

# What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Friday July 31**  
Book Club Due

**Monday 3rd August**  
Safe on Social Parent Webinar

**Friday 7th August**  
Crazy Hair Day - dollar coin donation

**Ongoing**  
Virtual Tours



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**Congratulations to our new school leaders!**



Gus J is our new house captain for Hotham, and Amy C-S is taking over as house captain for Buffalo!

## School Council Update

On Monday evening the school council met (again via an online platform) and the following was determined:

- Exploration into further grounds works were approved by school council, including the resurfacing of the basketball/netball courts where the asphalt is in need of repair or replacement
- Adjustments to the school cash budget were approved
- A new cleaning company was approved (following selection by a sub-committee of the school council)



# 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.

## Grounds

A colourful new rubber surface has now been installed on both sides of the new portable, and the large round tank replaced with a slimline tank between the new portable and the 3/5 pod to increase visibility



Today I met with a Department representative to discuss plans for upcoming grounds works, and submitted the relevant paperwork seeking permission to resurface our basketball courts in a combination of rubber and acrylic courts. I also put in an application for a grant that would provide the funding for us to build a permanent shelter over the top of the courts. Fingers crossed we are successful!

## Teacher Replacement (Leave)

This term we will be trialling a new system for replacing teaching staff who are absent. From now on, teaching staff in years 3-6 who have a planned absence will prepare a 'remote learning' format day for students to complete during a class split. This will include preparing a daily outline, hard copy work and videos to explain the content. As students are familiar with this routine we hope that it will make grade splits more successful due to maintaining classroom routines and continuing on with the planned learning for the class whilst also helping to reduce our growing CRT costs (so that we can better use this money to support and engage our students).

Prep-2 teachers will continue to be replaced by a CRT as usual. Teaching staff who have an unplanned absence (sick leave, carers leave) will be able to choose to either have their class replaced with a Casual Relief Teacher OR prepare a remote learning day for a class split. As always, I welcome your feedback on this trial.



## Language at WWPS in 2021

Signorina Cardamone is unfortunately unable to apply for another period of Permission To Teach and will therefore be unable to continue teaching Italian at our school beyond the end of this year. As a result we have advertised for a new language teacher, but moving forward we have decided to trial a different language at our school as of next year - Auslan. Auslan was hugely successful in its trial last year with the year 1 students so we believe it will be a great move for the school.

Signorina Cardamone has done an amazing job of teaching Italian at our school and we are sad that we cannot continue with her in this role, but we are fortunate that she will still be part of our staff next year in an Education Support role, and she is supportive of this move to a new language. Thank you Tanya!

## Garden Club!

Today Mrs Hogan and Lindsay Edwards launched our new Garden Club, with a number of eager participants. The interest in this new activity was so large that we will need to run various groups over the coming months, so if your child missed out this time there will be further opportunities for them to participate. Thank you Rachel and Lindsay for volunteering to run this!



## Drinkbottles

Due to current Covid restrictions, we are not allowing students to drink directly from bubbler taps, but they can refill from here. Please ensure your child brings a drinkbottle to school as we are unable to distribute any cups.

## 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

## Respectful Relationships

This week our staff participated in a Respectful Relationship briefing, presented by members from the Department's Health Wellbeing and Specialist Services Branch.

The Respectful Relationship initiative involves taking a whole-school approach to embedding a culture of respect and equality across our entire school community. The approach leads to positive impacts on students' academic outcomes, their mental health, classroom behaviour, and relationships between teachers and students. We have formed a Respectful Relationships team who will ensure that we continue to embed and promote a culture of respect and equity across our entire school community.

## Safe on Social

Just a reminder to lock in 7PM on Monday August 3rd for our session with Kira from Safe On Social. Kira is a wealth of knowledge on a range of topics relating to cyber safety, digital footprints, current games/apps being used by students and ways to keep your child safe online. I highly recommend all parents tuning in. Login details will be provided soon.

## Scholastic Book Fair

In light of recent COVID-19 number increases and restrictions in Melbourne, we unfortunately had to recently make the decision to cancel the Scholastic Book Fair for 2020 however we will instead continue with book club orders.

# ☆☆☆ Principals Award ☆☆☆

**Vaiula Solomua** – For the incredible improvement visible in your writing over the past two weeks. Miss Murray showed me the opener to your new narrative this week Vaiula and I was blown away. We are both so proud of you!

**Archer Wilson** – For the fantastic start you made to Maths Olympiad this week. In particular, your willingness to make mistakes as you tried a range of strategies on your way to the correct answer was truly impressive as this showed resilience, persistence and growth.

*Kristy Keenan*  
PRINCIPAL

## WE'RE BACK IN THE DIGIHUB!

We are back in the DigiHub! This term our Grades 4, 5 and 6 students are completing a "Digital Design" unit. They will be exploring how digital technology is used to "make the impossible seem possible". In their first lesson, students used green screen technology to explore the concept of "layering" photos. As you can see the students have been extremely creative! Next lesson we are exploring some of the tricks the producers use in the Harry Potter movies, such as the moving newspapers and the cloak of invisibility.





# Westy's Sports Report



## WANG WEST FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The Wang West Footy League for grades 3,4, 5 and 6 is starting on Friday. We are all very excited for it. Gus, Kade Ryan, Karlesha, Luke and Levi have helped organise this amazing event by doing the footy teams. Last year, the Tigers won with WWFL Grand Final. Who will win this year?

Harry.

**WNA**  
**NETBALL**

**NET SET GO - GAMES START 11:30AM**

**Grade 3**  
Wolf Cubs Vs Chisholm Champs  
Crt 1

**Grade 4**  
Westy Wolves Vs Beechworth  
Crt 8





**JUNIOR NETBALL**

**9:30**  
Alpha Wolves Vs Valley Stars  
Crt 8

**10:30**  
Wolf Pack Vs Lorikeets  
Crt 3

Wild West Vs The Rockets  
Crt 7

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- Prep A** Mason For his hard work and persistence when sounding out words in writing.
- Prep C** Tui For doing some amazing writing. You are really persisting with making and writing your sounds. Great work Tui.
- Prep M** Holly For working so hard during writing at sounding out words. I have loved reading your work. Keep it up!
- Prep R** Eva For being an extraordinary classroom helper, always looking after the classroom and her peers.
- Finn For the carefully considering all his work and keeping his brain focused on a problem until he can solve it.
- 1C** Sophie For being an expert with understanding how to add money values with coins. Amazing!
- Mailah For incredible reading and using lots of ways to read some more challenging books.
- James For being able to read all 300 words of our M100w words. Brilliant effort!
- 1DS** Archer For caring for others and offering his jumper to another student in his grade that was cold.
- Koko For being respectful and listening when others are speaking. Keep up the great work, Koko!
- 1J** Maya for always bringing such a positive attitude into the classroom every morning, and always being ready to learn. Well done Maya!
- 2SS** Ollie For his great start to his Big Write. Your Ollie Opener was awesome!
- Harper For being a great demonstrator and explainer to the class in regards to chance.
- 3R** Ellouise For working on her maths at home and pushing herself to complete difficult tasks. Awesome persistence Ella, well done!
- 3WV** Braydan For demonstrating fantastic resilience during a class game.

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- 5C** Elliot For reflecting on feedback, setting a personal goal and showing enormous resilience. Great stuff!
- 6C** Jasmine For putting her best effort in and blowing me away during Maths this week. I am so proud of how you have applied yourself and shown great resilience when confronted with a challenge in your learning. Keep it up Jas! Well done.



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# 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



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VIRTUAL TOUR, OR  
VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

