intervention approach. She will continue working with our fabulous Education Support staff and will likewise work closely with our new tutor Courtney to ensure that our effective Tutor Learning approach continues.

This is in addition to the reading intervention that we will continue to offer at The West. Jacinta Robinson and Bec McDonald will be running the MiniLit and MultiLit intervention programs again in 2024, supporting a range of students across the school.

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.

I'd also like to wholeheartedly congratulate our school captains for 2024!

Semester 1

- Olive Meggs
- Evie Fisher
- Remy Staley
- Lucca Bennett

Semester 2

- Lily Booth
- Annabel Batters
- Jasmine (Jas) Allisey
- Quinn Kelly



Our Semester 1 leaders did an absolutely fabulous job of running their first assembly last week so I am really looking forward to working with them, and their Semester 2 counterparts, throughout the year.

In other exciting news, Playgroup and Breakfast Club are back! It was lovely to see both familiar and new faces at Playgroup on Wednesday morning, led by the wonderful Rose Couttie. Playgroup runs out of the hall every Wednesday morning from 9:30-11 and children of all ages are welcome (from babies to pre-prep). Breakfast Club is also available to all students on Thursday mornings from 8-8:30AM so we hope to see even more of our Wang Westers in the hall for breakfast on Thursdays.

Lunchtime Clubs are also back up and running, giving our kids some fun, structured activities to engage in from 11:30-12PM each day. These groups were very popular last year so it is great to have them back up and running.

That's it for this fortnight. Have a great weekend everyone,

Kristy

Student OF THE Week

- Prep D** Luca For always showing respect towards his teachers and classmates. Keep up the wonderful work, Luca!
- Prep J** Maisie for the amazing focus she has shown for her handwriting. Well done Maisie, keep up the great work!
- Prep M** Arlo For coming into the classroom with a positive attitude and giving everything a go. You are always so polite and it is pleasure to have you in my class. Keep up the good work!
- 1B** Finn for his speedy transitions from his table to the floor (and back). Thank you for always being ready to learn, Finn!
- 1C** Ella for being a conscientious and focused learner. What a fabulous start you have made to Grade One!
- 1M** Lucy For always being ready to learn and doing her best work. Keep it up Lucy!
- 1Z** Henry for focusing hard on your work and asking questions when you are unsure.
- 2C** Patrick For always showing respect when the teacher is explaining and talking in class. You also show respect to your classmates and will work with anyone when asked, treating all with compassion and care.
- 2L** Eden For always showing respect to your teachers and classmates and always putting 100% effort into your learning tasks! Thank you for being an amazing role model in 2L!
- 2WR** Dave Thank you for being so brave and being the first to show the grade you're 'what's in my bag' items. We are so proud of you!
- 3A** Paige for her persistence, effort and pride in her work when solving challenging maths tasks. It's wonderful to see you achieving success and feeling positive in Maths, Paige! Keep it up!
- 3J** Zachary Zac consistently demonstrates our school values in and out of the classroom as well as having meaningful contributions to our class discussions. Zac you are a superstar.
- 3M** Aria For demonstrating persistence, focus and commitment towards all learning tasks! You consistently demonstrate all our school values in the classroom and yard. Keep up the amazing work!
- 4G** Mim For consistently being her Wang West best!! Mim is an engaged learner who completes her work to a high standard. She also shows 'Connection' in every interaction with her peers and teachers. Well done Mim!

Student OF THE Week

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| 4P | Emily | Your increasing confidence in sharing your insights during class discussions has been truly impressive. Keep up the great work! |
| 4S | Scarlett | What an awesome start to Year 4, Scarlett. You are always trying your best and taking care of those around you. |
| 5RC | Zac | for his willingness to answer questions and participate in class discussions. Thanks for setting such a good example, Zac! |
| 5W | Jobe | For being an amazing friend to someone who needed it. We can always rely on you. |
| 5VH | Sophie | for always engaging in class discussions by asking questions, contributing ideas and respectfully listening to others. Keep up the great work Soph! |
| | Eli | you have had an incredible start to Grade 5. You are proving to be a great role model in our classroom by participating in group discussions, being a great listener and trying your best in all activities. Keep it up mate... you are going to have a brilliant year! |
| 6C | Lindsay | For demonstrating our school value of success. You always give 100% to our learning tasks. Well done. |
| 6L | Lily | For demonstrating our school's value of connection, Lily's exceptional care for her peers shines both inside and out of the classroom. Congratulations, Lily. |
| 6N | Jasper | for the wonderful start you have made to the school year. Your positive mindset towards all tasks has been amazing along with encouraging your peers to show the same attitude. Thanks for being a superstar. |
| PE | Noah L | for the positive attitude you have brought to PE this term. Your resilience and ability to self-umpire has been incredible to see! Keep up the awesome work! |
| Auslan | Audrey H | for always displaying our school values in Auslan and giving your best effort. You are a star Audrey! |

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Photo Day 2024

Tuesday 27th February



To Order Photos:

Order via the Compass Portal.

Order your School Photos before midnight 5th March.

Late Orders can be accepted after *5th March* by Ordering online via the Compass Portal or by contacting **03 5482 3190**. All late orders incur an extra \$20 for postage and handling.

Family Photos – Please order online prior to photo day using the Compass Portal.



03 5482 3190
admin.mrr@msp.com.au
www.msp.com.au

INVITING NEW 2025 ENROLMENTS

Galen Catholic College welcomes all families to our annual Discovery Evening.

Come and see our new facilities, meet our educators and get hands on with some of our classroom and extra curricular activities!



Thursday
MARCH
14th

5.30 - 7pm



Scan the QR code to register or galen.vic.edu.au/enrolmentandtours

What will you

DISCOVER?

Empowering minds, enhancing lives, embracing faith

JOIN LFC TODAY

LIVERPOOL FOOTBALL CLUB
EST. 1892
YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE

International Academy
Australia

REGISTER
WEEKLY SKILL DEVELOPMENT CLINIC!

GALEN CATHOLIC COLLEGE
WANGARATTA

WED 7 FEB - WED 27 MAR
4:30 PM - 5:30PM

AGES 6-14 | ALL GENDERS | ALL ABILITIES

Women's

DANCE PARTY

Fundraiser

An intergenerational celebration of sisterhood!

- Tickets \$40 incl. entry & nibbles
- Drinks at bar prices
- 18 yrs & beyond
- Playlist of the best party anthems of the 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's, 00's and today
- All dance abilities welcome!



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MARCH

6.30 PM - 10.30 PM

QUALITY HOTEL GATEWAY WANGARATTA

**CENTRE
AGAINST
VIOLENCE**

100% of profits supporting
the Centre Against
Violence

Scan QR for tickets or
[https://events.humanitix.com/
/women-s-dance-party-
fundraiser](https://events.humanitix.com/women-s-dance-party-fundraiser)



DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN AGED 0-12?

JUNCTION SUPPORT SERVICES PRESENT:

EARLY HELP PROGRAM

WE CAN PROVIDE SUPPORT WITH:

- Developing & Maintaining Routines
- Understanding and learning how to respond to children's big behaviours.
- Building and strengthening attachment and connection between parent, child and siblings.
- Supporting School Attendance
- Regulating Screen Time
- Promoting Participation in the Community
- New Parent Adjustments
- Supporting children to meet developmental milestones



THIS PROGRAM IS COMPLETELY FREE
& WE CAN TRAVEL TO YOU!

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE...

- You can access the Early Help Program by self-referral with the team at Junction Support Services
- Speak with your local school, kinder, childcare or maternal health team.

155 Melbourne Rd
Wodonga VIC

0260 437 400

<https://junction.org.au>

SAVE THE DATE!

2024
1 DAYER
17TH MARCH 2024

(raising awareness
of depression and
suicide prevention)



Black Dog Ride

**WANGARATTA
VICTORIA**

**SAVE THE DATE
SO YOU
DON'T MISS OUT
ON THIS ICONIC
RIDE!**

Help us get the country talking
and join your local 1 Dayer!

Departing Apex Park,
Wangaratta VIC 3677

www.blackdogride.org.au

**8 AUSTRALIANS TAKE
THEIR LIVES EVERY
SINGLE DAY, THAT'S ONE
AUSSIE EVERY 3 HOURS
LOSING THEIR LIFE TO
THE BLACK DOG.**

On the third Sunday of March,
Black Dog Ride is uniting under
one banner with one voice on
one single day to amplify a
national message of hope,
awareness and prevention.

Scan the QR Code to register



For more information contact
ride coordinator

Kurt Dissegna
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or
m: 0428 657 196



HARMONY DAY

**A CELEBRATION OF MULTICULTURAL
DIVERSITY AND YOU!**

EVERYONE BELONGS

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 2024

**11AM TO 2PM BATCHELOR'S GREEN
TONE ROAD, WANGARATTA**



Emergency Services
Dance, music, singing
Wangaratta Pipe Band
Scouts Sausage Sizzle

Central Victorian
Lion Team
Spectacular
11:45am

Food Vans Hamper Raffle
Giant Lawn Games
Jumping Castles
Children's Entertainment

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



Families,
Fairness
and Housing



Rural City of Wangaratta



ENGAGE!