

# What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday November 1st -  
Friday November 3rd  
Grade 4 Camp to Barambola

Wednesday 1st November  
Galen Transition Day

Tuesday 7th November  
Melbourne Cup Day

Friday 10th November  
COLOUR RUN

Wednesday 15th November  
First Prep transition day

Tuesday 21st November  
WHS Discovery Day

Thursday 23rd November  
Prep Excursion to Albury  
to see Pevan and Sarah

### The wait is finally (nearly over!

The leadership team are currently on their way to Melbourne for the Victorian Excellence in Education Award ceremony this evening. Xavier Norden, Danielle Ashmead, Nadia Aumann, Brody Ricardi and I (along with our partners) will be there to represent our school and will be looking forward to seeing Wangaratta West celebrated as finalists. Regardless of the outcome of the awards, we are thrilled to have been recognised for the excellent teaching and learning happening at our school. This is an absolute credit to our passionate, dedicated staff, but is also a direct result of the efforts of our students and the support coming from parents and carers. My wholehearted thanks to you all for making this happen!

I'll let you know the outcome ASAP.

### Year 2 Mini Camp

The year two students had an amazing time at their mini-camp last night and today. They slept over at school (well...mostly slept!) before heading off on their excursion to Beechworth where they explored some businesses growing/producing a range of produce. By all reports it was a fabulous day and great night so thank you so very much to the staff who made this happen by sleeping over and coordinating a busy and fun day today.



# 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.

## Student Placement Requests

We will shortly begin the enormous process of placing students into their 2024 classes. At present, classes will be structured as follows:

Prep	63	21, 21, 21 (with an E.S. in each class)
1	85	22, 21, 21, 21
2	60	20, 20, 20
3	77	26, 26, 25
4	68	23, 23, 22
5	69	23, 23, 23
6	64	22, 21, 21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>22 grades</b>

If there is any pertinent information that you would like to share with me regarding your child's class placement, please submit these to me via email by no later than Friday 10th November. If you have sent in requests in the past and you would like these to continue to be considered, please also put this in an email to me.

Requesting a particular teacher is tricky as teacher placements are not locked in until later in the year (due to ongoing recruitment changes) so I'd recommend instead describing the particular teaching approach/attributes of a teacher that you feel would be beneficial for your child. Also, please note that if you put in a teacher request your child may not also get their chosen friends (as this doesn't always work out).

Please put your thoughts into an email and we will endeavour to match your child's needs to the teacher in that year level most suitable.

Please send all emails to [kristy.mullins@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:kristy.mullins@education.vic.gov.au)

## OSHC Leading the Way

Recently the Herald Sun published a list of child care centres (including Out of School Hours Care based at schools) and Wang West was the top scoring school-based OSHC establishment in Wangaratta! Thank you to Maree, Kim and the team for your hard work and dedication to structuring a fun, engaging program for our kids before and after school.

## Childcare centre performance ratings

Every Australian centre ranked from highest to lowest



INTERACTIVE TABLE

Search by suburb or centre name



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Wangaratta

Childcare Service Name	Suburb	State	Rating	Quality
Wangaratta Children's Centre	WANGARATTA	VIC	9.0	Excellent
Wangaratta West Out of School Hours Care	WANGARATTA	VIC	8.8	Very Good
Christopher Robin Kindergarten	WANGARATTA	VIC	8.7	Very Good
Country Buddies Wangaratta	WANGARATTA	VIC	8.7	Very Good

## Conflict in the Middle East

The ongoing conflict in the Middle East continues to cause distress for staff, students, families and carers, especially those who have family and friends in the region.

Our school is a rich and diverse community and acknowledging that it is vital that our students, staff and families all feel safe and included in everything we do.

I want to assure you that the department is monitoring the situation from a school security perspective.

While we want to maintain an open and welcoming environment, we are also being vigilant in terms of safety, ensuring all our procedures, like visitors signing in and out, are being followed.

If your child is impacted and/or distressed by the current conflict, you may find some aspects of this resource helpful:

- [Helping my children after trauma: A guide for parents.](#)

Support is also available through external services including:

- [headspace](#): 1800 650 890
- [Kids Helpline](#): 1800 551 800
- [Lifeline](#): 13 11 14
- [Beyond Blue](#): 1300 224 636.

Please feel free to get in contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

## 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](mailto:wangwestoshc@gmail.com)



# Student OF THE Week

<b>Prep A</b>	Mia	for challenging herself to write more during writing tasks and working hard to write sentences that make sense. Keep working hard, Mia!
<b>Prep M</b>	Arthur	For working hard in our inquiry unit, I love the way you have worked on your mindfulness colouring piece. Keep up the good work!
<b>Prep O</b>	Madden	I am so proud of your effort in writing this week. You have been listening to teacher feedback and working to edit your own writing!
<b>1M</b>	Dave	For always trying your best and using the Bump It Up wall to improve your writing.
<b>1ZC</b>	Millie	for using the Bump It Up Wall to uplevel your procedural text. Your steps of 'how to train a dog' were clear and easy to follow. Well done!
<b>2C</b>	Cash	For explaining what an array is and how we can use it to solve "times" problems, to his class and in front of important visitors to our school. I was so proud that you could explain your learning.
<b>2K</b>	Clay	For always showing our Wang West values of Connection, Resilience, Safety and Success. Clay, you are a great role model in our class and we love having you in 2K! Keep being amazing!
<b>2WR</b>	Aria	It is wonderful to see your confidence grow in all areas of your learning and to hear you share your ideas with the class. Keep it up, Aria!
<b>3G</b>	Everyone!	For caring for our school grounds by working very hard to get our Koorie Garden looking great again.
<b>4MV</b>	Aayla	for always caring for herself, others and our class environment. Aayla is always organised and ready to learn. She is respectful and kinds to her peers and teachers and without being asked, Aayla does jobs to ensure our class in safe and tidy. Amazing Aayla and thank you!
	Ruby J	for being super helpful to her teachers and peers. Ruby always goes out of her way to help others without being asked which demonstrates what a kind and caring person she is. We are lucky to have you in our class Ruby.
<b>2SM</b>	Mailah	Well done on the hard work you are putting into your reading. It has shone through with the way you were able to read harder texts. We are very proud of you, Mailah!
<b>4WM</b>	Scout	For identifying a problem during lunchtime basketball and leading others to find a workable solution. Great initiative, Scout!
<b>5C</b>	Jack	for consistently showing our school value of Success by putting in a high level of effort into all learning tasks.

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Quinn

for the fantastic effort you is putting into everything we are doing in class. Keep up the fantastic work Quinn.

Polly

for the great work you are doing with your WestFest business. You are listening to feedback and always looking to improve your product. Keep up the great work!





# TWILIGHT MARKET

THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER

5:30PM - 7:30PM



PLANTS / FOOD TRUCKS / WOODWORK  
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS / BATH BOMBS / JEWELLERY  
ARCADE GAMES / CRAFTS / ARTWORK  
AND SO MUCH MORE!



# NEON PARTY

FRIDAY OCTOBER 27TH  
6.00PM - 9.00PM

WANGARATTA PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

DJ | Photo Booth | Party Food



**Fully supervised event for young people.**

Ages 12 to 18. Alcohol, drug, smoke and vape free event.

**SCAN THE QR TO BOOK**





WANGARATTA  
HIGH SCHOOL

# DISCOVERY DAY

Grade 5/6 students come on down and experience High School life.

- Interactive activities
- Sausage sizzle
- Subject tasters

**Tuesday, 21st NOVEMBER, 2023**