



CHISHOLM STREET

"A history of putting children first"

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, 25 June

- Prep Information Night for 2010 enrolments 7.00pm—8.00pm

Friday, 26 June

- End of Term 2 - school finishes at 2.30pm
- Casual Day—Gold coin donation State School's Relief Fund.

Tuesday, 7 July

- PFC Meeting 7.00pm

Monday, 13 July

- Term 3 commences

Wednesday, 15 July

- Story time for 3 and 4 year olds in the library 3.00pm—3.30pm

Monday, 20 July

- Story time for 3 and 4 year olds in the library 3.00pm-3.30pm

Friday, 24 July

- Story time for 3 and 4 year olds in the library 3.00pm—3.30pm

Tuesday, 28 July

- Story time for 3 and 4 year olds in the library 3.00pm—3.30pm

Tuesday, 18 August

- Transition Preps 2010—2.30-3.30

Wednesday, 26 Aug—Friday, 28 Aug

Year 5/6 Camp

Thursday, 3 September

- Transition preps 2010 9.00-10.00

Friday, 4 September

- Trivia Night

Friday, 18 September

- End of Term 3—school finishes at 2.30pm

CONGRATULATIONS TO YVONNE ON BECOMING A GRANDMA. Bec had a little boy late Tuesday night.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ROS' RETIREMENT

At a special assembly on Wednesday our School celebrated Ros' 32 years of teaching at Wangaratta Primary School. Students, ex-students and parents read tributes to Ros and presented her with some gifts. Congratulations Ros on an outstanding career. On behalf of Wangaratta Primary School and School Council, I would like to thank you for your commitment, passion and dedication to the children of Wangaratta Primary School. Enjoy your retirement and the opportunity for travel, to be with family and loved grandchildren.

STUDENT REPORTS

After signing all the reports I was impressed by the number of children in our school who have attendances at 95% and above. This is excellent attendance and indicates children's engagement with learning and strong family support.

The report will contain some information about assessment and the new reporting scale A – E.

A Rating – 12 months or more ahead of the expected standard.

B Rating – 6 months ahead of the expected standard

C Rating – at expected standard

D Rating – below expected standard

E Rating – well below expected standard

Isn't a C a disappointing result?

No, it is not at all. It is important to remember that if a child receives a 'C' on the report card it indicates that their learning is on track and they are receiving the state wide standard that is expected of them at the time of reporting.

Doesn't this mean that nearly all students will receive a 'C'?

No. In any one class, children will be reaching different standards at different times in the different learning areas. This is because students are graded on achievement, not simply time served as in some previous reporting systems. The shaded bubble on your child's report indicates achievement of your child this year. The unshaded bubble shows the achievement of your child 12 months ago. The shaded column shows the level of achievement expected of all students in Victoria at this year level.

Reports will be sent out to families on Friday 26 June. Watch out for this document. I hope that you enjoy reading your child/children's reports as much as I did. Please take the time to celebrate the achievements and discuss the suggested focus areas for future learning and think about some questions you may ask at the interviews to clarify how you can become more involved in the partnership of learning.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in the first week back term 3.

If you have not already booked an interview time, please return the slip to school so that we can allocate a time to suit your family. This is being done on a first in first serve basis. We will be seeking your feedback on the report, use of a student portfolio and parent teacher interviews.

2010 PREP ENROLMENT - INFORMATION NIGHT TONIGHT SCHOOL READINESS

Many parents face a dilemma in deciding when to send their children to school. Unfortunately, kids don't develop a stamp on their head that says 'Now I am ready for school, off you go'.

While it is generally agreed that children must be socially and emotionally mature enough to cope with school, each child develops at a different rate and many will undergo huge changes in a matter of months.

While it is helpful if children can write their name, recognise their belongings and treat others politely, it is more about their

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social readiness – their ability to be part of a group and to follow simple instructions.

Early childhood educators generally agree that if in doubt about when to start, later is better – especially with boys who tend to develop more slowly than girls.

TONIGHT Thursday 25 June, Wangaratta Primary school is holding an Information Night for prospective parents of prep enrolments. We have invited a number of professionals who work in schools to talk about issues of school readiness. A speech pathologist, social worker, psychologist, school nurse are some of the presenters on the night who will share their knowledge. Please encourage any families you know who may have prospective prep enrolments to come along to this valuable evening so an informed decision is made about when to start their child at school.



Each Monday during Term 2 the KEAPS Team has been working at our school with teachers, education staff and the children to promote an ongoing positive school experience.

This involved the KEAPS team working with a group of 6 children from Prep-Year 1 and their parents over a 2 hour session, completing whole class activities in other grades, and providing teachers with feedback about behaviour management strategies to assist them in their classroom.

Learning goals for the children included:

- How to handle strong feelings such as anger, sadness or worry.
- Using the "Stop, Stay Calm, and Make a Cool Choice" approach to problem solving in tricky situations.
- How to use their words or stand up for themselves in a more friendly and confident way.

This has been a fantastic program and I would like to thank the KEAPS Team for supporting our school community.

I have included some parent comments in support of the KEAPS Program.

"I have found the KEAPS program to be an incredibly positive and valuable experience for both my child and myself. Through this program, I have become aware of new techniques to identify, understand and better manage my child's challenge to control her occasional strong behaviours and emotions. My child enjoyed attending these sessions each week and has shown definite improvement socially as well as in the classroom. Thanks to everyone involved with KEAPS. Your help and encouragement has been nothing short of invaluable."

"I would like to express my sincere thanks to the KEAPS team for giving me the opportunity to be part of a wonderful and exciting program. It has not only helped my child who was involved, but KEAPS also gave me so many new and positive ideas towards parenting and very helpful and practical advice to implement to my other children as well. All children are different and unfortunately do not come with a manual, therefore it is left up to us as parents to do the best we can at raising mature adults and any free advice we receive along the way is gratefully accepted. I found the KEAPS program to be really very enjoyable and to be able to talk to the team in a friendly, non judgmental and confidential environment was important to me. Thanks KEAPS."

END OF TERM ASSEMBLY

We will finish term 2 with a final assembly at 2.15 pm on Friday 26 June at the front steps.

Children will be dismissed at 2.30pm. Buses will run at 2.30pm on Friday last day of term. School resumes for term 3 on Monday 13 July.

SCHOOL TIMES

Term 3 we will continue to trial the shortened lunch break of 45 minutes and our school day finishing at 3.15 pm. If you need support with child supervision from 3.15 pm to 3.30 pm please contact the office immediately if you have not already done so. Thank you for your support of this.

I would like to wish all our families a terrific holiday break. Thank you for your ongoing support. I look forward to my leave in term 3 and returning for the start of term 4. Happy holidays!

Regards
Anne Fahey

Art Room News

The 11th Annual Wangaratta Stitched Up Festival commences on 4 July and runs until 19 July. This year's theme is "an Enchanting Entanglement of Artistic Expressions". The theme encourages the exploration of magical/mythical creatures/events/stories/fables etc.

This term the children in Years Prep to Four have been working very hard in the art room constructing 'beautiful butterflies for display in the Post Office Arcade. Mr Pahl's class has produced fantastic Koori Dreamtime artworks and Mrs Lowen's class has created fabric artworks of mythical creatures.

These are now on display. Please take the time to visit the display in the Post Office Arcade. There are many amazing pieces of art from students from the local district child care centres and schools.

David Capper

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Charlie - for confidently having a go in writing.

Indaly - for being a great mate to other children.

Leigh - a quite achiever who has produced some excellent results this term.

Patrick - an outstanding mathematician & diligent student who is a positive role model.

Gemma - a courteous, polite student who enjoys sharing her adventures.

Montanna - for being a 'great mate' and her excellent progress in maths.

Lylah - for her effort & improvement in her reading.

Fractions in 5/6L

Over the last few weeks, 5/6L have had a mathematician in their class. Mr. Watty (with the help of Mrs. Lowen) have been teaching us kids the meaning of fractions and what fractions are.

We've learnt that fractions are a part of a whole. Fractions contain a numerator, a vinculum and a denominator. A vinculum is the line between the numerator and the denominator. We've been playing fraction games to help us understand equivalent fractions.

Eg. $2/16 = 1/8$ $2/8 = 1/4$ $2/4 = 1/2$ $2/2 = 1$

Mrs. Lowen has taught us different fraction games. We have played fraction games where you have to take away fractions and add fractions.

All the children in 5/6L are enjoying learning about fractions.

Hayley & Alex



BASKETBALL SKILLS

Come along to this Skills Day
All welcome including **beginners**
and current players, 8 years
to 12 years.

Guest coach Andrea Walsh from
Basketball Victoria.

Lots of fun!

This Saturday 27

June

Boys: 9am - 12midday

Girls: 1pm - 4pm

At Wangaratta Indoor Sports &
Aquatic Centre.

\$5.00 each or \$2.50 if you bring
a

friend who doesn't play in the
local competition.

Enquiries to

Danny Knaggs

tel 0419627391

Transition Days for 2010 Prep Children

Tuesday 18 August -
2.30pm to 3.30pm

Thursday 3 September -
9.00am to 10.00am

Wednesday 21 October -
2.30pm to 3.30pm

Friday 6 November -
11.30 am to 12.30pm

Monday 16 November -
12.30 pm to 1.30pm

MONTY'S AWARDS WENT TO

Jessie Gerrish
Katarina DeNapoli

Congratulations

MISSING

From Art room at the
start of the year, one red
art smock with elastic
around the neck &
wrists. Has Mitchell
Currie Fraser written
down the back seam.
Used once when lost.



WANGARATTA NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Playing times for Bumblebees and Flamingos

Bumblebees	27 June	9.20am
Flamingos	27 June	10.10am

TRANSITION DATES FOR WANGARATTA HIGH SCHOOL

Thursday, 29 October - Grade 5 Transition Day

Tuesday, 8 December - State wide Grade 6 Orientation Day

Congratulations to all 27 Cross
Country runners that
represented our school on
Wednesday. They all ran very
well. Congratulations to Finlay
Clarke. He came 7th out of 90
runners.

Many thanks to Michelle and
James for their support.

Casual Day

Friday 26th
June



On the last day of school we are
having a casual day to support
State Schools' Relief Committee.
State Schools Relief Committee
helps disadvantaged students by
providing them with school
uniforms and shoes.

To make it a bit more fun we
have decided that the casual day
will have a theme. So come as
something starting with 'S' and
to make it just a bit more of a
challenge you need to try and
include something **blue in your**
costume! It will be a gold coin
donation.

BLUE LIGHT DISCO



Friday, 26 June
6.30pm - 9.30pm
Wangaratta High
School Hall
Greta Road

The Disco is open to students in Year 4
to Year 7

No pass outs, children are dropped off
and picked up by parents inside the
hall.

The major door prize will be a Ripstik,
with CD's, gift vouchers and other
prizes during the night. The school
with the highest number of students
attending will win a \$100 voucher from
Collins Book store in Wangaratta.

LOST PROPERTY

Last chance on Friday to collect
any lost property. Any unclaimed
lost property will be washed and
put in the second hand sales.

FOR SALE

Angora Female Rabbit with
brand new hutch \$150.00.

Phone Trudi
0407568414

In Netball the Bumble Bees
vs. St Pats and the end
score was 11/6 Bumbles
way.