

# WANGARATTA PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



BE SAFE  
BE RESPECTFUL  
BE A LEARNER

TERM 3 - WEEK 7



Dear Parents & Carers,

As we enter the final stretch of Term 3, it's hard to believe we only have two weeks left! Despite the wild weather we faced earlier late last week, we're now enjoying some beautiful, warm, and sunny days, which is a welcome change. With this lovely spring weather now upon us, all students must be wearing their school hats every day to stay sun-safe.

We have a busy couple of weeks ahead, packed with exciting activities and important events. Please make sure to keep an eye on Seesaw for updates and information to help you stay in the loop.

## FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST

It was wonderful to see so many dads and grandfathers join us for our special Father's Day breakfast this morning. A huge shout-out to our Parents Club for organising the event and cooking such a delicious breakfast.

## DUCHENNE DAY

Today, Friday, September 5th, our school proudly acknowledged World Duchenne Awareness Day by wearing red. Students and staff came together in a sea of red to show their support, and generous gold coin donations were collected to contribute to this important cause.

This day holds a very special place in our school community's heart, as we remembered and honoured our former student, Darcy. It was a meaningful and heartfelt way for our school to stand together in support of Duchenne awareness and to keep Darcy's memory alive.

## ITALIAN DAY CELEBRATIONS

Last Wednesday, we celebrated our annual Italian Day, and what a wonderful day it was! Students came dressed in creative outfits that reflected Italian culture, filling the school with colour and excitement. Throughout the day, they participated in a range of engaging Italian-themed activities that highlighted the learning they have been doing in their weekly Italian classes.

A highlight of the day was the delicious pizza lunch, generously provided by Sal's Pizza. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Dal's for not only preparing the pizzas but also for their incredible generosity in donating all proceeds back to the school. We are extremely grateful for their kindness and ongoing support of our school community. A very special thank you must also go to Lisa, whose amazing efforts in organising the day and planning all of the activities ensured that our students had such a memorable experience.

*Thank You...*



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

10<sup>th</sup> of September

Athletics Day

11<sup>th</sup> of September

R U Okay Day

Students Wear Yellow

15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> of September

Yr 3-6 Camp

18<sup>th</sup> of September

Year 1/2 Sleepover

19<sup>th</sup> of September

Last Day Term 3: 2:30pm finish

6<sup>th</sup> of October

Curriculum Day – No Students

7<sup>th</sup> of October

First Day of Term 4

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> of October

Bike Ed

24<sup>th</sup> of October

Curriculum Day – No Students

4<sup>th</sup> of November

Melbourne Cup Day

Public Holiday

28<sup>th</sup> of November

Curriculum Day - No Students



### 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 was sent out to every family last Friday, so please check schoolbags. Your letter will contain instructions on how to complete the survey, including your unique login code. The survey opened on Monday, and will close on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of September. Thank you all in advance for your support with this.

### ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our upcoming Athletics Carnival is just around the corner, taking place this Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of September, at the Appin Street Athletics Complex. Students should be dropped off at the complex for a 9 am start and picked up again at 2:45 p.m. We encourage all students to wear their house team colours to show their spirit. We're still looking for more parent helpers to ensure the day runs smoothly - your support is greatly appreciated!

### R U OKAY DAY

On Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> September, our school will be acknowledging R U OK? Day, a national day of action dedicated to reminding everyone to check in with the people around them and ask the simple but powerful question: "Are you OK?".

All students are encouraged to wear yellow on the day to show their support and help spread the message of kindness, care, and connection. This day is an important opportunity to promote awareness about mental health and wellbeing, and to empower young people to look out for one another.

At our school, we believe that creating a supportive community where everyone feels safe, valued, and connected is vital. R U OK? Day gives us the chance to highlight these values and encourage students to recognise the importance of checking in with friends, family, and teachers.

### BREAKFAST CLUB HELPERS NEEDED

Our Breakfast Club is an important initiative that ensures students start the day fed, focused, and ready to learn. We recently extended the program to better cater for student needs, and we are now looking for more volunteers – especially on Monday and Wednesday mornings – to help make it happen. If you can lend a hand, please let the office know and we will add you to our roster. Your support is greatly appreciated, as this program plays a vital role in setting our students up for success each day.

### CURRICULUM DAY – STUDENT FREE DAYS TERM 4

Just letting everyone know in advance, that we will be having 3 student free days in term 4. The dates are:

- Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> October
- Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> October
- Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of November.

During these upcoming curriculum days, teachers will be undertaking important professional development. This time is dedicated to strengthening their skills and knowledge to ensure the best possible learning outcomes for our students.

TheirCare will operate on these days, so please ensure you book in with them in advance, if you require the use of this service.

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.

