

NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 - WEEK 4



BE SAFE
BE RESPECTFUL
BE A LEARNER



IMPORTANT DATES

22nd of May

Walk to School Safely
Cross Country
Hot Food Lunch

5th of June

Curriculum Day – No Students

8th of June

Long Weekend

9th of June



19th of June

Reports Go Home

16th of June

Parent Teacher Interviews
2pm – 4:30pm

23rd of June

Parent Teacher Interviews
2pm – 4:30pm

26th of June

Last Day of Term 2
2:15pm finish

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have had another busy and exciting week at Wangaratta Primary School, with lots of wonderful learning opportunities and events taking place across the school. It has been fantastic to see our students so engaged in their learning and making the most of all that has been happening both inside and outside the classroom. Next week, we look forward to recognising and celebrating Education Week — a great opportunity to acknowledge the amazing work that takes place in our school each and every day.

MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST

Last Friday, we loved welcoming our mums and special women into the school for our Mother's Day Breakfast celebration. The music room looked beautiful with lovely flowers and decorations, creating a warm and inviting space for everyone to enjoy. It was wonderful to see our students proudly serving breakfast to their mums and showing their appreciation.

A big thank you to TheirCare for their very generous financial contribution towards the breakfast. Thank you also to our amazing staff for organising, preparing and serving the delicious food, as well as helping with the clean up afterwards. A special thank you also to Jess Brown for all of her assistance in making the morning such a success.

CROSS COUNTRY

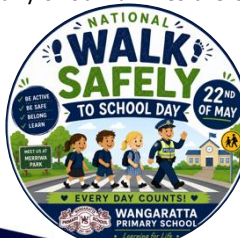
Get ready to lace up your running shoes because our annual Cross Country event is just around the corner! Next Friday, all students will join us as we head to Apex Park for a morning of fun and fitness. Departing school at 9:15am, it's a chance for everyone to participate and enjoy the thrill of the 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 a current Working With Children's Check to ensure the safety of our students.

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 leads into the Long Weekend., TheirCare will be in operation, so please take advantage of this service if needed.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL

On Friday 22nd May, we will be taking part in National Walk Safely to School Day. Families are invited to meet staff at Merriwa Park from 8:15am, where we will walk together to school. This important day promotes the benefits of being active, building healthy habits and teaching children how to be safe pedestrians in our community. We are also very grateful for the support of our local police, who will once again join us for the walk and help reinforce important road safety messages with our students and families. The police are always incredibly impressed by the large number of students and parents who take part each year, with the event always being extremely well supported by our school community. We hope to see many of our families there again this year.



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.

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

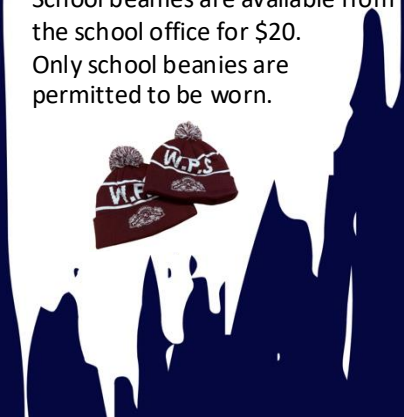
Just a friendly reminder that staff supervision of students in the yard before school begins at 8:45am. Prior to this, all staff are in a staff briefing each morning and thus cannot monitor the yard. Out of School Hours care available each morning from 6:30am. Alternatively, should you wish to drop your 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.

BEANIES

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



2027 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS

Foundation (Prep) enrolments for students starting school in 2027 are now open. In line with the Victorian Department of Education statewide timeline, enrolment applications are due by Friday 31st July 2026. We have already had a number of families hand in their enrolment paperwork — thank you, as this greatly assists us with planning and organisation for next year. It has also been fantastic to see so many prospective families already touring our school and lodging enrolment forms.

If you have a younger sibling starting school in 2027, we encourage families to pop into the office and collect an enrolment pack as soon as possible. We also ask our current families to help promote Wangaratta Primary School amongst your family and friendship circles. Word of mouth is such a valuable way to showcase the wonderful opportunities, caring environment and strong sense of community that we are so proud of at our school.

ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY

Next week 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.

PIE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Our Pie Drive Fundraiser is back! Order forms are going home today and we encourage families to support this great fundraiser. With a delicious range of pies and other tasty items available, it's a perfect way to stock up the freezer while also supporting our school. We thank everyone in advance for their support and look forward to another successful fundraiser.

EDUCATION SUPPORT CELEBRATIONS

Today we celebrated Education Support day. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the great work that our Education Support team do each and every day here at Wangaratta Primary School. To Katrina, Tanya, Kay, Michelle, Abbey Seb, please know that we appreciate you and all the amazing work that you do doesn't go unnoticed! We are extremely lucky to have such amazing staff! I would also like to acknowledge the work of Kaelah who volunteers her time to provide additional support in classrooms – Thank you!

WELLBEING & ATTENDANCE

On Wednesday, Wangaratta Primary School was proud to host a Wellbeing Community of Practice professional learning session for principals and leaders from across our network. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase the many positive supports, programs and practices we have in place to support student wellbeing and engagement at our school. A key focus of the day was also around student attendance and the importance of improving attendance rates across our network. As highlighted in last week's newsletter, every day counts. Regular school attendance helps students build positive routines, maintain friendships, feel connected to school and keep up with their learning. Even small amounts of absence can quickly add up to significant missed learning time over the course of a year. Thank you to our families for continuing to support the importance of regular school attendance and working with us to ensure students are at school and ready to learn each day.

**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...	1.5 YEARS nearly	2.5 YEARS nearly	5 YEARS nearly	8 YEARS nearly

I hope you all have a
weekend.

Jacinta

enjoy
your
weekend