

NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 - WEEK 6

BE SAFE
BE RESPECTFUL
BE A LEARNER

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we come to the end of Week 6, it is hard to believe that we are already well over halfway through the term. Time is certainly flying by! We have had so many wonderful things happening around the school, with students enjoying a range of learning opportunities, events and activities. It has been fantastic to see the excitement and enthusiasm from our students, and there is still plenty to look forward to over the coming weeks as we finish off another busy and enjoyable term.

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.

CROSS COUNTRY

It was fantastic to see our whole school come together and participate in our Cross Country event last week. The encouragement and support shown by students cheering each other on was wonderful and truly reflected the strong sense of community we have at Wangaratta Primary School. A huge thank you to Mr Stubberfield for his organisation of the day and to our staff for their support, enthusiasm and willingness to run alongside students, helping to build excitement and encouragement throughout the event. We would also like to extend a sincere thank you to our parent volunteers who generously gave up their time to support the day. We now have a number of students progressing to represent our school at the Ovens and Murray Cross Country event. A huge effort by all involved, and we wish our students the very best of luck!

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL

Last Friday, we celebrated Walk Safely to School Day and it was wonderful to see so many students and families joining us for the walk. Thank you to all of the students and parents who took the time to participate and support this important initiative. Walk Safely to School Day not only promotes the importance of road safety, but also encourages healthy habits, physical activity and spending quality time together as a family. We appreciate everyone who helped make the morning such a positive and enjoyable event.

FIRST AID

On Wednesday, our whole school had the opportunity to participate in a school-based First Aid program, where students learned valuable skills around basic first aid and what to do in an emergency situation. This was such a worthwhile experience, helping to build students' knowledge, confidence and understanding of how they can respond and seek help when needed. We are incredibly fortunate to have access to programs such as this, which provide our students with important life skills that extend well beyond the classroom.

FOUNDATION 2027 ENROLMENTS

I cannot believe that it is that time already! If you have a child starting Prep in 2027, please let the office know so that we can send home the enrolment forms. This will help us with our 2027 class planning.

IMPORTANT DATES

5th of June

Curriculum Day – No Students

8th of June

Long Weekend

9th of June



12th of June

Reports Go Home

16th of June

Parent Teacher Interviews
2:30pm – 6:00pm

26th of June

Last Day of Term 2
2:15pm finish



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

GYMNASTICS

Our Year 3–6 students have had an exciting week travelling out to Moyhu for Gymnastics as part of their Physical Education program. We were fortunate enough to receive an Active Schools Grant, which has allowed our students to access this fantastic opportunity free of charge. It has been wonderful to see students stepping outside of their comfort zones, building confidence and developing new skills, while also having plenty of fun along the way. A huge thank you to Mr Stubberfield for his organisation of the program and for successfully applying for the grant that made this opportunity possible. Students still have a further two sessions to look forward to next week, which we are sure they will thoroughly enjoy.

STATE PRINCIPAL CONFERENCE

This week, Jaxon and myself had the privilege of attending the 2026 Victorian Government Schools Principal Conference at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre alongside over 3,000 school leaders from across the state. The conference provided valuable insights into the latest evidence-based practices and departmental initiatives supporting both student learning and wellbeing.

PIE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Our Pie Drive Fundraiser is back! Order forms went out with the last newsletter 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.

SEMESTER 1 REPORTS & PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Please note that student achievement reports for Semester 1 will be distributed to families on Friday 12th June. These reports will continue to provide important information about your child's learning progress and achievement. Due to the industrial action that occurred earlier this term, descriptive comments will not be included in this semester's reports.

To further support communication around student learning and progress, Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 16th June. These interviews provide a valuable opportunity for families and teachers to discuss student progress, celebrate achievements and talk through future learning goals and next steps. Interview bookings will open via Compass on Tuesday 9th June, with further information around booking procedures to be communicated to families shortly. As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance continues to be an important focus at Wangaratta Primary School, as every day at school matters. Regular attendance supports not only student learning and academic progress, but also social connections, friendships and overall wellbeing. Our current data shows that 15% of our students have already exceeded 20 days absent this year, and we are only halfway through Term 2. This equates to more than one day of school missed each week. In addition, a further 19% of students have already had between 10–20 days absent. As a school community, this is something we all need to work together to improve, as missed days quickly add up and can have a significant impact on student learning and engagement. If your child is absent from school, we ask that families provide an explanation by logging the absence directly through Compass or by contacting the school office. Our staff will continue to follow up all unexplained absences to ensure every child is supported to attend and engage in their learning.

I hope you all have a fabulous weekend.

Jacinta



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

— Every student. Every day. —

1 OR 2 DAYS A WEEK <i>can really add up...</i>				
IF YOUR CHILD MISSES...	1 DAY <small>per fortnight</small>	1 DAY <small>per week</small>	2 DAYS <small>per week</small>	3 DAYS <small>per week</small>
20 THAT EQUALS...	20 DAYS <small>per year</small>	40 DAYS <small>per year</small>	80 DAYS <small>per year</small>	120 DAYS <small>per year</small>
WHICH IS...	4 WEEKS <small>per year</small>	8 WEEKS <small>per year</small>	16 WEEKS <small>per year</small>	24 WEEKS <small>per year</small>
AND OVER 13 YEARS OF SCHOOLING, THAT'S...	NEARLY 1.5 YEARS	NEARLY 2.5 YEARS	NEARLY 5 YEARS	NEARLY 8 YEARS



Every day at Wangaratta Primary School makes a difference.



TOGETHER, LET'S BUILD BRIGHT FUTURES.
Thank you for your support.

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.

