

What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 10th July
Term 3 Begins
Author Visit

Wednesday 12th July
Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday 13th July
State Cross Country

Friday 21st July
Grade 2 Melbourne Zoo
Excursion

Thursday 3rd August
Book Fair

Friday 4th August
Book Fair

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



Happy last day of Term 2 everyone! This term has certainly flown by but has been filled with lots of fun and learning. I hope you all enjoyed reading your child or childrens' reports as much as I did. Having the opportunity to proof read a section of the school's reports, I was overcome with pride as I read the way teachers described students in depth. It showed the relationships that have formed and the extent to which they are known and seen by the staff. The way the staff at Wang West care for and about our students is something very special.

At present, we can see that only approximately 1/3 of the reports for students within our school have been opened from Compass so I strongly encourage you to jump on to Compass and have a read of the beautiful comments written by our staff about your children. As mentioned last week, if you would prefer a hard copy printed please contact the office and we can arrange this for you next term.

Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on Wednesday July 12th (the first Wednesday back of next term) between 3:30 and 5:30PM. You can make a booking online as of 4PM today and bookings will close at 2PM the day before (Tuesday 11th). Simply log in to Compass and choose the time that suits you and your family best.

This week our year 6 students headed off to the Winter Sports Day on Wednesday where they braved the very cold conditions to compete against a range of local schools. The sportsmanship and camaraderie that they demonstrated is a credit to them, the staff leading them and you all as parents. You are raising wonderful kids that you should be very proud of!

Wednesday was also the day of the Prep Olympics! It was so lovely to see their little faces as they competed in the fun games (egg and spoon race, boot toss, etc.) and to hear the squeals of delight coming from the groups. Congratulations on a great first half of the year Preppies!!

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.

Curriculum Day

Our final curriculum day (pupil free) for the year will be held on **Friday August 18th**. It is a still a long way off but you might like to add it to your diaries now.

The day will focus on completion of the fourth and final day of training in Trauma Informed Practice led by Berry Street. Our staff have taken a great deal of learning away from the first three days so it will be fantastic to see it all come together in this final day of professional learning.

Author Visit

On the first two days of Term 3 we will welcome Jodi Toering to our school for two days as she works with 50 of our strongest writers across years 3, 4, 5 and 6. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our writers to strengthen their skills and perhaps even inspire some authors in the future. Her book Mallee Sky will be used as a mentor text during the sessions and is one to keep an eye out for.

Here is some information about Jodi:

About Me

I was born in the Mallee at Hopetoun and grew up on a wheat farm outside a small town called Beulah.

As a child, I was fascinated with stories, reading on my own well before I went to school. When I didn't have my nose in a book, I spent my time drawing or writing.

I had three main dreams: to become an English teacher, a children's author, and a back-up singer.

Fast forward several decades, I am now juggling the roles of full time teacher, children's author, and even back-up singer on the odd occasion. Dreams really do come true!

In my spare time, I love creating artworks and spending time on my bush block with my husband, my two beautiful children and the ever-growing menagerie of animals that share our home.



Family Portrait Fundraiser

Next term we have collaborated with The Occasion Studio to offer an amazing family portrait opportunity. For \$25 you will receive a photography session where you can have photos taken of the entire family as well as individual children, groups, etc. You will then have the opportunity to select your favourite photo from the collection to be used on an 8x10 inch plaque mount. As a bonus, the school will receive \$20 from every order to go towards our fundraising efforts!

To place your order, go to <https://compasstix.com/e/r4ksy51llw>

My family took up this offer recently as part of a kindergarten fundraiser and we absolutely love our family plaque. It is a fantastic fundraiser and a great opportunity to get that beautiful family photo with everyone in it (a scarcity!)

School Captains

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our incredible school captains this semester. Georgia Kelly, Ariana Simsen, Ky Press and Urban Holt have represented our school in a manner that they (and their families) should be so very proud of. Thank you for the initiative you have shown each week getting organised for assembly and for the way you have led by example, conducting yourselves as true leaders at all times. I have loved working with you all!

At our first assembly next term we welcome our new school captains: Mia Zachariou, Jack Vincent, Xander Haynes and Ellouise Jones. The new school captains will take over as of week 1 so we are excited for them to step into this new and exciting role.

Have a very safe and happy holidays everyone! We will see you next term.

Best wishes,

Kristy



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







LIVERPOOL FOOTBALL CLUB INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

COMMUNITY DAY

GALEN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

COME AND TRY
Free Taster Sessions
of Training the
"Liverpool Way"

*** LIMITED PLACES!**
Players aged 6-16



**Galen Catholic College
Soccer Field**

*enter from College Street

galen.vic.edu.au/liverpool-fc-partnership-launch



*On-field sessions under LFC
Academy accredited coaches
designed to complement club
football commitments.
Bring sunscreen, water bottle, shin
pads and boots where possible*

Scan to register
and choose your
session time



International
Academy

FRIDAY

7 July 2023

9AM -3PM



Galen
Catholic College



**Competition for Primary
School Students**

"Wonderful Worms"

Tell us how wonderful worms are for our soil
and for the environment.

**Lots of GREAT PRIZES to be won including
\$500 and \$100 vouchers**

Entry can be in any digital format - video, mural, posters,
or even a rap dance!

To enter, scan the QR code
or visit:
www.soilweekaustralia.com.au



Free to enter
Competition open now
Closes 15 Sept 2023

VACCA Ovens Murray NAIDOC 2023

Wangaratta Community Gathering



VACCA
Connected by culture

VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL
CHILD CARE AGENCY

**FOR OUR
ELDERS**

SUNDAY 9TH JULY

1.00pm - 4.00pm

Apex Park Wangaratta

Cultural Activities:

- Free Community BBQ • Coffee Van
- Fun stalls • Big Games
- Indigenous Outreach Projects Hip Hop Crew
- Boomerang Painting & Throwing
- Weaving & Dilly bag making • Face Painting
- Madi Colville Yorta Yorta Musician

No alcohol & smoke free event

Come along and enjoy the Clothing the Gap walk along the Bullawah Cultural trail at Apex Park Wangaratta at 12.15pm. VACCA Wangaratta Community Gathering will begin after the walk.

Scan the QR code for more information or use this link: https://www.canva.com/design/DAFj-pmsPys/oppolbgumj8i4XoldtOJWg/view?utm_content=DAFj-pmsPys&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=publishsharelink




COVID Safety: Please adhere to all COVID safe instructions throughout the day and during travel to the event venue.

Artwork by: Kaitlyn Boyer, Gunditjmara, VACCA Graphic Designer & Artist

Supported By:

Rotary
Appin Park Wangaratta, 9790





SHIELDS OF EMOTIONS
NURRATJ GALNYA (DREAM STREET) KOORIE ART BY REBECCA ATKINSON

2023

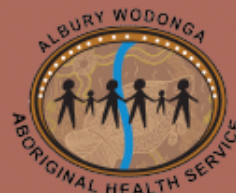
AWAHS SHIELDS OF EMOTIONS FESTIVAL

**SAVE THE
DATE**

ENQUIRES CONTACT
BRITTA ON 0433 007 326

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ENTERTAINMENT ·
ELDERS AREA · STALLS ·
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ACTIVITIES · FOOD
VENDORS · COFFEE VANS
AND MANY MORE

**JUNE 17 · 2023
APEX PARK WANGARATTA
10:30AM - 3:30PM**



TRANSPORT

ALBURY/ WODONGA

WE WILL HAVE A BUS PICK UP POINT
FOR ALBURY & WODONGA MOB AT
AWAHS GLENROY AT 9AM

BENALLA / WANGARATTA

BUS SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR
BENALLA AND WANG MOB. MORE
DETAILS TO COME..

ENTERTAINMENT

KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED ON OUR
SOCIALS FOR THE LINE UP OF LIVE
ENTERTAINMENT WE HAVE PLANNED
FOR THE DAY!

