



NEWSLETTER

3 March 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER

TOMORROW Monday 7 th March	50c Zooper Dooper Day at big play (1.40pm) (ONE per student) Parents & Friends AGM in staffroom after assembly Book club orders and money due
Wednesday 16 th March	School Photos
Friday 18 th March	School Disco in Hall – Prep-3 (4-5pm) & Grades 4-6 (5.30-6.30pm)
Tuesday 22 nd March	Cyber Safety/Bullying Parent Information Session 5.30pm – 6.30pm
Wednesday 23 rd March	Cookie Dough orders ~ pick up day
Thursday 24 th March	Last day of Term 1 ~ school finishes at 2.30pm
Monday 11 th April	First day of Term 2
Tuesday 26 th April	After School Sporting Program (Tennis for 6 Tuesdays)
Tuesday 3 rd May	Pupil Free Day

Morning Tea with Craig and Kristy

Thank you to the Grade 1 parents who came along on Monday. We appreciate your feedback and suggestions for how to make our school even better. **We look forward to meeting with the parents of our year TWO students when our morning teas recommence on Monday 21st March.**

Compass

Following the successful implementation of Compass use by staff at our school, we have launched the Compass Parent Portal. This week parents should have received log in details and temporary passwords for the Compass portal, along with instructions for how to use the website. We envisage this tool will be very useful for improving communication between home and school. If you experience any difficulties using the portal, please see Tania in the office. If you need to communicate any concerns with your child's teacher and unable to visit the school personally please contact the office to make an appointment time or visit our website and email the teacher. <http://www.wangwestps.vic.edu.au/staff-1/>

Parent/Teacher Interviews

These will commence on Monday through to Wednesday of next week. As it is still early in the year, these meetings will not focus on each child's academic progress thus far. This will instead be the purpose of subsequent meetings. If you haven't already booked your time, please use the **Compass Parent Portal** to book a time to see you child's classroom teacher and/or specialist teachers. If you experience any difficulty booking online, please call or see Tania in the office who will assist you in making a booking.

Cyber Safety/Bullying Parent Information Session

We will be running a Cyber Safety/Bullying presentation for parents on Tuesday 22nd March from 5.30pm to 6.30pm to be held in the Grade 4/5 pod. If your children need to attend, they will be supervised in an adjacent room during the presentation.

Lunches

Please make sure that your child comes to school with enough lunch and healthy snacks to get them through the day. We have had numerous children come to the office asking for lunch as they have none.

Ipads

We will soon be rolling out our new ipads to our grades 3-6 students. We are excited to be able to offer this fantastic learning tool to our children.

VPAS

We now have an electronic sign in/sign out register at the office. Please ensure that you sign in and out when visiting the school. If you are signing your child out early, please use this to sign them out.

Kind regards,
Kristy & Craig

From the Chaplain's Desk

- **Community Playgroup** ~ We had another fun session yesterday with our story "Elmer" by David McKee being followed by the completion of our own very colourful patchwork elephants and some elephant songs. We welcomed some new members and appreciated the great job done by our Grade 5 helpers.
- **Chaplaincy Permission Forms** ~ Thanks to all those who responded to the last request for these to be signed and returned. If you have not yet done so, but are happy for your child to chat with me if the need arises, please return these. If you need a form, Tan at the office can assist you.
- **Friends For Like/Fun Friends** ~ 'Friends' (which is a program to assist in managing anxiety) and 'Seasons' (a grief & loss program to help children who experienced the death of a loved one or separation in their family or significant change) will operate in Terms 2 & 3 respectively. Please see me or leave a message with Tan/Mark (if you have not already done so) if you'd like your child to be involved in either/both of these or need more information.
- **Absence Next Wednesday** ~ I will not be in the school next Wednesday due to a Regional Chaplaincy Day. Playgroup will operate as usual.

Have a great weekend.

*Kindest regards,
Rose*

Grade 5 Bendigo/Ballarat Camp

A reminder that the first instalment for camp payment of \$70 was due last Friday (26th). The remainder dates are Friday 11th March, Thursday 24th March, Monday 11th April and the final payment due on Friday 15th April.

CHAPLAINCY FILM CLUB

A great way to support our Local Chaplaincy Support Group and in turn our School Chaplains is to join the Chaplaincy Film Club. Annual membership costs only \$5 and entitles you to purchase Wangaratta Cinema tickets for the discounted price of just \$11 each. Membership and tickets can be purchased from Edgars Newsagency.

Free autism workshop for families in Wangaratta

Like all school-age students, children with autism spectrum disorder benefit from strong, positive relationships between the home and school. Positive Partnerships uses evidence based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers in your local community.

Details for the upcoming one day workshop are;

Dates: 9th March 2016
Venue: Wangaratta Gateway Hotel (29-37 Ryley St)
Time: 9.15am – 3pm (Registration from 8.30am)
Cost: Free - including resources, lunch, morning tea and refreshments.

Full details and online registration at www.positivepartnerships.com.au or pick up an registration form from the school office.

The workshop is funded as part of an Australian Government Department of Education initiative to support school-age children with ASD across Australia.

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OH	Poppy	for always listening & showing enthusiasm when learning new things.
0K	Imogen	for clever reading and knowing all her words.
1CL	Bradley	for knowing how we can count by 2's.
1CO	Archer D	for the great effort he is putting into his learning.
2E	William	for fantastic story writing.
23F	Shaye	for an excellent introduction to her story writing.
4E	Axle	for huge improvements in his work habits.
4W	Violet Paddy	for being a trustworthy member of the class. for showing perfect manners ~ thank you from Mrs Fulton.
5H	Astin	for working independantly and producing quality work.
5P	Seth	for always being a hard working student and striving to achieve a higher level of work.
6N	Will	for his dedicated work towards his data display during mathematics.
6R	Ashley	for her excellent effort and work on her Maths data display.

Ovens & Mitta Swimming Championships

On Tuesday the 1st of March, 18 students from Grade 4-6 participated in the Ovens and Mitta Division Swimming Championships held at the Olympic Pool.

Tom.M, Ashton.W, Will.J, Lachie.N, Jerry.C, Lily.D, Caitlin.M, Emma.G, Elli.G, Phaith.NB, Ashley.R, Hayley.MG, Maddie.C, Sam.M, Jett.R, Amy.K, Kelly.W and Zoe.D competed in various events including Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Relays.

The team atmosphere was electric with our swimmers cheering on their teammates and swimmers from other schools. Congratulations to all swimmers on their efforts and wonderful sportsmanship. By Jett.R and Tom.M.



Friday 18th March

School Hall

Grades Prep to 3

4pm til 5pm

Grades 4 to 6

5.30pm til 6.30pm

Entry \$5

(includes a glow stick, packet of chips and a juice box)

DJ Stu will be providing the music!

SATURDAY MORNING NETBALL / NETSETGO

The payment system this year has changed – all money is to be paid online – not to the school. Please see next page for costs. I will still organise the teams and the team registrations.

When you have paid online could you please print or email me a copy of your email confirmation. I will then take this to the team registration night.

The latest that I can receive the registration confirmation email is the 20th March. This will then enable me to put the teams together and register the teams with Wang Netball.

If you do not have access to a computer at home, the Wangaratta Library has several available for public use.

If you would like to coach, please let me know!!!

Cheers,

Leonie Arnold ~ arnold.leonie.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

JUNIOR COMPETITION ~ Commences 16 April 2016

All Junior player Netball Vic and Wangaratta Netball memberships are to be purchased online in 2016. The *link* is via the Wangaratta Netball Association website of www.wangarattanetball.com.au (which will be active soon).

Fees - Player \$109 (NV \$49 + WN \$60)

Senior; born on or before 31.12.1998

Junior; born between 01.01.1999 to 31.12.2005

NET TIER 1 **5–7 year olds (Friday evening)**

(Born between 1.1.2009 to 31.12.2011)

Tier 1 NETSetGo program commences: **22 April 2016**(4.30pm to 5.30pm)

Fees for Tier 1 (includes participant pack) \$109 (NV \$49 + WNA \$60)

SET TIER 2 **8–10 year olds (Saturday morning)**

(Born between 1.1.2006 to 31.12.2008)

Tier 2 NetSETGo competition commences: **Saturday 30 April 2016**(11.15am to 12midday)

NetSETGo Coaches Information & Team Registration: **20 April 2016** **5.30pm - 7pm**

Fees for Tier 2:

Player (includes participant pack) \$109 (NV \$49 + WNA \$60)

Non-playing Junior Umpire or Coach \$54 (NV \$49 + WNA \$5)

Non-playing Senior Umpire or Coach \$74 (NV \$69 + WNA \$5)

Senior: Born on or before 31.12.1998

Junior: Born between 01.01.1999 to 31.12.2005