



"A history of putting children first"

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, 2 April

- Responsible Pet Education Program

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

Saturday, 17 May

- Car Boot Sale 7 Children's Fair 11.00am—1.00pm

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
- Please note Grade 6 children to bring/wear their Grade 6 White Shirt

Friday, 1 May

- Grade 1 & 2 sleepover

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
- Monday, 8 June
- Queens Birthday - Public Holiday

Friday, 12 June

- Curriculum Day - no students

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

STAFFING

Next term Rosemary Farrell is taking long service leave. David Capper will be taking over as classroom teacher. David has been working in the year 3 / 4 classes all term and has a thorough understanding of all children's abilities and needs.

I would like to wish Rosemary and her husband Peter a fabulous time travelling overseas and we would look forward to hearing of their adventures.

Fiona Carson will be taking PE & Sport as a specialist program for all classes Prep to Year 6 next term. Fiona will continue her work in supporting her year 1 / 2 class on Friday and a specialist PE teacher on Thursdays.

Arnie Sicat, Jorraine's Mum, is a trained librarian and will be working one day a week in the library. Arnie will be able to support children with research, the loan and return of books and the Premier's reading Challenge. More information concerning how to register for the Premier's reading Challenge next term.

CYBER SAFETY

Wangaratta Primary School as part of our zero tolerance to bullying is taking part in a project titled 'Tackling Technology Responsibly'. The focus of this project is to develop responsible, ethical and resilient digital citizens.

A parent night was held at the Gateway on the 19 March

Here are some thoughts by parents who attended this evening-

- Emphasised the importance of teaching my child how to use the internet safely
- Demystified the notion that bullying only happens in a child's outer circle of friends
- Debunking some myths especially the idea of privacy on facebook.
- Concern that children won't disclose cyber bullying for fear of having internet access denied
- The need to teach children safe and responsible use of technology as soon as they begin accessing it.

The need to skill up parents so they can better understand the technologies our children are using.

Children and parents of year 5 / 6 students completed surveys indicating their use of technologies. A high percentage of children access a mobile phone and use features such as the camera and SMS, they regularly use the internet at home and use social networking sites such as MSN, Facebook, MySpace.

Over the next couple of weeks I will present some ideas for supporting your child to be cyber safe.

FAMILY BUSH DANCE

Thank you to our families and staff who attended our bush dance last Friday evening. It was a great evening to sit back and enjoy the band Jigid and meet some new families.

Thanks to Mr B and his band for entertaining us on the night.

I need to acknowledge the support of a number of people. Thanks to Nathan for supplying the truck upon which Jigid

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performed. Thanks also to Tony Corke and his Mum, for cooking sausages all night and helping with the BBQ. To Erica & Steve Anderson, Cameron Gillies, Tania Crosbie, Tanya Nunn and the many parent helpers who made the night such a success.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Hayley Stibilj who participated at the State level in both discus and shot put. This is an outstanding effort to reach this level of competition. Well done Hayley and we were all impressed by your presentation at assembly. Congratulations to Charlotte McGann who won gold and silver medals in her chosen sport of cycling.

GO FOR YOUR LIFE

Wangaratta Primary School was successful in a grant application for the construction of a bike shed. It will be great to have a more sheltered and secure area for the housing of bikes. While applications are in place for funding through the Government's Building Education Revolution (BER) for replacement of the portable classrooms for our middle and senior school, we will await outcomes of this program before proceeding with the construction of a bike shed.

WELCOME

Welcome to Chloe and her mother Michelle to Wangaratta. Chloe will begin in year 5 next term.

HOLIDAYS

End of term 1 is upon us already. Children finish school for term one on Friday 3 April at 2.30 pm. A final farewell assembly will be held at the foot of our front steps at 2.15 pm. Erica Anderson President of our Parents and Friends Club will announce the winners of our Easter Raffle. Thank you to all our families who donated eggs and chocolate goodies.

I would like to wish all our families a happy Easter and wonderful family time with your children over the term

break.

School commences Monday 20 April.

Regards
Anne Fahey
Principal



PLEASE NOTE

There will be NO LUNCH ORDERS on Friday, 3 April

Welcome to the Italian corner...

Buona pasqua - (bwo na pas kwa)- happy easter!!

Yes, in Italy, the Italians celebrate Easter too!

My mum talks about colored boiled eggs baked into sweet Easter bread when she was a little girl in Montemurro, Italy.

I remember my nonna making a delicious ricotta pastry tart with broken cinnamon quills and flat leaf parsley in it-delizioso.

Do you know any Italian families? Ask them what their Easter traditions are.

Buona Pasqua a tutti, Lisa.

MONTY'S AWARDS WENT TO

Matthew Reuben

Congratulations

OAC Ministries will be conducting an Easter presentation on Tuesday, 21 April from 11.30am—1.30pm. OAC Ministries come from Melbourne and perform in hundreds of schools each year using puppetry, drama and interactive games.

This will be an opportunity for all children to attend unless otherwise specified by parents.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Belle - congratulations on showing terrific initiative when assisting Preps with journal writing.

Emma - for being an active, helpful and confident class member.

Monique - for trying really hard in class and for always being happy.

Boren - for showing initiative and helping others.

Aden - for showing excellent leadership in cooking.

Rachelle - congratulations on showing terrific initiative when assisting Preps with journal writing.

Amethyst - excellent attitude towards homework completion and showing great improvement as a result.

Edwin - great sporting attitude—an excellent role model as a "team player".

Jessica - for stretching out words during independent writing.

Jarrold - for stretching out words during independent writing.

PARENTS OF GRADE 1 AND 2 CHILDREN

PLEASE NOTE

SLEEPOVER WILL BE ON

FRIDAY, 1 MAY

Note will be sent home first week back at school

EASTER HAMPER



Hamper will be drawn on Friday, 3 April.

Please remember to return your raffle tickets to the office by Thursday, 2 April.



The 5/6 Koorie visit



On Monday the grade 5/6's had a visit from the Koorie Education Development Officer named Rosie Schultz .

She taught us about traditional koorie weapons and tools. She called someone to come up and they would choose an item on the floor and they would say what they thought that item was and what it was used for.

Some of the items were the nulla nulla, carrying and eating trays, a shield which was used to protect them from their enemies' weapons such as a spear, and other types of weapons. Other items included boomerangs, stone axes and a grinding stone.

She told us that you don't have to be black to be a koorie. She also told us that some of her relatives were part of the stolen generation.



**BY RILEY &
JAIDYN**

**Positive Parenting Program with
Diane Hourigan CHN and Deidrie
Spence Psychologist**

An informative and fun course for parents of children aged 2 - 10 years that promotes positive, caring relationships between parents and their children

Looks at causes of childhood behaviour, encouraging desirable behaviour, building positive relationships and managing misbehaviour.

When: Mondays, 4,11, 18 25 May

Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm

Where: Wangaratta High Country Library, Docker Street

Cost: \$20 per person, GST inclusive (includes workbook, tea and coffee).

Childcare NOT available

Bookings essential—please contact Diane Hourigan at Ovens and King Community Health Service on 57232067

**Saturday League Soccer
(Ages 8 - 14)
Rooball
(Ages 5 - 8)**

Wangaratta City Football Club

**Season commences Saturday,
16 May**

Registration Days at South
Wangaratta Reserve

25 April - 12.30pm to 2.30pm
2 May - 9.30am to 11.30am
9 May - 9.30am to 11.30am

Cost \$85 per child (\$5 discount for each child thereafter)

Sunday players playing Saturday
Comp (\$15 for Sat rego)

Further details

www.wangarattacityfc.com.au

LOST

1 pair of black bicycle riding gloves,
1 week old, please return to
Alexander .

1 School Bomber jacket with the
name Crosbie on back of neck.

1 Polo Fleece named Daniel .
Please return to 5/6L

Giving away to a good home

1 rabbit
1 guinea pig and
hutch



Phone Belinda on 5721 8696

MILAWA MUSTER

All proceeds in aid of the Victorian
Bushfire Appeal

Sunday, 5 April

2.00pm—9.00pm

Milawa Recreation Reserve

Entry fee \$15

Free bus from Ford Street and
return

Under 12 free BYO chair/rug
Food and drinks available

Muscle Cars, Jumping Castle, Sheaf
Tossing, Horse Performances,
Spinning Wheel, Bush Poets, Face
Painting, CFA—Fun Education
including Captain Koala
Whip Cracking and live
performances from various artists.

For further information contact
Faye Smart 0429 436 846 or
fsmart3@bigpond.com



**Crazy Hair
Day**

Friday, 3 April

**Gold coin donation for
Cystic Fibrosis**

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL
PROGRAM TERM 2**



Prep - Grade 2

Circus Skills -

Wednesdays

6 May - 27 May

(4 weeks)

Multi Skills -

Wednesdays

3 June - 17 June

(3 weeks)



Grade 3 - Grade 6

Golf - Thursdays

7 May - 18 June

Registration forms will be
available from the office at the
commencement of Term 2.

WANTED

Any furniture, chairs, tables
stove etc that would be
suitable for our cubby
houses would be greatly
appreciated.

