

NEWSLETTER



BE SAFE
BE RESPECTFUL
BE A LEARNER

TERM 1 - WEEK 3

IMPORTANT DATES

Dear Parents and Carers,

After only fourteen days back at school, I am immensely proud of the way our students have seamlessly returned to school routines. Our teachers have done a commendable job in creating a welcoming and engaging environment. As I visit each classroom, it is clear that the students are fully invested in their learning, displaying a great deal of energy, focus, and camaraderie.

Our Foundation students have fully integrated themselves into the school community, and their confidence has grown exponentially. They have met their buddies, attended all specialist classes, and explored our playgrounds with great enthusiasm. We look forward to formally welcoming and introducing our Foundation students to the community at our upcoming assembly next week.

MEET AND GREET NIGHT

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. We hope to see you all there!

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photo day is Thursday the 29th of February. All orders need to be placed through Compass. If you don't have your Compass login details or you are having trouble logging in, please contact the office.

SAFE DROP OFF / PICK UPS

We have been contacted by concerned drivers that some parents/carers are dropping students and/or picking up students by stopping on the road or no parking zones. Please help us to keep our students safe and avoid accidents by being patient and finding a park so that we can avoid a tragedy from occurring.

21st of February

Meet & Greet Night
From 5pm – 7pm.

22nd of February

Down Ball Clinic

23rd of February

Hockey Clinic

29th of February

School Photos
9am sharp start

1st of March

O&M Swimming Carnival

11th of March

Long Weekend
No School

13th of March

Yr 3 & 5 Naplan Begins

19th of March

School Council AGM
7pm start

21st of March

Harmony Day

27th of March

Easter Hat Parade

28th of March

**Jump Off Day &
Last Day of Term**
2:15pm finish.



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

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.

HATS

Following our SunSmart policy, students need to wear a school hat at break times during Terms 1 and 4. Students without a hat will need to play on the back verandah.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

We're thrilled to share that our first Parents and Friends meeting was a tremendous success! It was heartening to see so many new families actively involved and brimming with enthusiasm to support our school community and organise upcoming events and activities.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated, contributed ideas, and demonstrated their commitment to fostering our community spirit. For those who couldn't make it, fear not! It's never too late to join or just help out here and there. Whether you're a seasoned member or brand new, your presence and input are invaluable.

ANNUAL PRIVACY STATEMENT

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy. Please take time to read our school's collection notice, found on our website. We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Google Workspace for Education safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Google Workspace for Education, please contact us. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents. This information is also available in ten community languages.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

At Wangaratta Primary School, we have an amazing School Council group, with efficient, productive (and dare I say fun!) meetings, 8 times per year. If you would like to join our group, we have two parent and two community positions vacant. I encourage anyone interested to nominate and please don't hesitate to speak to me if you would like to know more about the role. Nomination forms are available from the office, with nominations closing on the 1st of March at 4pm.

START OF THE YEAR PERMISSIONS REMINDER

All of our families were sent home with a pack in the first week with some permission forms that are required to be updated annually. Students will only be allocated an iPad once they have brought back their signed Digital Technologies Code of Conduct. Please take the time to read this document carefully with your child before signing. Please ensure all forms are updated, signed and returned ASAP.

2023 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.