

What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 3rd November
Melbourne Cup Day

Thursday 17th December
Final Day of Term 4

Friday 18th Decemeber
Curriculum Day

Thursday 28th January
2021
Curriculum Day

Friday 29th January 2021
Term 1 Begins

Ongoing
Virtual Tours



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Orima Parent Opinion Survey

Thank you very much to the parents and carers who have responded to the DET Parent Opinion Survey thus far! To date we have had 70 responses which represents 21% of our parent/carer community. We would love to gain even more feedback so I will text the link again before the closing date on 13th November.

Orima Students Attitude to School Survey

The Student Attitude to School Survey is currently open and over the next two weeks all students in years 4-6 will have the opportunity to share their views and feedback on a number of school-related aspects. This allows us to collect valuable data about our students and their experiences so far in 2020 which we will then use to guide our 2021 Annual Implementation Plan development and upcoming school review process.

2021 Classes

Just a reminder that if you have any factors that you would like us to take into consideration when placing your child into their 2021 class, please again call or email me by Friday 13th November. Please note that changes after student allocations have begun are extremely difficult to accommodate so any requests made after this date are unlikely to be successful.

World Teacher's Day

Today is World Teachers' Day. This is a day to celebrate and thank our teachers. We are incredibly proud of our teachers at Wangaratta West and are so grateful to have such passionate, caring and dedicated educators in our school.

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.

Weekly Values Blitzes

Starting tomorrow, we will be beginning our 'Values of the Week' competition where we will focus on one of our school values each week, beginning this week with Respect. Each class will explore and promote the chosen value in their own way. This may involve making a poster or video, writing stories, making a creative display somewhere in the school, or even use of our social media platforms. Each week the leadership team will nominate the winning class who will receive free icy poles on the second break of Friday. Teachers will also be on the lookout for students individually demonstrating the chosen value each week, and one student from across the school will be chosen as the winner of the value of the week award. This student will get to pick a friend to have a VIP lunch at school. We hope this will be a great initiative to help round out what has been a challenging year.

Camps

We are currently actively trying to book camps for next year, however this is proving to be very difficult due to the large number of schools attempting to book places simultaneously. We are seeking indications from parents and carers in regard to 2021 camp options as we are attempting to balance the costs and views of different families. Although it can be difficult to come up with an option that suits everyone, we are certainly trying our best to achieve this.

Toilets

Our new toilet blocks are scheduled to be completed and handed over on Wednesday 11th November. It will be great to have this additional facility with our growing student population.

RSL Poppy Appeal

Poppy Pins \$1

Poppy Badges \$2 and \$5

Wristbands \$3

Keyrings and Bag tags \$4

Pens \$5

The above are on sale at school from Friday 30th October, SRC students will be going to each class after 2nd break for anyone wanting to make a purchase, they are also available from the office. Your support of our veterans who have served or are still serving, is much appreciated. The funds are used to assist them and their families in times of need. The red poppy has become a universal symbol of remembrance since the end of World War 1.

Prep 2021 Transition Dates

We have been following guidance from the department in regard to our transition days and how these can be structured. Following the most recent information provided by the department our transition days for our 2021 preps will occur on the below dates:

- Thursday 12th November & Friday 13th November
- Thursday 19th November & Friday 20th November
- Week of Monday 7th December

2021 prep families have been contacted about the details relating to each of the dates above.

Jump Rope For Heart

Our students have been doing an outstanding job with their skipping practise and fundraising. Earlier this week we reached our school goal of \$10,000 which was an incredible effort! We are so proud that our students and families are fundraising for such a worthy cause. Our Jump Rope for Heart day is next Friday 6th November. The students will be participating in some fun skipping activities throughout the day and it is on this date that our fundraising efforts will come to an end.

Lunch Time Activities

Mr Norden has been running a variety of engaging lunch time programs for our students during break times. Football competitions have been on offer and Minecraft sessions on the iPads. Both of these options have proven to be very popular! Thank you Mr. Norden.

Assembly Link

We are continuing to run our weekly assembly (every Friday at 2.30pm) via Webex. Please use the link below each Friday if you would like to join our assembly:

Meeting link: <https://bit.ly/3oFCKIk>

Meeting number: 165 658 6523

Password: 3677

★★★Principal's Award★★★

Jasmine (3WV) - for working very hard on her reading skills and making excellent progress in this area. Well done, Jasmine - we are all very proud of you!

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.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- Prep A** Alfie For his awesome attitude and effort towards his writing and achieving his writing goal. Keep up the great work, Alfie!
- Prep C** Indi M For using some amazing reading strategies this week. Well done Indi, you should be proud of yourself.
- 1DS** Remy For excellent reading at home and making sure she fills out her reading log.
- 1J** Indi for her amazing attitude towards learning this term. Indi, you have been so focussed and working extremely hard in all aspects of your learning. I am so proud of you, keep up the fantastic work!
- 2M** Charlie
For trying very hard in our division unit of work, you should be very proud of the work you completed.
- 5C** Shayla
For her acts of kindness and care for Prep A, always offering to sharpen the class pencils and assist Mrs Allan with any jobs she can.
- Jaz
For her acts of kindness and care for Prep A, always offering to sharpen the class pencils and assist Mrs Allan with any jobs she can.



Woolworths Cricket Blast!

City Colts Cricket Club will be running Woolworths Blaster cricket program for season 2020/21.

Junior Blasters is for those junior cricketers who are either just starting out or have done only a season or two. As a guide Junior Blasters is suited to Preps – Grade 2. It is a fun session where everyone learns the skills of cricket and plays plenty of games.

Master Blasters is more game based and is for children who have played cricket for a couple of seasons but are not quite ready for underage junior competition.

Both sessions are run on a Friday night from 5.30pm at the Bill O’Callaghan Oval (Barr Reserve) under the direction of a Level 1 accredited coach. First session will be on Friday 30th October.

Register via Playcricket.com.au, enter Wangaratta as location and select City Colts as the centre, or for more information please contact:

Ross Moore 0409 186 640 or rmmoore@esc.net.au



Rovers United Bruck Cricket Club: All Junior Players Welcome!

RUBCC are powering up for an awesome season of cricket and we’d love to have you with us.

All ages are welcome to our successful and friendly club. Our aim is to help you develop your playing skills, build your cricket knowledge, enjoy the social side of being in a team and after the year we’ve had, how good will it be to be outside playing sport with your teammates?

More information about the club can be found on our website <https://www.rubcc.com.au/> and to lodge an expression of interest please email info@rubcc.com.au

We’re looking forward to hearing from you!

HIIT Saturday with The Game Co

What is it??

- HIIT training session to boost energy, improve fitness and get the good endorphins flowing!
- Mindset activities to practice mindfulness and build resilience
- All fitness levels welcome

Who is it for??

- Ages 10-13 years
- Ages 14-17
- Girls only

When??

- Every Saturday morning for four weeks on 24th Oct, 31st Oct, 7th Nov, 14th Nov
- 10-13 years 9am - 10.15am
- 14-17 years 10.30am - 11.45am

How much??

\$20 per session, per child OR book to attend the four sessions for \$70.

Where at??

-Rovers FNC, meet at netball courts

How do i register??

- Online at www.thegameco.com.au
- Covid rules apply, full details will be sent upon registration
- Spots are limited, booking required

-Any enquiries please contact Shel via email - admin@thegameco.com.au

WE ARE BACK!

Baseball/Teeball





The WANGARATTA RANGERS welcome you back to TARGOORA PARK.

There are no limit's to the numbers of junior players, but registrations are a must.

We can register you on the night. Only one parent per household is allowed to attend.

**THURSDAY
NIGHTS FROM
5.30PM - 6.30PM
AGES 6-14
12/11 - 3/12
@ TARGOORA PARK**





REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

PLEASE CALL - Owen 0419514695
OR
EMAIL - owengodenzi@gmail.com

All equipment is supplied and sanitised. We will follow all the COVID safe guidelines. Please wear suitable sports attire, bring a drink bottle and a mask if you are over 13y.

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