

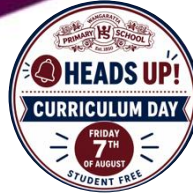
WANGARATTA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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TERM 3 - WEEK 4



IMPORTANT DATES

7th August

Curriculum Day –
No Students at school

20th August

Science Fair

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

19th 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 to our Week 4 newsletter. As the term gathers momentum, our school is well and truly in full swing, with classrooms buzzing with learning and a calendar filled with exciting extracurricular opportunities for our students. There is certainly plenty happening over the coming weeks, so I encourage all families to keep a close eye on Seesaw for important information, reminders and updates about upcoming events and activities. **A quick reminder that TOMORROW, Friday the 7th of August, is a Curriculum Day. There will be no school for students as staff will be undertaking a day of professional development.**

UPCOMING STRIKE INFORMATION

Many of you may have seen recent media reports regarding the possibility of further Australian Education Union (AEU) industrial action on **Wednesday 19 August**. At this stage, we have not received any further information about what this may mean for our school, and we remain hopeful that an agreement will be reached before this date. However, I wanted to provide families with as much notice as possible that there is the potential for strike action to proceed. As soon as I receive further information, including any impact on our school operations, I will communicate this with families promptly so that everyone has as much time as possible to plan. Thank you, as always, for your understanding and ongoing support as we navigate this evolving situation together.

100 DAYS OF FOUNDATION

Last week, our Foundation students celebrated their 100 days of school with great enthusiasm. Everyone went to great lengths with their dress-ups, and students enjoyed a fabulous day with their buddies, completing activities around the number 100. There are some wonderful "aging" portraits of our Foundation students displayed in the main building hallway, which are well worth checking out.

GRANDPARENTS MORNING

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported our Grandparents' Day celebrations. It was wonderful to see so many grandparents and special visitors join us for our assembly, making the occasion so special for our students. Our students were incredibly proud to share their learning, talents and school with you, and the smiles on their faces said it all. Following the assembly, it was fantastic to see grandparents and students enjoying a range of fun maths games together in the classrooms before visiting our Book Fair. We are so grateful to everyone who took the time to be part of this special day. The warmth, laughter and connection shared throughout the morning truly highlighted the strength of our school community, and we know the memories made will be treasured by our students and their families for years to come.

SCIENCE FAIR

To celebrate **National Science Week**, we warmly invite our families to our **Science Fair** on **Thursday 20 August at 2:30 pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit your child's classroom and explore the exciting learning that has been taking place in Science throughout the semester. Classrooms will showcase a range of investigations, experiments and hands-on learning experiences that our students have been working on, giving them the chance to proudly share their knowledge and discoveries. We look forward to welcoming our families as we celebrate our students' curiosity, creativity and achievements in Science.



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.

2027 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS

We were delighted to send out our first round of **2027 Foundation offers of acceptance** on Monday and are so excited to welcome many new students and families to the Wangaratta Primary School community next year. The offer packs also included information about our upcoming Foundation transition sessions, which will provide a wonderful opportunity for our newest students to begin building confidence and familiarity with our school. Receiving these enrolments allows us to begin finalising plans for our 2027 Foundation class and ensure we are well prepared for another fantastic year. If you have a child starting Foundation next year and are yet to submit an enrolment form, please collect one from the office as soon as possible. Likewise, if you have family members, friends or neighbours considering Wangaratta Primary School for 2027, we would love to hear from them. Please encourage them to contact the office or drop in to collect an enrolment pack so we can include them in our planning.

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP AND PARADE

CBCA Children's Book Week is always one of the highlights of our school calendar, providing a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Australian children's literature and the important role our library plays in fostering a love of reading. This year's theme, "**Symphony of Stories**," celebrates the way every story has its own unique voice and reminds us that, together, books create a rich tapestry of imagination, adventure and wonder. We are excited to hold our annual Book Week Parade on **Friday, 28 August**, and can't wait to see our students dressed as their favourite book characters. Our staff have also been busy planning their costumes, so it's sure to be a fun-filled morning! Families and friends are warmly invited to join us for the parade as we celebrate the joy of reading together.

NATIONAL DAY AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE

On **Friday 21 August**, Wangaratta Primary School will proudly recognise the **National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence**. Students and staff are encouraged to wear **purple** to show their support and commitment to creating a safe, inclusive and respectful school community. Throughout the day, students will participate in a range of age-appropriate learning activities designed to promote kindness, respect and inclusion, while building their understanding of the important role everyone plays in preventing bullying. We look forward to standing together as a school community to reinforce the message that even small acts of kindness can make a big impact.

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.

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.

PARENTS CLUB NEWS

Thankyou so very much to all who have contributed recipes for our very own WPS Kid's Cookbook! We are excited to share them all with you all in published form in term 4. If anyone has any connections regarding affordable quality printing let us know!

We are also putting a call out for anyone who is interested in running some fundraising drives for the school. If you are interested in joining the WPS Parents and Friends group, please contact Jess on 0423082317.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance continues to be an area of focus for our school community. While it is pleasing to see that **31% of our students have an attendance rate of 95–100%**, our data also shows that **34% of students have attended school less than 90% of the time**, including **11% of students whose attendance is currently below 70%**. This means that around one in three students are missing a significant amount of learning time, which can impact both academic progress and social connections. Every school day provides valuable opportunities for learning, building friendships and developing routines. We encourage all families to make school attendance a priority wherever possible and to continue working with us to ensure every student has the best opportunity to thrive.

I hope you all have a fabulous weekend.

Jacinta



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.