

WANGARATTA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



BE SAFE
BE RESPECTFUL
BE A LEARNER

TERM 3 - WEEK 8



Dear Parents & Carers,

As we come to the end of Week 8, it is hard to believe that we have just two weeks remaining of Term 3! It has certainly been another busy and exciting term, and with plenty still happening over the final couple of weeks, I'm sure they will fly by.

This weekend, we would like to wish all of the dads, grandfathers and special men in the lives of our students a very Happy Father's Day. We hope you have a wonderful day on Sunday and get the opportunity to spend some special time together with your families.

MULTIPURPOSE COURT & UNDERCOVER AREA

After much anticipation, works on our new multipurpose court and undercover area have finally begun, and we couldn't be more excited! Over the coming weeks, we will start to see the new undercover area take shape, and it will be exciting for our students to watch the progress unfold.

We have also been working closely with the builders and the Victorian School Building Authority to explore how we can use this opportunity to resurface and tidy up the remaining asphalt areas at the back of the school. School Council has been very supportive of allocating some additional school funds towards these works, allowing us to complete the area properly and create a fantastic new play space for our students.

There will be some further disruption over the coming weeks as sections of the existing asphalt are ripped up and newly laid. While it will mean being without some of our play spaces for a little longer, we know the end result will be well worth the wait. We can't wait to see the transformation!

YEAR 3-6 CAMP

What a fantastic few days our Year 3-6 students had at camp at the beginning of this week! Jaxon and I had the pleasure of attending alongside 10 other staff, and I could not have been prouder of our students. They were absolutely amazing, showing incredible resilience, stepping outside their comfort zones and giving everything a go. It was wonderful to see them encouraging one another, trying new things and making memories with their friends.

A huge thank you must go to Mrs Henschke for the enormous amount of work that went into organising such a successful camp. I would also like to sincerely thank all of our staff who attended and gave up time away from their own families to support and care for our students. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a caring, committed and supportive staff who make opportunities like this possible for our kids.

JUNIOR SCHOOL SLEEPOVER

Our **Foundation-Year 2 students are gearing up for their graduated sleepover** during the final two days of term! Our Foundation students will stay after school with the Year 1/2s to enjoy afternoon tea and some fun games before heading home. Our Year 1s will stay a little longer to enjoy dinner together, while our brave Year 2s will continue the fun with games, a **sleepover at school and breakfast together the next morning!**

We understand that staying overnight at school can feel a little daunting for some of our Year 2 students, but this is also a wonderful opportunity to **build resilience, independence and confidence by giving something new a try**. The graduated nature of the event helps prepare our students for their first school camp next year, while still being surrounded by familiar friends and staff. We can't wait to see them give it a go and enjoy this special milestone!

IMPORTANT DATES

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



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.

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

What a wonderful day we had celebrating Book Week with our annual Book Week Parade! The creativity on display was incredible, with so many AMAZING costumes making their way around the parade. A huge thank you to our parents and carers for the time, effort and creativity that went into helping our students bring their favourite book characters to life – we know some of those costumes take a lot of work!

Our staff also joined in the fun, arriving as a very colourful collection of crayons inspired by *The Day the Crayons Quit*. It was fantastic to see everyone embracing the spirit of Book Week and, most importantly, celebrating the joy of books, reading and imagination. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a fun and memorable day!

THANKYOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR BOOK FAIR

A huge thank you to our wonderful school community for the outstanding support of our Book Fair, with close to \$3,000 worth of books sold! The rewards our school receives from these sales make a significant difference, allowing us to continually restock our school library with new and exciting books for our students to borrow, take home and enjoy with their families.

I would also like to sincerely thank our wonderful staff who volunteered their time before and after school to run the Book Fair. Without their generosity and willingness to give up their own time, we simply wouldn't have been able to offer this opportunity to our families. Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair and, in doing so, continues to help us foster a love of reading in our students.

FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST

This morning we held our annual Father's Day Breakfast, and it was wonderful to see so many dads, grandfathers and special people joining us. There was a fantastic atmosphere as everyone enjoyed a bacon and egg roll and spent some time playing games and having fun with the kids. A huge thank you to Jess and her little team of helpers for all their work in organising and running the event. I would also like to thank our staff who volunteered their time and stepped up to help run Breakfast Club, cook and make sure everything ran smoothly. It was a fantastic morning enjoyed by all, and a lovely way to celebrate the special people in our students' lives.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our Athletics Carnival is just around the corner and will be held this Wednesday 9 September at the Appin Street Athletics Complex. Students should be dropped off at the complex ready for a 9:00am start and collected at 2:45pm. We encourage everyone to get into the spirit of the day by wearing their house colours and cheering on their teammates!

We are still in need of parent helpers to assist with events throughout the day. Unfortunately, without some additional parent support, there will be a few events that we simply won't be able to run. If you are able to lend a hand, even for part of the day, please let Mr Stubberfield know – your support would be greatly appreciated and will help us provide the best possible carnival for our students. We are looking forward to a 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.

1 or 2 days a week can really add up...

If your child misses...	1 DAY <small>per fortnight</small>	1 DAY <small>per week</small>	2 DAYS <small>per month</small>	3 DAYS <small>per month</small>
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...	roughly 1.5 YEARS	roughly 2.5 YEARS	roughly 5 YEARS	roughly 8 YEARS

Attend today, achieve tomorrow.
Every day counts.

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.