



*"A history of putting children first"*

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

- Friday, 13 March**  
Bike Ed Grades 5 & 6
- Saturday, 14 March**  
• Vision Portraits
- Monday, 16 March**  
• Young Leaders Day—Year 6 students
- **Thursday, 19 March**  
• Sailing Clinic
- Friday, 20 March**  
• Bike Ed Grades 5 & 6
- Saturday, 21 March**  
• Working Bee
- Friday, 27 March**  
• Bike Ed Grades 5 & 6  
• Bush Dance
- Monday, 30 March**  
• Cultural Performance
- Friday, 3 April**  
• Bike Ed Grades 5 & 6  
• Casual day—Crazy hair Day to support Cystic Fibrosis  
• Last day of term 1—school finishes 2.30pm
- Monday, 20 April**  
• Term 2 commences  
• MS Readathon
- Thursday, 23 April**  
• 5/6 Bike Hike  
• PFC meeting at 7.00pm
- Tuesday, 28 April**  
• Occasion Studios—School Photos
- Tuesday, 5 May**  
• Life Ed Van
- Wednesday, 6 May**  
• Life Ed Van
- Thursday, 7 May**  
• Life Ed Van
- Monday, 18 May—Friday, 22 May**  
• Education Week
- Tuesday, 2 June**  
• Cultural Performance
- Friday, 12 June**  
• Curriculum Day—no students

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### **TACKLING TECHNOLOGY RESPONSIBLY**

Wangaratta Primary is involved in a Cyber Safety Project. The project will target children in years 5 / 6 and supports our policy of a zero tolerance to all forms of bullying.

A parent information session "Developing Responsible, Ethical and Resilient Digital Citizens" will be presented by Robyn Treyvaud. Robyn is an experienced educator and has played a significant role in raising the awareness of cyber safety issues in Australia and a lead role in establishing the CyberSafeKids Project.

Young people are increasingly using technology for social networking and education. Just like in the offline world, no amount of effort to reduce potential risks to children will eliminate those risks completely.

**We cannot make the internet completely safe.**

Because of this, we must also build children's resilience to the material to which they

may be exposed so that they have the confidence and skills to navigate these new media waters more safely.

### **Did you know?**

86% of Australian parents believe that the Internet is not as safe for children as adults

40% of Australian parents have set parental controls on their computer

23% of Australian parents have spied on their children's internet usage

27% of Australian children say they do things online that their parents would not approve of

**Source: The Norton Online Living Report February 2008**

We are very fortunate to have Robyn Treyvaud come and talk with schools participating in this project Tackling Technology Together to highlight the issue digital citizenship and cyber safety. I encourage all families to attend this informative evening.

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### Tackling Technology Responsibly – Parent Information Session

**Date:**

Thursday 19 March 2009

**Time:**

7 pm Supper will be provided

**Venue:**

Quality Hotel Wangaratta  
Gateway  
29 Ryley St  
Wangaratta 3677

**RSVP**

By Monday 16 March 2009

### FAMILY BUSH DANCE RESCHEDULED

To welcome new families to our school community and to have a night of fun and dancing, come to our bush dance on **FRIDAY 27 MARCH** starting at 6 pm.

Bring a picnic tea or buy a sausage in bread. Icy poles and drinks available on the night.

Mr B's band Jigid, will perform and entertain us on the night.

Families are encouraged to join in the dancing with their children.

Look forward to seeing you there!

### WORKING BEE

Please keep Saturday 21 March free for our first working bee. Flyer inside newsletter.

Anne Fahey  
Principal

### Seasons For Growth

The Seasons for Growth program is designed for children, young people and adults to assist them in managing and understanding the effects of significant change, loss and grief in their lives. Using a set of well crafted resources, and a Companion who facilitates small peer groups, the program provides a safe and creative way to explore feelings, memories, loss and grief.

*"The program uses the metaphor of the seasons to explain change, loss and grief. It is based on the belief that grief is normal and can be a valuable part of life".*

We are planning to run Seasons for Growth during term two. If you would like your child to be part of the program or would like more information please contact Nathan by phoning the school or email  
parker.nathan.c@edumail.vic.gov.au

### Welcome to the Italian corner...

When greeting each other...

buongiorno – (bwon

for noh) – good day

buonanotte – (bwon a

not teh) – good night

Practise these as often as you can with your children,

it really does help!

Grazie, Lisa.

### PRINCIPAL AWARDS

**Brandon** - congratulations on always being polite and enthusiastic every day.

**Kalcee** - congratulations on being an excellent buddy, by being supportive and playing enthusiastically.

**Ben** - well organised and manages time effectively therefore achieves excellent results.

**Juliette** - Juliette has been doing excellent maths work, answering lots of questions with large numbers.

**Jackson** - for showing resilience and working hard during story writing.

**Tyler** - for his fantastic start at his new school.

**Lachlan** - congratulations on being super organized and working hard to get your First Fleet project in early.

### MONTY'S AWARDS WENT TO

**Freya  
Maddie**

**Congratulations**

### ART NEWS

We still have quite a number of children attending art without their art smocks. Could you please ensure that they have an art smock by next week as they may not be able to join in the art lesson without one.

Grades 3-6 have been creating MOD ROC ANIMALS some of these will be on display in the front office area.

**Thanks David Capper**



# Bush Dance Rescheduled



Friday, 27 March

From 6.00pm

All families & friends are invited to our Bush Dance

**Come and enjoy a great night of  
entertainment**

- Mr B's band JIGID will be playing
- Each class is learning a bush dance to demonstrate.
  - Bring a picnic tea .
- Sausages, icy poles and drinks available to purchase thanks to the Parents and Friends Club.

**Look forward to seeing you there**

## VISION PORTRAITS TIMETABLE FOR SATURDAY, 14 MARCH

9.00am	Carmel Sait	9.15am	Bertilla Dows	9.25am	Sandra Muir
9.40am	Charlotte Byrne	9.50am	Renee Fraser	10.05am	Joanne Matthews
10.15am	Blaise Smith	10.25am	Deb Adams	10.40am	Tania Nunn
10.50am	Mabel	11.05am	Shabham Khan	11.15am	Sharon Semple
11.25am	Kyrstal Godwin	11.40am	Kim Green	11.50am	Pamela Haring
12.05am	Suzi Vonarx	12.15pm	Sandra Lewis	12.25pm	Tracey Goulet
1.40pm	Deborah Bradbury	1.50pm	Toni Goulet	2.05pm	Mandy Goulet
2.15pm	Averil Honey	2.25pm	Denise Kungl	2.40pm	Lucas Moir
2.50pm	Leigh Chadban	3.05pm	Charmaine Keogh	3.15pm	Nicola Coats
3.25pm	Margie Moore	3.40pm	Renee Ellis	3.50pm	Jenny Garrett
4.05pm	Cheryl Taylor	4.15pm	Lisa Toohey	4.25pm	Tania Crosbie



## OSHC NEWS

## Attention Grandparents

The children would like to learn to knit and crochet, if you are interested in coming in for a couple of afternoons please contact Tania. Also, if you have unwanted knitting needles and wool we would love to give them a home.

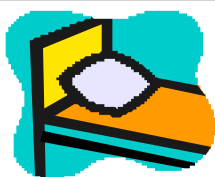
## CIRCUS LATINO

March 26-29

We have been given some free tickets for the Circus.

If you want to go into the draw for the tickets please leave your name at the office. The tickets are only valid for

Opening Night  
Thursday, 26 March  
At 7.00 pm  
Drawn Wednesday,  
25 March at assembly

PARENTS  
AND  
FRIENDS

## SICK BAY ROSTER

Jenny Gillies

## Active After-school Communities Program Supervisor needed for 2009 (this is a paid position)

In 2009 the AASC Program is scheduled to take place twice a week from 3.45 – 4.45pm, the program will commence second term of 2009.

In order to run our program in 2009 we are looking for a paid Supervisor who is willing to take on the following responsibilities:

- giving students afternoon tea
- taking a roll call and keeping records of participating children
- handing students over to coaches in a calm and controlled state
- Provide appropriate and 'Active' supervision until the completion of each session assisting the coach where required
- overseeing students leaving safely at the end of the session
- Provide feedback to Program Coordinator
- Report any accidents to the Program Coordinator
- Supervisor requires a Working with Children's Check

The successful applicant will be paid \$40 per session or \$80 per week if they choose to take on both sessions; the program is scheduled for 7 weeks each school term.

*Please call in and see Anne Fahey or phone 57 212658 for more information.*

## THE CENTRE

## FREE EVENINGS OF ACTIVITIES

Time: 5.00-7.00pm

Bindall Avenue Oval;

Tuesday, 10, 17, 24 and 31st March

Cricket, Kings and Lacrosse

At Mitchell Avenue courts

Thursday, 12, 19, 26 March & 2 April  
Tennis, Netball & Basketball



Contact Anna Wilson at CARN on 5723 1381 for further information.