



*"A history of putting children first"*

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### DATES FOR 2009

Preps will have Wednesdays at home for the first 5 weeks.

Preps will attend their first full week commencing Mon 9 March. (Labor Day)

#### Term 1 2009

Mon 2 Feb to 3 April

#### Term 2 2009

Mon 20 Apr to Fri 26 June

#### Term 3 2009

Mon 13 Jul to Fri 18 Sep

#### Term 4 2009

Mon 5 Oct to Fri 18 Dec

#### Wednesday, 18 February

- Parent Teacher Interviews

#### Thursday, 19 February

- Parent Teacher Interviews

#### Friday, 27 February

- Bush Dance 6pm

#### Thursday, 5 March

- Parent Information Night

#### Wednesday, 11 March

- Parents & Friends Club meeting

#### Saturday, 14 March

- Vision Portraits

#### Monday, 16 March

- Young Leaders Day—Year 6 students

#### Monday, 30 March

- Cultural Performance

#### Tuesday, 28 April

- Occasion Studios—School Photos

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### BULLY BUSTERS

Amelia & Carla have been working with children around issues pertaining to bullying, peer group pressure, being assertive and being a proactive bystander.

These are important life skills that build resilience in your child.

The most effective schools that deal with bullying involve the education of **children, teachers and parents**. Thank you to those parents who attended the session last night. I am sure you will agree with me the information was invaluable in supporting your child to be more resilient.

Presentations will be made at assembly and in the newsletter. **To maintain a zero tolerance to bullying** at Wangaratta Primary School, we need **home and school** to work together, so we share a common understanding of how we behave towards one another. A great start to the year to ensure we maintain a safe environment for everyone.

## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

**Wednesday 18 February & Thursday 19 February will be Parent Teacher Interviews.**

These will be held after school on these days unless prior arrangements have been made with your child's classroom teacher. These initial interviews allow parents and teachers to meet and discuss a child's learning, physical needs & personal growth.

To gain a better understanding of your child's interests we would appreciate you completing a **questionnaire** about your child. This needs to be completed and returned to school by **MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY**. Look forward to meeting you at interview. Times will be confirmed early next week.

### INFORMATION NIGHT

**Thursday 5 March will be our information night for parents.** Each year level will conduct a 30-45 minute session outlining their homework policy, camps & excursions, policy pertaining to internet access & mobile phone use, behaviour management & issues raised through the parent

## MONTY'S AWARDS WENT TO

**Emily  
Alex**

**Congratulations**

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questionnaire. The sessions will provide you with information about expectations of your child's year level.

The times will be staggered to allow parents with children in other classes to attend these sessions.

Prep	5 pm - 5.30 pm
Year 1 / 2	5.40 pm - 6.10 pm
Year 3 / 4	6.20 pm - 7.00 pm
Year 5 / 6	7.10pm - 8.00 pm

### FAMILY BUSH DANCE

To welcome the new school year and provide an opportunity for our families to come together for a fun evening, we are holding a bush dance. This fun family event is held 'on the green'. Bring your own picnic tea or enjoy a BBQ that you can purchase from the Parents & Friends.

Mr B's bush band JIGID will be performing. Every class is learning a bush dance. We encourage families to join in with the dancing. Please put **FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY** aside for a night of fun together! Bring your chairs, picnic basket and rugs. Should be a great night!

### ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

This is a Federal Government initiative to encourage children to engage in healthy recreation after school. Trained deliverers provide opportunities for children to engage in a number of activities.

Fruit is provided to children before they commence the program which operates from 3.45 pm - 4.45 pm two days a

week.

*Roller Blading - Year 3 - 6 commencing Tuesday 17 February*

*Gymnastics & Movement to Music - Prep - Year 2 commencing Thursday 19 February.*

The program runs for 7 weeks. The program is free for all children. Numbers are restricted so get in quick to avoid disappointment. Registration forms are available on our school website [www.wangarattaps.vic.edu.au](http://www.wangarattaps.vic.edu.au) or from the front office.

Anne Fahey  
Principal

### PRINCIPAL AWARDS

**Abbie** - for being well organised and applying herself confidently to all tasks

**Kate** - for being happy and cooperative and displaying an excellent attitude to school.

**Josh N-** for his excellent leadership skills within the classroom

**Dylan** - for being an excellent listener in class

**Kyra** - for being persistent with her maths and being an active listener

**Illya** - for his fantastic portrait and for always being polite.

**Tarni** - congratulations on working diligently in class and completing homework promptly.

**Luke** - congratulations on achievements across all subject areas and for excellent getting along skills.



**BUSH DANCE**

**FRIDAY, 27 FEBRUARY**

Sausage sizzle  
selling from 6.00pm—7.00pm

Icypoles 50c each  
Selling from 7.00-7.30pm

Drinks also available



# CASUAL DAY



This Friday 13th February we are having a casual day to support the survivors of the Victorian bushfires.

Please bring a donation to help the people that have lost everything.



### CONGRATULATIONS To the Corke Family

Many, many thanks to the Corke family as they collected the most corks over the holidays. Thankyou. These corks will be added to the many other thousands of corks collected in the Wangaratta region to provide urgently needed wheelchairs. Don't forget to also collect the ring pulls from aluminium cans too and send them to the 5/6L classroom. The pulls are made of titanium and are used to make artificial arms and legs. Titanium is very strong and therefore highly sought after.

Our new Carbon Cutters for Term 1 this year are Daniel , Isabelle , Lachlan and Jesse. Please support them by thinking wisely about the foods and wrappers you use in your child's lunch.  
Judy Lowen



### ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM TERM 1 ACTIVITIES

Tuesdays - Year 3 - 6 Roller Blading commencing 17 February

Thursday - Prep - Year 2 - Gymnastics commencing 19 February



We have 30 available places for each program. Registration forms are available from the office.

### Children's Auditions!

The Wangaratta Players Inc-your local theatre company-is looking for children and young people to audition for its Production of Ethel Turners classic Australian tale

### SEVEN LITTLE AUSTRALIANS

We are looking for children of all ages to play characters aged 1 year through to 18 years of age. There are roles for boys and girls for this major production that will be staged in Wangaratta's brand new performing arts centre in September and October this year. Auditions are on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April at The Stage Door Evans Street Wangaratta from 8:00am-9:00pm. Bookings are essential!! For more details or to book an audition time, call Christine on 0412112486



COME & TRY  
HOCKEY  
HOCKEY  
REGISTRATION  
DAY

#### WHERE:

At the Hockey Field at Appin Street Athletics complex (Corner Orkney Street)

#### WHEN:

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 11am-2pm

#### TEAMS AND FUN FOR ALL AGES

#### TEAMS:

- Men's Division 3
- U16 Boys
- U16 Girls
- U12 Boys and Girls
- Women's Division 3
- Women's Veterans

#### CONTACT

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### VISION PORTRAITS

Is coming to Wangaratta Primary School

**Saturday, 14 March**

\$12 (sitting fee), each family will receive either a colour 10x13 portrait with a timber frame or black & white 10x23 portrait with a timber frame. Invitations and brochures will be handed out with next weeks newsletter. Please note: every \$12 sitting fee is given to Wangaratta Primary School to help us buy more playground equipment. We need a minimum booking of 25 families.

**This offer is open to extended family and friends.**



### FOR SALE BEGINNERS VIOLIN

Barely used \$80

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### NETBALL

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, 17 August

7.30pm at Clubrooms