

# What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 25th April  
Anzac Day Public Holiday

Thursday 2nd May  
Breakfast Club Begins

Friday 10th May  
National Walk to School Day

TERM 2 WEEK 1|18.4.24

Welcome to Term 2! We had a lovely, calm start to the term with kids settling back into routines quickly and excitedly sharing their holiday news and adventures. We are sure that the kids will enjoy two shorter weeks to kick off the term considering this will be a long one!

Here are some updates for this fortnight:

### Easter Raffle

Congratulations to our Easter Raffle winners!

<b>1st prize</b>	Ebony Graham	<b>8th prize</b>	Ella Drage
<b>2nd prize</b>	Scout O'Keefe	<b>9th prize</b>	Ty Redmond
<b>3rd prize</b>	Zach Everitt	<b>10th prize</b>	Lucy Vincent
<b>4th prize</b>	Judd Lewellyn	<b>11th prize</b>	Shane Graham
<b>5th prize</b>	Adele Everitt	<b>12th prize</b>	Jenny Bryce
<b>6th prize</b>	Emily Lack	<b>13th prize</b>	Kylie Everitt
<b>7th prize</b>	Navarna Richardson	<b>14th prize</b>	Kathy Irvine

The raffle winners were drawn on a live Webex on the last Wednesday of term, eagerly watched by the students, and made a total of \$3757 dollars towards our fundraising target of \$20,000 for the year so we are off to a flying start!

A huge thank you to Jane Elzinga who put together the beautiful hampers for us and to our Parents and Friends group for organising this fundraiser for us. Thank you also to everyone who donated an item and/or purchased raffle tickets, leading to such a successful fundraiser.

Our second Parents and Friends event for the year was the disco which was an absolute ball for the kids! It was so lovely to see the kids kicking the start of the term off with lots of dancing, laughing and quite a lot of squealing! A huge thank you to the P&F team for their organisation of the event and for the volunteers who helped to run it. Thank you also to the staff who came along to share in the fun with the kids and to DJ Maddi for keeping the hits coming all afternoon!

We are making progress also in our goal of getting power and water to the new shed, with Danielle Ashmead currently coordinating the job, as well as getting quotes for some new bubblers so hopefully we will see these soon.

# 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.



## Wang West Workshop

Wang West Workshop is up and running again, with some beautiful coat racks made by the kids recently. If you would like to purchase a handmade piece for your home or office for only \$35, please call the front office.



## Curriculum Day

Friday's curriculum day will focus on professional development for staff presented by expert facilitator Jocelyn Seamer. This new learning will support the implementation of our newly revised literacy model which you will no doubt have heard about last term. This new model aligns to current research regarding the best ways to teach literacy and language skills, as well as the newly updated English Curriculum published late last year by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) so we believe it will be a great move for our school and students.

This is our third of 4 curriculum days for the year, with the final pupil free curriculum day on Monday November 6th.

## Emergency Evacuation Drill

This week we also held a lockdown drill as part of our regular training to ensure that everyone knows what to do in the case of a real emergency. This was just a rehearsal with all involved undertaking the process in a calm manner, and the drill lasting only a matter of minutes.

## RSL Poppy Appeal

Our SRC will still be coming around to classes to sell items ranging from \$1-\$5.

## Upcoming Dates

- Next Thursday the school captains (Remy Staley, Lucca Bennett, Evie Fisher and Olive Meggs) and I will be laying a wreath at the ANZAC Day Service and marching on behalf of our school. Thank you to our leaders for representing our school.
- Breakfast Club will commence week three (due to the ANZAC Day public holiday in week 2) and Playgroup is back each Wednesday morning from 9:30-11AM.
- The senior netball teams start Saturday 27th of April so good luck to our 5 Wang West netball teams.
- Friday May 10th is National Walk to School Day so we would love to see as many students as possible safely hitting the pavement as a way to boost physical movement and promote healthy habits where possible.

That's it for this fortnight. Enjoy the sunshine everyone!

Kristy

## 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.

### OSHC

All OSHC Queries/Bookings to 0407 004 059 or wangwestoshc@gmail.com

# Student OF THE Week

- Prep A** Navana For working very hard on developing her pencil grip. Keep up the amazing work, Navana!
- Prep J** Brock for the incredible way he has come back into Term 2. Brock, you always have a positive attitude and give everything your best, keep up the great work!
- Prep M** Chayse For settling back into the school routine. You are working really hard and giving 100% in the classroom. Keep up the great work!
- 1B** Banjo for his positive attitude towards his learning. It is great to see you using more precise and interesting words in your recount writing!
- 1C** Mia for being a motivated and conscientious learner who always tries her very best. Well done Mia!
- 2C** Lottie For being an amazing friend supporting a new student joining our class. Your kindness and care made our new classmate feel connected and welcomed.
- 2L** Judd Well done Judd on learning your Friends of Ten and extending your knowledge to learn Friends of Twenty. You are always seeking more ways to improve in Numeracy. Keep up the wonderful work Judd!
- 2WR** Finch Thank you for being such a ray of sunshine in our classroom! We are so proud of you for pushing yourself in all areas of your learning.
- 3A** Clara for her outstanding use of vocabulary in her writing and when sharing her ideas. It's great to see you challenging yourself and using new words to express your ideas, Clara. Keep it up!
- 3J** Aidan For an excellent start to the term and you are always willing to give a helping hand to other students. We are grateful to have a student like you in our classroom.
- 4G** Zion For his enthusiasm and excellent growth mindset during maths lessons. I love watching Zion's face light up when he solves a problem or learns something new!
- 4P** Piper Piper's enthusiasm for learning and willingness to help others make her an exceptional student. We are so lucky to have you in our class, Piper!
- 4S** Sofia We appreciate the way that you are kind to all those around you. You set an example in our class as to how to treat others and are a leader. Keep spreading kindness like confetti!
- 5RC** Charlotte for showing us all what success can look like by putting in her best effort during our literacy block. Thank you for being willing to challenge yourself and share your thoughts with the class.

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- 5VH** Peyton for her engagement in our Morphology lesson this week. Peyton focused and listened intently when learning the rules of the suffix -ing and showed great success when questioned on the rules. Loved your enthusiasm this week Peyton (and your rap dance). Keep it up!
- 5W** Zoe You are a fantastic role model to those around you due to your hard work, politeness and the caring way you treat others. Keep it up!



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# WANGARATTA WEST ARTISANS MARKET

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O'LEARY STREET

**SATURDAY**

**4TH May 2024**

**9.00 AM — 1.00 PM**

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL  
CRAFTS MEN AND WOMEN**

**Come and Buy your Mother's Day Gifts**

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# 2025 YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING & REGISTRATION



Monday 22nd April 6pm

Wangaratta High School Performing Arts Centre (PAC)

We invite future families who were unable to join us for our previous session, to our second Year 7 2025 information evening.

The evening includes an oversight of our Year 7 program and the remarkable opportunities at the High School, as well as details on our Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) program

**REGISTER FOR YEAR 7 2025:**  
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We are looking for families of autistic children aged between 7 and 12 years who experience bullying at school to take part in research on a family program



Autistic children are more at risk of being bullied at school than their typically developing peers. When children are bullied, parents want to help but are often unsure of what to do. Resilience Triple P was developed to empower parents to help their children handle bullying. This family program teaches children friendship skills and how to respond to bullying and conflict. It also looks at parenting strategies to help children develop their emotional resilience and social problem-solving skills and ways to communicate with schools to encourage an effective response to issues. Resilience Triple P is being trialled by the Parenting and Family Support Centre (University of Queensland) for autistic children.

To find out more and register your interest please go to <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/rtp4asd> or scan this QR code



Should you require further information about this program and associated research, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Alexandra Johnstone on +61404763580 or [alexandra.johnstone@uq.net.au](mailto:alexandra.johnstone@uq.net.au).

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FRIDAY 10 MAY 2024



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