

WANGARATTA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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TERM 3 - WEEK 2



IMPORTANT DATES

28th July

School Council – 6pm

31st July

Grandparents Morning & Book Fair

7th August

Curriculum Day – No Students at school



20th August

Science Activity Day

21st August

Bullying No Way
Wear Purple

26th August

Italian Day
Hot Food Lunch

28th of August

Book Week Dress Up Parade

31st of August – 2nd September
Yr 3-6 Camp

4th September

Fathers Day Breakfast & Stall

9th September

RU OKAY Day –
Wear yellow

17th September

1/2 Sleepover

18th September

Footy Colours day
Last Day of term
– 2:15pm Finish

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the start of Term 3! We hope everyone had a restful break and is ready for the exciting and busy term ahead. This term promises a plethora of activities, events, and learning opportunities. To stay informed and ensure you don't miss any important updates, please keep a close eye on Seesaw, where we'll be posting all upcoming information. Let's make this term a fantastic one together!

GRANDPARENTS MORNING

We are looking forward to welcoming our wonderful grandparents and special family members to our annual Grandparents Morning on Friday 31 July. This is always one of the highlights of our school calendar, with an incredible turnout each year, and our students absolutely love the opportunity to showcase their learning and share their school experiences with the special people in their lives.

Throughout the morning, grandparents will have the chance to join their grandchildren in a range of fun classroom activities, providing a wonderful opportunity to learn, create and connect together. Our annual Book Fair will also be open, and we encourage grandparents to take the time to browse the displays with their grandchildren and perhaps enjoy choosing a new book together.

We can't wait to welcome everyone for what is sure to be another fantastic morning celebrating learning, family and our wonderful school community.

2027 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for Foundation students for 2027 are now open! If you have a child at home who will be joining us next year, please stop by the office to collect enrolment papers as soon as possible. Application are required to be submitted before the 31st of July, where we'll begin making offers and making preparations for next year. Additionally, if you know of friends or family interested in joining our community, please encourage them to get in touch. We are currently in the process of establishing structures and setting transition dates to ensure a smooth start for all our new students.

FOUNDATION 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

On Friday 31 July, our Foundation students will celebrate an exciting milestone – 100 Days of School! It is hard to believe how quickly the year has flown by and just how much our youngest learners have grown since their first day at Wangaratta Primary School.

To celebrate, students will take part in a range of fun 100-themed activities throughout the day and are invited to come dressed as a 100-year-old for some extra laughs and excitement!

Our Foundation students have settled into school exceptionally well and should be incredibly proud of everything they have achieved. They have embraced the routines and expectations of school, developed positive friendships, and are making fantastic progress in their learning. We look forward to celebrating this special milestone with them and recognising all they have accomplished in their first 100 days of primary school.



Wangaratta Primary School acknowledges the
Bangerang people, the Traditional Owners of the land on which we
meet today, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



YEAR 3–6 SWIMMING PROGRAM

Last week, our Year 3–6 students thoroughly enjoyed participating in their week-long swimming program. Throughout the week, students demonstrated excellent behaviour, embraced every opportunity to challenge themselves and developed their confidence and swimming skills in the water.

It was fantastic to see students supporting and encouraging one another while learning important water safety skills. We would like to thank our staff and instructors for making the program such a positive and enjoyable experience for all involved.

CURRICULUM DAY

A reminder to families that Friday 7th of August is a Curriculum Day, and students are not required to attend school. Staff will be participating in professional learning throughout the day to continue building their knowledge and practice to support improved student outcomes. TheirCare will be operating on the day for families requiring care. If you wish to utilise this service, please ensure you book directly with TheirCare in advance.

ASSEMBLY UPDATE

To maximise valuable classroom learning time, we will be making a small change to our assembly schedule. From this term, school assemblies will be held **fortnightly**, alternating with our school newsletter weeks.

Unfortunately, attendance at our weekly assemblies has been quite low, and we feel this change will allow us to make better use of instructional time while still providing the opportunity to celebrate our students' achievements. As always, if your child is receiving a student award or special recognition, their classroom teacher will contact you beforehand so you can join us for the celebration.

We thank you for your understanding and look forward to continuing to recognise and celebrate the wonderful achievements of our students at our fortnightly assemblies.

SCHOOL COUNCIL VACANCY

We currently have a **vacancy on our School Council** and would love to welcome another parent to join our team. School Council plays an important role in shaping the direction of our school, providing valuable input into decision-making, policies, strategic planning and supporting the ongoing success of Wangaratta Primary School.

Being a School Council member is a rewarding way to become more involved in our school community, and the commitment is minimal—meetings are held just once or twice each term and generally run for around one hour. If you are passionate about our school and would like to have a voice in its future, we would love to hear from you. Please don't hesitate to contact me or drop into the office if you would like to know more about what the role involves.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION

I would like to sincerely thank our families for their understanding, flexibility and support during yesterday's industrial action. As many of you are aware, members of the Australian Education Union participated in statewide strike action as part of ongoing negotiations with the Victorian Government regarding salaries and working conditions.

In addition to the strike, a number of work bans remain in place, including staff not undertaking work outside of their ordinary hours. While these measures may result in some adjustments to school operations over the coming weeks, we will continue to keep families informed should any changes impact our programs or events. We appreciate the disruption this may have caused and thank you for your patience, kindness and ongoing support. The understanding shown by our school community is greatly appreciated and reflects the strong partnership we share in supporting the education and wellbeing of our students.

NAPLAN RESULTS

NAPLAN results were sent home to all Year 3 and Year 5 families last Friday. We are incredibly proud of the efforts and achievements of all of our students. NAPLAN is just one measure of student learning, and we commend our students for the positive way they approached the assessments.

The individual student reports contain a wealth of useful information to help families better understand their child's strengths and areas for future growth. We encourage you to take the time to read through the report carefully. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's results further, please don't hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher, who will be more than happy to talk through the report with you.

I hope you all have a fabulous weekend!

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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 are 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.

BEANIES

School beanies are available from the school office for \$20. Only school beanies are permitted to be worn.

