

WANGARATTA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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TERM 4 - WEEK 2



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4, which promises to be another fun filled term of events, activities, and learning. We hope everyone enjoyed the spring break holidays. While our weather plays games with us, Term 4 sees the return of sun smart hats, which will need to be worn by all students when outside, as part of the school's sun smart policy. We also ask for the continued support of the wearing of appropriate school uniform. School culture and identity is a very important part of Wangaratta Primary. Having students actively wearing the correct uniform goes a long way to support a positive school environment. We thank all parents/guardians for their support.

BIKE EDUCATION & HIKE

One of the highlights of the week has undoubtedly been the Bike Education program. The Year 3-6 students have developed the skills they need to ride safely and independently on roads and paths. This included safe riding behaviours, road rules and sharing the road. A huge thank you to our teachers for taking the time out of their classrooms each day to run the program, and to parents for organising to get your child's bike to school. Our Year 3-6 students will be now putting the skills they have learnt into action when they all participate in our Bike Hike to Milawa on Wednesday the 22nd of October.

We're still in need of parent helpers for our upcoming Bike Hike! Whether you can ride along with a group, tow a trailer, or provide a vehicle with a bike rack, we'd love your support. At this stage, we don't have enough helpers — and this much-anticipated and exciting event for our students won't be able to go ahead without your assistance.

ATTENDANCE

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begins with students coming to school each day. We have seen an increase in student absences from Foundation to Year 6 in 2025. There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It is vital that they're only away when they need to be. Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future — a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school — each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes. Remember, everyday counts, including being at school on time and ready to learn. If you need support with your child's attendance please reach out to your child's classroom teacher or myself.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Just a reminder that Friday the 24th of October is a student free day. TheirCare will be operating here at school on the day. There is a pupil free day also on Friday the 28th of November — Week 8.



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

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

21st of November

Year 5/6 Market Day Stall

28th of November

Curriculum Day - No Students

8-12th of December

F-2 Swimming Program

5th of December

Hot Food Lunch

9th of December

Statewide Transition Day

15th of December

Christmas Dress Up &
Activity Day

16th of December

Year 6 Graduation

19th of December

Last Day of School
— 1:15pm finish

REMINDER

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2025 STATIONARY PACKS & PARENT PAYMENT POLICY

This week at School Council we discussed our Parent Payment Policy for the 2026 school year. We are currently working on our Student Stationery Packs for next year, and these will go out to parents, along with parent payment summary in the next couple of weeks. Please keep an eye in your child's bag for these, as stationary packs will need to be ordered prior to the end of the school year.

ATHLETICS ACHIEVEMENTS

What a wonderful achievement to have 15 of our students qualify and proudly represent Wangaratta Primary School at the Ovens and Mitta Divisional Athletics Carnival last week! We are incredibly proud of everyone who gave their best effort on the day and demonstrated great sportsmanship and determination. A huge congratulations to Memphis, Olivia, and Morgan, who have now made it through to the regionala — an outstanding accomplishment!

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Just a reminder that Friday the 24th of October is a student free day. TheirCare will be operating here at school on the day, so if you are needing care for your child, contact them directly to make a booking (online booking). A reminder that there is a pupil free day also on Friday the 28th of November.

2026 CLASS PLACEMENTS

It is that time of the year when we are looking at our student numbers and possible grade structures for 2026. If you have a child beginning Foundation next year and you are yet to fill out an enrolment form, please contact the office ASAP. Likewise, if you know of any other families who would like to attend our school in 2026, please encourage them to speak to me.

If you know your child is leaving the school at the end of the year, could you please contact the front office as soon as possible so we can factor this into our decision making for next year. Student enrolments have a huge impact on our budget and possible grade structures; therefore, we would like to know that all students are accounted for when making decisions for 2026.

In November, teachers alongside the leadership team, will commence placing students into their 2026 classes. This process consists of a strategic approach to ensuring our classroom structures are balanced and supportive of learning. Staff consider multiple factors when constructing the classes for the upcoming year; gender balance, academic achievement balance, behavioural needs and the overall combination of student personalities. Students have a voice regarding their placement by nominating five (5) learning partners. Teachers will ensure that your child is placed with one of these nominated learning partners.

In addition to this, if parents have any concerns or information they would like to share with us regarding their child, can you please contact me via phone **before Friday the 7th of November**. Changes made to classes after students have been placed is extremely difficult and normally cause a snowball effect of other students also needing to be moved. This is not fair on students, and why **requests will not be accepted after the above date**. Please also note that requests cannot be made for a specific teacher.

2026 FOUNDATION TRANSITION DAYS

Our Transition Program for 2026 Foundation students is approaching quickly. The dates are as follows:

Wednesday the 12th of November: 9.15am to

10.15am, Thursday the 20th of November: 9.15am to 10.45am

Tuesday 20th December: 9.15am to 12.20pm. These dates align with our local Kinder transition days.

I hope you all have a fabulous 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.

SUN HATS

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

