

WANGARATTA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



BE SAFE
BE RESPECTFUL
BE A LEARNER

TERM 3 - WEEK 6

Small
Acts
Big
impact

IMPORTANT DATES

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

9th September

Athletics Carnival

10th 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,

As we embark on the second half of the term, we're excited to reflect on the many amazing things that have been happening around our school, with plenty more in store! From special events to daily learning achievements, our school community continues to shine. As always, please keep an eye on Seesaw for updates and important information to stay connected with all that's going on.

EXCITING WORKS UNDERWAY

We finally have some very exciting news to share – works on our new undercover area and multipurpose court are beginning! This has been a much-anticipated project for our school community, and we are incredibly excited to see it finally coming to life. During construction, the soccer pitch, senior playground and netball court will be fenced off and unavailable for use, and we will work with our students to manage these temporary changes to our play spaces. While there may be a little disruption along the way, we know the end result will be well worth it! We look forward to watching the project take shape over the coming weeks and sharing the progress with our school community.

NATIONAL DAY AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE

Today, Wangaratta Primary School proudly recognises the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. It was wonderful to see so many of our students and staff wearing purple today to show their support and commitment to creating a safe, inclusive and respectful school community. Throughout the day, students participated in a range of age-appropriate learning activities focused on kindness, respect and inclusion, while building their understanding of bullying and the important role we all play in preventing it. Today is an important reminder that creating a positive school culture is something we all contribute to every day. By looking out for one another, speaking up and choosing kindness, we can make a real difference. We are proud to stand together as a school community and reinforce the message that small acts can make a big impact.

SCIENCE FAIR

Yesterday, as part of our National Science Week celebrations, we were delighted to welcome so many families into our classrooms for our Science Fair. It was fantastic to see such a wonderful turnout, with parents, carers and family members taking the time to join our students and share in their learning. Our students were incredibly proud to showcase the Science learning they have been doing throughout the term, sharing their investigations, experiments and discoveries with their visitors. There was a real sense of excitement across the school as students explained their learning and demonstrated their growing knowledge and curiosity. A huge thank you to everyone who came along and helped make the afternoon such a wonderful celebration of Science and student learning!

YEAR 3-6 CAMP

Our Year 3–6 School Camp is quickly approaching! From 31 August to 2 September, students will head to PGL Campaspe Downs for three action-packed days of adventure, teamwork and fun. Camp is a wonderful opportunity to build independence, strengthen friendships and create lasting memories. Please keep an eye on Seesaw for final information and reminders as we get closer.



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.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey and is seeking your feedback. The survey, offered by the Department of Education, is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. Your opinions are important to us and will contribute to identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies. A letter was sent out to departmentally selected families (not all) on Monday. Your letter will contain instructions on how to complete the survey, including your unique login code. The survey will open this coming Monday, and close on Friday the 18th of August. Thank you all in advance for your support with this.

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, the 28th August – next week. We 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.

FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST & STALL

We are very excited to invite all of our dads and special people to join us for our annual Father's Day Breakfast on Friday 4 September, kicking off at 8:15 am. Come along and enjoy a delicious egg and bacon roll fresh from the BBQ, followed by some fun games and activities out in the yard with the kids. As always, Breakfast Club will also be running, so our students can grab some breakfast and join in the morning's celebrations. This is always such a special morning at Wangaratta Primary School. Our students absolutely love having their dads and special people at school and being able to share a little part of their school day with them. We can't wait to see lots of our families there!

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our Athletics Carnival is just around the corner and will be held on Wednesday the 9th September at the Appin Street Athletics Complex. Students should be dropped off at the complex ready for a 9:00 am start and collected at 2:45 pm. We encourage everyone to get into the spirit of the day by wearing their house team colours and cheering on their teammates! A BBQ hot lunch will also be available, with order forms sent home on Tuesday. We will be looking for parent helpers on the day to assist with events and help everything run smoothly, so if you are able to lend a hand in any way, please let Mr Stubberfield know - he would be very appreciative of your support. We are looking forward to another fantastic day of participation, encouragement and school spirit!

R U OKAY DAY

On **Thursday 10 September**, the day after our Athletics Carnival, we will recognise **R U OK? Day**. This important day reminds us that a simple conversation can make a real difference and encourages us to regularly check in with the people around us by asking, "Are you OK?" All students and staff are encouraged to **wear yellow** on the day as we come together to promote kindness, connection and looking out for one another. Throughout the day, students will participate in age-appropriate activities and conversations to learn more about R U OK? Day, the importance of checking in with others, and what they can do if they notice a friend or classmate might need some extra support. It is another valuable opportunity to reinforce the importance of being a caring and connected school community.

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.