

WANGARATTA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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TERM 2 - WEEK 1

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back, Wangaratta Primary School community! I hope everyone had a rejuvenating holiday break filled with cherished moments and plenty of relaxation. As we embark on the journey of Term 2, I extend a warm welcome to our new students and their families who have joined our wonderful school community this week. We have an exciting term ahead, packed with learning and extracurricular activities. Please make sure you keep an eye on Seesaw to keep up to date with all the happenings. Here's to a fantastic term ahead!

FEDERAL FUNDING GRANT

We were thrilled to receive exciting news on Wednesday from our local MP, Helen Haines, announcing that Wangaratta Primary School has been awarded a federal funding grant of \$498,408. This significant grant will enable us to finally realise our dream of constructing a much-needed undercover multi-purpose basketball/netball court on our existing old netball site. The benefits of this addition to our school infrastructure are immense. Not only will it provide a safe and all-weather space for our students to engage in physical activity, but it will also open up an additional outside space for learning. This court will become a hub of activity, promoting health and well-being while enhancing the overall educational experience for our students. We are deeply grateful for the funding support in making this project a reality, and we eagerly anticipate the positive impact it will have on generations of students to come. Work is set to begin next year.

INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND

In addition to the fantastic news about our multi-purpose court, I am thrilled to share another exciting update: construction on our inclusive playground will commence during Week 4. Made possible by a \$250,000 inclusive schools grant, this project marks a significant step towards creating a more accessible and enjoyable environment for all students. Located at the back of our bottom oval, the playground will feature sensory gardens, a sandpit, an in-ground trampoline, and a variety of balancing, climbing, and musical elements. This inclusive space is not only designed to provide endless fun and exploration for our students but also to foster a sense of belonging and inclusivity within our school community. We cannot wait to see this project get underway.

HEADLICE

It has come to our attention that there have been a few reported cases of head lice within our school community. While this is not uncommon, it serves as a timely reminder for all parents to regularly check their child's hair and take necessary precautions. Head lice can easily spread among children, so it's essential to be vigilant in detection and treatment. Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this.



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

IMPORTANT DATES

24th of April

**Open Morning & Information
Session for Foundation 2025**
9:15am – 10:15am

25th of April

Anzac Day
No School

30th of April

School Council – 7pm

10th of May

Mother's Day Breakfast
Mother's Day Stall
Interschool Sports Begins - 5/6

13th of May

Education Week Begins

14th of May

Annual STEAM Family Night

22nd of May

3/4 Melbourne Zoo Excursion

24th of May

School Cross Country

7th of June

Curriculum Day
No students at school

10th of June

King's Birthday Long Weekend

21st of June

Semester 1 Reports go home
2:15pm finish

25th of June

Parent Teacher Interviews
3:30pm – 6:30pm

28th of June

Last Day of Term 2
2:15pm finish

REMINDERS

STAFFING

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to our newest addition to the Wangaratta Primary School community, Mr. Matt Caruso! With extensive teaching experience, particularly in the realm of STEM, Matt brings a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm to our school. We are delighted to announce that he will be teaching Digital Technology and Science for the remainder of the year. As Matt settles into his role, let's make him feel right at home. If you see him around the school, please take a moment to introduce yourself and get to know him.

In addition to welcoming Mr. Matt Caruso, I'm pleased to announce some exciting changes within our teaching team. Starting this term, Ms. Kaylene Mexon will be teaching 5/6B on a Tuesday. All of our students already know Kaylene well, as she has been working here in a specialist role over the past two years. With her wealth of experience and dedication, Kaylene will undoubtedly be a valuable addition to our 5/6 teaching team. Furthermore, I'm delighted to share that Annie will be taking on some additional leadership responsibilities within the school. As she steps up, I have full confidence in her ability to excel in her role and continue to support our school community with her expertise and passion.

As we welcome new faces and transitions within our teaching team, it's with mixed emotions that we bid farewell to Ms. Courtney Sheils, who will be embarking on a new adventure. Courtney has been an integral part of our school community for a number of years, contributing her passion and dedication to the education and wellbeing of our students. Her commitment and enthusiasm have left a lasting impact, and she will be dearly missed by students, colleagues, and parents alike. While we are sad to see her go, we wish Courtney the very best in her future endeavours and thank her for her invaluable contributions to Wangaratta Primary School.

OPEN MORNING AND INFORMATION SESSION - 2025 FOUNDATION STUDENTS

We're excited to invite our wider community to an open morning and information session tailored for our prospective 2025 Foundation students, happening this coming Wednesday, April 24th. If you have extended family or friends who are in search of a nurturing and enriching educational environment, we encourage you to extend this invitation to them. Additionally, if you have a child at home who is set to embark on their educational journey next year, we kindly request you to visit the school office and collect enrolment forms. Your prompt action will greatly assist us in effectively planning for the upcoming academic year. We look forward to welcoming new faces and families into our school community.

ANZAC DAY

As we approach Anzac Day next week, it's important to remember and honour the sacrifices made by those who served our country. While our students will not be at school on this public holiday, our school leaders will proudly represent Wangaratta Primary School by participating in the local march and laying a wreath at the service. Additionally, we will commemorate this significant occasion with our own service during assembly next Friday. This provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the bravery and selflessness of our servicemen and women, and to pay tribute to their enduring legacy. Let's come together as a school community to show our respect and gratitude for those who have served our nation.

STEAM NIGHT

Save the date! Tuesday, May 14th marks our annual STEAM night, and it's shaping up to be an incredible evening for the whole family. We're excited to welcome all of our families to join us for this special event. Stay tuned for more information to come as we finalize the details. Get ready for a night filled with exploration, creativity, and fun as we celebrate the wonders of STEAM together!



ANZAC DAY
Let's Not Forget

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.

BEANIES

School beanies are available from the school office for \$20. Only school beanies are permitted to be worn.



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