

# What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 30th August  
Grade 3-6 Athletics Day

Thursday 31st August  
Prep-Grade 2 Athletics Day

Thursday 14th September  
RUOK Day

### Mrs Mullins' Musings

Spring is in the air...well almost! The recent sunny days were such a lovely change and helped us to defrost after some very chilly mornings, but there has definitely been a visible spring back in everyone's step at The West this week.

It has also been another busy week, with senior swimming and preparations for Athletics days (next Wednesday for 3-6s and next Thursday for Prep-2s) busily underway.

Thank you all for making arrangements last Friday for our final curriculum day for the year. This allowed all staff to undertake our fourth (and last) day of training in Berry Street's Trauma Informed Practice. It was a great day where we not only covered new content but tied together the learning of all four days. We followed this up with a professional learning meeting Monday afternoon where we considered how we can enact key elements of the training, with teams identifying focuses for mini inquiry cycles (action research). More on this to come at a later date.



# 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.

## The results are in

This week there has been a lot of talk about NAPLAN and student results and I am extremely proud to say that our students outperformed the recently released state means in 8 out of 10 areas!

	Wang West	Similar Schools	State
Reading – Yr 3	77%	65%	70%
Reading – Yr 5	84%	74%	77%
Writing – Yr 3	88%	76%	78%
Writing – Yr 5	71%	68%	75%
Spelling – Yr 3	63%	52%	61%
Spelling – Yr 5	61%	61%	70%
Numeracy – Yr 3	74%	65%	67%
Numeracy – Yr 5	70%	63%	68%
G & P – Yr 3	67%	48%	56%
G & P – Yr 5	70%	59%	64%

\*\* Percentages relate to the percentage of students achieving within the 'strong' or 'exceeding' categories.

As you can see (by the green highlighting), our students outperformed Similar Schools in every single category and State averages in all except 2, sometimes by 10% or more. I truly couldn't be prouder of our kids. Thank you again to all of our incredible teachers for their hard work in helping students each and every day, and to our parents and carers for the very important role you play in building the strong foundation and supporting us.

West is truly best!

## Have Your Say

If you're feeling as elated as me, jump on and fill out our parent opinion survey. We are up to 72 responses (thank you!!) totalling 21% of our parent population (335 families). This is fabulous, but if anyone else is willing to jump on and give us some feedback, that would be greatly appreciated. The survey only takes about 10 minutes and truly helps to shape our understanding of parent perceptions and where we can target our future efforts. Please go to <https://www.orima.com.au/parent> and use the PIN 419726 before September 8th.

## Father's Day Breakfast

We are organising a breakfast for all of the fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers and other special males in the lives of our students. Come along next Friday September 1st for a bacon and egg muffin (ciabatta puff roll) for \$5 each, with juice bottles available for an additional \$3. We need orders by 8AM next Tuesday (August 29th) so that we can put in orders so please jump on to Compasstix and place your order. Visit <https://compasstix.com/e/k7u42mb1vz>

Have a great week everyone!



# Westy's Sports Report

## Netball

Last week we had two teams play finals in the WNA competition. We had two 5/6 teams, Alpha Wolves and Westy Warriors who both qualified in 4th position on the ladder. They had a tough ask both playing the top teams in their sections. Unfortunately, neither team came away with the win but were both grateful for the opportunity to play finals netball. Wang West is proud of all the netball teams that represented the school this year and want to congratulate all players, coaches, team managers and umpires!





# Student OF THE Week

<b>Prep A</b>	Finn	For showing resilience when overcoming his worries and being helpful for Mrs A and his classmates. Well done, Finn!
<b>Prep D</b>	Ayla	For always working really hard during reading and writing sessions, and for listening to feedback to further improve her work.
<b>Prep M</b>	Dayne	For working hard on your writing. It is amazing to see you using your letters and sounds to write down tricky words. Keep up the good work!
<b>Prep O</b>	Zeke	Zeke, I was really proud of the way you used a growth mindset in our handwriting lesson this week. You demonstrated resilience and was able to successfully complete 2 pages without any assistance. Well done!
	Haddie	Haddie, thank you for always being checked in and ready to learn on the floor. You are a role model to those around you!
<b>1J</b>	Emma	for the enthusiasm she shows during class discussions. I love how you are always willing to share your thoughts Emma, keep up the great work!
<b>1ZC</b>	Spencer	For being a great helper within the classroom and displaying the school value of connection.
<b>2B</b>	Lucas	for the resilience and pride he showed in writing his rhetorical questions about the Australian Fur Seal. Well done, Lucas.
<b>2C</b>	Tahlia	For the positive attitude that she always has towards learning and the kindness she displays to others. Thalia approaches all learning with a positive mindset and has worked very hard at being more organised and completing tasks. Keep up the great effort Tahlia!
<b>3G</b>	William	For showing our value of connection during class and during our recent swimming lessons by helping others in need. Well done Will!
<b>3P</b>	Neeve	For developing and practising a strategy for addition and subtraction problems. Well done, Neeve! We admire your persistence.
<b>3RH</b>	Scarlett	For her amazing effort and attitude towards all areas of learning, you are doing an amazing job Scarlett, keep it up!
<b>4MV</b>	Anthony	For showing great success with not only his writing but in particular his spelling. If we don't know how to spell a word, Anthony is one of our go to points. Thanks for caring for your learning Ant!
<b>4SM</b>	Emma	Well done on the growth mindset that you have demonstrated through our multiplication unit. You are trialling new strategies to assist you in your multiplication journey. Great stuff, even for a Saints supporter!

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| <b>4SM</b> | James   | For the way you have taken on feedback with your writing and the improvement you have made. You should be very proud of yourself.   |
| <b>5C</b>  | Ruby    | For showing our school value of connection by regularly going out of her way to support others. Well done, Ruby!  |
| <b>5D</b>  | Charlie | For displaying the school value of respect when swimming. You have tried your best to listen to your instructor and participate in your lesson. Well done, mate!  |
| <b>5L</b>  | Shaylee | For demonstrating excellence by leading discussion during our lit circle time. It has been pleasing to see the connection you have group, ensuring all voices in the group are heard. Well done, Shaylee!   |
| <b>6P</b>  | Charli  | Charli's hard work and cheerful attitude make her the perfect choice for this award. She's always dedicated to her studies and brings a lot of positivity to our class. She's an inspiration to all of us!  |
| <b>6S</b>  | Emma    | For your amazing reading response to our mentor text 'I Talk Like a River,' The detail and thought that you put into this was exceptional and demonstrated a fantastic understanding of the message the author is wanting readers to get. Well done Em! |
|            | Arwen   | For your amazing reading response to our mentor text 'I Talk Like a River,' The detail and thought that you put into this was exceptional. Keep up the great work Arwen!  |



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# ATHLETICS DAYS!

**GRADES 3-6  
WEDNESDAY 30TH AUGUST  
APPIN PARK ATHS OVAL  
9:30AM**

**PREP - GRADE 2  
THURSDAY 31ST AUGUST  
AT SCHOOL  
9 - 11AM**

## CAN YOU HELP?

If you can help on the WEDNESDAY,  
please contact Demi Walker.



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# PANGERANG BREAKFAST CLUB



**FREE..... EVERY TUESDAY**  
**8am**

Bring the kids for a nourishing breakfast .  
Cereals, toast, baked beans, fruit, juice & milo  
provided.  
No Bookings required!

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