

# NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 - WEEK 8

**BE SAFE  
BE RESPECTFUL  
BE A LEARNER**

Dear Parents & Carers,

It's hard to believe that we are already in Week 8 of Term 1. The term is certainly flying by, and it has been wonderful to see the fantastic learning continuing across all classrooms. Students have been working extremely hard and should be very proud of the effort they are putting into their learning each day. As we move towards the final few weeks of term, please continue to keep an eye on Seesaw and the newsletter for important reminders and upcoming events.

### INDUSTRIAL ACTION

A letter was sent home to families on Monday regarding the upcoming Victorian teacher strike scheduled for Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March. I will communicate further with families once we have a clearer understanding of staffing for the day. We appreciate families beginning to consider alternative arrangements where possible. Supervision will be available for children of critical service workers who are unable to make other arrangements (school requires notification prior to the day).

### 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 in the BER.

### NAPLAN

All of our Year 3 and Year 5 students have now completed their NAPLAN assessments. While it wasn't always smooth sailing, with the platform unfortunately crashing on the first day and a number of technical glitches occurring throughout the week, we are incredibly proud of the resilience and persistence our students demonstrated. Despite these disruptions, students remained focused and continued to give each assessment their best effort. Additional time allowances were provided to ensure students were not disadvantaged by the interruptions. Individual student results will be provided to families sometime next term.

### HARMONY DAY

Today our school community came together to celebrate Harmony Day, recognising and embracing the many cultures, backgrounds and traditions that make our school such a wonderful place. It was fantastic to see a sea of orange across the school, with students proudly showing their support for inclusivity, respect and belonging.

Throughout the day, students participated in a range of classroom activities that helped build their understanding and appreciation of the rich diversity within our community. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to reflect on the importance of kindness, respect and celebrating what makes each of us unique.

## IMPORTANT DATES

22<sup>nd</sup> of March

**Wangaratta Fun Run**

24<sup>th</sup> of March

**Industrial Action – Strike Day.**

27<sup>th</sup> of March

**P&F Play & Picnic  
at Apex Park 5-7pm.**

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

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## CARPARK SAFETY

We would like to remind families about the importance of carpark safety. Recently, there have been concerns about students running across the road and into the carpark, creating dangerous situations. Please ensure children stay with you and do not run ahead in this area before and after school.

We also remind families that the oval is not a carpark and must not be used for driving or parking at any time. Thank you for helping keep our community safe.

## 2027 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS

This year we have opted not to run a formal Open Morning. Instead, we have been offering personalised school tours for prospective families. We have already welcomed more than 15 families through the school and have enjoyed the opportunity to showcase our wonderful learning environment.

If you know of any families who may be looking to join our school community with a Foundation student in 2027, we would greatly appreciate you encouraging them to contact the school to arrange a tour.

If you have a child starting school in 2027, please call into the office to collect an enrolment pack. We already have a number of students enrolled for 2027, and early enrolments help us greatly with planning for the year ahead.

We look forward to welcoming our future students and families to our school community.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM

We recently held our School Council Annual General Meeting, marking an important milestone in the leadership and governance of our school. I would like to extend a warm congratulations and sincere thank you to our newly elected School Council members for 2026. Your willingness to contribute your time, ideas and expertise to support our school community is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to working together to continue to strengthen Wangaratta Primary School.

A special congratulations to our newly appointed School Council President, Karly Smith. We look forward to working closely with Karly in this important role and are confident that her leadership will continue to support the ongoing success of our school.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Bree Broomfield for her outstanding contribution as School Council President since 2023. Bree has provided dedicated leadership, thoughtful guidance and unwavering support to both myself and the broader school community. Her commitment to ensuring the best outcomes for our students has been truly valued, and we are incredibly grateful for the positive impact she has had on our school.

Our school Council Office Bearers are:

President: Karly Smith

Vice President: Kaysie Farrugia

Treasurer: Bree Broomfield

Secretary: Zoe Henschke

Members: Dave Sexton, Jaxon Leith, Katrina Seager, Jess Brown, Stacey Bell,

Unfortunately, we have not filled all parent positions on School Council this year. School Council plays an important role in supporting decision-making that impacts our students and school community. We encourage any interested parents or carers to consider volunteering. It's a great opportunity to be involved in shaping our school. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact the school office.

I hope you all enjoy a fabulous 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.