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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

#### Friday, 27 February

- Bush Dance 6pm POSTPONED

#### Monday, 2 March

- Cultural Performance

#### Thursday, 5 March

- Parent Information Night

#### Wednesday, 11 March

- Preps at school
- Parents & Friends Club meeting

#### Friday, 13 March

Bike Ed Grades 5 & 6

#### Saturday, 14 March

- Vision Portraits

#### Monday, 16 March

- Young Leaders Day—Year 6 students

#### Friday, 20 March

- Bike Ed Grades 5 & 6

#### Monday, 30 March

- Cultural Performance

#### Tuesday, 28 April

- Occasion Studios—School Photos

## MONTY'S AWARDS WENT TO

**Luke  
Alex**

**Congratulations**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Nominations for School Council close today. Nominations and office bearers will be finalised at our March School Council meeting before confirmation in the following Thursday's newsletter.

### 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 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.**

### FAMILY BUSH DANCE POSTPONED

Due to high temperatures forecast and persistent smoky conditions, our proposed Bush Dance for Friday 27 February will be rescheduled.

Once we confirm an alternative date with Mr B's band Jigid, we will inform our school community via our newsletter.

Please be sure to support this new date for our bush dance as I know Tony Corke has already purchased hundreds of sausages!

### KEAPS (Kids Early Action Program)

KEAPS is a program that strives to assist children to improve their challenging behaviours early in life and to make the most of their opportunities in the future.

Challenging or disruptive behaviours are common in child development. However when this behaviour occurs regularly it can

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impact on a child's progress at school and on their social and emotional development.

Research has found that if problematic behaviours are not addressed in early development there is a greater likelihood that these individuals will experience ongoing problems with their work and personal lives into adulthood.

The KEAPS program is being offered at Wangaratta Primary School over two school terms for all children in Prep through to grade 3. The 10 week group program runs during the second term of school involvement and includes children, parents or carers, teachers and KEAPS staff. The KEAPS role involves supporting teachers in the classroom and developing individual student management plans when required.

All parents in year Prep to year 3 would have received a parent permission form allowing each class teacher to interview their child.

Please ensure you return this promptly. If you have not received a permission form, please talk with your child's teacher.

### **CYBER SAFETY**

Wangaratta Primary School is committed to a zero tolerance to bullying policy.

We are aware that bullying can occur when children access technologies such as mobile phones, internet, edumail and chat rooms.

Wangaratta Primary is involved in a Cyber Safety Project to ensure our children are

digitally responsible citizens. If children use technologies they must realise they need to be responsible users.

I encourage families to attend a **Cyber Safety Information Evening on Thursday 19 March from 4 pm - 6 pm at Murdoch House.**

Our staff and School Council will be supporting this program. A school community approach will ensure all users of communication technologies adopt a responsible approach.

### **WORKING BEE**

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

### **WELCOME**

We would like to welcome Veronica Tyler, Dee Vanroevan and Cheryl Coatsworth who are working with children in Years 3 to 6 to support their learning. Yvonne Crockett has extended her role as Office Support to providing additional assistance in Year 1.

Welcome to our new children— Kyle in Year 6, Bill, Isabella and Jayden in Year 5, Brandon in Year 3 and his brother Lachlan in Prep, Tyler in Year 2 and his sister Nikita in Prep, Montanna and Jorraine in Prep. Welcome also to their families.

Anne Fahey  
Principal

### **PRINCIPAL AWARDS**

**Jarred** —for being happy and cooperative and always giving his best.

**Chloe** —for displaying excellent listening skills and a willingness to contribute her ideas.



### **VISION PORTRAITS at WANGARATTA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**HURRY—ONLY ONE WEEK  
LEFT TO BOOK YOUR  
PHOTO SITTING!!!!**

If you can't make it, please ask a friend!!

**Saturday, 4 March**

For only \$12 (sitting fee), each family will receive either a colour 10 x 13 portrait with a timber frame

**Or**

Black & white 10 x 13 portrait with a black timber frame

Booking slips available at Front Office.

All orders need to be returned to the school **no later than Friday, 6 March**

Any queries please contact Tania Crosbie



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### Parent Information Evening Thursday, 5 March

<b>Preps</b>	5.00pm—5.30pm
<b>Year 1/2</b>	5.40pm—6.10pm
<b>Year 3/4</b>	6.20pm—7.00pm
<b>Year 5/6</b>	7.10pm—8.00pm

Childcare can be arranged if required. Please let Yvonne or Katrina know if childcare is needed.



### EXCHANGE STUDENTS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES

Have you ever considered introducing your own children to an older, international sibling?

World Education Program is looking for Volunteer Host Families for International Students arriving in July 2009.

Our Secondary School students from France, Germany, Italy and Belgium are keen to start corresponding with a family they can call their own and learn about the place they will call home.

If you would like more information on becoming a Host Family, please contact Nikki Medwell for an information pack.

Phone: 9598 4733 Fax 9598 4233  
Administrator Toll Free—1300 884 733



### BIKES FOR BUSH- FIRES

Track Cycling  
Fundraising Night  
Friday, 27 February  
7.00pm

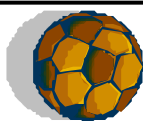
Wangaratta Showgrounds

The main focus of the night will be to take donations of unwanted, road worthy bicycles, scooters and helmets. These items will be cleaned up with the assistance of club members and the Provisional Rotary Club of Milawa Oxley will organise their distribution through local service groups in the affected areas.

### ART ROOM

The Years 3-6 children are enjoying their modelling with Modroc which is a very messy activity. Similarly the Prep-2 children are using paint and food dye.

Regardless of the activity it is extremely important that all children wear an art smock during art lessons. After four weeks of reminders some children still do not have an art smock. Please ensure that your child/ren have one by next week. The best smock is an old adult/teenage tee shirt which requires no buttoning up and is easy, particularly for the younger children, to put on and take off. If you do not have one at home tee shirts can be purchased at the Op Shop for 50 cents.



### WANGARATTA CITY FOOTBALL CLUB (SOCCER)

South Wangaratta Reserve (Shanley St)

Under 9 development squad skills days tryouts—5pm on  
Fridays, Feb 27, March 6, 13 & 20

Junior Player Skills afternoons—Cost \$5 per player—Friday 27,  
March 6, 13 and 20 at 5.00-6.30pm with leading senior player and  
coach support. All welcome. Ages 5—15 years.

For more information contact Jenny Murray on 5721 2078(AH)

### WANGARATTA HIGH SCHOOL

Celebrates 100 years of providing excellence in education

To mark this achievement, the High School will be holding a weekend of celebratory events over the Labour Day Weekend, 6 to 8 March

- Welcome Cocktail Party Friday 6 March
- Celebratory Dinner, Saturday 7 March
- Informal Reunion Dinner, Saturday 7 March
- BBQ lunch at Edwards Street, Sunday 8 March
- Music performances
- Opening of the 1986 Time Capsule
- School tours

For further information contact Wangaratta High School



### WANGARATTA TABLE TENNIS

Muster nights for 2009  
Season

Juniors March 3 & 10  
Seniors—March 4 & 11  
7.00pm start