

What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 3rd May
Bookclub Due
School Council Meeting

Friday 7th May
Mothers' Day Stall

Thursday 27th May
Second Hand Book Stall



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

ANZAC Day

This year, in light of COVID-19 restrictions, the Rural City of Wangaratta are restricting attendance at the ceremony to 600. As we are unable to encourage the usual participation in the march and ceremony, we have arranged for a wreath to be laid on behalf of our school at the ANZAC Day ceremony and our Friday assembly included both an ANZAC DAY presentation and the observing of one minute of silence.

We also encourage families to honour the service of women and men by engaging in one of many available methods of recognition this year. These include:

Rural City of Wangaratta's live stream - Sunday, 25 April 2021 | 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM.

At 11am on Sunday April 25 the Rural City of Wangaratta will broadcast live the ANZAC ceremony direct from the Cenotaph.

Although a live event is still occurring, COVID safe arrangements restrict numbers attending in person to 600.

To ensure our larger community can still remember all the brave men and women that served our country, you are invited you to watch online.

To watch the 11am service on Sunday the 25th of April, go to either:

- the Council's Facebook page "Rural City of Wangaratta"
- the Rural City of Wangaratta YouTube Channel
- the "Wangaratta RSL" Facebook page

Registrations to attend the event in person are required via the Wangaratta RSL.



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.

Light up the Dawn

At 6am light a candle and stand on your driveway, on your balcony or in your living room to observe a minute's silence to commemorate all veterans who have served and are serving now.

Dawn Service

This will be livestreamed on ANZAC Day and all Victorians are invited to join online via the Shrine of Remembrance's website or RSL Victoria and the Shrine's social channels to watch the Dawn Service and the march from home.

If you would like to send me (Kristy) a photo of how your family recognised ANZAC Day this year, we will include it in next week's newsletter.

Curriculum Day #4

A huge thank you to families for making arrangements on Monday to allow for our final (yes, final I promise!) curriculum day for the year. Our teaching staff spent the day with Di Siemon, a mathematics professor and consultant who provided strategies for fine-tuning our approach to teaching mathematics in an engaging, sequential and impactful manner. Feedback from staff was that it was a highly beneficial day so we are excited to put into practice the ideas and strategies offered.

Assemblies

This term, due to inter-school sports, we will be running assemblies each Friday at 11:50AM. Unfortunately due to the space limitations in the hall we cannot invite all parents/carers to assemblies, however if your child is receiving an award (Student of the Week, Principal's Award, etc.) you are welcome to join us.



Parents & Friends Meeting

The P&F are off to a fantastic start! The Easter raffle raised an amazing \$4,150 so thank you so much to everyone who donated items and/or purchased raffle tickets.

Thank you also to Jane Elzinga for creating the beautiful vouchers and Stef Wilson, Cassie Kay, Leanne Semple and the Meggs girls (Olive, Ellie, Georgia and Millie) for your help.

The Hot Cross Bun drive also raised \$623.65 and again thank you to everyone who got involved, particularly those volunteers who assisted in counting and/or sorting and handing out packs (Skye O'Connell, Leanne Semple, Bec Cummins, Cassie Kay, Yen Sanderson and Katie Easton).

Upcoming fundraising events:

The Mother's Day Stall will be held on Friday 7th May. Students are welcome to bring along a small amount of money (up to \$5 maximum) to purchase a gift for their mother/grandmother/other special female in their life. If purchasing, please send your child along with a bag to help with transportation of gifts. If anyone would be willing to donate a gift i.e. individually wrapped chocolates (Favourites, etc.) to fill mugs or other small gifts, these will be gift-wrapped by the P&F team ready for sale.

We will be holding a **second-hand book stall** on Thursday 27th May so if you have any children's books at good condition that you would be willing to donate, please send them in between Friday 21st and Wednesday 26th May, ready for sorting on the 26th. The more the merrier!

We will be holding another **raffle** with a range of prizes including a brand new iPad. Ticket booklets will be sent out on Monday 7th of June and will be due back Monday 21st of June. We are currently seeking additional prizes so if you have a prize that you would be willing to donate to this raffle, please let me (Kristy) know.



Amity (1J) for the amazing way you have started this term. We absolutely love the way you are completing your work with a smile on your face, trying your best and coming to school with a positive attitude. What a superstar!

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.

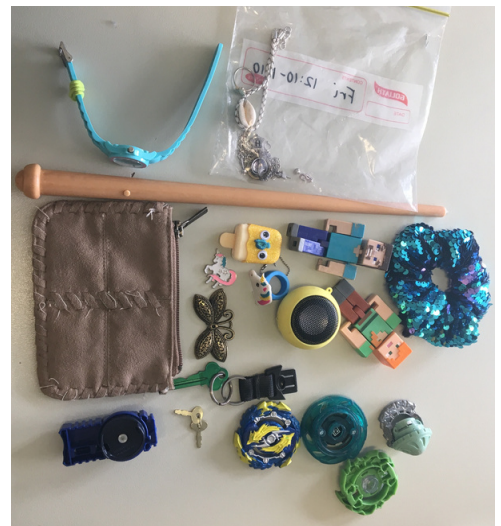
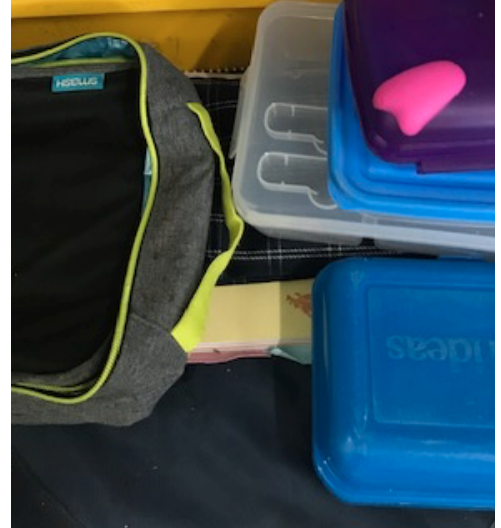
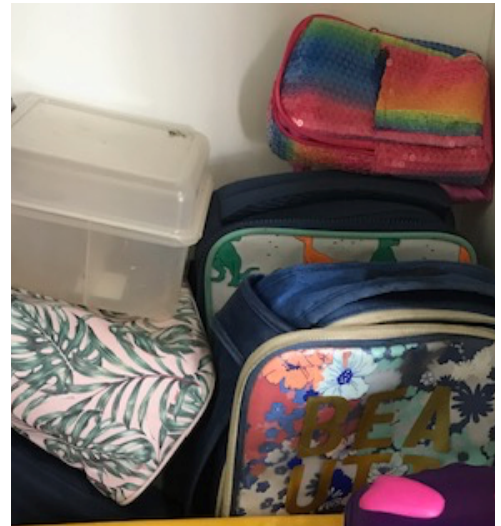
OSHC

All OSHC Queries/Bookings to 0407 004 059 or wangwestoshc@gmail.com

Lost Property

We have a lot of lost property and unnamed items that has been kindly sorted by parent Skye Hunter (Thank you, Skye!).

If your child has misplaced an item during the school term, school camps or during vacation care, please head to the lost property section in the Hall. Any named items that have found themselves in lost property have been handed back to their owners.



2021 ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY
PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION AND CONSENT LETTER
from The Department of Education and Training.

Dear Parent / Guardian,

This letter is to inform you about the 2021 Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS), that your child is invited to participate in.

About the survey

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of your school.

The AtoSS is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist your child's school to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, bullying and life in general.

There are also some questions about student health and wellbeing. Understanding health and wellbeing needs is important to support students to learn and thrive at school. The Department is providing this addition to the core survey to allow your child's school to capture this information to support students. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their resilience, community connections and physical activity.

This year, the AtoSS will be conducted at your school on **Tuesday 27th April**.

What are the benefits?

In our experience, young people enjoy having their say. We have been running this survey for nearly 20 years and it has been invaluable in helping schools understand student views. Your school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

What are the risks?

While we do not anticipate many risks of participation, some students may find some of the survey questions too personal and sensitive in nature. Should you agree for your child to participate, they are still free to skip questions or to withdraw at any stage if the survey makes them upset or uncomfortable. The survey has been approved by a Human Research Ethics Committee. The questions are selected from validated survey instruments, are strength-based, and tailored for each year level group.

What will my child be asked to do?

Your child will be invited to complete the survey online during class time using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Please note:

- Student participation in the survey is voluntary and students may withdraw at any time.
- The survey will take around 20-45 minutes to complete.

How is my child's confidentiality protected?

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey from their teacher. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only. Personally identifiable data will not be recorded in the survey response file. This ensures that the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times.

How will results be reported?

The survey results will be reported back to the school in an aggregate form throughout the survey period. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Data suppression rules are used for schools with low student numbers per year level.

Your school may share the results of the survey with parents, in documents such as the School Annual Report.

Options for participation

Participation in this survey is voluntary. If you do not wish for your child to do the survey, please opt out via email a Seesaw message or email to your child's classroom teacher. Please do so by Monday 25th April 4:30PM, stating that you wish to opt out of your child's participation, along with their name and year level.

If your school does not receive a Refusal of Consent email from yourself before the survey commencement date mentioned within this letter, it means that you give your consent for your child to participate in the 2021 Attitudes to School Survey.

A copy of the survey that we are asking your child to complete is available from your child's school. Please contact the administration office if you would like to see the survey before making your decision about whether you would like your child to participate.

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher, or contact the Department at attitudes.school.survey@education.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,
The Department of Education and Training Victoria

BASEBALL / TEEBALL 2021



The WANGARATTA RANGERS would like to invite new and existing players to attending training for the 2021 season. The Rangers will be looking for junior players of all ages to compete an Under 15's baseball team and an Under 12's teeball/coach pitch team.

COME AND TRY DAY

Thursday 22nd April
Bring a hat and a drink
bottle. All other equipment is
provided.

FACEBOOK -
wangarattarangersbaseball



Training will be every Thursday
TARGOORA PARK
(Beside Cathedral College)
Juniors - 5pm-6pm

Contact

PHONE - Owen 0419514695
EMAIL - owengodenzi@gmail.com

Student

OF THE WEEK

Prep A	Alyxia	For always having a positive attitude towards her learning and a willingness to help others.
Prep S	Indi	For always being an enthusiastic participant in everything we do and for putting in her best effort at all times.
1B	Owen	For beginning term 2 with a great attitude towards learning, and always showing care for others and our learning environment in 1B!
1C	Dane	For caring about his learning by knowing all the 300 M100W words. Yay. I am so proud of you.
	Harper	For caring about her learning by paying attention all the time and working hard to do her very best. This has been with a smile, all day long, all week.
1DC	Blake	For making a great start to term 2 by being focused and working hard at completing his learning tasks. Keep up the wonderful work Blake!
1J	Amity	For starting term 2 with such a positive attitude. Well done Amity, keep up the wonderful work!
2C	Max	For making such a great start to Term 2! It's wonderful to see you so focussed and practicing strategies you've learned in the classroom and mini lit. Keep it up, Max!
2SC	Brax	For returning from holidays with an energetic and positive mindset. Your enthusiasm is contagious Brax!
	Tia	Thanks for being a respectful and honest member of 2SC. We love that you are a role model for others and someone we can count on.
4B	River	For being honest and staying true to our Wang West values. You should be very proud of yourself, River!
4H	Nabiha	For consistently challenging herself in the classroom! The effort you put in is outstanding, Nabiha. Keep up the great work.
5GR	Connah	For his excellent start to Term 2. Connah has come back to school switched on and ready to learn. Keep it up!
Science	Kayden R	Kayden you are an amazing macro-photographer. Congratulations on using your inquiring mind and creativity to take such interesting photos with the microscopes in Science.

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