

WANGARATTA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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BE RESPECTFUL
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TERM 2 - WEEK 3

Dear Parents & Carers,

It's May already, and time seems to be flying by! Students have settled in exceptionally well this term. Their enthusiasm and engagement in learning have been amazing. We have plenty of exciting events lined up in the coming weeks, so please keep an eye on Seesaw for updates and announcements.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Last week, our school leaders had the honour of attending the Anzac Day march and ceremony, representing Wangaratta Primary School with dignity and pride. Their respectful participation in this occasion truly exemplified the values of our school community. We are incredibly proud of their commitment to honouring the sacrifices of those who have served our country.

PRINCIPAL'S CONFERENCE

Yesterday, our school had the privilege of hosting the Network Principal conference, and our school captains stole the show with their outstanding opening speech. They eloquently portrayed the rich heritage of our 174-year-old school and the remarkable community we've built within it. The attending principals were visibly impressed, and rightly so. Our captains' pride and passion for our school shone through, leaving a lasting impression. Moreover, principals had the opportunity to witness firsthand the incredible learning experiences happening in our classrooms during guided tours. It was a true honour to showcase the excellence of our school to such esteemed guests.

OPEN MORNING

Last week, we hosted our Annual Open Morning and Information sessions for families with children beginning school in 2025. The response was truly remarkable! We were thrilled to see such a fantastic turnout and to witness the buzz and excitement in the community about our wonderful school. If you have friends or family members with children starting school next year, please encourage them to reach out to us to book a personalised tour if they haven't already done so. We believe that seeing our school in action is the best way to understand what sets us apart. Additionally, thank you to those families who have already begun the enrolment process for younger siblings. Your proactive approach is greatly appreciated, and we encourage all families to submit their enrolments as soon as possible.

MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST

We're excited to announce that our Mother's Day breakfast will be held on Friday, May 10th, starting at 8:15 am in the Music Room. We can't wait to celebrate all the amazing mothers in our community. Please join us for a special morning dedicated to showing our appreciation for everything you do. We hope to see you there!



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

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
5:30 – 7:30pm

21st of May

Boys To The Bush Program
Begins

22nd of May

3/4 Melbourne Zoo Excursion
National Simultaneous Story
Time

24th of May

Whole School Cross Country
Hot Food Lunch

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
Hot Food Lunch

25th of June

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

26th of June

Year 5/6 Winter Sports Day

28th of June

Last Day of Term 2
2:15pm finish

REMINDERS

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 finalise the details. Get ready for a night filled with exploration, creativity, and fun as we celebrate the wonders of STEAM together!

ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY

Next week, our students in years 4, 5, and 6 will be participating in the Attitudes To School survey, as organised by the Department. This survey provides us with valuable insights into various aspects of our school environment and helps us understand the perspectives and experiences of our students. Your child's input is essential in shaping the ongoing improvement of our school community. Thank you for your support in ensuring their participation in this important initiative.

RESILIENCE PROJECT

Next week, our dedicated staff will be engaging in professional learning sessions conducted by the Resilience Project, aimed at further enhancing our resilience program here at school. We've received overwhelmingly positive feedback from families about the impact of our student planners and reading logs in fostering important discussions at home. We encourage you to explore the Resilience Project's website for additional resources and activities to support your child's well-being outside of school. Together, let's continue to nurture resilience and positivity in our students, both in the classroom and at home.

MORNING DROP-OFFS

I've noticed an increasing number of students being dropped off at school before 8:30am each morning. While we understand the challenges parents face with work commitments, I'd like to remind everyone that supervision in the schoolyard doesn't commence until 8:45am. For the safety of our students, we kindly request that they are not on school grounds before 8:30 am. Some students are arriving even before our teaching staff, raising concerns about their safety. We offer before-school care from 7 am each morning to accommodate early drop-offs, ensuring that student safety remains our top priority. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND WORKS

Exciting news! Our inclusive playground construction will commence at the beginning of Week 5. While this will temporarily disrupt access to our Junior Playground and some play spaces, rest assured that we have plans in place to accommodate this. During the construction period, the side bus gate access will remain open. However, please note that you will need to turn left and walk along the front of the Junior Building to access the school. We'll keep you updated on the progress of the works as they unfold. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of the term, enhancing our school environment for all students. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time of improvement.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As the weather cools down, a quick reminder to ensure that students are coming to school in the correct school uniform. We understand that growth spurts happen, so if you're in need of uniform items, we have second-hand options available at the office. Also, please remember to label jumpers so they can be easily returned if misplaced.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend! The weather is looking glorious again, so make the most of it while it lasts.

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.

