

# NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 - WEEK 2



BE SAFE  
BE RESPECTFUL  
BE A LEARNER



## IMPORTANT DATES

5<sup>th</sup> of May

**School Council**

7<sup>th</sup> of May

**Strike – Half Day**

8<sup>th</sup> of May

**Mother's Day Stall  
& Breakfast**

12<sup>th</sup> of May

**STEAM Night - POSTPONED**

22<sup>nd</sup> of May

**Cross Country &  
Hot Food Lunch**

5<sup>th</sup> of June

**Curriculum Day – No Students**

8<sup>th</sup> of June

**Long Weekend**

19<sup>th</sup> of June

**Reports Go Home**

16<sup>th</sup> of June

**Parent Teacher Interviews  
2pm – 4:30pm**

23<sup>rd</sup> of June

**Parent Teacher Interviews  
2pm – 4:30pm**

26<sup>th</sup> of June

**Last Day of Term 2  
2:15pm finish**

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back, Wangaratta Primary School community! I hope everyone had a rejuvenating holiday break filled with cherished moments and plenty of relaxation. As we embark on the journey of Term 2, I extend a warm welcome to our new students and their families who have joined our wonderful school community this week. We have an exciting term ahead, packed with learning and extracurricular activities. Please make sure you keep an eye on Seesaw to keep up to date with all the happenings. Here's to a fantastic term ahead!

### INDUSTRIAL STRIKE ACTION

As communicated to families last Friday, there will be a half-day industrial action taking place, which may impact normal school operations. At this stage, staffing arrangements are not yet confirmed, as teachers are not required to advise of their intentions until early next week. Once I have a clearer understanding of our staffing profile, I will communicate further details with families as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding and support as we navigate this situation.

### ANZAC DAY

On Saturday, we came together as a community to commemorate ANZAC Day, and it was wonderful to see so many of our students in attendance, showing their respect and appreciation. Our school leaders proudly represented Wangaratta Primary School in the local march and laid a wreath on behalf of our community, which was a moment of great pride. We also acknowledged this important occasion at our school assembly last Friday, where students and staff came together to reflect on the bravery and selflessness of our servicemen and women, and to honour their enduring legacy.

### MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST

We're excited to announce that our Mother's Day breakfast will be held on Friday, May 8th, starting at 8:15 am in the Music Room. We can't wait to celebrate all the amazing mothers in our community. Please join us for a special morning dedicated to showing our appreciation for everything you do. We hope to see you there!

### 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.

### CROSS COUNTRY

Get ready to lace up your running shoes because our annual Cross Country event is just around the corner. On Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May, 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 their Working With Children's Check.



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.

# REMINDERS

## CURRICULUM DAY

Just a friendly reminder that we have a Curriculum Day scheduled for Friday, June 5th. 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.

## 2027 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS

This year we have opted not to run a formal Open Morning. Instead, we have been offering personalised school tours for prospective families. We have already welcomed more than 15 families through the school and have enjoyed the opportunity to showcase our wonderful learning environment.

If you know of any families who may be looking to join our school community with a Foundation student in 2027, we would greatly appreciate you encouraging them to contact the school to arrange a tour.

If you have a child starting school in 2027, please call into the office to collect an enrolment pack. We already have a number of students enrolled for 2027, and early enrolments help us greatly with planning for the year ahead.

We look forward to welcoming our future students and families to our school community.

## ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY

In the coming weeks, our students in years 4, 5, and 6 will be participating in the Attitudes To School survey, as organised by the Department. This survey provides us with valuable insights into various aspects of our school environment and helps us understand the perspectives and experiences of our students. Your child's input is essential in shaping the ongoing improvement of our school community. Thank you for your support in ensuring their participation in this important initiative.

## ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance is vital for every child's learning and wellbeing, and the Victorian Department of Education highlights that even small amounts of absence can quickly add up. Missing just one day a fortnight equates to around four weeks of lost learning across a school year. We have already seen a concerning increase in the number of students who have accumulated close to 10 days of absence this year, which is the equivalent of two full weeks of missed learning. Consistent attendance supports not only academic progress, but also social connections, routines and a sense of belonging at school. If your child is away, it is important that an explanation is provided—please contact the office or log the absence via Compass. Our staff will continue to follow up on all unexplained absences to ensure every student is supported to attend and engage in their learning.

I hope you all enjoy a fabulous weekend.

*Jacinta*

**1 or 2 days a week  
can really add up...**

**Attendance  
MATTERS**   
Everychild, ontime, every day

If your child  
misses...

**1 DAY**  
per fortnight

**1 DAY**  
per week

**2 DAYS**  
per week

**3 DAYS**  
per week

That  
equals...

**20 DAYS**  
per year

**40 DAYS**  
per year

**80 DAYS**  
per year

**120 DAYS**  
per year

Which is...

**4 WEEKS**  
per year

**8 WEEKS**  
per year

**16 WEEKS**  
per year

**24 WEEKS**  
per year

and over 13 years  
of schooling,  
that's...

nearly

**1.5 YEARS**

nearly

**2.5 YEARS**

nearly

**5 YEARS**

nearly

**8 YEARS**

## 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 is 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.