

NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 - WEEK 4



BE SAFE
BE RESPECTFUL
BE A LEARNER

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we begin to get into the full swing of the term, we are thrilled to bring you another edition of our school newsletter. Over the past two weeks, our community has been buzzing with activities, achievements, and exciting plans for the future. As always, please keep a close eye on Seesaw so that you are up to date with all of our happenings.

CURRICULUM DAY REMINDER – STUDENT FREE DAY

A quick reminder that this coming Friday, the 16th of August, is a curriculum day. There will be no school for students as staff will be undertaking a day of professional development.

GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL PEOPLE MORNING

Today's Grandparents and Special Persons Morning was a resounding success, with an amazing turnout. Students proudly and eagerly interviewed their grandparents, enjoying games and activities that spanned generations. It was heartwarming to see so many visitors also explore the Book Fair, further fostering our students' love for reading. Thank you all for your wonderful support in making this event memorable.

2025 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS

Plans are now well underway for organising class structures and staff for our Foundation students for 2025. Acceptance letters will be sent out shortly, along with dates for transition sessions. If you have a child beginning school in Foundation next year, please ensure that we receive your enrolment forms as soon as possible.

100 DAYS OF FOUNDATION

Last week, our Foundation students celebrated their 100 days of school with great enthusiasm. Everyone went to great lengths with their dress-ups, and students enjoyed a fabulous day with their buddies, completing activities centered around the number 100. There are some wonderful "aging" portraits of our Foundation students displayed in the main building hallway, which are well worth checking out.

BOOK WEEK PARADE

The CBCA Children's Book Week is one of the biggest events in our school calendar, and it's the perfect opportunity to celebrate Australian children's literature and the invaluable work of our school library staff in supporting reading. The theme for Book Week 2024 is "Reading is Magic," and we are excited to host our annual Book Week parade on Friday, the 23rd of August. We look forward to seeing all students dressed as their favourite characters, and our staff have been busy preparing their costumes too. Everyone is welcome to attend the parade, which will be held in the BER from 9:10 AM. Join us in celebrating the magic of reading!



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

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



SCIENCE WEEK

We are celebrating all things science this Thursday, the 15th of August, for National Science Week. The 2024 school theme is species survival – more than just sustainability. Students will spend the morning rotating through a series of amazing hands-on science activities.

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING

On Thursday the 15th, we will also recognise The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Bullying No Way is Australia's key bullying prevention initiative and connects schools and communities to find workable solutions to prevent bullying.

Purple is the new hero colour representing Bullying No Way and we are asking all of our students to come dressed in purple to recognise this event.

The theme for 2024 is 'Everyone belongs'. When we all feel like we belong, bullying struggles to find a place. It's about embracing who we are, respecting everyone's differences and standing up together against unkindness.

Belonging means we all have a role in preventing bullying. We're encouraged to speak up and create a safe place where everyone feels supported and respected, and our voices are heard and valued.

BIKE EDUCATION

During Week 6 (19th to the 23rd of August), our students in Years 1-6 will participate in our Bike Education Program, which focuses on teaching bike safety on our roads. This program is crucial for our students, as it equips them with the knowledge and skills to ride their bikes safely and responsibly, both in the neighbourhood and on their way to school. Students are required to bring their bikes to school for the week. They can take them home each day or leave them in our BER building. Further information will be sent out via Seesaw closer to the date.

YEAR 5/6 MELBOURNE EXCURSION

Our Year 5/6 students recently attended an excursion to Melbourne, visiting Parliament House and the Shrine of Remembrance. Students were highly engaged in the simulated Parliament in Action session, eagerly participating and demonstrating a keen interest in the legislative process. They represented the school beautifully, and I was very proud of their behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the day.

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.

PARKING REMINDER

A quick reminder to all parents about adhering to parking restrictions and requirements along Chisholm Street. Please be aware of the parking time limits, our designated disability car parks, and ensure you are not parking in no-parking zones. It has come to our attention that a number of people are parking illegally at the very front of the school before the crossing. This is not safe for our community members using the school crossing. Your cooperation is essential in keeping our school environment safe for everyone.

I hope you all enjoy a lovely weekend!

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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.

