

# NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 - WEEK 6

BE SAFE  
BE RESPECTFUL  
BE A LEARNER

Dear Parents & Carers,

We began the week with some much-needed rain, and while it was a little damp to start, it has been lovely to enjoy some cooler weather across the school. The change in temperature certainly brought a fresh feel to the week, and our students have continued to work hard and stay focused in their learning.

It is hard to believe there are now only four weeks remaining in Term 1. The term has absolutely flown by! Our students have settled beautifully into their classrooms and routines, and it has been wonderful to see the strong start they have made both academically and socially.

A reminder to families that **tomorrow, Friday the 6th, is a Curriculum Day**, and therefore **no students are required to attend school**. This provides our community with an extended long weekend, with Monday also being a public holiday. We hope everyone enjoys the extra time with family and friends, and we look forward to welcoming students back refreshed and ready for another fantastic week of learning on Tuesday.

### EASTER EGG RAFFLE DONATIONS

We are once again running our annual Easter Raffle, which will be drawn on Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April during our Easter Hat Parade. Families are asked to please donate eggs or an Easter-related gift to our raffle. These donations can be left in the bucket at the office..

As Easter approaches, it's time to get creative and start thinking about making Easter hats or bonnets for our upcoming parade. This festive event is always a highlight on our school calendar, and we invite parents to join us in celebrating the creativity and spirit of the season. The parade will commence around 9:10am, so mark your calendars and get ready to join in the fun!

### HARMONY DAY

On Friday March 20th, our students will come together to recognise and embrace diversity for Harmony Day. This special day symbolises inclusivity, respect, and belonging for all cultures, backgrounds, and traditions. Students will engage in various activities within their classrooms to foster understanding and appreciation for the rich tapestry of cultures in our school community. Don't forget to wear orange on the day to show your support.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### 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

### 22<sup>nd</sup> of March

Wangaratta Fun Run

### 17<sup>th</sup> of March

School Council AGM

6pm start

### 20<sup>th</sup> of March

Harmony Day –

Wear orange

Hot Food Lunch

### 2<sup>nd</sup> of April

Last Day of Term 1

Easter Hat Parade

2:15pm finish.

### 20<sup>th</sup> of April

First Day of Term 2

### 8<sup>th</sup> of May

Mother's Day Stall

& Breakfast



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

### 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.

### ILLNESS

We currently have a few bugs making their way around the school.. Please keep an eye out for any symptoms in your child, and if they're unwell, we encourage you to keep them home to rest and recover. This helps keep our school community as healthy as possible. Thank you for your support.

### 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.

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 8:30 am. We encourage families to utilise before-school care to ensure all students are safe and supervised. Thank you for your cooperation.

### FOUNDATION STUDENTS – NOW ATTENDING FULL TIME

It has been truly wonderful to watch our Foundation students settle into their primary school journey with enthusiasm and resilience. From their very first day, they have embraced new routines, friendships, and learning experiences with excitement. As of next week, they will be attending school full-time, a significant milestone in their journey. We are so proud of their growth and can't wait to see them continue to thrive in the months ahead.

### WANGARATTA MARATHON

We have had several students show interest in wanting to sign up for the Wangaratta Fun Run this year (Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup>, which is coming up in a few weeks time. Information went out earlier in the week via Seesaw. Last year we had a record number of students participate and we managed to win the overall Primary School's section, bringing in \$1000 to the school. It would be great to see lots of students participate again this year. The 2km Primary School Challenge is for under 12 aged children. Everyone receives a finishers medal with the top 3 in each age group (U8, U10, U12) awarded a trophy.

I hope you all enjoy a fabulous long weekend. *Jacinta*

### 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.