WANGARATTA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 - WEEK 6

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I trust this newsletter finds you well. As we draw closer to the end of the school year, there's an undeniable buzz of excitement and accomplishment around the school. Students have been completing end of year assessments this week, and it has been heartening to witness the progress and growth each student has made throughout this academic year. All of our students should be extremely proud!

Believe it or not, there are only five weeks remaining until the much-anticipated summer break. We have lots of wonderful activities planned over the next month, so please make sure you keep an eye on Seesaw to you are up to date with the happenings around the school.

2027 STATIONERY PACKS & PARENT PAYMENT POLICY

Booklists for 2027 have now been sent home with all students. In line with our Parent Contributions Arrangements, Wangaratta Primary School will once again be using COS as our third-party online supplier for student stationery packs. Please note that the school does not provide stationery items, and it is essential that every student has *all* items listed on their booklist to ensure they are ready for learning each day. This includes key learning resources such as Soundwaves, Seesaw and iPad. There has been a slight change this year, with your packs being delivered to your home address for you to bring along to school on the first day of the school year. All orders must be completed online through COS before January 3rd, 2027. If you order before the 1st of December, you will receive free delivery. If you choose to purchase your stationery elsewhere, you will still need to log in to COS to order the levy items on your child's booklist. Thank you for your support in ensuring students are prepared for a great start to the school year.

2027 FOUNDATION TRANSITION

A big shout-out to our 2027 Foundation students who attended their first Transition Day on Wednesday. Mrs Puls was delighted with how confidently our new learners settled in and participated — she is already excited for the year ahead. It was wonderful to see our future Preps exploring their new environment with enthusiasm. We look forward to welcoming them back for their second transition session this coming Thursday from 9.15am to 10.45am.

2027 PLANNING

As we begin finalising our planning for 2027, we would like to remind families that the opportunity to provide parent suggestions for class placements closed last Friday. We are now well underway with the important process of creating our classes for next year.

Considerable time, thought and care go into developing our class structures, with staff working together to ensure we create balanced learning environments that best support the academic, social and emotional needs of all students.

We also ask families to please notify the school office if their child will not be returning to Wangaratta Primary School in 2027, as accurate enrolment numbers are essential in finalising our staffing and class arrangements.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Wednesday, our School Captains, William and Grace, joined me in attending the local Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph on what was a beautiful, warm and sunny day. Both captains represented Wangaratta Primary School with great pride and respect as they laid a wreath on behalf of our school community.

Back at school, our remaining student leaders did a wonderful job of organising and leading our own Remembrance Day service. They spoke confidently and respectfully, guiding students and staff through a meaningful ceremony as we paused to reflect on the courage, service and sacrifice of those who have served our country. We are incredibly proud of all our student leaders for the maturity, respect and leadership they demonstrated throughout the day.



IMPORTANT DATES

11th November
1st Transition session – Foundation 2027 Students

19th November
2nd Transition session – Foundation 2027 Students

24th November
Yr 5/6 Bike Hike
School Council – 6pm

26th November
Yr 5/6 Market Day Stalls

27th November
Curriculum Day – no students

8th December
Statewide Transition Day

11th December
Final Assembly

14th December
Christmas Activity Day

15th December
Year 6 Graduation

16th December
End Of Year Break Up Activities

18th December
Last Day Of Term 4
1:30pm 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.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Just a reminder that Friday the 27th of November is a student free day. TheirCare will be operating here at school on the day.

5/6 MARKET DAY STALL

The excitement is building as our Year 5/6 students prepare for their much-anticipated Market Day on Thursday 26th November! Over the past few weeks, students have been busy putting their entrepreneurial skills to the test, developing business plans, exploring economic concepts, creating advertising campaigns and planning their stalls.

It has been wonderful to see their creativity, enthusiasm and confidence shine through, particularly during assembly, where students have been promoting their businesses with some very clever and entertaining sales pitches!

Market Day is always a fantastic opportunity for students to put their learning into practice, develop their financial literacy and experience what it takes to run a small business. We look forward to seeing their hard work come together and encourage our school community to get and how families an support this exciting event. behind our budding young entrepreneurs!

Please keep an eye on Seesaw for further information about the day

BIKE HIKE

We are currently finalising the arrangements for our much-anticipated Bike Hike! Unfortunately, with our ongoing building and ground works continuing to significantly limit the space available around the school, we have made the difficult decision to cancel our Bike Education program for this year.

With the limited space available for students to safely practise their riding skills, along with the challenges of storing everyone's bikes onsite, we have decided to use last year's riding groups to help us plan this year's event. This will allow us to ensure that our Grade 5/6 students still have the opportunity to participate in this much-loved school tradition, particularly our Grade 6 students as they approach the end of their final year at Wangaratta Primary School.

We are also looking forward to stopping in at Oxley Primary School for lunch along the way, where we will have the opportunity to catch up with Mr Leith!

While it is disappointing that we haven't been able to run our usual Bike Education program, we are pleased that we can still provide this special experience for our senior students and continue a wonderful WPS tradition.

YEAR 5 LEADERSHIP SPEECHES

Next week, our Year 5 students will have the exciting opportunity to present their leadership speeches to the whole school as they put themselves forward for student leadership positions in 2027.

There has been plenty of preparation happening behind the scenes, with students busy writing, refining and rehearsing their speeches. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and effort they are putting into this process as they reflect on what it means to be a leader and how they can positively contribute to our school community.

Standing up and speaking in front of the whole school is no small task, and we are incredibly proud of all students who are willing to step outside their comfort zones and give it a go. Regardless of the outcome, the confidence, courage and commitment they demonstrate throughout this process are qualities worth celebrating.

Following the speeches, students will have the opportunity to cast their votes, and we look forward to announcing our 2027 student leaders before the end of the year. We wish all our aspiring leaders the very best of luck!

LOAVES AND FISHES HAMPERS

Once again, Wangaratta Primary School is proud to support the Loaves and Fishes Christmas Hamper Appeal, a wonderful annual tradition that has become an important part of our end-of-year celebrations.

Loaves and Fishes has been an incredibly generous supporter of our school for many years, donating fresh bread each week to help us run our Breakfast Club. Their ongoing kindness makes a real difference to our students and families, and Christmas provides us with a lovely opportunity to give something back to an organisation that gives so much to our community.

We are inviting all families to contribute non-perishable food items to help us fill our Christmas hampers. Donations might include canned foods, pasta, rice, breakfast cereals, biscuits, long-life milk or a few special Christmas treats. Every contribution, big or small, will help make Christmas a little brighter for families in need.

Donations can be placed under the Christmas tree in our Senior Building, where we hope to see a wonderful collection of goodies grow over the coming weeks!

This is a fantastic opportunity to teach our students the importance of kindness, generosity and giving back to those who support us. We thank our families in advance for helping us continue this special WPS tradition and for showing what a caring and generous school community we have.

FINISHING THE YEAR STRONY – EVERYDAY COUNTS

With just five weeks of the school year remaining, it can be tempting to start winding down, but there is still plenty of important learning happening in our classrooms! Our teachers and students are continuing to work hard, consolidating their learning, completing assessments and celebrating the progress they have made throughout the year. We ask families to continue supporting regular school attendance . Every day at school provides valuable opportunities for learning, friendships and participation in the many exciting activities we have planned. Let's work together to finish 2026 on a high note. Every day counts!

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 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.

SUN HATS

Students are now **required** to wear their hats outside during break times