

What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 29th March
Easter Raffle tickets

Tuesday 30th March
Prep 2022 Open Morning

Wednesday 31st March
Easter Raffle Drawn

Thursday 1st April
Final day of Term 1
2:20pm Finish

Monday 19th April
Proposed Curriculum Day



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Safe on Social

It was fantastic to have the hall filled to capacity limits with around 50 parents/carers and staff at the Safe On Social presentation on Monday evening. Kirra was a wealth of knowledge on the topic of safe online practices for kids (and adults) and was highly engaging. I hope everyone who attended took away some great strategies and tips for navigating the challenges of social media use.

One of the things she touched on was how to introduce social media use. When your child reaches 10-11 years, they may start asking for their first smart phone and to use social media. To help with this, Kirra has provided some tips for how to keep kids safe. Please find attached '10 Things To Keep Your Tween Safe Online'.



**Strengthening
Family Connections**

Improve family relationships

Learn strategies to manage your child's behaviour

Increase your child's social skills

Join our friendly group once a week for 8 weeks for fun family activities and games. Take the opportunity to spend quality time together as a family.

Enjoy a family meal together after every session, supplied by us. Please let us know if we can assist with childcare and transport needs.

To find out more please contact Rose Couttie



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.

WOW Week

Wonders Of the West Week (also known as WOW Week) ran throughout last week and what the kids created was so impressive! If you haven't already asked your child to share with you what they did, I strongly encourage you to do so. Across the week, students were engaged in the following:

Preps – The Preps focus was on personal and social capabilities. They completed activities which allowed them to discuss and explore information about themselves and their family and worked towards compiling an 'All about me' book.

Year 1 – The year 1's had a focus of 'Being the best I can be to myself and others'. They explored and discussed ways they can be a good friend to themselves and others. Some of the discussions and activities were based on the importance of talking about their feelings and how we all have different feelings every single day and that's ok. An important message that arose from their work was to 'share a worry so the worry doesn't grow'.

Year 2 – The year 2's spent their week participating in a range of fun activities which highlighted the importance of being kind to one another and strengthening relationships. Some of the activities included writing kind messages to one another, creating a class kindness bucket, making a chain of kindness and baking kindness cookies.

Year 3 – The year 3's worked on their interpersonal skills through making arcade games in small groups and had to present their final product to 'The Shark Tank' (Miss Keenan, Mrs Ashmead & Mr Norden). The winning groups will have their arcade game displayed and utilised in the front office.

Year 4 – The year 4's had a community focus where they explored what things make up the 'Wangaratta Community'. They went on an excursion to Park Lane nursery where the students were given the opportunity to participate in the gardening process and commence their 'design your own garden maths project'. Students have also been put into gardening groups including 'design', 'events' and 'construction'. The Wangaratta West PS Community Garden will continue to be a focus for the Year 4 cohort throughout the year.

Year 5 – The year 5s had an environmental focus, exploring the topic 'Be the change you want to see in the world'. Students investigated a global issue and presented an awareness campaign.

Year 6 – The year 6's developed their global awareness through studies of different countries, contributing to a shared Padlet of information to answer the question 'How do people, places and culture differ across the globe?'

Thank you so much to our amazing staff for planning such an engaging week of activities for our students.

Student Representative Council (SRC) Appointments

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to be the SRC reps for their class:

2C – Max T; **2SC** – George M; **2M** – Emma K
3S – Ava P; **3VP** – Annabel B; **3WC** Ry H;
4HH – Nick J; **4B** – Georgia K; **4C** – Polly O;
5GR – Lillie-Ann M; **5P** – Charlie W; **5PR** – Gus H;
6R – Archer W; **6RW** – Ryan W; **6D** – Isla H

Woolworths Discovery Garden Pots

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Woolworths Discovery Garden initiative. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity and look forward to planting these seedlings before the end of term! We encourage you to plant any pots you have left at home, as we will no longer need any pots. Thanks again!

Mr. Broadbent

Egg Cartons

Kerrie is looking for some more egg cartons for the art room please. If you have any spare at home, she'd be very grateful for their donation.



Advay K (5GR) for always being kind, caring and respectful towards his peers and teachers. Advay is also a natural leader who has a can do attitude and always completes his work to a very high standard. This was extremely evident in his WOW Week group project on the global issue of Governance

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

Westy's Sports Report



2021 HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to our newly appointed House Captains for 2021. Their help was invaluable today assisting with Cross Country - how lucky are we to have such great leaders at our school!



HOTHAM - Corey & Lusila; **FEATHERTOP** - Gemma & Tyler;
BUFFALO - Archer & Anitston; **BONGONG** - Miley and Max

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Ten things to keep your Tweens safe online

When your child reaches 10 – 11yrs, they may start asking for their first smartphone and to use social media. Here are my tips on what to do to keep them safe.

1. If your child is hassling for a phone, make sure that you get them to do a little presentation, or write a small project sheet, on a topic of cyber safety every week in the lead up to getting their phone.
2. Think about the age recommendations; it is not illegal for a child to use social media under the age of 13yrs with their parents' permission. But they need to remember to update their age on any site that has asked for it when they actually turn 13yrs. Like Facebook, for example. This way, the app will not think they are older. As an extreme example...if your child signs up to use Facebook when they are 10yrs, and they have to lie and say they are 13yrs...so by the time they are 15yrs if they haven't adjusted the year they were born, the app will think they are 18yrs. Then they can get a Tinder account as it relies on Facebook for verification!
3. Teach your kids to think twice before they accept a friend request. Just because someone is a friend of their big brother or sister or cousin who goes to another school does not mean they should let them into their life.
4. Engage with them about their favourite social media app and get them to teach you about it so you can at least know the basics. Get them to show you how to block and report so you can be sure they know how to.
5. Be a good role model. Keep your screen time in check. There is no use banning the phones from bedrooms if you go to bed with yours each night, for example.
6. Help them to check and manage privacy settings. This is something you can do together when they are younger by making it a shared experience.

7. Think twice before “sharenting.” Do not post photos of your kids in school uniform or school events or holding certificates with their full name and school name on it. You are letting the whole world know where they go to school. This can happen by “checking in” or geotagging a school as well.
8. Ask them first when you are about to share their photo. Let your kids be involved in the decision making on whether they are ok with you posting a photo of them or not as young as possible. This will teach them to ask others first before they post pictures as they grow up.
9. Put healthy boundaries in place. Don’t ban them from their device if they forget to do a household chore or are naughty for something totally unrelated to their device. Do not take it off them if they speak up about something that has happened online because you are scared either. This is the quickest way to drive all the conversations that you want to be having underground. Instead, if you have a healthy boundary like all devices are banned from the bathroom or bedroom. So then if they are caught with their device in either place, you ban them for a week. This way, they will learn that it is safe to speak up about what is going on online without punishment unless they break the rules about device use.
10. Respect the classifications. The average age of a gamer is 35yrs old. Classifications are there for a reason. It is not ok for a child under the age of 18yrs to be playing R Rated games...even with their parents!!! If your child is playing online games, set healthy boundaries around time playing as well. All of the other tips above also apply to gaming.



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Student

OF THE WEEK

Prep A	Maddon	For his amazing active listening during floor time when Mrs A is teaching. Keep it up, Maddon!
Prep R	Hudson	for asking questions, listening closely and always having a go. We love to hear your voice, Hudson!
Prep S	Aria	Aria always puts in her best effort and demonstrates that she is ready to learn by sitting in the give me five position. Keep up the great work, Aria!
1B	Noah	for always being honest and having a great attitude towards learning. Keep it up Noah!
1C	Indigo	For having wonderful school manners and working the wang West Way with lots of respect for her own learning, and others.
1DC	Carter	For being focused when completing his work and for being checked in on the floor ready to listen. Keep up the wonderful work!
	Anna	For always being kind and caring towards her classmates and using beautiful manners when speaking to others.
1J	Amelia	for her amazing participation and effort she put in during WOW week. Amelia, your Feelings Book that you made was absolutely brilliant, well done!
	Judd	for being such a kind, caring and hardworking class member. Judd, you are always modelling our classroom rules and we are so lucky to have you in our class!
2C	Jack	for always seeking a challenge with his learning and having the ability to create his own challenges. I love seeing how excited you get about your learning, Jack!
2M	Hudson	always demonstrate all the values of a wang west student and we are very lucky to have you in our class.
2SC	Britney	Thank you for being a kind and caring member of 2SC. It is heart-warming to see and hear the way that you treat others and care for all those around you.
	Zac	Well done on being an organised learner. You have worked hard to ensure that you are ready for learning each morning and this sets you up for a positive day. Keep it up Zac!
3S	Mason	fantastic effort and application to all activities on camp! Your determination and resilience was second to none.
	Jack	for amazing contributions and leadership during our WOW week arcades!! Your creativity is amazing Jack, this was especially evident with the construction of your very own iPad speaker!!

Student

OF THE WEEK

3VP	Hayley	for applying herself in maths this week. Hayley shared and modelled a great skip counting pattern strategy to the whole class. Great work Hayley, keep it up!
4B	Ivy	for her hard work and dedication to improving her reading skills. You are a superstar, Ivy!
4C	Evana	for her active listening and following of instructions, persistence and achievements in learning tasks, in particular her maths goals.
5GR	Zach	For his outstanding results and improvement in his Number and Place Value Post-Test. Awesome effort Zach!
5P	Thomas	for your care and enthusiasm about your WOW week project on the global issue, racial equality. You demonstrated how globally minded you are.
6D	Kayden	For using key details and vocabulary to help with summarising a nonfiction text and using your understanding of the text to generate discussion during guided reading.
	Isla	For using your 5 senses to vividly describe the setting and engage the reader in your Narrative text. Well done, Superstar!
	Maahi	For using facts and key words in the text to help find the main idea of a Nonfiction text. Well done!
6RW	Gemma	for working hard to present her project and stepping in to assist another group when a member was absent.
	Ryan	for his excellent ability to persist with a number problem and find a creative solution.
6RP	Hayden	for his excellent effort and attitude towards his WOW Week project.
	Tane	for showing amazing care and respect for our school grounds by picking up rubbish around the school fence.
Science	Charlie R	Charlie is a super scientist who listens well, follows instructions and is making some terrific discoveries in Biology this term.
	Bianca D	for being brave enough to make a hypothesis that viruses aren't considered to be alive when her peers all chose the opposite! Well done, Bianca, for following your own ideas!
PE	Flynn O	for the awesome attitude you've been bringing to PE this year. You are making the lessons so enjoyable for me and the whole class! Great work Flynn!
Music	Isla H	For being a great role model and excelling in djembe drumming.

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