



CHISHOLM STREET

"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

Thursday, 19 February

- Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday, 27 February

- Bush Dance 6pm

Monday, 2 March

- Cultural Performance

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

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Being a member of school council provides you with a first-hand opportunity to participate in many aspects of school operations:- eg budget policy development, grounds.

I would encourage parents to consider applying for school council. Nomination forms can be collected from the front office. You may nominate yourself or be nominated by another person.

Nominations for school council must be lodged by **Thursday 26 February.**

If you would like to know more about the role of school council, do not hesitate to contact me or a current school councillor.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Wednesday 18 February & Thursday 19 February

Thank you for your enthusiastic response to our first parent teacher interviews. The focus is on

getting to know your child. I do hope the questionnaire you completed, provided you with an opportunity to highlight strengths and challenges of your child and were a basis for discussion at these interviews. Our next parent teacher interviews in June will provide you with a written report of student progress supplemented by a student portfolio. We encourage all children to attend these midyear interviews with their parents.

If you were unable to attend an interview either Wednesday or Thursday, please ensure you arrange an alternate time with your child's class teacher.

A child becomes a successful learner when home and school works closely together.

INFORMATION NIGHT

Thursday 5 March will be our information night for parents.

Each year level will conduct a 45 - 50 minute session outlining their homework policy, camps & excursions, policy pertaining to internet access & mobile phone use, behaviour management, reading & maths program, & issues raised through the parent questionnaire. The sessions will

MONTY'S AWARDS WENT TO

**Abi
Sebastian**

Congratulations

"A history of putting children first."



provide you with information pertaining to the 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 pm
Year 5 / 6	7.10pm - 8 pm

If you require child care, please notify Yvonne or Katrina immediately so arrangements can be made..

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. All equipment can be provided if you don't have your own. All children must bring a bike helmet.

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

Both programs run for 7 weeks. The program is free for all children.

Our funding will continue if enough children participate. Please encourage your child to participate in programs offered.

Numbers are restricted so get in quick to avoid disappointment. Registration forms are available on our school website www.wangarattaps.vic.edu.au or from the front office.

PERSONAL GOODS

If children bring personal items to school, they need to take responsibility for them.

Children are discouraged from bringing expensive toys or items to school.

BULLY BUSTER RESOURCES

If you were unable to attend the Bully Buster Parent Information evening, I have a number of booklets for sale. I also have a relaxation CD which will assist in calming children in readiness for sleep. Both resources are \$10 each.

SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Hayley Stibilj who has qualified for State Championships in discus and shot put. Hayley competed in Bendigo at the Regional Level and obtained personal bests finishing second in both events.

Well done to Finley Clarke and Josh Sullivan who participated in the YMCA Aquathon. Both boys ran two kilometres, swam 200 metres and then ran another kilometre. Fantastic effort.

FIRE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

Everyone should feel very proud of Wangaratta Primary School's efforts in fundraising

to support the survivors of our recent fires. \$2084 has been raised. This is an outstanding effort from a small school. Special thanks to Andrea Sessions for supporting the fundraising leadership group who initiated this event.

Thank you to all families for your support. Special mention to the Goulet Family for their very generous donation.

This was a very empowering event when we are all feeling very powerless in the face of other peoples' plight.

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 that they will perform. 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! Evening begins at 6 pm.



STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Eight children have been elected by their peers. Two children from each year 3 to 6 class were elected. Children nominated for SRC, wrote an election speech outlining their skills and what they would contribute to our school and then their peers voted. Well done to Hayley Stibilj, Callum Honey, Sebastian De Napoli, Jeremy Nankervis, Reuben Corsini, Jack Gerrish, Bronte Morrow & Rebecca Talbot. Well done to all children who nominated.

WORKING BEE

Please keep Saturday 21 March free for our first working bee. Further details to come.

Anne Fahey
Principal

BULLY BUST-

Last Wednesday Carla and Amelia came to our school to teach us about Bully Busters. They performed different plays to show us how to handle bossy people. They taught us how to be a cool, calm kid and not to react around bossy people.

For example, if you walk away from someone that is trying to boss you, they will not be able to hurt you or take your things. It is always better to be a cool, calm kid rather than an angry alligator or a scared mouse. They also taught us how to be great mates and not mean mates. If you come across a mean mate you can use the three step rule.

1. Stop it, I don't like it
2. Stop in now or I will go and tell the teacher
3. Stop it now. I am going to tell the teacher.

We thought it was great!

By Matthew, Rebecca, Luke and Erin (1/2A)

Last Thursday the 3/4's watched the Bully Busters, Amelia and Carla. They came to teach us how to react to a bully. We watched a role play and we got to participate. I was one of the people who joined in the role play- I was a bystander. In the end I stood up and stopped being a bad bystander, I became friendly to Target Terry and stopped protecting the bully. By standers can be very helpful to the targeted person or not so helpful if they obey the bully. By Kate Whitten. (3/4R)

On Thursday the 12th February the Bully Busters came. Their names were Carla and Amelia. They came to talk about how you should react when a person is bullying you. They told us to be assertive, not passive or aggressive.

Assertive behaviour is when you be a good sport, stand firm and be confident. Passive is when you just walk away and cry. Aggressive is when you fight back. It was a great lesson! By Emily Brown ((3/4R)

Principals Award

Alex - Congratulations on excellent communication skills and fantastic contributions to our Henry Lawson work.

Hayley - Congratuatiions on staying focused on tasks and completing them competently and efficiently.

Jaidyn - For displaying excellent organisation and confidence when leading whole school assembly.

Isabella - For displaying an excellent commitment to her reading.

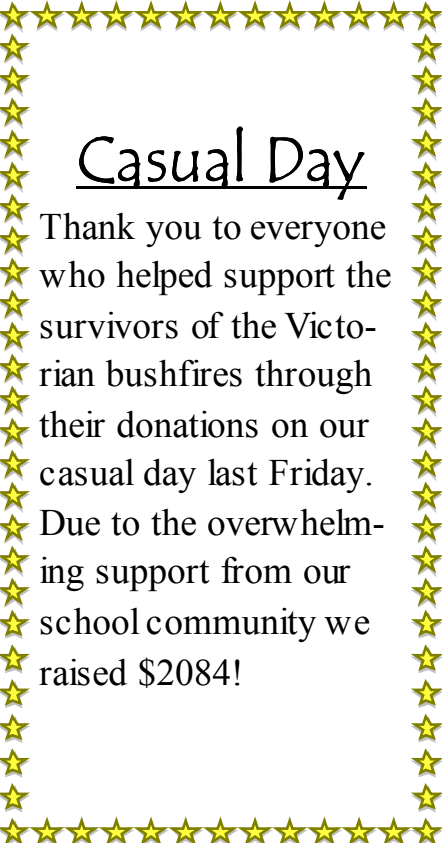
Elyse - For her excellent work at home when researching the voyage of the First Fleet.

Jalees - Helping to clean up the Music Room.

Tyrone - Helping to clean up in the Music Room.

Eliza - For helping others and being a good leader.

Cienna - Working hard to finish her work.



Casual Day

 Thank you to everyone who helped support the survivors of the Victorian bushfires through their donations on our casual day last Friday. Due to the overwhelming support from our school community we raised \$2084!



COME & TRCOME & TRY
HOCKEY
HOCKEY
REGISTRATION DAY

WHERE:

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

WHEN:

Saturday 21st 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

CON-
Bronwyn
0429 350



TACT
Chapman
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VISION PORTRAITS

Is coming to Wangaratta Primary
School

**HURRY—ONLY TWO WEEKS
LEFT TO BOOK YOUR SITTING!!**

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.
Booking slips available at Front Of-
fice. Please note: every \$12 sitting
fee is given to Wangaratta Primary
School to help us buy more play-
ground equipment. We need a mini-
mum booking of 25 families.

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

BUSH DANCE

FRIDAY, 27 FEBRUARY

Sausage sizzle

selling from 6.00pm—7.00pm

Icypoles 50c each

**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.

**FOR SALE
PIANO**

**German iron frame:
great student's instru-
ment: \$495.00
Phone Mr. B. 57 229842**

**FOR SALE
BEGINNERS VIOLIN**



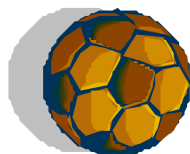
**Barely used
\$80**

Phone 5722 2595

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Netball

Saturday morning comp, starts 2 may 2009. Netta and modi-
fied starts 9 May. Stay tuned for further details



WANTED One patient, fun loving netball coach
for grade 5 girls. Pays well in admiration!

Please let Tania Nunn know if you are ener-
getic & interested.