

WANGARATTA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



BE SAFE
BE RESPECTFUL
BE A LEARNER

TERM 1 - WEEK 7



Dear Parents & Carers,

I trust you made the most of your long weekend and enjoyed the gorgeous weather. It is hard to believe that there is only two weeks left in the term, with the last week being a short one due to Easter. Please note that the last day of Term 1 is Thursday the 28th of March, whereby students will be dismissed early at 2:15pm to begin their term break. School will resume on Monday the 15th of April. We have lots of things happening over the next few weeks, so please ensure you keep up to date with the events in the newsletter and on Seesaw.

NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 students have participated in NAPLAN this week. They have completed three of the four assessments, with Mathematics still to come next week. We have been extremely proud of how well they have persisted and given everything their best effort. Students who were absent this week will complete them next week during catch-up sessions. Individual student results will be provided to families sometime next term.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE DONATIONS

A huge thank you to those families that have donated eggs or an Easter-related gift towards our raffle. We have also had a large number of families who have returned their sold raffle books. If you require more books, please call into the office and collect some. We still require more easter egg donations, so please drop them into the tubs at the office next week if you haven't already done so.

As Easter approaches, it's time to get creative and start thinking about making Easter hats or bonnets for our upcoming parade on Wednesday, March 20th. This festive event is always a highlight on our school calendar, and we invite parents to join us in celebrating the creativity and spirit of the season. The parade will commence around 9:10 am, so mark your calendars and get ready to join in the fun! We look forward to seeing all the wonderful creations our students and families come up with.

HARMONY DAY

Get ready to celebrate Harmony Day on Thursday, March 21st, as our students come together to recognise and embrace diversity. This special day symbolises inclusivity, respect, and belonging for all cultures, backgrounds, and traditions. Students will engage in various activities within their classrooms to foster understanding and appreciation for the rich tapestry of cultures in our school community. Don't forget to wear orange on the day to show your support for harmony and unity!

WANGARATTA MARATHON

We have had several students sign up for the Wangaratta Marathon this weekend.

These students have been here bright and early each morning this week participating in the Run Club that Miss Smith kindly set up. I wish you all good luck for Sunday.



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

IMPORTANT DATES

17th of March

Wangaratta Fun Run
(out of school event)

19th of March

School Council AGM
7pm start

21st of March

Harmony Day

27th of March

Easter Hat Parade

28th of March

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

1st of April

First Day of Term 2
Smile Squad Arrives

2nd of April

Anzac Day
No School

12th of May

Mother's Day Breakfast
Mother's Day Stall

1st of May

Education Week

7th of June

Curriculum Day
No students at school –
Their Care operating

10th of June

King's Birthday
Long Weekend



JUMP OFF DAY

Join us for an exciting Jump Off activity morning on Thursday, March 28th, to celebrate a term of skipping and fundraising efforts for Jump Rope for Heart. Students are encouraged to wear red on the day as a symbol of support. Don't forget to place your orders for the hot dog lunch, as orders close on Monday, March 25th. Let's jump into a fun-filled day of fitness and celebration!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Unfortunately, we have been unable to fill two parent positions on our School Council for the upcoming year. The School Council plays a vital role in our school community, contributing to decision-making processes that directly impact our students' education and well-being. We kindly appeal to any interested parents or guardians to consider volunteering for these essential roles. Serving on the School Council provides an invaluable opportunity to actively participate in shaping our school's direction and ensuring the best outcomes for our students. Your involvement and support are greatly appreciated as we strive to create a nurturing and enriching environment for all our students. If you are interested or have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to the school office.

Additionally, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to those current members: Bree Broomfield, Karly Smith, Jess Brown, Kaysie Farrugia, and Jasen Smith who have remained committed to serving on the School Council.

MOBILE PHONES & SMART WATCHES

I would like to remind everyone that students who choose to bring mobile phones and wearable devices to school must have them switched off and securely stored at the office during school hours. This policy is a requirement set out by the Minister for Education and is enforced in all government schools. If you have any questions, please feel free to come and chat with me.

SMILE SQUAD DENTAL PROGRAM

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make sure this happens. Your child(ren) will soon receive a free dental pack to bring home. The dental pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take the time to read the brochure. It's full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life.

The Smile Squad team from Northeast Health Dental Service are coming to our school soon. Smile Squad is the Victorian Government's free school dental program. This means all students can get a free dental check-ups, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the below QR code:



I hope you all have a fabulous weekend.
9 school days to go!

Jacinta

REMINDERS

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.

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.

