

# What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Friday July 31**  
Book Club Due

**Monday 3rd August**  
Safe on Social Parent  
Webinar - 7pm

**Friday 7th August**  
Crazy Hair Day - dollar coin  
donation

**Ongoing**  
Virtual Tours



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### 70th Anniversary Book

Today's Chronicle contains a piece about our school's upcoming 70th anniversary, and the book we are compiling to help celebrate this important occasion. If you would like to contribute a photo, story or recollection about our school from the perspective of your time as a student, staff member or parent, please email [kristy.keenan@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:kristy.keenan@education.vic.gov.au)

### Road Safety - Near Misses

There have been three near misses on the roads around our school in the past 2 days, all on Donald Street. A representative from the Wangaratta Council has been advocating on our behalf for a crossing supervisor so we have again informed him of the recent incidents. We have a staff member assisting students to cross at the Donald and Sloan street intersection however some students are choosing to cross unassisted further down the road near the park. Please remind your child of road safety rules to help us avoid a possible tragic accident.

### New Toilets

I am thrilled to announce that we have been successful in our application for a new toilet facility at our school. The new relocatable toilet block will be delivered in preparation for the 2021 school year.

### Pavers

Just a reminder that if you would like to purchase a paver, please call the office for payment details.



# 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.

## Instagram

Someone has created an account on Instagram using our school logo called wwps.201. Please note that this is NOT a school authorised account and we will be taking immediate action to have our school acronym and logo removed. If you or your child are following this account, please unfollow ASAP.

## Birthday Treats

If you would like to send treats for the class to school to celebrate your child's birthday, we kindly ask that you choose pre-packaged, individual treats that do not require any handling. We thank you for your assistance with this.

## Lost Property

There is a huge amount of lost property at school. All of the named items have been returned to students, however the pile of articles without names is enormous! As of next week, any unclaimed items will be redistributed.

## Blair's Last Day

Blair, one of our wonderful Education Support staff, is heading back to Scotland to celebrate his brother's wedding. He will be sorely missed here at school but we hope he will return in the near future. On behalf of the school Blair, we wish you the very best and look forward to seeing you again soon.



## Crazy Hair Day

Next Friday 7th August is Crazy Hair Day. Please come along with your crazy hair and a gold coin donation to support Cystic Fibrosis Australia

## Beanies

The next batch of beanies arrived late today, and will be distributed to students next week. Beanies will then be available to purchase from the office for \$15 each.

# ☆☆☆ Principals Award ☆☆☆

**Jack S (1C)** – for the outstanding picture story book that he created about going fishing. It was clear how much effort you put into this piece, and the way you read it aloud with such expression made it an absolute pleasure to listen to. Thank you for sharing it with me.

*Kristy Keenan*  
PRINCIPAL



## COVID-19 UPDATE

Based on advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government announced that compulsory wearing of face coverings will extend to all of Victoria from 11.59pm on Sunday 2 August. This means everyone over the age of 12 must wear a face covering when they leave their home for one of four reasons:

- study or work – if you cannot work from home
- medical care and caregiving
- shopping for essentials
- daily exercise.

Face coverings are also recommended in situations where maintaining 1.5 metres of physical distance is not possible. For information about face coverings, visit the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) website.

### Face coverings for staff and students in schools

All school-based staff must wear face coverings at school, and when travelling to and from school.

### Teachers and education support staff

Teachers and education support staff will not be required to wear face coverings while teaching, but those who wish to do so, can. Teachers should wear face coverings in other areas of the school when not teaching (for example, in the staffroom, on yard duty and when providing first aid or taking temperatures), and when travelling to and from school.

### Primary students

Students who attend primary school for on-site supervision will not be required to wear a face covering. Students who are aged 12 or over by Year 6 will not be required to wear face coverings. The Victorian Chief Health Officer has advised that it is not practical to require some primary school students to wear face coverings while others are not required to.

### Exemptions

Some students and staff are exempt from these requirements. This includes students or staff who have a medical condition - including problems with their breathing, a serious skin condition on the face, a disability or a mental health condition. This includes students who attend specialist schools.

### Parents and carers

Parents and carers will be required to wear face coverings whenever they leave the house, including for school drop off and pick up. If they are travelling in a car alone, or only with members of their household, they do not need to wear a mask.

### Coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline

The Department's coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline is available Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, call 1800 338 663.

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- Prep A** Judd For his outstanding effort sounding out words in writing. Well done, Judd! Keep it up!
- Prep C** Lottie For doing some amazing independent writing. Great job trying out some tricky new words Lottie!
- Prep M** Ginger For the amazing writing you have been doing in class. I love reading your work!
- Prep R** Imogen For writing all on her own and having a go at sounding words out without any help.
- Anna For smashing out heaps of great writing and trying new words all on her own.
- 1C** Olivia For being able to read all 300 Mioow words! Brilliant achievement.
- Sophie For being able to read all 300 Mioow words! Brilliant achievement.
- Eli For being able to read all 300 Mioow words! Brilliant achievement.
- Angelina For being able to read all 300 Mioow words! Brilliant achievement.
- Anthony For being able to read all 300 Mioow words! Brilliant achievement.
- Jack For being able to read all 300 Mioow words! Brilliant achievement.
- 1J** Hayden For always being respectful and listening to others when they are speaking. Thank you for being such a great class member!
- 2HV** Tyler For caring for his learning and thinking really hard about planning for a story and using that plan to create a really exciting story. Well done.
- 2M** Jacob For having a positive attitude and coming to class always ready to learn.
- 2SS** Clay for writing an amazing story in Big Write. You worked so hard to create an awesome opener whilst giving positive feedback and support to your peers. What an achievement and role model for those around you!

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- 3S** Jacob For having a positive attitude and coming to class always ready to learn.
- 4AP** Advay For being a kind and generous friend who shows respect to everyone in our class and school community. He is a great role model for everyone around him and is an asset to our class! Well done, Advay!
- 5C** Cody For displaying leadership skills and a 'can do attitude' to collaborating with his Math group to create a Learning Intention and Success Criteria. Great stuff Cody!
- 5G** Georgia For showing continuously showing persistence towards her learning. The positive mindset and hard work you always put towards your learning activities is fantastic!
- Hayden for his effort and hard work towards all learning activities. The focus and persistence you put into your learning is fantastic!

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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



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