

# What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Friday 10th February**  
Pupil Free Day - Staff  
Professional Development

**Monday 13th February**  
Lunch Orders start  
6P & 6R - Winton Wetlands

**Thursday 16th February**  
3G & 4CM - Winton Wetlands

**Monday 20th February**  
5L & 6S Winton Wetlands

**Tuesday 21st February**  
School Photos

**Monday 27th February**  
5C & 5D - Winton Wetlands

**Thursday 2nd March**  
Grade 6 Leadership Camp  
2B, 2K & 2W - Winton  
Wetlands

**Monday 6th March**  
1J & 1M - Winton Wetlands

**Thursday 9th March**  
Prep D & Prep M - Winton  
Wetlands

**Monday 13th March**  
Labour Day Public Holiday



What beautiful weather we have had this week for the kids' second week of school! We still have tired little Preppies, but there is a definite buzz of general excitement in the air around the school as kids are getting to know their new teachers and experiencing a new year level. As many of you know, I'm experiencing Wangaratta West Primary School from a whole new perspective this year as I now have my own child in Prep (little Bella)! I'm experiencing the joy of listening to stories about school including the excitement of specialist classes, the fun of playtime interactions and the adoration of classroom teachers. This new perspective will no doubt help me to continue creating the best possible school we can for all of our kids.

### Call for School Council Nominations

At Wang West, we have an amazing school council group, with efficient, productive (and dare I say fun) meetings 8 times per year. If you would like to join our group, we have **four parent, two community** and **two DET employee** position available on our School Council for 2023. I encourage anyone interested to nominate for a position and please don't hesitate to speak to me if you would like to know more about the role. Nomination forms are available from the office, with nominations closing **Friday, 24th February 2023 at 4pm**.

### Camps, Sports and Excursion Funding Applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families. Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made directly to the school for use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

A hard copy form has been sent home with the eldest child in each family so please fill this in if you are eligible for CSEF and return the completed form ASAP.

# 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.

## Art Room Supplies

Please bring in clear soft drink bottles (all sizes) for an upcoming Art project. There will be a collection box outside the Art room door. Many thanks!

If you have any laundry detergent bottles (this shape) please donate, too.



## Annual Privacy Reminder for 2023

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website <http://www.wangwestps.vic.edu.au/policies-plans>

For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents. This information is also available in nine community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

## School Photos

Just a reminder that school photo day is Tuesday 21st of February and all orders need to be placed through Compass. If you don't have your Compass login details or you are having trouble logging in, please contact the office on 57213491.

## Lunchtime Clubs

Like last year, we will again be running lunchtime activities for students during the first break (11:30-12:00). These are a great way for kids to make new friends with other students who share their interests. Please see next week's newsletter for the timetable.

## Curriculum Day Friday

I'd like to sincerely thank everyone for your support with our curriculum day this week. Having a curriculum day focussed on professional development very early in the term allows staff to implement ideas immediately and consistently from the beginning of the year, minimising disruption to programs, routines and approaches. It maximises the benefit that we can all gain from working with expert consultants so we thank you for your understanding, particularly as we know as it may have caused challenges for some.

This curriculum day focussed upon the area of writing, with Misty Adoniou, a very highly regarded expert in the field, joining us again (for the second year running).

Misty was a primary school teacher for 10 years before moving to Greece and teaching and consulting in the area of English Language Teaching for 7 years. She now lectures at the University of Canberra. She has received numerous Teaching Awards including the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence, and was the Lead Writer of the Federal Government's Teachers' Resource for English Additional Language/Dialect (EAL/D) learners.

Our staff raved about what they learned from working with Misty last year, so we are thrilled to welcome her back to build on prior work. This will do doubt help us to take our writing approach to the next level.

## Assemblies

School assemblies will continue to take place Friday afternoons at approximately 2:40PM either in the hall or on the basketball courts under the shelter (depending on weather). Parents and carers are very welcome to join us! If we are on the basketball courts there is plenty of space, however if we are in the hall we kindly ask that the seats inside are reserved initially for those who have students receiving an award so that they have a clear vantage point. There is plenty of space just outside the glass doors (in the OSHC area) if we need to spill outside.



**Henry (Prep D)** - for being kind and helpful to a classmate who had spilled a tub of her belongings. Thank you for making such a wonderful start as a Prep at our school!

## 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

## New Staff

We have welcomed three new classroom teachers this year:



### Lauren Kittelty

Lauren is teaching year 2 and joins us from Whorouly Primary School where she taught for the past 6 years following a year Beechworth (St. Josephs). Welcome Lauren!

### Georgia Mathewson

Georgia has worked at both Glenrowan Primary School and Wangaratta Primary School and now joins the year 1 staff here at Wangaratta West. Welcome Georgia!



### Jeremy Lawford

Jeremy re-joins the staff here having completed teaching rounds at Wangaratta West a number of years ago. Since then he has worked at Cathedral College and Yarrowonga P-12 prior to starting here as a year 5 teacher. Welcome Jeremy!





# Westy's Sports Report

## St Kilda Football Club Visit

On Wednesday our Grade 4s were lucky enough to receive a visit from four players from the St Kilda Football Club. Nick Coffield, Hunter Clark, Jack Bytel and Tom Campbell came to speak to our students and answer any questions we had! These players gave us a real insight to AFL life and shared a lot of great knowledge and stories with us. The students left with autographs and smiles on their faces. Thank you to the St Kilda Football Club and AFL Community Camps for this amazing opportunity.



# Student OF THE Week

- Prep A** Harper for a fabulous start to the year by being an amazing role model and helper in Prep A. Thank you Harper, for showing us how to be a good classmate and what "ready to learn" looks like!
- Prep D** Pearl For coming to school with a big smile on her face and for always trying her best in class. Well done, Pearl!
- Prep O** Zeke Shout out to Zeke for an incredible start to school at Wang West! Your efforts and 'can do' attitude have not gone unnoticed. Thanks for always trying your best, we are so lucky to have you in our class!
- 1J** Poppy for making such a great start to Grade One. You have already been such a great role model of our classroom rules and expectations!
- 1M** Hunter For being a kind and respectful member of the class and always taking responsibility for his learning.
- 1ZC** All Students for the fabulous start they have made to their learning.
- 2B** Miron for his enthusiastic start to 2023. We love the example you are setting for learning in 2B, Miron!
- 2C** Alex for smiling, concentrating, and having beautiful school manners in his first week in Grade 2.
- 2WR** Chad For such a great start to the school year! You always display our school values and are always ready to learn. Keep it up!
- 3G** Connor for making a wonderful start to his Grade 3 year. It is lovely to see him sharing his ideas in class and giving everything his best!
- 3P** Seb for his amazing start to Year 3! Seb, you have shown such kindness and respect to your classmates, setting an example for your classmates.
- Sofia for her brilliant start at Wang West! Sofia has shown kindness and confidence in getting to know her classmates. And has shown great enthusiasm for learning. We are lucky to have you in 3P Sofia.
- 4MC** Ruby for reminding us of her awesomeness by starting the year with a big smile and a great mindset. Well done Ruby!
- 4SM** Tatum What an awesome start to Year 4! You are showing your resilience these past weeks and we are very proud!

# Student OF THE Week

- 4WM** Samuel For demonstrating strong leadership in the classroom and putting everybody's chairs down in the morning. What a great start to the year!
- 5C** Ava for consistently being ready to learn in the classroom and supporting her peers to have success in their learning. Well done, Ava!
- 6P** Ariana Ariana, you enter the room with such happiness and joy each day and are such a helpful member to you classmates. Thank you for always going above and beyond in everything you do!
- 6R** Ella for having such a positive start to Grade 6. Thank you for the care you are showing to others and your dedication to your learning.
- 6S** Xavier For the fantastic attitude he has shown towards all his work since the start of the year. Keep up the fantastic work Xav!



## **RJ Sanderson & Associates Pty Ltd** 2km Primary School Challenge PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Participation and fun is the key ingredient for the 2023 Wangaratta Chronicle Marathon and Fun Run presented by Garry Nash & Co Real Estate and we especially encourage students to enter the R J Sanderson & Associates 2km Primary School Challenge and earn points for their school.

Why should kids from your school enter?

The school with the most number of finishers will win a cash prize of \$1,000 from the event partner R J Sanderson as well as a perpetual trophy to display for the next 12 months. Every student finisher is awarded a 'finisher' point as long as they have chosen their school as their team when entering.

**Smaller schools will not be disadvantaged as there is a factoring system based on the number of students in total at the school and how many students participate, so any school has the chance to win the major prize.**

There will be two groups for the 2km Primary School Challenge – Racers and Chasers.

The Racers will set off at 10am and is for children of all ages who want to race hard and challenge themselves to achieve their best. No parents/carers are allowed to start in this wave.

The Chasers will begin at approximately 10.30am – this race will commence after all Racers have completed their first lap. This is for children of all ages and we encourage parent/carer participation and social completion of the event as a family – walking or running is permitted by all participants.

All children in both waves will receive a medal at the finish and their official time will be published on the website, however there will be no official placings or prizes for the fastest finishers in this event. Times on the website will not be separated by wave, but by age.

There will be no on the day entries, however registrations will be available at the Wangaratta Chronicle office until 5pm Friday March 17 or at the Wangaratta Showgrounds between 2.30pm and 5pm on Saturday March 18.

Event date **Sunday, March 19 2023**, from 10am, Showgrounds Wangaratta.

**Please see overleaf for registration form and terms and conditions**

**Children can also be registered via the [wagarattamarathon.com.au](http://wagarattamarathon.com.au) website. This form does not need to be completed if registering via the website.**





**WANGARATTA NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

**NETSETGO 8-10 years Competition  
(Grade 3 and 4 players)**

Modified game for girls and boys aged 8-10 years. Incorporates skills development at training sessions and round-robin games with the emphasis on participation and having fun while learning the game of netball.

Commencing Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 from 11.30am-12.30pm for 12 rounds.

Team registrations close 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023 on Netball Connect.

Contact your local primary school or view our website, wangarattanetball.com or Facebook page for further information



**WANGARATTA NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

**NETSETGO 5-7 years (Foundation, Grade 1 and 2)**

The program introduces girls and boys aged 5-7 years to learn basic netball skills through various skills and drills.

Friday from 4.30pm - 5.30pm for 8 weeks commencing 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at the netball courts.

Participant registrations open online via Netball Connect on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

Further information on our website, wangarattanetball.com or Facebook page



**WANGARATTA**

marathon & fun

**Sunday 19 March 2023**

Total cash prize pool of over \$5000 plus trophies and gift packs

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For further information and to register go to

[wangarattamarathon.com.au](http://wangarattamarathon.com.au)

**MARATHON**

**HALF MARATHON**

**10KM**

**5KM**

**2KM PRIMARY SCHOOL CHALLENGE**

# Junior Netball Competition

**WANGARATTA NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

**11 to 17 years**

Commencing Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023 from 8.30am - 11.30pm for 14 rounds.

Online Team registrations via Netball Connect close 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

Further information on our website, wangarattanetball.com or Facebook page



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# SIGN UP! 2023 1 DAYER

(raising awareness of depression and suicide prevention)

19TH MARCH 2023



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THEIR LIVES EVERY  
SINGLE DAY, THAT'S ONE  
AUSSIE EVERY 3 HOURS  
LOSING THEIR LIFE TO  
THE BLACK DOG.

On the third Sunday of March,  
Black Dog Ride is uniting under  
one banner with one voice on  
one single day to amplify a  
national message of hope,  
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Scan the QR Code to register



For more information contact  
ride coordinator

Kurt Dissegna  
e: Kurt922@yahoo.com

Fun & Creative  
Outdoor  
Activities,  
Challenges and  
Games



## TERM 1, 2023 SPARTAN CHALLENGE

Our mission is to improve the social and  
emotional wellbeing of young people!

- Group Challenges, Activities & Games
- Obstacle Course
- Fun & Engaging Coaches
- Health & Fitness
- Meaningful Experiences

For any young person aged 4-12  
years old. Young people will be  
placed in their own age group!

To sign up head to

[WWW.MYFUTUREACADEMY.COM](http://WWW.MYFUTUREACADEMY.COM) BOOK-ONLINE



## My Future Academy SPARTAN!



MFA's Spartan program aims to improve  
the physical and mental wellbeing of  
young people by being active with new  
friends in the great outdoors! For young  
people aged 4 - 12 years old.

Kids Spartan involves an obstacle course,  
team challenges, mindfulness, games and  
activities and is all about inclusion!

- Social & Emotional Wellbeing
- Health & Fitness
- Teamwork & Communication
- Resilience
- Improved self awareness, empathy and  
compassion

Young people will be in their own age group  
and will be guided by one of our amazing  
coaches! We value the individual and aim to  
make our program as inclusive as possible.  
Our games do not align with competitive  
sport, yet an opportunity to move freely with  
their peers.

To register, please head to the website below

[www.myfutureacademy.com/book-online](http://www.myfutureacademy.com/book-online)



## Junior Racquetball Squad Program | Term 1



@ the Wangaratta Sports & Aquatic Centre

- Commencing Thurs 2nd Feb to 30th Mar 2023
- Time 4.30pm to 5.30pm
- Season duration 9 weeks
- All equipment provided
- Cost \$45 for the season
- If new member/returning member in term 1 - \$15 annual  
membership fee / insurance due in first term
- This program is designed for kids up to 16 years

To register or further information please contact Club  
Vice President, Rod Dunbar on 0411 684 336