

NEWSLETTER



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TERM 1 - WEEK 2



IMPORTANT DATES

17th of February

Meet & Greet Night
From 5pm – 7pm.

20th of February

School Photos
9am sharp start

6th of March

Curriculum Day
No School for students

9th of March

Long Weekend
No School

11th of March

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17th of March

School Council AGM
7pm start

20th of March

Harmony Day

2nd of April

Last Day of Term 1
2:15pm finish.

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an incredible start to the school year we have had. We hope you all had a wonderful holiday break, filled with fun, relaxation, and special moments together. It has been so lovely to see everyone back, reconnecting with friends, sharing holiday stories, and settling into the new school year.

In just over a week, our students have embraced their learning with enthusiasm and positivity. A special mention must go to our new Foundation students, who have shown such bravery and excitement as they begin their school journey – we are so proud of them! They also met their Buddies and spent time together getting to know one another. Our Buddy Program plays an important role in helping our youngest students feel supported, safe, and connected to the wider school community. It's wonderful to see the friendships already forming! We look forward to formally welcoming and introducing our Foundation students to the community in an upcoming assembly (we will announce the date to the community). We hope to see many families there to celebrate this exciting milestone!

A huge thank you to our dedicated teachers, who worked tirelessly over the holidays to prepare warm and welcoming classrooms, ensuring everything was ready for our students' arrival. Their efforts in establishing strong routines so early in the year have created calm, engaged, and happy learning environments across the school.

MEET AND GREET NIGHT

We are excited to invite all parents and guardians to our Meet and Greet Night on Tuesday the 17th of February. Join us for a delightful evening filled with a BBQ, information session, 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 first hand look at the wonderful learning environment we've created. We hope to see you all there! Please keep an eye on Seesaw for further details.

LUNCH ORDERS

School lunch orders are now available through Butlers Pantry. We use Munch Monitor as an online ordering tool. Please ensure you update your child's new class before ordering.

School Id: wangarattaps
Password: munch3677



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.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photo day is Friday the 20th of February. All orders will need to be placed through Compass, so now is a great time to check if you can login to Compass. If you are having issues, the office is more than happy to assist you with this.

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 four 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 6th of March at 4pm.

START OF THE YEAR PERMISSIONS REMINDER

All of our families were sent home with a pack last 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 User Agreement. Please take the time to read this document carefully with your child before signing. Please ensure all forms are updated, signed and returned ASAP. Please note that you all signed a media consent last year – this is now not a form that is updated annually, therefore if you wish to change your preferences, you will need to contact the office and fill out an updated form.

2026 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.

THEIRCARE

We would like to remind families that before and after school care is available at Wangaratta Primary School through TheirCare. Bookings can be made directly via their website at www.theircare.com.au. This term, we are trialling an earlier 6:30am start for before-school care in response to requests from families who begin work early. TheirCare has kindly agreed to trial this arrangement for the term; however, continuation will depend on sufficient enrolment numbers. If numbers are low, the service will revert to a 7:00am start.

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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. Out of School Hours care available each morning from 6:30am. 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 kindly ask 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 will not be responded to until the following work day. Please be mindful that staff work hours are 8:30am to 4:30pm Mon – Wed, and 8:30am – 3:30pm on a Thursday and Friday.

HATS

Students need to wear a school hat at break times during Terms 1 & 4.