

# What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Friday 25th June**  
Final Day of Term 2

**Monday 12th July**  
Term 3 commences

**Tuesday 13th July**  
Robogals Visit

**Friday 16th July**  
Prep Enrolments Due



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It has been another wet week here but luckily we were able to send the kids out for a run at almost all break times (and most did not return covered in mud)!

I hope you all enjoyed reading your child's report and speaking to staff during phone calls this week, and are looking forward to spending some quality time with your kids over the holidays. Hopefully the sun will shine so you can all get out and about.

### Covid Restriction Update

The Victorian Government has announced further easing of restrictions under COVIDSafe Settings, effective from 11.59pm Thursday 24 June 2021.

On the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer, the easing of restrictions in regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne will remain in place for at least two weeks.

Key changes in the easing of restrictions include:

- Density limits:
  - In regional Victoria, a density limit of 1 person per 2 square metres applies to areas accessed by the public, such as reception areas.

Importantly, over the school holiday period there has been no change to the face mask advice, which will continue to apply to all Outside School Hours Care vacation programs.

- Children under 12 years of age and students at primary school are not required to wear face masks when at school, or when attending an OSHC program.
- Visitors and parents must also observe face mask requirements.

I'm very pleased to let you know that parents, carers and visitors can now enter school grounds however must adhere to density limits and check in using the QR codes at the office if entering any building.



# 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.

## Enrolments for 2022 Preps

Just a final reminder that Prep 2022 enrolment forms are due by Friday July 16th (end of week 1 next term) even if you already have one or more children at our school so that we can accurately plan grade structures for next year. We sincerely thank you for your help with this.

## Winter Raffle

Thank you so much to everyone who supported this fundraiser by purchasing tickets. I am thrilled to announce that we raised a total of \$4225! This will be added to previously raised funds going towards the purchase of a new Hands On Learning shed, bringing our total to \$11,271 profit for the year so far.

Congratulations to our raffle winners:

**1st prize** - Apple iPad – **Kasey Cheong**

**2nd prize** – Big W Cooking Pack – **Jade Penney**

**3rd prize** – Indulgence pack – **Nina McCormick**

**4th prize** – A \$100 voucher from Mario Solimo Footwear & Shoe Repairs – **Nicole McCurdy**

**5th prize** – Madem Espresso voucher – **Bridget Hourigan** (who has very kindly donated this prize back to the school for use in our Term 3 raffle. Thank you so much Bridget!)

Thank you again to our wonderful sponsors for your donations. We are extremely grateful for your support!

## Breakfast Club

It was so lovely to see Breakfast Club back up and running yesterday, and to hear the beautiful manners used by the students who braved the rain and cold to head to school early and tuck into some breaky with their friends. Thank you to Dave Woodburne for coordinating the Breakfast Club and to the many staff volunteers who helped out yesterday morning. Next term we will welcome parent/carer helpers back so if you would like to help out on a Thursday morning from 8-8:30AM, please contact Dave Woodburne.





### Say hello to our Victorian High Ability Program students!

Wangaratta West has a very large cohort enrolled in Virtual Schools Victoria for the VHAP program (most schools just have one student) and this semester they have been hard at work. VHAP is funded by the state government's Student Excellence Program.

Our VHAP Maths students have been enrolled in a primary maths extension course called 'Patterns: From Symbols to Secrets' where they have explored a range of numeral systems, bases and ciphers. Tricky stuff! This has deepened their understanding of the way symbols are used to express numbers, mathematical concepts, operations and sequences.

They've compared and contrasted Hindu Arabic, Egyptian, Roman, Chinese, Babylonian and Mayan numeral systems and learned to convert numbers expressed in bases other than 10 to base 10.

This last few weeks, they've been learning about cryptography, substitution and transposition ciphers and worked to crack increasingly difficult encoded secrets. Look some of these up! Super cool, we loved decoding these.

Our VHAP English students have been equally as busy, having explored the history of writing and developed insight into the power of the written word. Throughout the course, students focused on the role of narrative in reflecting human experience. Students studied ancient narrative structures, including the Hero's Journey and Jungian archetypes, applying this knowledge to popular texts and literary classics. Throughout the course, students explored literary devices including metaphor, symbolism and personification - and experimented with including these devices in their own creative writing. Students considered the features of literary genres - and, contended with dynamics of writing humour and comic characters. The shared journey into creative writing provided a powerful learning experience for students, as they had the opportunity to connect with like-minded peers and the excellent tutor, Sam, from Virtual Schools Victoria, to extend their English skills.

Hugh, Archer, Matilda and Charlie have completed the Maths course, Zach is enrolled for Term 3. Matthew and Josh have completed English this term, Harrison is enrolled for Term 3.

*Stacey Hedderman*

High Ability Practice Leader



**L-R:** Zach W, Hugh S, Archer W, Harrison K, Matilda G and Charlie L- absent Josh M and Matthew L.

Hayda

# BREAKFAST CLUB

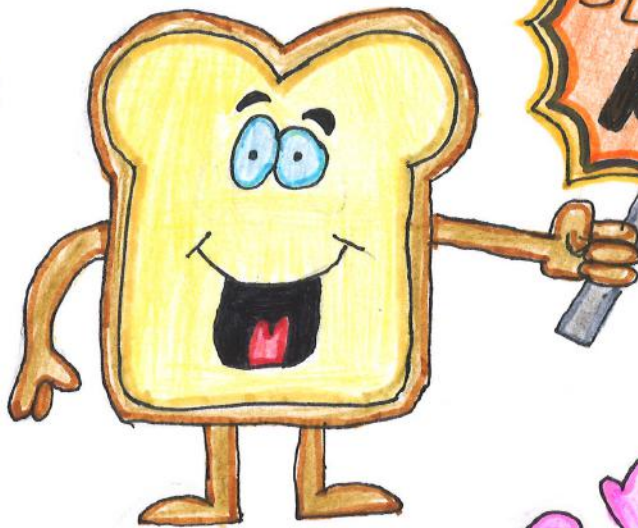


EVERY THURSDAY

**8:00 - 8:30am**



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Come along to the hall for some brekky and a chat with your friends.



Artwork: Care for Country by Maggie-Jean Douglas (Gubbi Gubbi)

When creating 'Care for Country' I kept in mind that this meant spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially and culturally – I chose to create a bright and vibrant artwork that included the different colours of the land but showed how they come together in our beautiful country and to make people feel hopeful for the future. I've included communities/people, animals and bush medicines spread over different landscapes of red dirt, green grass, bush land and coastal areas to tell the story of the many ways country can and has healed us throughout our lives and journeys.

# NAIDOC Week

4-11 JULY 2021



In observance of the 50th Anniversary of the Aboriginal Flag, the NAIDOC Week logo and emblem are being displayed in the NAIDOC Week logo and emblem. The NAIDOC Week logo and emblem are the property of the NAIDOC Week Organising Committee, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development.

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# Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

**SUNDAY 11TH JULY 2021**

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## WELCOME TO OUR OPEN DAYS FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN IN 2022 (rescheduled)

- **James Tilson Kindergarten (3 & 4 Year Old Programs)**

Burke St, Wangaratta

Wednesday 21st July : 2.15pm – 3.15pm

- **The Hub Kindergarten (3 Year Old Program)**

Burke St, Wangaratta

Tuesday 20th July : 1.00pm – 2.00pm

- **Please note that due to our rescheduled Open Days, the closing date for 2022 registrations has been revised to Friday 30th July.**

***talk*** to our staff about how the programs are run,  
***look*** over the facility,  
***ask*** questions and ***collect*** a registration package



## ENROL NOW FOR CLASSES STARTING THIS JULY



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# FREE DENTAL

## COMING SOON TO THIS SCHOOL

The Smile Squad will soon visit this school to provide all students with free, high quality dental care.

[www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au](http://www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au)



# School Holiday fun with Wangaratta Library

## Space Virtual Reality (for ages 7 years and over)

**Wednesday 30 June, 10.30 - 11.30am**

Take a trip out into space with a virtual reality headset. Get up close to planets, learn about stars and gravitational waves, but don't get too close to a black hole!



## Out of this world craft

**Friday 2 July, 2.30 - 3.30pm**

Design your ideal space ship, create aliens, melted crayon galaxies and a chalk eclipse.

## Stikbot Stop Motion (for ages 8 and over)

**Monday 5 July, 2.30 - 3.30pm OR Wednesday 7 July, 10.30 - 11.30am**

Create a simple stop-motion animation using posable Stikbot figures.

\*\*BYO device with Stikbot Studio 2.0 app loaded.

## Movie - Home (Rated PG)

**Friday 9 July, 2.30 - 4.00pm**

An alien on the run from his own people makes friends with a girl. He tries to help her on her quest, but can be an interference

**Bookings are essential  
as places are limited.**

**Call 5721 2366**



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