

What's on in the West

School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 29th May

12:00 - 1:30

2:10 - 3:30

Learning Pack Pick Up (3-6)

Mobile Library

Monday 8th June

Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 9th June

Grades 3 to 6 recommence on-site learning

Ongoing

Virtual Tours



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear parents and carers,

One week to go!

I am incredibly grateful to our school community for the way everyone has followed our Stage 1 guidelines, particularly not congregating within or near our school grounds. We have also been very pleasantly surprised by how well our Prep to 2 students have settled back in here at school. As I wandered around on Tuesday morning our junior students were straight back into routine (after the initial excitement of reuniting with friends). We did have a number of tired kids though this week as they adjusted back to full days of school, particularly our Prep students who have learned from home for more days than they learned at school this year! It is certainly great to have our juniors back and we look forward to welcoming back our years 3-6 students on Tuesday 9th June.

Thank you

Parents and carers of students in years 3-6, in this week's learning package you will notice a little note and treat for you all to say thank you for your support, hard work, patience and commitment throughout this period of remote and flexible learning. I recognise that it was definitely challenging, particularly having to continue for an additional two weeks, so I wanted to applaud you all for the wonderful job you have done and show our gratitude. Please note - the little treat is delicious, so make sure that you get to it before your child does!

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. We recommend that students enter classrooms between 8:45am and 8:55am to prepare for their day.

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.

Drinkbottles

Please make sure that all students bring a drink bottle to school as no students are permitted to drink from the bubblers until further notice.

Parent Survey

Just a reminder that the DET Learning From Home Survey is still open so if you have a few minutes to give us formal feedback relating to the way we have managed the transition to remote and flexible and back again to on-site learning, we would be very grateful.

To access the survey, simply go to

<https://www.orima.com.au/lfh/parents>

School Name: Wangaratta West Primary School

School PIN: 473385

Kind Regards,



PRINCIPAL

WHS SEAL Program - 2021 Yr 7 Applications

Due to Covid-19 disruptions and extension has been placed on applications for the 2021 Year 7 SEAL program.

Applications will be accepted until Friday 7th June. These can be sent through electronically.

Digital copies of required forms can be found on the Wangaratta High School website:

<http://www.whs.vic.edu.au/learning/seal-program>

For inquiries contact the SEAL coordinator

Meryl Herman

Meryl.Herman@education.vic.gov.au

Phone: 03 5723 0500

Book Club

Book Club catalogues have arrived for Issue 4.

Printed catalogues will be sent home with Prep - Grade 2 students this week, and will be in collection tubs at classrooms for Grades 3-6 on Friday.

Please process your orders and payment online through Scholastic LOOP. Details for the link are on the order sheet in the back of the catalogue.

Due to our current Covid considerations, online orders are the preferred option for ordering and payment.

ORDERS NEED TO BE PLACED BY THE END OF DAY FRIDAY 5TH JUNE!!

So get organised early so your family doesn't miss out on some great reads. Happy Shopping!

https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/5610/bc_420.pdf

ISSUE 4 2020 ORDERS DUE BACK BY:

Book Club

45 titles @ \$5 or UNDER

001 Amulet Eight Book Collection
Emily and Navin move into the old, mysterious home of their great-grandfather, and strange things start happening. 8 books, each 192 pp. • \$79.00 CLUB PRICE

ESports: THE ULTIMATE GUIDE
An in-depth insider's look at the gamers who are winning big at top games. 144 pp. AGES 8+ \$12.00 CLUB PRICE

003 Blugy: The Creek
What will Blugy find when she explores the creek? 24 pp board book. AGES 3+ \$14.00 CLUB PRICE

STAY ALIVE IN MINECRAFT
Stay one step ahead of all the nasty mobs and creatures. 128 pp. AGES 8+ \$10.00 CLUB PRICE

BFFs: How to Be a Best Friend Forever
96 pp. Includes 12 Justice bracelets. AGES 8+ \$25.00 CLUB PRICE

005 NEW! BFF Glitter Walkie Talkie Pack
Keep in touch with your BFF with these walkie talkie watches! 96 pp. Includes 12 Justice bracelets. AGES 8+ \$29.99 \$25.00 CLUB PRICE

006 The Odd Is Out: The First Sequel
Hilarious stories and advice on accepting your quirks and growing up in the Internet age. 240 pp. AGES 7+ \$15.00 CLUB PRICE

007 ANH DO HOT DOG!
Hodog and his friends enter an art competition and hunt down an art thief! 128 pp. AGES 6+ \$9.99

008 NEW! Coco Big City Kitty
Coco is a kitty who loves the action and excitement of her big city. 48 pp. Hardcover. AGES 5+ \$9.99

009 NEW! Passion for Fashion
Ella is stitching super-stylish outfits and costumes for the school disco. 144 pp. AGES 7+ \$9.99

010 THE TUMMY TALKIE
Soccer Superstar! Tim might be tiny but he has a BIG ambition! Will it be enough to earn him a place in the team? 128 pp. AGES 7+ \$3.00 CLUB PRICE

See inside for Book 2 @ \$5

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A BOOK

SCHOLASTIC

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.

Staged Return to On-Site Learning

Parents/carers of students Following advice from the Victorian Government on Tuesday 12 May, some students will be returning to school from Tuesday 26 May. The Victorian Chief Health Officer has advised that it is safe for Victorian school students and teachers to return to on-site schooling in a two-staged approach:

Stage 1

Monday 25 May: Pupil free day (Out of School Hours Care available)

Tuesday 26 May: Early years students (Prep to Grade 2) and all staff will return to on-site schooling.

Stage 2

Tuesday 9 June: Grade 3 to Year 6 students will return to on-site schooling, subject to health advice.

To ensure that we are following the Chief Health Officer's advice regarding social distancing, the following protocols will be in place:

- All school gates will be opened and parents/carers are asked to maintain 1.5m from others whilst entering/exiting and whilst on school grounds.
- Parents/carers of prep students only are permitted to drop students off/pick students up from classrooms. Parents/carers are not permitted on site before 8:45AM and before 3:15PM, and must maintain social distancing rules whilst on site meaning that no adults are permitted to congregate on site before or after collecting their child. Essentially, please collect your prep child and leave the school grounds as quickly as possible.
- In years 1-6 must drop off and collect students from one of our gates (unless there are specific circumstances that require you to come on-site or you are collecting/dropping off students to our Out of School Hours Care program). Please let your child know where you will meet them, and remember to maintain social distancing rules whilst waiting.
- No parents, carers or siblings are to enter classrooms.
- All contact with teachers must be made via Seesaw or email. Teachers will not be available for discussions with parents in person before or after school.
- Our playgrounds will still be out of bounds for all students and siblings.
- Please minimise visits to our school office and remember that only 2 adults are permitted in the office waiting area at a time.

Staged Return to On-Site Learning

- Please remember that if your child is unwell, they must not attend school. Any student with a fever, cough or sore throat will be isolated at school and parents/carers will be called for immediate collection.

We are attempting to avoid staggering drop-off and pick-up times as we realise the difficulties this may cause for families with multiple students so we implore you to follow the above rules. If adults congregate on site or around gates, we will need to review this and consider further measures.

For further information, the Department's latest advice on can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/coronavirus



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- Prep A Amelia For being such a wonderful active listener and always trying her best in all areas of her learning. Well done, Amelia!
- Prep C Indigo For settling back into school and showing how much of a super star she is by focusing on her learning.
- Prep M Reese For working so hard at school on your sight words and letter sounds. You are doing such an amazing job!
- Prep R Oliver For the care he takes in presenting his work as neatly as possible.
- Owen For smashing his home learning work and coming back to school with a super speedy work ethic.
- 1J Maya H For settling back into our classroom routines and expectations, after remote learning, so wonderfully. Keep up the great work Maya!
- 1C Jett For reading so much whilst doing Remote Learning. 50 nights!!! Your reading has improved so much.
- 1DS Mia For working very hard in maths and completing lots of subtraction sums during remote learning.
- Jet For working very hard at his writing and having a go at completing sentences independently. Keep up the great work, Jet!
- 2SS Zac For returning to school with a positive mindset and ready to learn! Welcome back Zac!
- Kayden For returning to school to school with a smile. We have missed your smile and kind ways.
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- 4M Cameron For your dedication to your home learning and always uploading to send back.
- 4P Poppy For her persistence and resilience shown during remote learning.

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- 5C Fern For her dedication and persistence towards remote learning, along with her beautiful presentation and great communication with her teacher about her workload. Well done!
- 5G Turner For going above and beyond during remote learning. It has been fantastic to see your dedication to the learning activities and completing extra learning. You have put so much effort into your writing, it has been great to see. Especially your letter to Mr. Rees! Keep up the great work Turner!
- 6MW Levi for your consistent standard of work during Remote Learning. You've done an incredible job of keeping up with all your work and completing it to such a high standard! We can't wait to see what you can do when you're back at school!



**North East Regional
Pre School Association**

NERPSA KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2021 WILL OPEN ON MONDAY 1ST JUNE, 2020

As OPEN DAYS at NERPSA Kindergartens are unable to be held in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions, we invite all prospective parents to find information to assist with their child's enrolment at the NERPSA website: www.nerpsa.com.au

Information found on the website will include:

- General information on each NERPSA kindergarten,
- Each kindergarten's educational philosophy,
- The manner in which each kindergarten program operates,
- A virtual tour of each kindergarten.

As well as:

- Enrolment information and enrolment forms.

Further information: Please contact the NERPSA office on 5721 2755

Appin Park Kindergarten
Bernard Briggs Kindergarten
Christopher Robin Kindergarten
Coronation Kindergarten
Glenrowan Kindergarten
James Tilson Kindergarten
Moyhu & District Kindergarten
Munro Ave Pre School
The Hub Kindergarten
Violet Town & District Early Childhood Centre
Wangaratta West Kindergarten
Whorouly & District Kindergarten





Wangaratta West
Primary School

VIRTUAL TOUR



As you are unable to visit our school in person during these unprecedented times, we have put together a video that summarises many key aspects of what makes our school special.

Please use the password
West4642 to access the video.

For enrolment packs or queries, please
contact our office on 5721 3491



**SCAN HERE TO ACCESS
VIRTUAL TOUR, OR
VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

