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# NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Message...

**Friday, 2nd February**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the 2024 school year! I hope this newsletter finds you well-rested and ready for the exciting year that lies ahead. It is with great enthusiasm that I extend a warm welcome to both returning families and those joining our school community for the first time.

We are delighted to welcome Mr Dave Sexton to our school community. Mr S joins us as a new Grade 3/4 teacher. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Dave. We are confident that his skills and passion for education will enhance the learning experience for our students.

We have had a fantastic start to the year with all our students getting back into the swing of things quickly and a very calm vibe around the school. The focus at the beginning of every school year is on establishing strong routines. Our newsletter will be published fortnightly on a Friday this year and will be posted via Seesaw. I encourage you to read our newsletters as they are an important communication tool between the school and home. If you are yet to be signed up to Seesaw, please see your classroom teacher.

Our Foundation students got off to a wonderful start to their primary schooling - no doubt thanks to the thorough preparation put in by their parents over the holidays. This is a truly exciting time for these students, as well as their families. The Foundation students will have Wednesdays off for the first 6 weeks as they acclimatise to school life, but on those days, their teacher will invite the children back to complete their mandatory Literacy and Numeracy testing. Their first Wednesday that they will be attending school is on the 13th of March.

All of our families were sent home with a pack this week with some permission forms that are required to be updated annually. Each family information pack will be slightly different, depending on your circumstances. Please take the time to read this document carefully with your child before signing.

Packs may include:

- Updating family details
- Media Consent form
- Digital Technologies Policy & Code of Conduct (Students will only be allocated an iPad once they have returned this form)

- Wellbeing Permission

- Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund application forms (Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply).

We are excited to invite all parents and guardians to our Meet and Greet Night on Wednesday, February 21st. Join us for a delightful evening filled with a BBQ, information sessions, and an opportunity for students to showcase their classrooms and early work. This event is a fantastic chance to meet your child's teacher, connect with other families, and get a firsthand look at the wonderful learning environment we've created. Please save the date and stay tuned for more information.

As this is our first newsletter for the year, I have added lots of information and general reminders. Please take the time to read it carefully and familiarise yourself with the routines and happenings around the school. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's classroom teacher or myself at any time. My door is always open for you to come and chat - I am here to help and support whenever you need it. I am looking forward to another rewarding and successful year at Wangaratta Primary School.

I hope you all have a fabulous weekend.

I think we will have some exhausted teachers and students today!

Regards,  
*Jacinta*



## **2024 School Contributions**

Thank you to those families who have popped into the office throughout the week to pay their parent contributions. Wangaratta Primary School requires strong support from families through these contributions, as this financial support enables our school to provide a wide range of curriculum programs and maintain and develop facilities and services that would otherwise not be possible given the school's limited financial resources.

### **Parents and Friends Association Meeting**

We invite all parents and guardians to join us for our Parents and Friends Association Meeting on Tuesday, February 6th, at 7:00 PM in the staffroom. The P&F plays a crucial role in enhancing the school experience for both students and families. This meeting provides an excellent opportunity for you to learn more about the P&F, its initiatives, and how you can get involved.

The Parents and Friends Association is an integral part of our school community, contributing to the overall well-being and success of our students. By joining the P&F, you become an essential part of a collaborative effort to support our school's goals and enrich the educational experience of our children.

We understand the demands on your time, but the success of the P&F relies on the involvement of dedicated volunteers. Whether you can spare a few hours or take on a more significant role, your contribution is invaluable. Volunteering is a rewarding way to connect with other parents, make a positive impact on our school community, and create lasting memories for our children.

Please consider attending the meeting on Tuesday and explore the various opportunities to get involved. Your support is vital to the success of our school, and we look forward to working together to create an exceptional learning environment for our students.

### **Breakfast Club Volunteers**

We are seeking volunteers to support the running of our breakfast club in the mornings. If you are able to spare some time between 8:30am and 9:00am, please let us know at the office. Breakfast Club operates on Wednesday and Friday mornings.

### **Uniform Reminders**

A friendly reminder to ensure that students are in full school uniform each day. Uniforms contribute to a sense of belonging and pride in our school community. A list of our uniforms is provided further on in this newsletter. There are also second-hand uniforms available at the office.

### **Student Attendance and Arrival Times**

It is important that your child attends school on a daily basis to ensure the continuity of his/her learning. Time away from school cannot be made up by simply catching up on tasks that are missed. The explicit (specific) teaching skills along with the interactions & discussions with peers / teachers provide students with a rich learning experience that occurs at that set point in time and simply cannot be repeated at the same depth.

If a student is absent from school for any reason, we are required to be notified. Parents / carers are required to do this before 9.30am on the day of the absence. You can do this in the following way:

- Log in to Compass and directly lodge your child's absence
- Phone the school directly after 8:30am of a morning.

Students who arrive at school after 9.05am must be signed into school by the adult dropping them off at the office.

We provide teacher supervision in the morning from 8.30 am. Students arriving prior to this time, cannot be adequately supervised. After school, staff will remain outside until approximately 3.30 pm. If students are still out the front, they will be brought into the office area until their parents come in to collect them. Staff have meetings on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, starting at 3:30pm, so we would ask that parents be particularly punctual on these days. We are very fortunate to offer before and after-school care each day. I encourage parents to utilise this service instead of dropping their child off at school early. Please contact Their Care directly to register and book your child in.

### **Communication With Teachers**

Seesaw is a great way to keep up to date with not only the happenings around the school, but also what your child is learning in the classroom. Seesaw also has the accessibility to direct message your child's classroom teacher. If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact them. Please be mindful that teachers will only reply to your messages between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm on weekdays. Teachers will be focussed on teaching your child during the day, and may not get to your message until after school.

## Personal Goods Brought To School

Students, staff and visitors often bring personal property to school. This can include mobile phones, toys, expensive stationery or sporting equipment. The Department of Education and Training does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property. Staff and students are discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or valuable items to school. Toys and sporting equipment from home are also discouraged. If your child is bringing a mobile phone or smart watch/device to school, it MUST be left at the school office. This is a Department requirement.

## Lunch Orders

Our lunch orders from Butler's Pantry will begin on Wednesday 7th of February. Please log on to Munch Monitor, update your child's class and place their order. Instructions can be found further on in the newsletter.

## Assembly

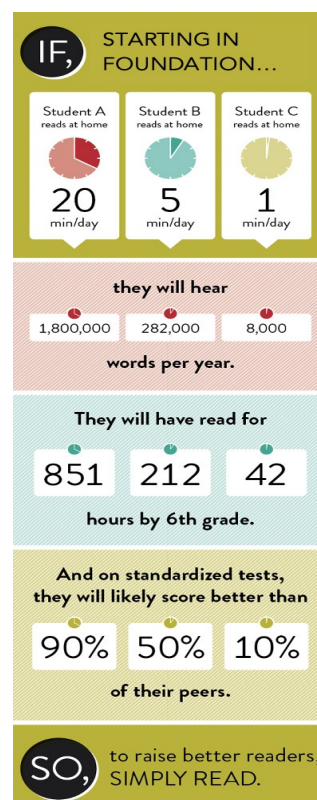
We will be holding our weekly assembly on Friday afternoons this year, starting at 2:50pm in the Music Room. We would love to see parents in attendance to celebrate the achievements of the week.

## School Photos

School photos will be happening on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> of February. Please keep an eye on Compass for further information from MSP photography on how to order and pay. The school office does not take orders.

## Reading At Home

Students should now be bringing home books for reading. We ask that you encourage your child to use the reading satchel to protect our school's reading resources. Reading each night at home should become part of each family's routine. Taking the time to read every night can greatly impact your child's academic performance. The statistics around reading for 20 minutes a night are staggering. For our younger students, these 20 minutes, include being read to by a parent or carer and discussing the story being shared. The reading journal / student diary is a great way to track your home reading progress. We ask that parents and students aim to read for a minimum of 200 nights for the year. In the coming weeks, we will be hosting parent information sessions, including one focusing on reading. This is a wonderful opportunity to find out how you can help your child with their home reading.



# UPCOMING DATES....



'A history of putting  
children first.'

Week / Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Term 1</b>					
<b>Week 2</b> 5/2 - 9/2		Parents & Friends Meeting 7pm	No Foundation students at school.		
<b>Week 3</b> 12/2 - 16/2		School Council Meeting 7pm	No Foundation students at school.		
<b>Week 4</b> 19/2 - 23/2			Meet & Greet Night No Foundation students at school	Downball Clinic	Hockey Clinic
<b>Week 5</b> 26/2 - 1/3			No Foundation students at school	SCHOOL PHOTOS	
<b>Week 6</b> 4/3 - 8/3			No Foundation students at school		
<b>Week 7</b> 11/3 - 15/3	Public Holiday		NAPLAN BEGINS for YR 3&5		
<b>Week 8</b> 18/3 - 22/3		School Council AGM Meeting 7pm			NAPLAN ENDS for YR 3&5
<b>Week 9</b> 25/3 - 28/3				Last Day of Term 1 2:15pm Finish	



# SCHOOL UNIFORM



We are proud of our school uniform. It is distinctive, affordable and easily maintained. We encourage all children to wear our uniform. It is also compulsory to wear uniform when children leave the school on excursions or camps. A broad-brimmed hat must be worn during Terms 1 and 4.

OUR  
SCHOOL  
UNIFORM

## GIRLS

### SUMMER

Maroon polo top with logo-short sleeved  
Navy shorts (not bike shorts)  
Navy pants / trackpants (not leggings)  
Navy skirt  
Culottes - navy  
School Dress  
Maroon broad brim hat/bucket hat

### WINTER

Maroon windcheater with logo  
Maroon jacket with logo  
Polar fleece vest with logo  
Polar fleece jacket with logo  
Maroon polo with logo  
Navy skirt, pants, trackpants (not leggings)  
Navy tights  
Maroon broad brim hat/bucket hat

## BOYS

### SUMMER

Navy shorts  
Maroon polo top with logo  
Maroon broad brim hat/bucket hat

### WINTER

Maroon windcheater with logo  
Maroon jacket with logo  
Polar fleece vest with logo  
Polar fleece jacket with logo  
Maroon polo with logo



WHERE  
TO  
BUY

Uniforms may be purchased from:  
Steers Co, 52 Norton Street. Phone 5721 7773.

Worklocker, 120 Murphy Street Wangaratta. Phone 5722 4644

Limited second hand clothing is available from the school. We ask for a gold coin donation.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





**TheirCare**  
Where Kids love to be!

## Amazing Before + After School Care Programs

### Wangaratta Primary School



### About the program

**TheirCare** provides adventurous and stimulating Before & After School Care Programs in a safe environment for all children. During sessions children develop life skills, friendships, confidence and creativity through play.

**Wangaratta Primary School** has partnered with **TheirCare** to provide this service to your school which includes quality care, booking flexibility, amazing programming for your children and commitment to deliver on our promise to your school community.

Operation Times		Fees*	Out of Pocket	Average^
Before School Care	7:00am – 8:45am	\$19.00	\$2.98 - \$19.00	\$2.98
After School Care	3:15pm - 6:00pm	\$26.00	\$3.90 - \$26.00	\$3.90
Pupil Free Day	7:00am – 6:00pm	\$65.00	\$9.75 - \$65.00	\$9.75
Late Booking Cancellation Fee	Within 48 hours	\$5.00		
Cancellation Fee	Same Day	Full Fee	See BSC/ASC	

Please note: Holiday Program will be available at Appin Park Primary School TheirCare from April 2022 onwards

**Service Phone Number: 0499 391 797** Your service coordinator will be available during session times. TheirCare support is available during office hours if required on 1300 072 410

#### How to Enrol

Visit **TheirCare** website: [www.theircare.com.au](http://www.theircare.com.au) and click on 'Book Now' in the top right hand corner to register your child's details.

\*Standard fees excluding incursion / excursion costs

^Based on ABS published average family income for the suburb the school is located





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ONLINE CANTEEN!**



**Wangaratta Primary School Canteen  
accepts online orders using MunchMonitor**

**Setting up an online account is easy!**

1. Go to **www.munchmonitor.com**
2. Click **LOGIN**
3. Click **REGISTER**
4. Enter
  - School ID: **wangarattaps**
  - Password: **munch3677**
5. Click **Submit**
6. Enter your email address
7. Enter the password you want. Make sure you can remember your password
8. Review and tick on the Terms of use
9. Click **Create your Account**
10. Click on the **Activation Link** in the email we sent
11. Follow the steps to **create your Parent Profile**
12. **Add Students** to your account
13. Click on **Account Top-up** to transfer money into your account
14. **You are now ready to order online!**

SETUP A NEW ACCOUNT

<input type="text"/>	Your School ID
<input type="text"/>	Your School Password
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**Quick Information**

**Using MunchMonitor Online Ordering**

- You can place orders online up to 4 weeks in advance
- Top-up your account online using VISA/MasterCard
- List allergies to alert canteen staff
- You can order anytime you want using web browsers such as Chrome or Safari
- You can use desktops, laptops, tablets or smart phone with internet access
- It only cost \$ 3.65 (incl. GST) per school term for the family account
- No sign up fee
- No transaction fee

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if you require further assistance.

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