



# NEWSLETTER

20 December 2016

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

First Day of school for ALL students

Resilience Project Parent Information Session in hall 7pm-8.30pm

Staff Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day

### Final Farewell

Thank you everyone for a fabulous year, another testament to the great school community we have at Wangaratta West in supporting our students.

We wish Mrs Steele, Miss Edwards and Mr Ryan all the best at their new schools next year. We wish Ms Mexon and Jannine Neal all the best in their future endeavours.

We wish all our Grade 6 students and their families together with the other families leaving Wangaratta West all the best for their future. Thank you to Mr Norden, Mr Ryan and Trish for organising a fantastic night at the Grade 6 Graduation Dinner and a splendid farewell for the students.

### Office Open

The office will be **open for collection of stationery packs and the uniform shop** on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January from pam to 4pm. (not open Australia Day).

### School Fees

School Fee Schedules were sent home last week. If you did not receive your child's schedule for their year level next year, please collect one from the office when collecting stationery packs the last week of January.

### Stationery Requisites

Stationery packs will be available for collection upon payment from the office the last week of January and need to be paid for and labelled before your child's commencement of school next year. Eftpos facilities are available at the office.

### Resilience Project

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017, Martin Heppell from "The Resilience Project" will be coming to our school to deliver presentations to staff, students and parents with evidence based, practical strategies to build resilience.

This is an important initiative for teaching positive mental health strategies as statistic shows that;

- One in four adolescents have a mental illness
- One in seven primary school kids have a mental illness
- One in five adults have a mental illness
- 65% of adolescents do not seek help for mental illness

Students will participate in a 45minute to 1 hour presentation during the school day. **We then invite parents to attend a parent information session to be held that night in the hall from 7pm to 8.30pm.** We strongly encourage all parents to attend this invaluable opportunity to support your children's mental health and well being.

### Pupil Free Day

Following the Resilience Project student and parent presentations on the Thursday, staff will be participating in professional development focussed on building resilience in children with Martin Heppell on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017, therefore there will be no school this day.** If you require Out of Hours School Care this day, please let the office know.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Warm regards  
Kristy & Craig

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