



NEWSLETTER

21 April 2017

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 24 th April	Parents & Friends meeting in staffroom after assembly
Tuesday 25 th April	NO SCHOOL ~ ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 26 th –	
Friday 28 th April	Grade 5 Ballarat/Bendigo camp
Friday 28 th April	Book Club orders & money due to the office by 9am
Friday 5 th May	Walkathon
Monday 9 th May –	
Wednesday 11 th May	Grade 3 & 5 NAPLAN
Friday 12 th May	Mother's Day stall
Wednesday 18 th May	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea Cancer Council fundraiser

Public Holiday

Next Tuesday there will be **NO SCHOOL** as it is ANZAC Day and it is a public holiday.

ANZAC Day Parade

We encourage as many students and families as possible to attend the ANZAC Day march/parade on Tuesday 25th April. The parade will assemble at the corner of Ovens & Reid Streets with the march starting at 10.30am followed by the main service at the Cenotaph at 11am. All students are asked to attend in full school uniform.

Breakfast Club

Our first breakfast club for Term 2 will be on Tuesday 2nd May as there is no school next Tuesday.

Working With Children Checks

The Department of Education and Training Policy states that volunteer helpers working with children in schools should have Working With Children Checks (WWCC). Volunteers in schools could be hearing reading, attending a Camp, assisting with special days, doing cooking classes, running a Fundraising activity, helping at the Sports or simply assisting within the school. Working With Children Checks for volunteers are FREE. Now is a good time to visit the following website <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>. It does not take long for a WWCC to come through. Many of you may already have employment registrations or other cards that will exempt you from needing to do this. School Council would like all volunteers/helpers at our school to have a WWCC and we are confident that you will see this as a positive initiative.

The Resilience Project Session

The Resilience Project will be in Wangaratta again on Monday 1st May at the Performing Arts Centre starting at 6.30pm. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased online at <http://wangarattapac.com.au/box-office> or at the PAC itself.

Head Lice

We have had numerous reported cases of head lice throughout the school. Please check your child/children's hair regularly and if you find eggs or live lice please treat their hair and do follow up treatments to ensure that all eggs have gone.

Uniform

We will be doing a blitz on our school uniform. Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct school uniform. If for some unforeseen reason your child has to attend school out of uniform, please provide a written explanation to your child's teacher.

Warm regards
Kristy & Craig

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From the Chaplain's Desk

- **Welcome Back** ~ I hope that the holidays and Easter break were enjoyable and that you are making the most of this delightful Autumn weather.
- **Friends Program** ~ This program (promoting strategies to cope with anxiety) will commence on Thursday, 4th May and will involve eight weekly one hour sessions for participating students.
- **Seasons For Growth Program** ~ This will be conducted next term and caters for students who have experienced grief or loss related to death, divorce, separation or some other major life change. Please let me know if you'd like your child to be involved.
- **Community Playgroup** ~ Playgroup resumed yesterday and we had a lovely session, with "Edwina the Emu" by Sheena Knowles and Rod Clement being our chosen book and resulting in some great "Edwina's" being taken home.
- **Grade 5 Ballarat Camp** ~ I will be involved in this camp next Wednesday, Thursday & Friday (26th, 27th & 28th April) so if you wish to see me, please contact the office to arrange an appointment for the following week.
- **Chaplaincy Permission Forms** ~ Thanks to the many parents/carers who have returned these. If you have not already done so and are happy for me to chat to your child/children if the need arises, please return these ASAP.

Have a great term.

*kindest regards,
Rose*

Saturday Morning Netball

Netball starts this Saturday morning for the Grade 5 & 6 teams with one grade 6 team and two grade 5 teams representing Wangaratta West. We wish all players a great and fun season. The games this weekend are Thunder (Gr 6) playing Shooting Divas on court 4 at 10.15am and The Storm (Gr 5) playing Pigeons White on court 7 and Tornado (Gr 5) playing Oxley Starts on court 10 both games also at 10.15am.

Walkathon ~ Friday 5th May

The school will be holding a 'WALKATHON' as a fundraiser to purchase new readers for the entire school. There will be 3 walking distances for the students and staff. The majority of the walk will be on bike tracks so road traffic will not be a major concern. Parents are invited to walk with their child but **NO** pets are to be involved.

We are still waiting for the sponsorship forms to arrive in the mail and we will send these home with each child once they are here. In the meantime please start searching for sponsors, the more the merrier. Students will earn prizes as a thank you for certain amounts of money raised. All will be revealed on the sponsorship form.

Friends can sponsor your child for how many kilometres they walk or just give a monetary donation.

We look forward to a fun filled morning with everyone enjoying the walk.

Cheers,
Urve Fulton (Co-Ordinator)

Mother's Day Stall

The Parents and Friends Association is holding its annual Mother's Day Stall on Friday 12th May. The stall has always been popular with the students who like purchasing a gift for their mum/step mum/grandma/special friend at a low cost.

As the school population has grown, we are in need of more gifts to sell. We are also hoping to make a hamper to raffle.

There will be a few craft days leading up to the Mother's Day Stall. The first craft day is on Monday 24th April following our monthly meeting at around 10.30am.

If you are able to donate items big or small and/or come to the craft days, we would really appreciate it.

Thanks
Yen Sanderson (President)

Team Houses

This year we are excited to announce for the very first time that Wangaratta West Primary School will have four team houses.

Matching the theme of “aiming high” we have named the houses Bogong (green), Buffalo (blue), Feathertop (yellow) and Hotham (red).

Throughout the school year we will be using our house teams to accrue points through competitions and our points system through our Positive Behaviour Matrix. Be sure to ask your children which house they belong to.

We congratulate our Grade 6 house captains for 2017:

BOGONG	Callum & Emma
BUFFALO	Lydia & Wade
FEATHERTOP	Jackson & Ivy
HOTHAM	Summah & Tyler



Italian	Oscar M	for his “have a go” attitude in Italian and being amazing at reading and pronunciation. What a star!
Prep C	Billie	for working hard on her writing and making good choices in class.
Prep M	Ky	for using kind and thoughtful words to encourage and compliment others.
1B	Sarah	for showing caring for herself by always putting her best effort into her learning.
1H	Laila	for caring for others by sharing her knowledge in class discussions.
1/2C	Matthew	for being able to write pages of writing in a short amount of time! Speedy Gonzales!
2A	Jasmina	for helping her classmates assemble their clocks during maths.
3E	Jaydee	for displaying excellent work habits and caring about her own learning.
4P	Mia	for caring for Miss P whilst on school camp by encouraging her to step out of her comfort zone and do the dual flying fox!

Is your child interested in Baseball?

Is he or she aged between 8 and 11?

The Wangaratta Rangers Baseball teams are holding **FREE** clinics for both boys and girls aged from 8 to 11 years of age to teach them how to play Baseball with the chance of forming an Under 12's team to go to Bendigo on the 29th & 30th August 2017 to represent the North East Baseball Association.

Anyone in this age group is welcome to attend these clinics which are held each Saturday afternoon from 3pm to 4.30pm at the baseball grounds at Targoora park, Murdoch Road Wangaratta (next door to Cathedral College).

For more information, please contact Kevin on 5721.3315

OSHC Vacation Care

Wangaratta West Out of School Hours Care would like to extend their gratitude to;

Wangaratta Supa Bowl who host us often during the holiday care program. The Supa Bowl staff are always extremely helpful and kind to all the children who attend these excursion days. We look forward to seeing you again!

The Beechworth Bakery. This was our very first visit to the Beechworth Bakery over our Term One holiday care program and all the children and staff had a blast baking a loaf of bread and baking and decorating short bread cookies. The process was fun and end results were delicious!

Bunning Wangaratta, in particular Lucy who manages community activities. Lucy took us on a nursery tour where we learnt about herbs, a paint mixing masterclass and a woodworking activity. The children loved their wooden cars and played with them most of the afternoon.

Wangaratta Indoor Sports and Aquatic Centre who also host us often during the holiday care program. Staff and children always have a blast swimming and playing at the pool for the day. Regardless of the weather outside we are guaranteed a wonderful day at the pool.

Jeremy Wilson from North East AFL for providing us all the equipment for our football day and John Paola from Moyhu Football Club. John spent the day teaching us many valuable skills we need to participate in a game of football, and most importantly ensuring everyone had fun regardless of their skill level.

Last but not least, to all the families, carers and children who participated in our holiday care program. Whether it be your first time attending or we see you every term break we thank you for your support. We would welcome any feedback or suggestions you have for our program.



Wangaratta High School

2018 SEAL PROGRAM APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Current Grade 6 students are invited to apply for our Year 7 intake in 2018. The Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) program attracts some of the brightest regional students who move through an accelerated curriculum as a separate class group. This provides for a faster paced curriculum which is non-repetitive, gives students an opportunity to work with more complex and abstract course material, and provides an adaptive and challenging learning environment where students can work collaboratively with peers of a similar ability.

Applications are available from Wangaratta High School and the school website. Applications have also been posted to local primary schools.

Important Dates

Information Night

Thursday 20th April – 6:30pm (WHS PAC)

Applications Close

Friday 5th May

Testing Date

Saturday 13th May – 9:00am – 12:00pm (WHS)