



*"A history of putting children first"*

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### Thursday, 23 April

- 5/6 Bike Hi ke
- PFC meeting at 7.00pm

### Tuesday, 28 April

- Occasi on 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

### Sunday, 17 May

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

### Monday, 18 May - Friday, 22 May

- Education Week

### Monday, 1 June

- Cultural Performance—Australian Theatre of the Deaf

### Monday, 8 June

- Queens Birthday - Public Holiday

### Friday, 12 June

- Curriculum Day - no students

### Friday, 26 June

- End of Term 2 - school finishes at 2.30pm

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2.

I hope everyone enjoyed some family time and relaxation.

The children were keen to catch up with their friends and have begun to set new learning goals for the term.

### EDUCATION BUILDING REVOLUTION

Unfortunately Wangaratta Primary School was not in round one for the National Pride or Building Classrooms for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We have now gone into round two and eagerly await the outcome.

Plans for replacing portables with more contemporary learning spaces, replacement of the old pool site with a performing arts centre, external and internal painting of the main old building are just some of the projects we have identified.

### WANGARATTA LEARNING COMMUNITY

The Principals of our cluster of schools which includes Wangaratta High School, Appin Park, Wangaratta West Primary, Yarrunga Primary, Wangaratta Specialist School and Wangaratta Primary School meet regularly to discuss issues that affect all our schools; we share our learning and our resources to support the educational outcomes of all students in our schools. The Wangaratta Learning Community (WLC), as the group is known has worked with an external agency to prepare a survey to gain valuable feedback from parents, staff and students about the quality of educational opportunities provided to your child. From this feedback, a plan will be developed that will indicate the goals that our schools will work towards collectively. I would like to

thank those parents who received a survey and responded so quickly. A focus group of parents will then meet with our external person to facilitate some discussion about the collated feedback from the survey. No individual responses will be recorded.

### UNIFORM

It is very important that all parents support the school by ensuring that your child is wearing the correct uniform to school each day. Navy blue shorts, track pants, skirt or skorts, tunic or school dress accompanied by a maroon jumper or jacket is the official school colours and uniform. A pale blue polo shirt or pale blue skivvy can be worn underneath. Other colors and variations of the uniform worn to school need to be explained in a parent letter.

There is a large number of clothing available in second hand sales to ensure all children are in correct uniform and have a pride in our school. Thanks for your support with this.

### CYBER SAFETY

#### *Staying Safe OnLine*

Eight ways to keep your online experience a good one:

#### *Keep computers out in the open.*

Your child might think twice about looking at inappropriate websites and won't be able to chat to their friends all night while you think they are doing their homework.

#### *Mind your business*

Remind your child to keep information such as their name, address, phone number, school, and even your credit card number to themselves.

#### *Just because it's on the Internet, it doesn't mean it's true!*

Make sure your child uses multiple sources for research, and is careful not to plagiarise.

#### *Stranger danger is online too.*

Ensure your child never organises to meet

## MONTY'S AWARDS WENT TO

**Freya  
Bronte**

**Congratulations**

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up with any strangers that they have met online. Remind your children to also be wary opening emails from strangers too. They could contain spam (online junk mail), and a virus which can harm your computer.

#### ***So get a filter!***

Internet filters can help block inappropriate sites for children. You can download a free filter at [www.netalert.gov.au](http://www.netalert.gov.au) These aren't completely reliable and it's best if you talk about what websites are appropriate with your child so they understand and make the right choice on their own.

#### ***Encourage your child to talk with you about their online experiences - good and bad***

This will make it easier for them when they see something inappropriate or are emailed something unsuitable. If they are embarrassed to tell you, persuade them to at least tell a teacher or another trusted adult.

#### ***Life online works better when people maintain good manners and treat each other as they'd like to be treated***

Talk about this with your child and it may lead to a decline in bullying behaviour, not to mention the many disagreements that children have amongst themselves.

#### ***Forever is a long time***

A lot of blogs and websites maintain information as part of cyberspace forever. By publishing without thinking of the future, your child's innocent work online today may be something that comes up down the track and negatively impacts their career and personal life.

*Engaging in the online activities of your children can seem daunting but the rewards are there for those parents willing to help their children make the most of this engaging technology.*

#### **CAR BOOT SALE & CHILDREN'S FAIR**

Please keep **Sunday 17 May** free for a family day and community event at Wangaratta Primary School. Tell your friends to join in the car boot sale or to join in some activities.

More information in the newsletter. If you can support this event in any way please contact Erica Anderson or the school.

#### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Next Tuesday 28 April school photos will be taken. Please ensure all children are in correct school uniform. Year 6 children need to bring their white tee shirts to school for a special Year 6 group photo.

#### **SRC BADGES**

Children who are SRC Representatives will be presented with their badges at assembly next Wednesday 29 April.

#### **SCOOTERS, ROLLER BLADES, RIP STICKS**

All children who come to school on scooters, roller blades and rip sticks are encouraged to wear protective gear and a helmet. While it is not law it is strongly encouraged by police and our school to ensure your child's safety. Thanks for your support with this.

#### **ANZAC DAY**

This Saturday 25 April is Anzac Day. Our school will be represented in the march and ceremony. If you would like your child to participate in this service they need to return a parent permission form by Friday.

Regards

Anne Fahey

Principal

#### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

**Tuesday, 28 April**

**Year 6 children need to bring their white tee shirts to school for a Year 6 group photo.**

**Family Portrait envelopes are included in this newsletter, individual portrait envelopes were sent home on Monday.**

**Payment and envelopes are to be returned to school no later than 9.00am, Tuesday, 28 April.**

#### **ANZAC DAY PARADE**

All welcome  
Wear school uniform  
Meet at 10.00am either at school with Miss Dews or outside the RSL with Mrs Sessions.

Parents must pick up children at end of parade at approximately 12.00pm

#### **PRINCIPAL AWARDS**

**Zac** - for being organized and making an excellent effort in his writing.

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

**Montanna** - for always trying her best and being a helpful and friendly member of class.

**Thomas** - for excellent progress in his reading.

**Jessie** - positive, hard working student who always works to the best of her ability.

**Brandon** - a diligent cooperative and motivated student who completes all required work tasks.

**Lochlan** - concentrating well to finish all work.

**Michael** - for his excellent work in Maths, especially counting by 5's and 10's

**Jonte** - for working hard to ensure her work is completed.

**Merlyn** - using excellent team work and cooperative skills to work out and share problem solving strategies.

**Tre** - using excellent problem solving skills, working through the steps well with pleasing results.

**Hayley** - for excellent progress in learning her placemat words and for being a great mate.

**Ashley** - for being a responsible and helpful member of the class.



**The Dorothea Mackellar  
Poetry Society  
2009 Poetry  
Competition**

#### **'SEARCHING FOR STARS'**

Enter online for your chance to win great prizes in each category.

All entries must be lodged online.

2009 is the International Year of Astronomy so help us to celebrate this year's theme and go for it.

Visit [www.dorothea.com.au](http://www.dorothea.com.au) for more information.



# CAR BOOT SALE AND CHILDRENS FAIR

Sunday, 17 May  
11.00am to 1.00pm

◆ Activities for children to enjoy

- Roller blading, rip sticks and skate boarding in old pool site
- Mini golf
- Plaster castle
- African beading
- Fairy floss and popcorn



◆ Food & Beverages available

- Sausage sizzle
- Wine tasting
- Devonshire teas
- Cake and Coffee Stall



- ◆ White elephant Stall
- 2nd Hand Book Stall

- ◆ \$10 to park your car with a boot full of pre-loved items for sale.  
Register your interest with the school

PLEASE Volunteers needed!!!  
Contact Erica Anderson or Anne Fahey.

**Select Entry and Accelerated Learning Program (SEAL) - 2010 Year 7 intake.**

**A program for Gifted, Talented and Highly Able Students.**

**Information Evening  
Thursday, 7 May at 7.00pm**

Wangaratta High School  
Parents of Grade 5 and 6 students  
welcome.

Find out more about the program.  
Ask questions.

Apply before 22 May. Entry test  
Friday 29 May.

For more information contact  
Monica Jago (SEAL Program  
Coordinator) 5723 0500

**University New South Wales  
International Competitions  
and Assessment for School**

**Computer Skills** - \$6.60 27 May

**Science** - \$6.60 10 June

**Spelling** - \$8.80 23 June

**Writing** - \$12.10 23 June

**English** - \$6.60 4 August

**Mathematics** - \$6.60 19 August

If you are interested please see  
Katrina or Yvonne at the office  
before Friday, 1 May.

**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.

**Victorian Premier's Reading  
Challenge 2009**



Students in Prep to  
Year 2 are challenged  
to read or experience  
30 books with at least 20 selected  
from the Challenge list.

Students in Years 3 to 6 are  
challenged to read 15 books, with  
at least 10 selected from the  
Challenge list.

Students who complete the  
Challenge will receive a certificate.

Consent forms have been included  
in this newsletter and must be  
returned by

**9.00am Monday, 27 April.**

**MS READATHON**

Students are being invited to join in  
the celebrations of the 30th year  
of the MS Readathon by  
registering to take part in the June  
reading event. Students, parents  
and grandparents can get involved,  
here's how...

Click online for free registration  
and receive an MS Readathon  
wristband

Flick through books from June 1—  
30 (you can count books from other  
reading programs too)

Collect sponsorship donations from  
family and friends and collect some  
terrific rewards.

The school has a few application  
forms which can be posted or  
visit [www.msreadathon.org.au](http://www.msreadathon.org.au) or  
call 1300 677 323 for more  
details.

**MCDONALD'S HOOP TIME**

Aussie Hoops is a program de-  
signed to introduce children to bas-  
ketball. It consists of fun filled  
skills sessions without the pressure  
associated with competition.

Aussie Hoops is for Primary age  
children.

Wednesday 29 April  
4.30pm—5.30pm

\$30 Registration (includes Hoops  
Basketball Pack)

\$5 each week

Register at HP Barr Reserve

Any queries please phone 5722  
1723

**Galen College Presents  
A Maverick Musicals Production**

**LITTLE STARS**

**Galen Stadium**

April 23, 24 & 25, 7.00pm &  
2.00pm matinee on 25th

Adults \$15

Children/Concession \$10

Tickets available at door.

**ANGUS & ROBERTSON—KIDS TOP 50**



**Vote online for your favourite kids' story.**

**Great prizes to be won**

**Voting closes 29 April, 2009, register your vote at  
[www.kidstop50.com.au](http://www.kidstop50.com.au)**

**You can vote as many times as you like.**