

WANGARATTA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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TERM 3 - WEEK 9



Dear Parents & Carers,

As we wrap up another busy and productive term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful experiences we've shared together. Term 3 has been full of extracurricular activities, from sports carnivals, camps and excursions, along with special events such as Father Day brekky and our STEAM Night. Our students have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and pride. Looking ahead, Term 4 promises even more exciting moments as we move towards the end of the year. I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back when school resumes on Tuesday, the 7th of October.

YEAR TWO SLEEPOVER

Our Foundation to Year 2 students had a wonderful evening of fun and excitement after school last night. It was a progressive afternoon, with our Foundation students enjoying afternoon tea and some fun activities before heading home, while the Year 1 students stayed on for a pizza dinner. The Year 2 students were absolute superstars, spending the night at school, and I couldn't have been more proud of their bravery and enthusiasm. A heartfelt thank you to all the teachers who made this event possible, especially Mrs Puls, Ms Anthony and Ms Gigliotti for giving up their family time to facilitate the sleepover. We have some very tired staff and students today - myself included!

YEAR 3-6 SCHOOL CAMP

This week our Year 3-6 students headed off to Harrietville for school camp, and what an incredible few days it was! Students challenged themselves in a range of outdoor activities, from the giant swing, leap of faith and team-building tasks, to trying new skills in the very fresh alpine air. Whilst it was extremely wet, their resilience, enthusiasm and teamwork were outstanding. We are so proud of the way they represented our school. A huge thank you goes to our dedicated staff and generous volunteers who gave their time to ensure the camp was such a success - your efforts made it a memorable and rewarding experience for all. A huge thankyou also to Mrs Henschke for all of her organisation.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

After having to postpone our Sports Day due to the predicted poor weather, we were treated to a beautiful spring day last Friday for our Athletics Carnival. The students gave their absolute best across all events, showing great determination, teamwork, and house spirit. A huge thank you goes to our wonderful parent helpers - we simply couldn't run days like this without your support. We also want to acknowledge the incredible efforts of Mrs Hope and Mr Sexton for their organisation and leadership in making the day such a success.

IMPORTANT DATES

6th of October

Curriculum Day – No Students

7th of October

First Day of Term 4

13th – 17th of October

Bike Ed for Years 1-6

22nd of October

Year 3-5 Bike Hike

24th of October

Curriculum Day – No Students

4th of November

Melbourne Cup Day
Public Holiday

12th of November

Foundation 2026 Transition

14th of November

Colour Run

20th of November

Foundation 2026 Transition

28th of November

Curriculum Day - No Students

8-12th of December

F-2 Swimming Program

9th of December

Statewide Transition Day

16th of December

Year 6 Graduation



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.



THANKYOU - FAREWELL

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Renae for the incredible contribution she has made during her years at Wangaratta Primary School. From being a driving force behind our Breakfast Club and organising hot food lunches, to always being the first to put her hand up to help around the school, Renae has been an invaluable part of our community. We wish Renae and her family all the very best on their new adventures and know that she, Poppy, Lily and Charlie will be dearly missed.

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 with Renae leaving, 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 6th October
- Friday the 24th October
- Friday the 28th 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.

2026 ENROLMENTS

I have started our planning for 2026. This includes grade options, staffing, programs etc. If your child/ren are not going to be at Wangaratta Primary School next year, it would be appreciated if you could let me know ASAP. A huge thankyou to those that have already notified us. Student enrolments are the most important factor that determines our funding, grade structures, staffing and the opportunities we can offer our students.

If you have a child beginning school in Foundation next year, please ensure that we receive your enrolment forms as soon as possible. Acceptance letters were sent out at the beginning of August, which also included information on upcoming transition days.

BIKE EDUCATION AND BIKE HIKE

Next term, all students in Years 1–6 will take part in our Bike Education Program. This program is a valuable opportunity for students to build confidence, learn important road safety skills, and develop independence while having fun. Over the holidays, it's a great time to get the bikes out, enjoy the sunshine, and start practising. Our Year 3-6 students will then take their learning out into the real world when they participate in our annual Bike Hike the following week. Keep an eye on Seesaw for more information as the date approaches.

REMEMBER – Term 4 Begins on Tuesday the 7th of October.



Enjoy the holidays, take time to relax, re-charge and catch up with family and friends.

See you next term.

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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.

SUN HATS

Students are required to wear our school logo bucket hats from the 1st of September until the 1st of May.