

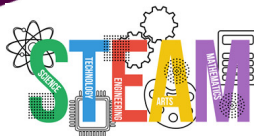
WANGARATTA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



BE SAFE
BE RESPECTFUL
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TERM 2 - WEEK 5



Dear Parents & Carers,

We couldn't have asked for more glorious weather at this time of year, adding a touch of brightness to our days and invigorating our spirits. As the sunshine graces us with its warmth, we're gearing up for an exciting flurry of activities in the weeks ahead. Stay tuned for updates on all the amazing activities headed your way!

INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND

Exciting news! Our inclusive playground began this week with the commencement of building works. Over the next month or so, we'll be making some adjustments to our play spaces to accommodate the works. Families who use the Murphy Street entrance near the bus stop, please take note: during this time, access to the 1/2 classrooms will be temporarily cut off from this entrance. Instead, we kindly ask you to head left along the front of the prep rooms. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to enhance the play experiences for all our students.

STEAM NIGHT

We're thrilled to report an incredible turnout for our annual Family STEAM Night this Tuesday during Education Week! From stargazing to catapult construction, magic bubbles, and even edible paint, the evening was packed with exciting activities for families to explore together. We're eager to announce the winners of our puzzle challenge at today's assembly, so stay tuned for more updates on the champions! A big thank you to our dedicated staff for organising this unforgettable night and to our families for making the effort to join us. Your enthusiasm and participation made the event truly amazing.

CROSS COUNTRY

Get ready to lace up your running shoes because our annual Cross Country event is just around the corner! Next Friday, all students will join us as we head to Apex Park for a morning of fun and fitness. Departing school at 9:30 am, it's a chance for everyone to participate and enjoy the thrill of the race, regardless of speed or experience. After an exhilarating run, we'll return to school by 11 am for a well-deserved hot food lunch. Parents, we'd love to see you there, cheering on our young athletes! We're also on the lookout for volunteers to help with marshalling, so if you're available and willing, please don't hesitate to let the office know. Remember, all volunteers will need to provide a copy of a current Working With Children's Check to ensure the safety of our students.

CURRICULUM DAY

Just a friendly reminder that we have a Curriculum Day scheduled for Friday, June 7th. It's important to note that this day follows on from the Long Weekend., TheirCare will be in operation, so please take advantage of this service if needed.



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

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

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Last Friday, our school community came together to honour the incredible mothers who enrich our lives. The music room was transformed into a stunning oasis, adorned with beautiful flowers freshly picked from one of our families garden. It was heart-warming to see our students serving up a delicious breakfast to their mothers with genuine appreciation. Jess Brown and Paul Broomfield orchestrated the event flawlessly, showcasing their culinary talents and organisational skills.

3/4 ZOO EXCURSION

Our Year 3/4 students are embarking on an exciting trip to the Melbourne Zoo this Wednesday! The anticipation is palpable as everyone eagerly awaits the chance to explore and learn amidst the amazing creatures. Thank you to our dedicated staff for organising this unforgettable opportunity for our students. With a bright and early start, the train will depart shortly after 7 am, ensuring a full day of discovery and fun. We can't wait to hear all about the adventures and encounters upon their return.

SICKNESS & COVID

I wanted to bring to your attention that we have had a few reported cases of COVID-19 within our school community. Please rest assured that we are closely monitoring the situation and taking all necessary precautions to ensure the safety and well-being of our students and staff. We kindly ask for your cooperation in following the advice and guidelines provided by the Department. By adhering to these recommendations, we can collectively minimise the spread of the virus and protect all members of our community, especially those who are medically vulnerable. It is recommended that staff members, students and visitors who have symptoms of cold, influenza or COVID-19 undergo testing for COVID-19. Parents of symptomatic students will be asked to collect their child from school and keep them home until they are no longer symptomatic. The Department of Health recommends that staff and students who test positive for COVID-19 isolate for a minimum of 5 days and do not attend school until their symptoms resolve. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school. Thank you for your understanding and support.

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.

EDUCATION SUPPORT CELEBRATIONS

Yesterday we celebrated Education Support day. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the great work that our Education Support team do each and every day here at Wangaratta Primary School. To Katrina, Lucinda, Tanya, Kay, Paul and Michelle, please know that we appreciate you and all the amazing work that you do doesn't go unnoticed! We are extremely lucky to have such amazing staff!

ASSEMBLY

It has been great to see so many parents attending our Monday afternoon assemblies. Our staff are sending Seesaw messages to notify parents directly when their child is receiving an award. It would be great if you or someone special could come along to celebrate your child's special achievement. Assembly begins at 2:50pm each Friday in the Music Room.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Jacinta



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.

