

# NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 - WEEK 4

BE SAFE  
BE RESPECTFUL  
BE A LEARNER



## IMPORTANT DATES

23<sup>rd</sup> of February

**P&F AGM**

7pm - Gateway

6<sup>th</sup> of March

**Curriculum Day**

No School for students

9<sup>th</sup> of March

**Long Weekend**

No School

11<sup>th</sup> of March

**Yr 3 & 5 Naplan Begins**

17<sup>th</sup> of March

**School Council AGM**

6pm start

20<sup>th</sup> of March

**Harmony Day**

2<sup>nd</sup> of April

**Last Day of Term 1**

Easter Hat Parade

2:15pm finish.



Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who attended the 'Meet and Greet' on Tuesday night. It was fantastic to see so many people in attendance and we thank you for your support. It was a great opportunity for teachers and parents to further develop the relationship between home and school and ensure we are all working together to enable your children to achieve success and optimise their learning outcomes. Any parents who were unable to attend this night and feel they would like to check in, are encouraged to make an alternate appointment with your child's teacher.

### GET INVOLVED IN OUR SCHOOL

Being on the School Council at Wangaratta Primary School is a fantastic way to contribute to the direction and governance of our school. The council plays a key role in shaping policies, overseeing budgets, and supporting school improvement initiatives. Members work collaboratively with the Principal and staff to ensure the best outcomes for our students, making decisions that enhance learning, facilities, and overall school operations.

Just a reminder that we are calling for nominations to fill four parent positions on our school council. I encourage anyone interested to nominate for a position by collecting a nomination form from the office. Nominations close on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm.

The Parents' Club is a vibrant and welcoming group of parents and carers who support the school through fundraising, events, and community-building activities. P&F are holding their AGM on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February at the Gateway Hotel, starting at 7pm on the couches.

### EASTER

We are currently running our Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser, and it's already creating a buzz around the school! This is a wonderful way to support our school while enjoying a delicious treat in the lead up to Easter. Order forms, along with the correct money, are due back to the office by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Please make sure all details are clearly completed to avoid any confusion. We sincerely thank our families in advance for your ongoing support – it truly makes a difference to the opportunities we can provide for our students.

We are also launching our very popular Annual Easter Raffle! We are asking each family, if possible, to donate Easter eggs or treats to help us create some fantastic prize packs. A collection bucket will be located at the front office for donations. This is always a highlight on our school calendar, with up to 15 prizes often up for grabs – and the excitement when winners are announced is priceless! The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term during our Easter Hat Parade.

That brings me to a little heads up... our much-loved Creative Easter Hat Parade will once again take place on the final day of term. So, it's time to get those crafty skills happening! Start planning, designing and creating your masterpiece – we can't wait to see the wonderful (and sometimes wacky!) creations our students come up with.



# REMINDERS

## NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be participating in NAPLAN testing, beginning on Wednesday, 11th March. NAPLAN assesses essential literacy and numeracy skills, providing valuable insights into student progress. While we encourage students to do their best, we also remind them that these tests are just one part of their learning journey. A good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast, and a positive mindset will help them feel ready. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher. An information flyer was sent home with your child yesterday.

## PARENT SIGN-IN

A friendly reminder that if you need to drop something off to your child's classroom, you must first come to the office. If you will be on school grounds for longer than 10 minutes, you are required to sign in at the office.

If you are volunteering in classrooms, you must also sign in and provide the school with a copy of your Working with Children Check. This helps us maintain a safe and secure environment for all students. Likewise, if you are going to be on our school grounds for more than 10 minutes, please sign in.

Lastly, if you are here to pick up your child after school, we kindly ask that you wait outside our buildings to avoid disrupting learning at the end of the day.

Thank you for your cooperation!

## BEFORE SCHOOL DROP OFF REMINDER

We have noticed that a number of students are being dropped off at school before 8:30 am. While we understand that work commitments can make drop-off times tricky, we want to remind families that before-school care is available for this purpose. For your child's safety, please be aware that there is no active adult supervision before 8:45 am. We encourage families to utilise before-school care to ensure all students are safe and supervised. Thank you for your cooperation.

## START OF THE YEAR PERSONAL INFORMATION UPDATE

Our families were sent home with a pack during the first week with some permission forms and enrolment information. Please ensure all forms are updated, signed and returned ASAP. Students will only be allocated an iPad once they have brought back their signed Digital Technologies Code of Conduct. Please take the time to read this document carefully with your child before signing.

## 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.

## SAFE DROP OFF / PICK UPS

We have been contacted by concerned drivers that some parents/carers are dropping students and/or picking up students by stopping on the road or not pulling up in spots that are not in parking zones. Please help us to keep our students safe and avoid accidents by being patient and finding a park so that we can avoid a tragedy from occurring.

## MOBILE PHONES & SMART WATCHES

I would like to remind everyone that students who choose to bring mobile phones and wearable devices to school must have them switched off and securely stored at the office during school hours.

## CURRICULUM DAY – NO SCHOOL

Don't forget that Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March is a Curriculum Day – there is no school for students. Staff will be offsite attending a professional learning day with all teachers and leaders from the Benalla, Mansfield and Wangaratta area. TheirCare will be operating on this day.

I hope you all have a fabulous weekend.

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## 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.