

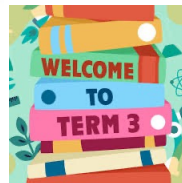
WANGARATTA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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TERM 3 - WEEK 2



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the start of Term 3! We hope everyone had a restful break and is ready for the exciting and busy term ahead. This term promises a plethora of activities, events, and learning opportunities. To stay informed and ensure you don't miss any important updates, please keep a close eye on Seesaw, where we'll be posting all upcoming information. Let's make this term a fantastic one together!

ST JOHNS FIRST AID

Yesterday, all of our students participated in the St Johns First Aid program, an invaluable opportunity to learn essential life-saving skills. They were taught how to call 000 in emergencies, render basic first aid, and even practiced CPR techniques. This hands-on experience not only equipped our students with critical knowledge but also empowered them to respond confidently in emergency situations. We are proud of their enthusiasm and commitment to learning these vital skills. I'm sure they all came home yesterday excited to share what they learned!

GRANDPARENTS MORNING

We are excited to announce our upcoming Grandparents Morning on Friday the 9th of August between 9:00am and 10:30am. Grandparents are warmly invited to spend the morning in classrooms with their grandchildren. During this special time, students will have the opportunity to interview their grandparents about what school was like in their day, creating a wonderful exchange of stories and memories. Grandparents are also encouraged to bring along a favourite game they enjoyed playing as a child to share with the class. We look forward to a delightful morning of learning, laughter, and connection across generations.

2025 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for Foundation students for 2025 are now open! If you have a child at home who will be joining us next year, please stop by the office to collect enrolment papers as soon as possible. Additionally, if you know of friends or family interested in joining our community, please encourage them to get in touch. We are currently in the process of establishing structures and setting transition dates to ensure a smooth start for all our new students.

100 DAYS OF FOUNDATION

This Tuesday, our Foundation students will celebrate their 100 Days of Foundation with enthusiasm and creativity. The students are invited to dress up as 100-year-old individuals, adding a fun and imaginative twist to the day. They will participate in various activities designed to mark this special milestone. Congratulations in advance to all the students on reaching this achievement, and we look forward to the next 100 days of learning and growth!



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

2nd of August

5/6 Melbourne Excursion

5th – 15th of August

Book Fair at school

9th of August

Grandparents Day

15th of August

Science Week Activity Day &
National Day Against Bullying

16th of August

Curriculum Day –
No Students at school

19th - 23rd of August

Bike ED

21st of August

Year 1/2 Local Excursion

23rd of August

Book Week Parade

28th of August

Father's Day Breakfast & Stall
Questacon Incursion

30th of August

Athletics Day

2nd – 6th of September

3/4 Swimming

12th of September

R U OK Day
F-2 Activities Night & Year 2
Sleepover

19th of September

Disco - TBC

20th of September

Last Day of Term 3 –
2:15pm Finish

STOLEN BIKES

The local police have reached out to all schools in the Alpine, Moira and Wangaratta shires, to ask for assistance in promoting both bike security, and also recording of bike details. Below is a guide, including information that is extremely helpful to police regarding stolen bikes.

Do you know the details of your bike?

If your bike is stolen, useful information to have when making a police report is: where and when the bicycle was parked

- the make
- the model
- the colour
- its serial number
- a photo of your bike
- any distinguishing features



By simply recording these details, it will assist police in both identifying if a bike is stolen and finding the rightful owner.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey and is seeking your feedback. The survey, offered by the Department of Education, is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. Your opinions are important to us and will contribute to identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies. A letter has been sent out to every family in the school via post, so please keep an eye on your letterboxes. Your letter will contain instructions on how to complete the survey, including your unique login code. The survey will open this coming Monday, and close on Friday the 30th of August. Thank you all in advance for your support with this.

CURRICULUM DAY

Just a quick heads up that our next Curriculum Day will be held on Friday the 16th of August. TheirCare will be operating at school on this day if you need care for your child.

NAPLAN

Last week, our school received the NAPLAN results, and we are extremely proud of the outstanding achievements. The data shows a remarkable percentage of our students achieving in the top two bands, significantly surpassing similar schools and those within our local network. This exceptional performance is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students, staff and parents. It is a very positive result, well worth noting and celebrating.

NAPLAN TOP 2 BANDS - 2024

	YEAR 3			YEAR 5		
	Our School	Similar Schools	Network Schools	Our School	Similar Schools	Network Schools
Reading	67%	67%	65%	82%	72%	63%
Writing	82%	78%	78%	88%	69%	55%
Spelling	65%	55%	50%	65%	58%	46%
Grammar	53%	54%	47%	82%	60%	52%
Numeracy	59%	64%	60%	59%	64%	48%

I hope you all enjoy a lovely weekend!

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.

BEANIES

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

