

What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 1st August
Grade 6 REACH Program

Wednesday 2nd August
Grade 5 REACH Program

Thursday 3rd August
Grade 5/6 Cyber Safety

Friday 4th August
Grade 5/6 AFL 9's

**Monday 7th August - Friday
11th August**
Grade 3/4 Swimming
Book Fair Begins

Friday 11th August
Mal Webster Author Visit
Grade 5/6 AFL 9's
Book Fair Ends

Monday 14th August
Book Parade & Book Week
Finale

Friday 18th August
Curriculum Day

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Are you Zoolander or Hansel?

If you'd like to avoid having a family portrait that looks like this...



Then here's a reminder that we still have plenty of sessions available as part of our family portrait fundraiser. It's a great chance to get a lovely keepsake or gift, and is a great fundraiser for our school so if you are keen to get involved, please go to <https://compasstix.com/e/r4ksy51llw> to book your session on August 2nd, 3rd or 4th between 4 and 7PM.

Double denim and awkward poses - optional

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.

What is the West is going on?!

We have a HUGE couple of weeks coming up in the West beginning with our Book Fair in the Library, beginning on **Monday 7th August**.

You may have noticed a flyer sent home in the last couple of days advertising our Book Fair, with details of opening times and payment options.

Students will have the opportunity to **BROWSE** the Book Fair on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th of August, during which they can jot down books to add to their 'Wishlist'. There will be books beginning at \$3, and other small items such as pencils from \$1. Remember, this is only a **WISHLIST** and there is no expectation for families to buy anything at all - but \$3 is an amazing price that can allow many students the opportunity for a new book!

On **Wednesday 9th August**, the Book Fair will be open to the public BEFORE and AFTER school (8:30 - 9:30am and 3:00 - 4:00pm) for any purchases. On this day, we will also be open at 11:00am for anyone coming across from Playgroup. There will be EFTPOS facilities available. The Book Fair will also be open before and after school on Thursday and Friday. Payments can be made online via the flyer sent home, or via EFTPOS in the Library.

On **Monday 14th August** we will hold our finale event! The much loved **Book Parade!** We will kick off the morning with the Parade being held at 9:10am around the middle area, followed by an open invitation to **visit classrooms** to read with your children. Families and visitors will then be invited to the Hall for a **morning tea** prepared and hosted by our Parents and Friends Group, who will also be prepping a delicious **HOT DOG** and **JUICE** lunch for our students! Hot dogs and juices will be available as a pre pay only option via CompassTix - Link to come.

Wowee. Plenty going on! What a way to celebrate reading in The West!



Your Opinion Matters!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

Survey results will be communicated to parents, carers and guardians via the newsletter. Last year we used the survey results to make relevant changes and inform decision making for the 2023 Annual Implementation Plan.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

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

Art Room News

The art room is looking very lush and green as we've spent 3 weeks preparing for the 'Read, Grow, Inspire' Book Week theme. There's plants on every surface and we are almost ready to display these in the library. Be sure to come check out our student's absolutely incredible artwork when you visit the Book Fair.

Preps have focussed on their painting and cutting skills, making a variety of flowers from paper plates. We've rolled, fringed and folded. You've never seen paper plates look so good!



Year 1 - have made a 3D cardboard cactus garden with all varieties of cacti some are even flowering, we've got barrel cactus, San Pedro, prickly pear and Saguaro. Be careful, these are spiky!

Year 2 - working with their inquiry unit on habitats, we've made a collaged tiger in the Asian rainforest after our trip to the Zoo. The children were thrilled that the tiger was in full view in its enclosure so they could get a close look.



Art Room News



Year 3 - are making 3D plants using wire. We've mixed tints for background, made patterned wallpaper, geometric printed pots and we are constructing fish bone cactus, pink cordylines and mother-in-law tongues.

Year 4 - have made incredible botanical pattern tiles, drawing and cutting out a template and using paint pens to make striking patterns with acrylic paint, inspired by a surface artist, Polina. Altogether, this looks like the most incredible quilt you'll ever see.



Art Room News



Year 5 - there's a paper garden of indoor plants in the art room as the year 5s have produced paper plants using paper, wire, foam, a terracotta pot, paint and markers. The room is overflowing with real plants that we took inspiration from and their paper counterparts in Swiss cheese vines, Christmas cactus, arrowhead vines, pilea, zig zag cactus and angelwing begonias. This pot plant definitely doesn't need watering.

Year 6 - have worked so hard on realistic illustration using photographs of succulents. We drew these using a grid to help our line drawing, transferred the drawing to black and learnt the skills of layering, shading and mixing with soft chalk pastel.



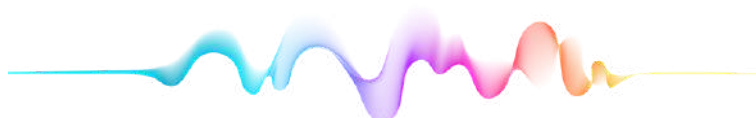


Almost the entire school has started the Term with a ukulele unit. All students from year one to year six are working hard at learning how to hold, strum and transition from chord to chord. I am pleased to say that it is one of my favourite instruments to teach. Often, they will be singing along, bopping, or nodding and sometimes almost jumping out of their seats to participate in this new learning. We almost always start with students thinking they can't but end up in a space where they find themselves playing something they never thought they could achieve. It is so rewarding to be a part of, and I hope the students themselves are beginning to feel this success.

Across the whole school we are always focused on understanding the difference between the beat and rhythms. If you open the music room door, you will undoubtedly find us with rhythm sticks in hand doing a call and response, reading rhythms from the board, tapping to a play along or stomping out a rhythm stick line dance. The little ones have been learning about tempo and certainly enjoy throwing scarves around the room to different songs and learning to use their best Italian accents for largo, moderato, allegro and presto (of course we use our hands to speak as I'm certain this solidifies our understanding.) The bigger kids have been listening and responding to 90's rock classics, so expect some dinner conversations around bands like 'Metallica' although some students have already told me "My dad loves this song."

Just a little snippet of the magic our musicians make every week here at the West.

Mrs Carr



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24 JUL 2023

Checked by
Mrs Lidgerwood

~~At the Zoo~~ the Zoo
 On Friday the 21st of
 July 2023 all of the
 year 2s at WWPS went
 to the zoo. We all got
 up very early to go
 to the zoo. First we got
 into groups. Next
 my group saw giant
 tortoises. My favourite
 animal was the lions
 for the snow
 leopard's.

I loved
 the lions
 too!

24/7/23 ★
24 JUL 2023
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Mrs Lidgerwood

On the morning on Friday we went on a bus to go to the Melbourne Zoo. First we went to have a quick snack and we got put into groups. Both groups went to the wild sea. First we saw two things fish and sting rays then we saw seals. The next thing that we saw was siamangs and kois rain squirrel monkeys then we saw squirrel monkeys then the great flight aviary. Next we saw elephants. We saw Tasmanian Devils. We saw tigers and snow leopards then we saw Tasmanian Devils.

Great reconer Kai! Well done on using full stops.

Grade 2 students set off in the dark last Friday for an exciting day at the Melbourne Zoo. Each group participated in a lesson provided by the Zoo Educators and spent the rest of the day looking at the various animals and their specific habitats.



Student OF THE Week

Prep A	Ben	For his amazing focus during learning time this term and for working hard to be successful in all his tasks. Well done, Ben!
Prep D	Harper	For the wonderful work she does practising her readers and words at home, as well as at school. Keep up the fantastic work, Harper.
	Shane	For making new friends and settling in to the Wang West school routines. Keep up the wonderful work, Shane!
Prep M	Annika	For having a positive attitude in the classroom. It is great to see a big smile on your face every day, keep up the good work!
Prep O	Patrick L	Bravo Pat for speaking with confidence and pride when reading the Acknowledgement of Country to the class in our morning circle.
1J	Amelia	For the positive attitude that she always has towards learning. The way that she never gives up and always has a go at learning tasks is fantastic, keep up the great work Amelia!
1M	Emmett	For his improvement in using his sounds to figure out tricky words. Keep up the hard work Emmett!
1ZC	Deepika	For your consistent hard work in the classroom and willingness to share your ideas. Well done!
2B	Lenny	For his leadership this semester as our SRC. You have taken the role on with dedication and been a fantastic example for our classmates. We are very proud of you, Lenny!
2C	Lawson	Lawson has tried very hard during learning times to understand tasks and complete all set work. He has set a very high expectation of himself and is achieving his goals. A great effort Lawson.
2K	Noel	Well done Noel for embracing our Inquiry question this term. You have been an expert of all things under the ocean and have taught the class many interesting facts!
2WR	Ronav	For displaying all the school values at our Melbourne Zoo excursion last week. You were so engaged and looked out for people in your group. Well done!
3G	Mason R	For asking questions and seeking feedback from his peers and teachers when he is unsure or has completed his work. It is lovely to see his confidence grow in this area. Well done, Mason.

Student OF THE Week

- 3P** Bella For the independence and confidence she is showing in her learning. Bella, we are so proud of you for sharing your ideas in front of the class, keep it up!
- 4MV** Sienna For receiving her probationary pen licence. Keep up the beautiful handwriting, Sienna!
- 4WS** Indi You are working so hard during our daily five activities and improving your sentence fluency and voice. Keep up the great work!
- 5C** Ella For showing our school value of connection by regularly putting a smile on the faces around her. Our classroom wouldn't be the same without you, Ella!
- 5D** Kayden For your improved dedication when participating in learning and sharing your ideas in the classroom. You have made a massive improvement in the first 3 weeks of Term 3. Keep up the good work!
- 5L** Charlotte For demonstrating resilience in the classroom when faced with challenging tasks that have led to success! Congratulations Charlotte.
- 6R** Alex What an incredible start you have had to Wang West this term! You are already showing yourself to be a wonderful friend and knowledgeable classmate. Keep it up!
- Jack A For his continued focus and persistence during our maths lessons. Jack, you are such a great role model to others and your understanding is improving every day – well done!
- 6S** Peyton For the fantastic effort you are putting into all of your work this term. Keep up the amazing work Peyt!
- Mason For the maturity you show in all aspects of our class. You show great leadership Mason and are a great leader within our class!
- PE** Max For how well you have contributed in our health activities. You have very thoughtful and insightful answers to share with us and we appreciate how well you respect everyone else in the class as well! Keep up the amazing work Max!

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U can cry!

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PROMOTING POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25TH 2023

WANGARATTA RODEO GROUNDS

TWILIGHT MARKET & FOOD STALLS IN A FAMILY FRIENDLY
ATMOSPHERE. GATES OPEN AT 3PM!

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!

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Wednesday - 9th August 6 Weeks

4.30pm - 5.30pm - Barr Reserve

REGISTER NOW



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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