

# WANGARATTA PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



BE SAFE  
BE RESPECTFUL  
BE A LEARNER

TERM 1 - WEEK 5

## IMPORTANT DATES

11<sup>th</sup> of March

Long Weekend  
No School

13<sup>th</sup> of March

Yr 3 & 5 Naplan Begins

17<sup>th</sup> of March

Wangaratta Fun Run  
(out of school event)

19<sup>th</sup> of March

School Council AGM  
7pm start

21<sup>st</sup> of March

Harmony Day

27<sup>th</sup> of March

Easter Hat Parade

28<sup>th</sup> of March

Jump Off Day &  
Last Day of Term  
2:15pm finish.

15<sup>h</sup> of April

First Day of Term 2  
Smile Squad Arrives

25<sup>h</sup> of April

Anzac Day  
No School

15<sup>h</sup> of May

Education Week

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to a late summer! The heat is on at the moment, but our students are doing an amazing job of coping and working hard in the classroom.

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who attended the 'Meet and Greet' last Wednesday night. It was fantastic to see so many people in attendance and we thank you for your support. It was a great opportunity for teachers and parents to further develop the relationship between home and school and ensure we are all working together to enable your children to achieve success and optimise their learning outcomes. Any parents who were unable to attend this night and feel they would like to check in, are encouraged to make an alternate appointment with your child's teacher.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Just a reminder that we are calling for nominations to fill two parent positions on our school council. I encourage anyone interested to nominate for a position by collecting a nomination form from the office or emailing me requesting one to be sent through. Nominations close next Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm.

### 2024 SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to those families who have popped into the office to pay their parent contributions. Wangaratta Primary School requires strong support from families through these contributions, as this financial support enables our school to provide a wide range of curriculum programs and maintain and develop facilities and services that would otherwise not be possible given the school's limited financial resources.

### EASTER EGG RAFFLE DONATIONS

We are once again running our annual Easter Raffle, which will be drawn on Wednesday the 27th of March during our Easter Hat Parade. Families are asked to donate eggs or an Easter-related gift to our raffle. These donations can be left in the bucket at the office..



Wangaratta Primary School acknowledges the  
Bangerang people, the Traditional Owners of the land on which we  
meet today, and pay my respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

## RESILIENCE PROJECT

This year our school is once again partnering with The Resilience Project. This is a means of promoting positive mental health through practising gratitude, empathy, resilience and emotional literacy. The School Partnership Program aims to inspire and engage the whole school community – students, staff, parents & carers – through the evidence-based GEM (Gratitude, Empathy & Mindfulness) principles.

All Foundation to Year 6 classes are engaging in weekly lessons, which involve students completing an associated journal activity. The Resilience Project lessons align with the Victorian Curriculum and address aspects of Personal and Social Capabilities and Health and Physical Education learning areas. The Resilience Project At Home provides a range of activity ideas to support wellbeing and increase resilience. The activities are designed for different target audiences, including kids, teens, adults and parents. Please visit: <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/at-home/>.

## ATTENDANCE

Thank you to all of our parents and carers who have been working hard to get kids back into routine after the long break. We know it can be challenging to get students motivated in the morning, so we really appreciate the effort everyone is going to to ensure kids are at school every day and that they are here on time (between 8:45 and 9:00AM). It is just so important! If students arrive late, they not only miss important learning in the morning but often can feel anxious about entering the classroom when everyone else is already settled (and potentially looking at them). We completely understand that life happens and sometimes things pop up, but if you find yourself arriving late regularly it would be a great idea to reconsider morning routines early in the year so that students get into good habits.

The table below also shows how much education can be missed by having days off school regularly. If students are ill they absolutely need to stay home, but wherever possible it's best to avoid days off. Thank you all for your support with this.

### Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

## ABSENCES

Please log all absences on Compass, or call the office after 8:30am. It is a legal requirement that all absences are explained.

## SIGNING STUDENTS IN/OUT

Please sign your child in and out at the office if they are arriving at school late or being picked up early. For early pick-ups, we ask that parents/carers please go directly to the office.

## SCHOOL HOURS

Just a friendly reminder that staff supervision of students in the yard before school begins at 8:45am. Prior to this, all staff are in a staff briefing each morning and thus cannot monitor the yard. We understand that this timing may be difficult for some families which is why we have Out of School Hours care available each morning from 7:00am. Alternatively, should you wish to drop your child off before 8:45am, you may do so, but please be aware that formal supervision is not available at this time and we recommend that students do not arrive before 8:30am.

## STAFF CORRESPONDENCE

Staff can be contacted via Seesaw between 8:30am and 4:00pm on their working days. Out of hours contact may not be responded to until the following work day.

## HATS

Following our SunSmart policy, students need to wear a school hat at break times during Terms 1 and 4. Students without a hat will need to play on the back verandah.

Jacinta

Come and join us for our Open Morning & Information Session

WEDNESDAY THE 24th OF APRIL

Time: 9:15am – 10:15am

Do you have a child starting school next year?

Please join us to find out more about what our school has to offer.



Personalised school tours are also available.

Please call the school to book a suitable

time: 0357 212 658.

