

What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 2nd November
Melbourne Cup Day

Wednesday 10th November
Prep transition day #1

Thursday 18th November
Prep transition day #2

Tuesday 7th December
Prep transition day #3
Step Up Day

Wednesday 8th December
West Fest

Tuesday 14th December
Grade 6 Graduation



Well this has been a week for the history books here at The West. After celebrating the return of our entire school to onsite learning just last Friday, unfortunately we have this week faced a school closure and had 3 classes placed into quarantine. My thoughts are absolutely with those families currently in 14 days of quarantine, and I know I speak for the entire school community in sending our best wishes to you all during this difficult time.

On a personal note, can I please extend my most sincere thanks to everyone for the support that our staff and I have received this week. The words of encouragement and backing that have flooded in have done so much to keep morale high.

I also cannot thank our amazing staff enough. Words simply do not do justice to what these incredible people are doing at the moment. If you get a chance, please let them know how much you appreciate them via a Seesaw message as I know it would mean a great deal right now.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you or your child would appreciate some wellbeing support from either Bree or Rose. We are so lucky to have these wonderful people on hand to help so please call the office to arrange a time for you or your child to have a chat.

Please also remember that I am always here to help in any way I can so don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions or concerns. I am currently taking the school phone each evening and over the weekend so I am available via 0477343814 any time (well almost!)

Take care everyone,
Kristy

Editors Note

To our leadership team of Kristy, Xavier and Danielle who have spent countless hours navigating their new roles as contact tracers and working late nights and weekends to support our Westy community - we thank you! This has been a week of epic proportions, and you have ensured the safety of this school community is your main priority. We appreciate your support and dedication to your staff and students.

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.

A Huge Thankyou!

We are extremely grateful to the North East Homemakers Centre and My Slice Of Life who have very generously donated \$677.21 to the school as part of their Spring promotion. This money will go towards our Hands On Learning shed which we will hopefully be able to purchase next year. Thank you so much!

Parents/Carers Onsite

Just a reminder that as we now have a number of positive Covid-19 cases in Wangaratta, we kindly ask that parents/carers do not enter the school grounds unless absolutely necessary. This is obviously not something that we want to implement, but unfortunately given the current situation, we feel it is in the best interests of our entire school community.

- If your child is particularly anxious, please contact myself or Danielle Ashmead so that we may establish a suitable plan.
- To make any payments, please call the office to pay over the phone or get the bank details wherever possible.
- If you are collecting your child from school outside of normal school hours, please park out the front and call the office. We will then send your child out to your car.

Thank you very much for your assistance with this.

Grounds Update

Our new turf for the area between the year 2 portables and the basketball courts will be arriving on Monday!! We are very excited about this new addition to our beautiful grounds.

Student Placement Requests

Just a reminder that any parent/carer requests need to be submitted to me via email by next Friday 5th November. Please send all emails to kristy.keenan@education.vic.gov.au

Please note that we are unable to take any requests beyond this date as, once students are placed into grades, it is incredibly difficult to make changes.

Melbourne Cup

Just a reminder that Tuesday November 2nd will be a public holiday but school will be running as normal on Monday November 1st.

PRINCIPAL'S

Award

Claire L from 6RH, for her outstanding attitude towards her learning. Claire was committed, organised and punctual during her WebEx sessions and has shown the same brilliant attitude in her return to onsite learning. Well done Claire!



Wangaratta Netball Association Representative Netball Tryouts Season 2022



WNA welcomes all interested players to attend our tryouts for the 2022 Representative Netball Season.

To be considered eligible for selection players must attend 2 out of the 3 trial dates for your age group.

TRIAL DATES

**17 & UNDER: Monday November 15th, Wednesday November 17th
& Monday November 22nd, 6:00pm - 7:00pm**

**15 & UNDER: Monday November 15th, Wednesday November 17th &
Monday November 22nd, 4:45pm - 5:45pm**

**13 & UNDER: Tuesday November 9th, Thursday November 11th
& Tuesday November 16th, 4:45pm - 5:45pm**

**11 & UNDER: Tuesday November 9th, Thursday November 11th
& Tuesday November 16th, 6:00pm - 7:00pm**

All trials will be held at WNA courts at the Barr Reserve.
Please make sure you wear appropriate footwear and bring your own water.

No representative or club shirts to be worn.

All players are to be registered online by 3rd November

<https://forms.gle/7eEnAAnGbQS1E2Va9>

Covid Safe protocols will have to be followed including no spectators and strict drop off and pick up times.

For further information contact Cam Miller on 0422 984 167 or

cam_wna@bigpond.com

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Student

OF THE WEEK

Prep A	Nerida	For showing courage, resilience and starting each day with a smile on her face. I am so proud of you, Neddie!
Prep M	Hamish	For always trying his best in class and working very hard on his writing, good work Hamish!
Prep R	Peyton	For being such an enthusiastic and friendly classmate. Thanks for putting joy into every activity, Peyton!
	Clay	For his increase in confidence and eagerly speaking up in class discussions. We love hearing your clever ideas and funny comments. You are a true superstar!
Prep S	Hunter	For making good choices at school this week and for having a go at his learning tasks. We are proud of you.
1B	Hunter	For working hard on his reading over the last few weeks. Your reading has improved so much, Hunter. Keep up the hard work!
1C	Bruce	For reading 100 nights at home and being able to read his 300 High Frequency words now. Fantastic Effort . I am very proud of you.
	Emma	For being able to read her 300 High Frequency words now. Fantastic Effort. I am very proud of you.
1D	Louis	For focusing really well during independent reading and reading groups. Keep up the great work, Louis!
	Anna	For always trying her best in class and for displaying a growth in confidence, through the way she speaks in front of the class and also by asking when she doesn't understand something. I am so proud of you Anna.
2M	Logan	For your improvement in the number of Miaow words you now know.
	Peyton	For the positive attitude you bring to our classroom. Thank you for always smiling.
2SC	Ben	A massive congratulations to Ben and the effort that he has been putting into his reading. He has such a positive attitude and takes feedback and learning goals seriously in order to improve his reading and comprehension.
	George	Well done on the mature way that you take on your learning. George, you are respectful to others, patient and willing to share tasks to ensure that group learning is collaborative as well as cooperative. Your maturity and work ethic make you a wonderful Year 2 leader. When you are Prime Minister of Australia, please remember who your Year 2 teacher was!

Student

OF THE WEEK

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| 3WC | Lucy | For showing amazing determination during our daily maths fluency. |
| 4B | Ellie | For the development she has showed in her reading this semester. She has worked hard to improve her fluency and comprehension, and should be very proud of her efforts! |
| PE | Gilad | For working so hard during our bouncing lessons to keep your eyes up and off the ball! You have improved so much in such a short amount of time. Keep up the amazing work Gilad! |
| | Bianca | For your consistent efforts during our PE lessons. You are always willing to give everything a go and put in 110%. Well done, I hope you can keep this up for the rest of the year! |

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