

NEWSLETTER



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TERM 2 - WEEK 8



IMPORTANT DATES

16th of June

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

26th of June

Last Day of Term 2
2:15pm finish

13th of July

First Day of Term 3
Yr 3-6 Swimming Week begins

31st of July

Grandparents Morning

6th of August

School Disco



Dear Parents & Carers,

It's hard to believe that we only have two weeks of Term 2 left! As we approach the end of the term, we reflect on the incredible progress our students have made and begin to look forward to the exciting events and activities planned for the remainder of the second half of the school year.

The Winter weather is well and truly here. As jumpers are being pulled out of cupboards, we are seeing an increase in unnamed items strewn across classrooms and the yard. Can I please encourage everyone to check that jumpers have names on them so that they may be returned promptly.

TWISTED SCIENCE INCURSION

Last week, all students at Wangaratta Primary School were given the opportunity to participate in an exciting science incursion delivered by the team from TwistED Science in Echuca. Our F – 4 students explored the fascinating world of bugs and living things through hands-on activities, real specimens and interactive investigations, while our Year 5/6 students immersed themselves in Chemical Science, conducting experiments and learning about chemical reactions in a fun and engaging way. TwistED Science is renowned for its hands-on, curriculum-aligned workshops that encourage curiosity, problem-solving and scientific thinking. Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, with plenty of smiles, excitement and "wow" moments throughout the day. A special thank you to Mr Stubberfield for organising this fantastic opportunity for our students. It was particularly special that his aunty was one of the presenters, helping us secure this amazing experience for our school. We are incredibly grateful for the time and effort that went into coordinating the incursion and providing our students with such an engaging and memorable day of learning.

SEMESTER 1 REPORTS & PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Please note that student achievement reports for Semester 1 were distributed to families today, so please keep an eye out in school bags. 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 are not 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 are open on Compass and encourage all families to book a time with their classroom teacher. 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.



Wangaratta Primary School acknowledges the Bangerang people, the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



FOUNDATION 2027 ENROLMENTS

We have had a very busy couple of weeks with school tours and a large number of Foundation 2027 enrolments already being submitted. With the Department of Education enrolment deadline fast approaching, we encourage families to ensure their enrolment paperwork has been completed as soon as possible.

If you have a child starting school next year and have not yet returned your enrolment forms, please contact or visit the school office as soon as possible. We have already commenced planning for our transition program, including visits to local kindergartens and the organisation of transition sessions later in the year. Having enrolments finalised early greatly assists us with staffing, class planning and ensuring a smooth start to school for our newest learners.

If you know of any families considering Wangaratta Primary School for 2027, please encourage them to contact the office to arrange a personalised school tour.

FAREWELL

As many of you may already be aware, our much-loved Business Manager, Katrina, will be retiring at the end of this term after many years of dedicated service to Wangaratta Primary School. Katrina has been the backbone of our school for so long, providing unwavering support to staff, students and families while ensuring the smooth operation of our school behind the scenes. Her wealth of knowledge, experience and commitment to our community is truly invaluable and she will be greatly missed by us all.

We will officially farewell Katrina on the last day of term, however if you find yourself in the office over the coming weeks, please take a moment to stop by, say goodbye and acknowledge her incredible contribution to our school. On behalf of the entire Wangaratta Primary School community, I would like to sincerely thank Katrina for her years of service, dedication and care. We wish her all the very best for a happy, healthy and well-deserved retirement.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

With student reports being released today, this is also a timely opportunity for families to reflect on their child's attendance throughout the first semester. We are very aware that there has been a significant amount of illness circulating recently, and there are certainly times when students need to stay home to recover and prevent the spread of illness. However, when students are well enough to attend, being at school every day is imperative.

Every day at school counts. Not only does regular attendance support academic progress, but it also helps students build friendships, develop routines, strengthen their sense of belonging and participate fully in all aspects of school life. Missing just one day a fortnight can add up to almost four weeks of missed learning over the course of a school year. Over time, these absences can have a significant impact on both learning outcomes and social connections.

As you review your child's report, we encourage you to also take note of the number of absences they have accumulated this year. Working together as a school community to prioritise attendance will ensure every student has the best possible opportunity to succeed. If your child is absent, please remember to provide an explanation via Compass or by contacting the school office. Thank you for your continued support in helping us make every day count.

CARPARK & PARKING REMINDERS

With the recent wet weather, we have noticed a significant increase in potholes and uneven surfaces within our school carpark. We ask all families to please take extra care when entering and exiting the area, particularly during busy drop-off and pick-up times. The safety of our students, families and staff remains our highest priority.

We would also like to remind families that parking on the school oval is not permitted. While we understand that parking can sometimes be limited, driving or parking on the oval can cause damage to the grounds, particularly during wet conditions. We appreciate your cooperation in using designated parking areas and taking care when navigating the carpark. Thank you for helping us keep our school grounds safe and well-maintained for everyone.

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.

BEANIES

School beanies are available from the school office for \$20. Only school beanies are permitted to be worn.

