



NEWSLETTER



27th February, 2020

WHAT'S ON IN THE WEST

2020

MONDAY 2ND MARCH

Wed 4th March

Thursday 5th March

Friday 6th March

Monday 9th March

Mon 23rd - Wed 25th March

Friday 27th March

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Play Group 10am – 11:30am

Breakfast Club 7:45am – 8:15am

Pupil Free Day ~ Staff Numeracy Professional Development Day

Labour Day Public Holiday ~ NO SCHOOL

Grade 3 Nillahcootie Camp

Last Day of Term 1

Principal's Message:

This week Mr Norden, Mrs Hedderman and I did our first observation walk through classrooms focussing on mathematics. It was so lovely to see our students enjoying the engaging activities that were planned for them and hearing comments like "I like maths because my teacher makes it fun" (Hayden, 5G whilst playing Place Value Battleships). A beautiful moment was when I asked Amelia in 2M how she felt about maths and her response was, "I like it because we play games and I feel proud of whoever wins". Truly heartwarming!

Principals award

Tala (4AP) for absolutely shining on camp in the way she cared for those around her! Thank you Tala for being so kind to other students and for never letting anyone feel left out.

Good Luck Miss Claney!

Next week Lauren Claney will be jetting off to Canada with her partner for the rest of 2020. We were fortunate enough to have her with us for the first 5 weeks, both in 4AP and teaching music/performing arts, but now the time has come to wish her farewell and the best of luck. We look forward to having Lauren back next year.

PLC Link School

Our school has been selected as a Professional Learning Communities Link (model) school, one of only two in the entire Ovens and Murray area. We were chosen due to our teachers' proficiency at working together to analyse and use student data to provide targeted, personalized learning for our students. Throughout the year we will welcome staff from surrounding schools to discuss our approach with us and to view our PLC meetings in operation. Congratulations to Ana Howard who has been appointed as our PLC Link Leader, and who presented to over 100 principals at last week's Principals Area Forum.

Being a Link School is great recognition for the excellent work going on within our teaching teams at WWPS.

New Portable

Our new portable is scheduled for handover next Tuesday so, barring any issues, our students should be in next week!

70th Anniversary/Open Evening

We will be celebrating the 70th Anniversary of our school on March 19th with an open evening. We invite all Wang West community members, past and present, to join us for a celebratory assembly and open classrooms. There will be more information to come but please save the date and spread the word to past community members.

Fundraising Focus

At last week's Parents and Friends meeting, the group set themselves the target of raising \$20,000 again this year. This is a fantastic goal, so I thank the members for their enthusiasm. Replacement of our Hands On Learning shed was chosen as a focus for funds raised this year as this shed is in need of repair/replacement so we are investigating quotes now.

Twilight Market

A twilight market will be held across the road in the Muntz street park on 14th March. On the evening our Parents and Friends will be running a cake stall and are looking for volunteers to bake a plate for us to sell. If you are willing to help out, please let Anna at the office know what you will be baking, and please don't forget to include a list of ingredients.

Band equipment

Amy, our music teacher for years P-4, is starting a rock band for our students and is hoping to get her hands on some equipment. If you have any of the following items that you are willing to sell or donate to the school, please contact Amy Bedoe ASAP via beddoe.amy.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

- Drum kit, electric guitar, bass guitar, amplifier, electric keyboard, headphones, guitar tuner, guitar capo, guitar stand, guitar leads

School Council

I'd like to begin by thanking members of our departing 2019 School Council members Anne Timms, Alicia Dunstan and Meika Staley. Anne, Alicia and Meika each played a significant role in helping to ensure that our school ran as effectively as possible by injecting ideas into conversations, creating items for discussion and continually looking for ways to reinvigorate current practices. I thank them all for their contribution to our school.

I'd also like to congratulate two new members of our 2020 School Council – Ceinwyn Wills and Andrea Matheson. Welcome to the team!

At our first meeting of the year, the following roles were appointed:

President – Cameron Meggs

Vice-President – Melissa Finnigan

Treasurer – Jodie Wells

Secretary – Tania Pool

During the meeting our 2020 school budget was revised and ratified, curriculum days for the year confirmed (March 6th, April 22nd and December 18th), our fundraising focus was decided (a new Hands On Learning shed), and our 2019 progress against targets was reflected upon. Please see details below.

AIP reflection and 2020 goals

The start of the year is a great time to celebrate the achievements of 2019. In relation to our 2019 Annual Improvement Plan (AIP) targets, we attained the following results:

2019 NAPLAN TARGETS

	High Growth	Low Growth
Reading	Target: Above 20% ACHIEVED (30% high growth)	Target: Below 20% ACHIEVED (18% low growth)
Spelling	Target: Above 25% NOT ACHIEVED (15% high growth)	Target: Below 20% NOT ACHIEVED (30% low growth)
Writing	Target: Above 25% ALMOST ACHIEVED (22% high growth)	Target: Below 20% ACHIEVED (18% low growth)

2019 STUDENT ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY TARGETS

Managing Bullying	Target: 80% positive response rate ACHIEVED (82%, up from 75% in 2018)
Effective Classroom Behaviour	Target: 80% positive response rate ACHIEVED (85%, up from 76% in 2018)
Resilience	Target: 88% positive response rate ALMOST ACHIEVED (87%, up from 83% in 2018)

2019 PARENT OPINION SURVEY TARGETS

Managing Bullying	Target: 86% positive response rate ACHIEVED (92%, up from 81% in 2018)
Not Experiencing Bullying	Target: 65% positive response rate ALMOST ACHIEVED (63%, up from 57% in 2018)
Confidence & Resiliency Skills	Target: 95% positive response rate ACHIEVED (95%, up from 94% in 2018)

2019 STAFF OPINION SURVEY

Knowledge of High Impact Teaching Strategies	Target: 90% positive response rate ALMOST ACHIEVED (86%, up from 80% in 2018)
Use of High Impact Teaching Strategies	Target: 90% positive response rate ALMOST ACHIEVED (82%, up from 80% in 2018)

As you can see, our school made some fantastic progress last year thanks to the dedication of our staff, the commitment of our student and the support our kids are receiving from home.

This year we will be focusing on the following targets:

2020 AIP NAPLAN TARGETS

- Numeracy - More than 25% high growth AND less than 25% low growth
- Grammar & Punctuation - More than 18% high growth AND less than 35% low growth

2020 STUDENT ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL TARGETS

- **Managing bullying:** 85% positive response rate
- **Effective classroom behaviour:** 85% positive response rate
- **Resilience:** 88% positive response rate

*Kind regards,
Kristy Keenan*

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TEXT SCHOOL ABSENCES to 0477 343 814

[Safe on Social Media](#)

In the build up to welcoming Safe on Social Media who will be presenting to our families in Term 3, we will be including information for families in our newsletter that provide quick facts and support to help keep our children safe online. This week's poster includes the Do's and Don'ts for children when online.

[Netball Registration](#)

The Wangaratta Netball Association competition is due to commence on the 18th of April.

All students who would like to play need to complete their Netball Victoria registration, this is to be done online by THURSDAY 19TH MARCH. The link can be found on the Wangaratta Netball Association or Wangaratta West Primary School Facebook page.

Once registration is completed please email receipts to Miss Hannah Grady at grady.hannah.h@edumail.vic.gov.au

REMINDERS:

[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.

[Digital Technology Permission Forms](#)

Last week we sent home the Digital Technology Permission forms with students. Could these please be read, signed and returned to your child's class teacher as soon as possible as forms must be returned before iPad use is permitted.

[Absences](#)

If your child is absent from school, please **text 0477 343 814** or **call 5721 3491** to let us know the reason for the absence. Alternatively you can use Compass to explain the absence. **It is a requirement from the Department of Education and Training that all absences are explained**, so we kindly ask that you assist us with adhering to this requirement.

[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.

[Late Arrivals](#)

All classes (including specialist classes) will begin at 9:05am following roll call, so we ask that students please make their way in to classrooms by 8:55am when the music begins, so that they are ready to start learning by 9am. We recommend that students enter classrooms between 8:45am and 8:55am so that they may get ready for the day (unpack their bag, hand in notes, etc.)

[Signing Students In and Out](#)

Just a reminder to 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 and Anna will call the classroom to ask that your child be sent up. This minimises distraction to students and ensures that we know who is in the school at all times. We appreciate your assistance with this.

[Names on belongings](#)

Each year we end up with a huge number of school uniform items in lost property that are unnamed. Please ensure that all items have your child's name on them so that, in the event they are misplaced/lost, we are able to return them.

[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 not, the headlice will return and the cycle reoccurs. If you require a treatment kit, please let the office know.

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Lunch Orders

Lunch orders are available online through Munch Monitor (Login details attached) as usual. Lunch order days remain the same as last year, Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays 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.

SCIENCE

This semester year 3- 6 will have Science and we are starting off with a bang with Physics.

Year 3: Heating up:

Heat can be produced in many ways and can move from one object to another. We will be describing how heat can be produced, for example, through friction or by burning and exploring how heat can be transferred through conduction. The students are very excited about solar ovens and melting points of chocolate!

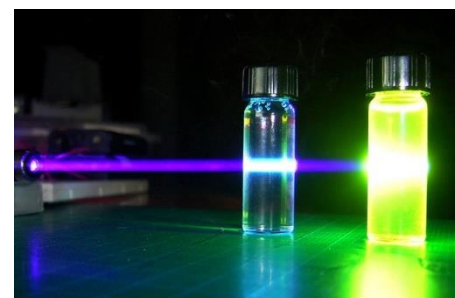


Year 4: Smooth moves

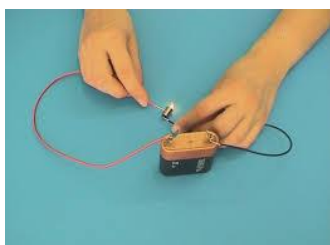
Forces can be exerted by one object on another through direct contact or from a distance. We will be exploring how non-contact forces are similar to contact forces in terms of objects pushing and pulling another object. We will be investigating the effect of forces on the behaviour of an object through different actions, for example, throwing and rolling and comparing and contrasting the effect of friction on different surfaces, for example, the abrasion of tyres and shoes on a range of surfaces. We are looking forward to inquiry with magnets, plenty of testing and making water rockets.

Year 5: Light show

Light from a source forms shadows and can be absorbed, refracted and reflected. We will be classifying materials as transparent, opaque or translucent based on the extent to which light passes through them or is absorbed, exploring the use of mirrors to demonstrate the reflection of light. Year Fives are keen for investigative play with lasers, prisms and making rainbows.



Year 6: Circuits and switches



Electrical energy can be transferred and transformed in electrical circuits and can be generated from a range of sources. Students will be able to recognise the need for a complete circuit to allow the flow of electricity and will be exploring circuit features including wires and switches. We will be exploring electrical devices, including light globes, buzzers, LEDs and motors, investigating different electrical conductors and insulators. Year 6s also check out solar power and how moving air and water can turn turbines to generate electricity.



- 0A Brock** for being a brave learner and “having a go” when feeling challenged. Keep it up, Brock!
- 0M Neeve** for putting so much effort and thought into your work. Your drawings are beautiful and show what a wonderful imagination you have. Amazing work Neeve!
- 1C Eli** for helping others learn to log in to Reading Eggs and not worrying about missing his own time, using his Ipad. This was such “ Caring for Others” behaviour. Thank you.
- Kenzie** for remembering every day, that the recess breaks at school are for eating some food, drinking some water, going to the toilet and having a brain break from learning. Great organisation and caring for yourself.
- 1DS Archer** for using sounding out and re-reading to work out unfamiliar words when reading. Keep up the great work Archer.
- Koko** for being very focused during her guided reading session and giving great meanings of words.
- 1J Stella** for being so focussed during guided reading and showing a great understanding of the text through her retell.
- 2HV Lexi** for entering Wangaratta West Primary School with a willingness to learn and with such kindness, this will ensure you have an awesome year. Well done Lexi, we are so lucky you chose Wang West!
- Tyler** for caring for himself and others and showing the school values in everything he does. What a great start to your Grade 2 year Tyler, well done!
- 2M Ula** for settling into Wang West with a positive attitude and coming to school ready to learn every day! Awesome work Ula!
- 2SS Olive** for being a consistent role model in the classroom. The way in which you assist others and set a positive example is to be celebrated!
- 3R Evana** for completing a wonderful Big Write at home when she missed a day of school. Thank you for your dedication to your learning, Evana!
- Paige-Lee** for noticing when her classmates are sitting alone and going out of her way to include them. Thank you for caring for others, Paige!
- 3WC Paige** for showing amazing resilience and determination to finish a very challenging maths problem. Well done for showing a growth mindset.
- Mackenzie** for showing amazing resilience and determination to finish a very challenging maths problem. Well done for showing a growth mindset.
- 5C Claire** for displaying resilience and persistence during a simple sentence activity. Your ‘never give up’ attitude was inspirational. What a fantastic trait to have.
- 5G Kaitlyn** for showing resilience and overcoming challenges during maths.
- 56D Noah** for displaying empathy when helping another classmate in a time of need. You're a great role model to your peers, keep leading the way Noah!
- Bridget** for always providing your support to classmates and helping out when a task needs to be completed. Keep up the good work, you're a superstar!

WANGARATTA WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL



WELCOMING FAMILY TOURS

PLEASE SPEAK TO TANIA AND ANNA IN THE OFFICE TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT

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E: WANGARATTA.WEST.PS@EDUMAIL.VIC.GOV.AU
FACEBOOK: @WANGWEST

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- Dion** for using your knowledge of place value to rename large numbers. Fantastic work Dion, keep working hard!
- 6C Deacon** for writing an exceptional imaginative recount and always doing his best in every lesson. You've had a great start to the year Deacon.
- Dylan** for always being a kind and considerate member of our class.
- MUSIC Rieley (6C)** for his unreal attitude and participation in music, even taking his new dances on his holiday. Great work Rieley ☺.



Online Safety Tips For Children

Do's



Don'ts

1 KEEP YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION PRIVATE ONLINE

Only share it with people you know like friends and family. Ask a trusted adult, like your teacher or a family member, to help you change your privacy settings so that strangers can't see it.

2 SPEAK POLITELY AND BE KIND TO OTHERS WHEN YOU SPEAK TO THEM ONLINE

Treat them like you would treat them in real life and always remember your manners.

3 TELL A TRUSTED ADULT IF YOU ARE BEING BULLIED ONLINE

If other another person is sending you nasty messages, a trusted adult will be able to help you collect evidence and report the person to the relevant authorities.

4 USE PASSWORDS TO PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Ask a trusted adult to help you create a password that you can easily remember but which is hard for other people to guess.

5 ALWAYS CHECK WITH A TRUSTED ADULT FIRST BEFORE USING A DEVICE OR DOWNLOADING A NEW APP

This is so that they can check it is safe for you to use and make sure the privacy settings are right.

6 TELL A TRUSTED ADULT IF YOU SEE SOMETHING ONLINE WHICH YOU DON'T LIKE

This can include anything that upsets you, makes you feel sad or which you're unsure about.

7 USE THE INTERNET TO HAVE FUN AND TO HELP YOU FIND OUT INFORMATION ABOUT THINGS

Remember to ask your trusted adult for help and always use child friendly search engines so that the information you get back is safe.

1 ACCEPT FRIEND REQUESTS FROM STRANGERS OR PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW

Always tell a trusted adult if somebody you don't know tries to contact you online.

2 SPEND TOO MUCH TIME ON YOUR DEVICE

Instead, go out and play with your friends, get some fresh air and try to exercise more. This will help you stay fit and healthy.

3 REPLY TO MESSAGES FROM ONLINE BULLIES OR PEOPLE WHO SEND YOU NASTY MESSAGES

The most important thing to do is to tell a trusted adult and then block the person from contacting you.

4 COPY PEOPLE'S WORK ONLINE OR PRETEND IT IS YOURS

This is called plagiarism and can get you into a lot of trouble.

5 BE MEAN OR NASTY ONLINE

Behave online like you would in real life and don't post anything that can make you look like a bad person. Things that you post online can stay there for a very long time.

6 USE YOUR DEVICES CLOSE TO BEDTIME

This will allow your brain to rest so that you can get a good night's sleep, stay focused at school and perform better in class.

7 SHARE PERSONAL INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET WITH STRANGERS

Always tell a trusted adult if somebody you don't know asks you for your personal information.





TRANSITION TO YEAR 7

WANGARATTA
HIGH SCHOOL

INFORMATION NIGHT

Thursday, 5th March

6pm to 7pm

In the Flexible Learning Centre (FLC)

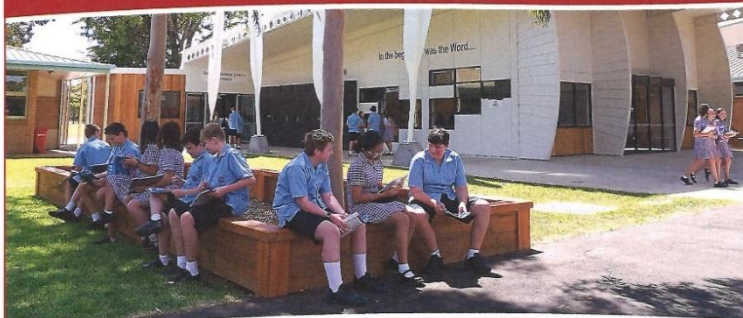
The session will also cover information about the 2021 SEAL Program intake at Wangaratta High School.

Please call 03 5723 0500 to RSVP.



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Enrol now for Year 7 2021



Enrolment applications for Year 7 2021 are now open.

To download application forms, please see 'Enrolments & Fees' at: galen.vic.edu.au

Or collect an Enrolment Application from the Main Office.

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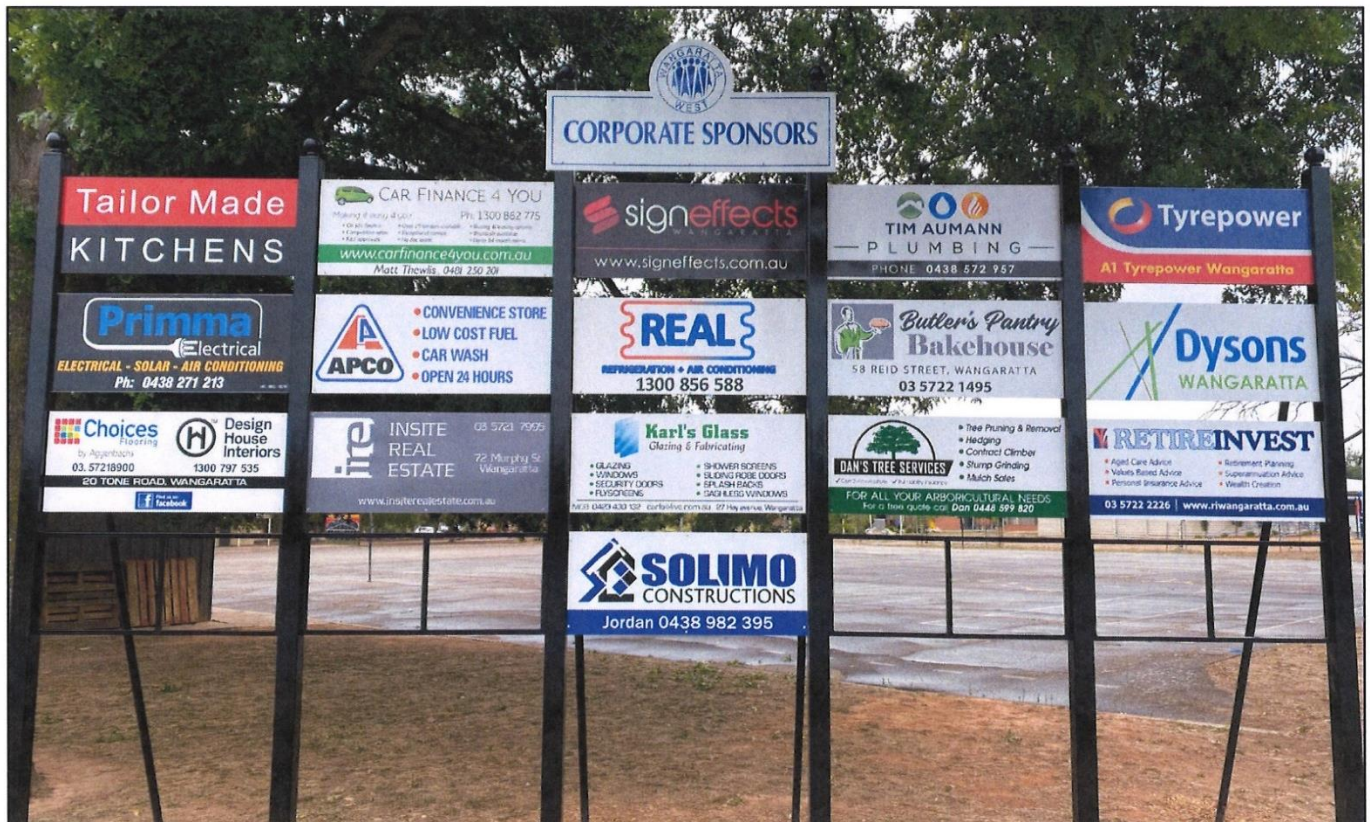
Email: Admin-Enquiry@galen.vic.edu.au

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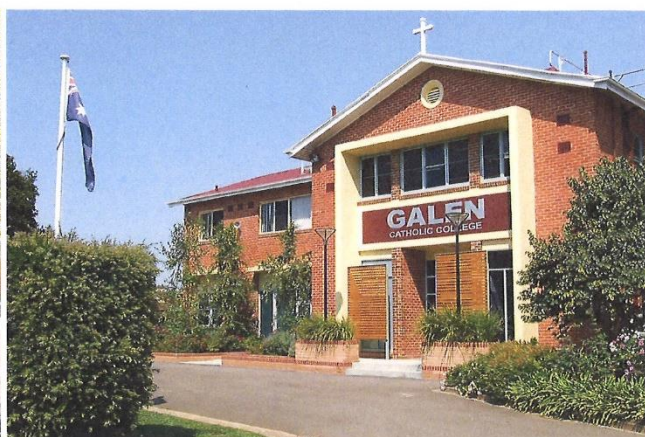
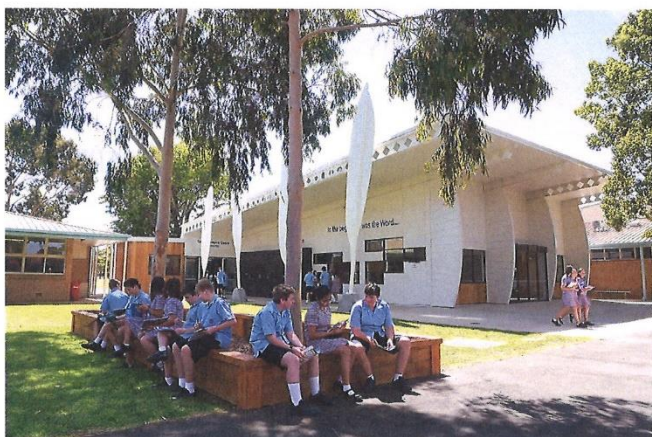


Galen Catholic College

Year 7 (2021) Enrolment Information

Enrolment at Galen - 4 easy steps

Step 1	Attend our Information Evening	Date: Wednesday 4 th March Time: 7.00pm Location: Galen Catholic College Stadium	No need to book
Step 2	School Tours: see Galen in action	Available dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5th March 9.15am & 1.50pm• 6th March 9.15am & 1.50pm• 10th March 9.15am, 1.50pm & 5.00pm• 11th March 9.15am, 1.50pm & 5.00pm• 12th March 9.15am, 1.50pm & 5.00pm	Book online: www.schoolinterviews.com.au (login code: 3jysf) Or Contact the school: 5723 8304 Or Book by email: mardi.mogford@galen.vic.edu.au
Step 3	Submit your application	Applications available from galen.vic.edu.au or Main Office Due date: 13 th March	By mail or In person
Step 4	Attend an interview	Interview dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• March: 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th• April: 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th	Book online: www.schoolinterviews.com.au (login code: 79sp7) Bookings open 2 nd March



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**FRIDAY NIGHTS
ARE BACK!!**

Mini Roos Friday Soccer Competition

Boys and girls welcome : 5yrs - 12yrs

Muster Day: 21st February 5pm - 7pm

Muster Day: 28th February 5pm - 7pm

**Season Commences on Friday 13th March
5.30pm - 7pm**

Mini Roos Registration NOW OPEN online

To register log onto www.playfootball.com.au

Select 'find a place to play' then select

Wangaratta South Wang Reserve.

Full instructions are on our website www.wangarattacityfc.com.au

Payments are made online at time of registration via Credit Card.



Registration enquiries

please email:

registrar@wangarattacityfc.com.au

**All participants must attend a
Muster Day to collect welcome
packs and confirm registration.**

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STEP UP TO THE PLATE

2ND FEB

@ Targoora Park, Wangaratta

9TH FEB

@ Springdale Baseball Field, Albury

16TH FEB

@ Benalla Racecourse, Benalla

23RD FEB

@ Porepunkah Baseball Field, Porepunkah

1ST MAR

@ Gayview Park, Wodonga

2020 JUNIOR
COME AND TRY DAYS FEATURING:

- Hand-eye drills for batting and fielding
- Ages 7-15 | All abilities
- Teamwork and Inclusivity
- BBQ Lunch
- All equipment supplied



For more information contact Owen Godenzi - 0419 514 695

Each session will run from 10am - 12:30pm. Come along to one or all of our sessions, cost is absolutely FREE!



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