



# 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.

## Student Leadership

It was also my absolute pleasure to congratulate our newest year six leaders at last week's assembly:

House Captains

**Bogong** – Mason O'Brien and Eva Morris

**Buffalo** – Ry Hedderman and Hazel Wylie

**Feathertop** – Jarrad Kane and Ava Penney

**Hotham** – Jack Dean and Charlotte Hunt

SRC Representatives:

2s – Hunter B (2W), Patrick H (2C) and Will F (2L)

3s – Tuhaniu A (3A), Mason S (3J) and Hugo G (3M)

4s – Holly D (4P), Hattie C (4G) and Audrey H (4S)

5s – Ruby J (5W), Brax M (5V) and Audrey W (5R)

6s – Ollie F (6N), Hadi I (6C) and Hayley A (6L)

Congratulations to each of these leaders. I have no doubt you will do your house and class proud.

## Easter Raffle

Our beautiful hampers of Easter prizes are building up, ready for the lucky winners to be drawn next week during our whole school gathering after the cross country. A huge thank you to our new Parents and Friends president Kat Watts as well as Lilly Scullie and Bree Thewlis for making our raffle booklets for us, and to everyone who has donated Easter treats and/or sold raffle tickets to help get our fundraising for the year off to a great start.

In relation to our fundraising goal for the year, we have needed to shift our focus slightly. Last year we were fundraising for a new bore however, on advice, we have decided not to proceed due to the discolouration of buildings and paths that would likely result from the use of bore water. Instead we had solar panels installed on the library roof and are in the process of getting electricity and water to our new shed, along with a new bubbler tap which will help our thirsty kids during breaks and P.E. lessons. Mrs Ashmead is now busy formulating a new plan for 2024 and we will get back to you shortly with the details.

## Health Care Card Holders Only - Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)

If you currently have a valid Health Care Card, you may be eligible for financial assistance of \$150 per student which is provided to the school to assist in payment for camps, swimming/sports and excursions.

A form was sent home earlier in the term, if you are eligible please complete and return to the office ASAP.

## Reflection on progress against our Annual Implementation Plan thus far...

This term we have been chipping away at our annual areas of focus, starting with wellbeing. One of our curriculum days at the very beginning of the year concentrated on building our understanding of restorative practices and promoting whole school positive behaviours through work with Real Schools. We will be continuing this work at the end of next term when we have a scheduled in-school visit by our Real Schools consultant to help with in class support and next steps in professional learning.

We have also launched our newly revised literacy model which you will no doubt have heard about this term. This new model aligns to current research into 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). It is quite a big change so we will have a stronger focus on this next term through after school professional learning as well as a curriculum day led by expert consultant Jocelyn Seamer on Friday April 19th (the first Friday of Term 2).

We have also updated our Individual Education Plan template and staff have been busily preparing these documents, ready to be sent home by the end of term. Throughout the year, time has been built into our meeting schedule for staff to revise and update these, ready to share the specific progress being made by students with their family.

After a heavy focus on numeracy over the past two years, we will be swinging back to this area in Term 3.

That's it from me for this term. I hope you all have a wonderful break over the holidays! Stay safe and enjoy the time,

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



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## NUMERACY

Build staff capacity in assessment and Tier 2 support practices and differentiation in Numeracy in order to identify and meet students' individual learning needs (support and extension)

Provide targeted intervention for students working well below the expected level in Mathematics (Tier 3 intervention)

Familiarisation with, and implementation of the new Mathematics Curriculum 2.0

## LITERACY

Review, redefine and embed a new whole school approach to a structured literacy block (Instructional model).

Review of literacy assessment schedule and plan to align with resources and strategies used in the classroom for both formative and summative assessment.

Extend staff knowledge of the connection between reading, writing and spelling (phonology, morphology and etymology) and how to plan effective instruction (Tier 1 and Tier 2)

## WELLBEING

Strengthen staff, student and parent understanding of restorative practices as a whole school approach to promoting positive behaviours.

Using data to inform explicit and inter-connected teaching of Emotional Literacy (connecting to Respectful Relationships, SWPBS, school values, Resilience Project)

Strengthen approach to supporting students with additional needs through regular revision of IEPs and BSPs and the introduction of new strategies to support student de-escalation.







# Student OF THE Week

<b>Prep D</b>	Mason	For always participating in class discussions and activities with great enthusiasm and interest. Keep up the wonderful work, Mason!
<b>Prep J</b>	Bella	for being such a helpful class member and for always being willing to lend a helping hand whenever she can. Thank you Bella!
<b>Prep M</b>	Nellie	For working hard on your letters and sounds. It is amazing to see you use this knowledge to read new words. Keep up the fantastic work!
<b>1C</b>	Vincent	for being a responsible and reliable classroom helper. Thank you Vincent. We appreciate everything you do.
<b>2L</b>	Madison	Thank you Madi for being such a helpful classmate. You are always the first to put your hand up to help a friend and always offer your assistance to your teachers. Thank you Madi!
<b>3M</b>	Noah	For his fantastic attitude towards all learning tasks! You are a great role model in our classroom. Keep it up the amazing work!
<b>4P</b>	Finn	Finn, you always work hard and never give up. You set a great example for everyone in our class with your positive attitude and determination, all with a smile upon your face. Great job, Finn!
<b>4S</b>	Louis	The way that you always go above and beyond in all your work is amazing. You are given a task and see it as a challenge to push yourself. This does not go unseen and I think you are awesome!
<b>5VH</b>	Peyton	for always bringing the sunshine into our classroom with your giggles, smiles and cheeky banter. We love having you in 5VH.
<b>6C</b>	Macy	for demonstrating the values of Success and Resilience when you give 100% to every task we do. You are an amazing student Macy, and should be super proud of your work ethic and success.
<b>6L</b>	Asta	Asta is an exceptional role model for her peers, consistently demonstrating our school's values both inside and outside the classroom. Her dedication and willingness to help others has had a positive effect on our classroom culture in 6L, making her a shining example to all at WWPS. Keep striving for excellence, Asta!
<b>6N</b>	Nate	for displaying wonderful resilience in the classroom when faced with challenges. You have come so far since the start of term and have been a wonderful role model. Keep up the amazing work, Nate.
<b>Auslan</b>	Sam B	for your amazing signing of the farm animals. You are so good at remembering all the signs we have learnt! Keep up the excellent work Sam!



Training starts  
**Wednesday 13**  
March 2024  
at 5pm

# JUNIOR BASEBALL

## Winter 2024 Competition



**Targoora Park**

Wangaratta Whitfield Road,  
Wangaratta VIC 3677



**Find out more**

Call Nathan on 0492973419



**Season Commences**

**Sunday 21 April 2024**





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JOIN YOUR LOCAL AUSKICK  
CENTRE TODAY!

Plenty of Fun for Boys and Girls 5-12 years of Age  
Meet new friends and get an awesome Auskick Pack!

REGISTER by the 31st March 2024 to be in the draw to WIN a  
2023 Carlton Guernsey signed by Brownlow Medalist, Patty Cripps and  
Head Coach Michael Voss



[play.afl/auskick](https://play.afl/auskick)







# OFF-GRID LIVING

FESTIVAL & CAMP OUT

APRIL 6 & 7th 2024

CHILTERN - VICTORIA - AUSTRALIA

GATES OPEN - 9AM - 5PM

## **Come Along and Be Inspired!**

by a huge array of unique exhibitors, talk stages, workshops and people from all walks of life who are passionate about

### **Sustainable Living and Life Off-Grid!**

The Off-Grid Living Festival (founded in 2018) has quickly grown to become one of the best-known sustainability events in Australia.

It has grown bigger and better each year whilst still maintaining it's original grassroots vibe. It's an amazing weekend in NE Victoria for all to enjoy!

Check out our website:

<https://www.offgridevent.com.au/>

and get your tickets online at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1143200>

For more information contact Bart on: 0419 390329

Border Regional Electrification Events Inc.  
Supporting the Off-Grid Living Festival





# 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:**  
**[www.whs.edu.au/year7enrolment](http://www.whs.edu.au/year7enrolment)**







# OBrien Real Estate

JOYCE



## -COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT-

Thursday 28 March  
4:00pm-7:00pm (hunt will begin at 6:00pm)

HP Barr Reserve Oval 2

This is a fundraising community event (\$5 entry per person). All money raised will go directly to North East Health Wangaratta Paediatric Unit.

There will be loads of entertainment to keep the kids busy but registration is a must!

Hunting baskets will be provided so no BYO. This means everyone gets an equal amount and no one misses out.

Food and drink will be available to purchase but you're welcome to bring a picnic and join in the fun!



Register here



DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN AGED 0-12?

JUNCTION SUPPORT SERVICES PRESENT:

# EARLY HELP PROGRAM

## WE CAN PROVIDE SUPPORT WITH:

- Developing & Maintaining Routines
- Understanding and learning how to respond to children's big behaviours.
- Building and strengthening attachment and connection between parent, child and siblings.
- Supporting School Attendance
- Regulating Screen Time
- Promoting Participation in the Community
- New Parent Adjustments
- Supporting children to meet developmental milestones



THIS PROGRAM IS COMPLETELY FREE  
& WE CAN TRAVEL TO YOU!

## HOW TO FIND OUT MORE...

- You can access the Early Help Program by self-referral with the team at Junction Support Services
- Speak with your local school, kinder, childcare or maternal health team.

155 Melbourne Rd  
Wodonga VIC

0260 437 400

<https://junction.org.au>





# HARMONY DAY

**A CELEBRATION OF MULTICULTURAL  
DIVERSITY AND YOU!**

**EVERYONE BELONGS**

**SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 2024**

**11AM TO 2PM BATCHELOR'S GREEN  
TONE ROAD, WANGARATTA**



Emergency Services  
Dance, music, singing  
Wangaratta Pipe Band  
Scouts Sausage Sizzle

Central Victorian Food Vans Hamper Raffle  
Lion Team Giant Lawn Games  
Spectacular Jumping Castles  
11:45am Children's Entertainment

**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH**



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ENGAGE!