From the Principal

Reviewer Feedback
Tony Ross from the Monash Group had his final field day at our school last Thursday. During his time at our school he visited classrooms, spoke to students, parents and staff, considered our data, and examined our documentation. Tony now writes a report, the findings of which, will guide the development of our next strategic plan for the next four years.

While we must wait until late October for formal feedback, Tony did share some observations while he was here. He congratulated us on being a caring and cohesive community. He said that we had great children at our school who, in his experience as a reviewer, were generally really well behaved. He also noted we have a highly motivated staff, who are all keen to improve practice in the best needs of the students.

1/2 Sleep Over
A big thanks to the staff and parents who were part of the 1/2 Sleepover last Friday night. This is a great event, building each child's independence in the lead up to bigger camps in senior years, and strengthening social ties between classmates. The rain meant that activities were restricted to the senior wing but all reports indicate that everyone has a great time.

Bike Hike
Another thank you to the huge mob of helpers who accompanied our students and staff on our annual bike hike. Many declared this year’s hike our best ever. Riders headed out in a chilly fog but quickly warmed up as they got their blood pumping. It wasn’t long before the fog lifted and it became a beautiful day. With the Year 3/4 team riding to Oxley, and the 5/6s pushing on to Milawa. Once again many students showed great persistence and resilience to complete their biggest rides ever!

A special mention and thankyou to Tony Corke who has helped with our bike hikes for many years. By day, Tony works at Rock & Road Cycles, Wangaratta, and afterhours he and his family compete as members of local cycling clubs. So Tony has plenty of bicycle and cycling expertise. He generously shares his skills with us throughout our Bike Education process. He is a part of the bike safety checks at the start of the program, he does bike repairs for us, he offers support developing cycling skills and he always joins a group on the hike. Thanks Tony!

Community Leadership Challenge Group supporting our Readers
Once again we have a group of CLC helpers from Wangaratta High School volunteering to work with our readers next term. This group is doing something a little different this semester. They are running a sausage sizzle down at Woolies to raise funds to purchase readers suitable for students with reading difficulties. The students will be sizzling sausages on our behalf between 11am and 2pm next Wednesday. Pop down and purchase a snag next Wednesday to support our literacy program.
Start time at School
A reminder that students should be aiming to arrive at school by 8.50am. This gives each child time to be ‘Ready to Learn’, to set up their work space, to organise themselves for the start of lessons at 9.00am and perhaps to give themselves a little time to socialise. Students arriving late start their day behind the eight ball as they miss the first instructions of the day. They often feel confused, a little anxious and it impacts on their learning esteem.

However, there have been some students arriving very early (8.00am or earlier!). This is very keen but does mean they are on school grounds unsupervised. We understand that busy families sometimes need to drop off their children early but ideally children should be arriving after 8.15am. If your child makes his/her own way to school, ask them not to leave too early.

Recipe Book
The Parents and Friends team are looking for contributions to a school recipe book. If you have a treasured family recipe or a great dish to make with the kids, please send it along to be part of this fundraiser. See details elsewhere in this newsletter.

End of Term
Next week is the last week of term. A reminder that on Friday school finishes early at 2.30pm. Bus travellers will leave school at 2.15pm and the rest of the students will be dismissed after a short assembly at the front of the school at 2.30pm.

Have a great week,
Steve

Student of the Week

Aidan 5/6L—for showing respect and responsibility to himself and others.
Xander 3/4A—for having the confidence to always share his ideas and to give everything his best shot.
Hayden FL—Congratulations in showing confidence by speaking up and caring for your class mates especially in the yard.
Hannah 3/4D—for being resilient and persistent while her foot has been injured and for her awesome sense of humour which livens up our class.
Lily 1/2G—for being a great friend to others and always producing work to a high standard.
Trinity FH—for having the confidence to try new things in Maths.
Ragni 5/6S—for always giving ‘her best’ in everything she does and displaying a great work ethic!

Chaplain’s Chunk

G’day everyone, hope all’s well. The following are based on parenting strategies from Michael Grose, a parenting educator, on the art of ‘tough love’.

♦ Set limits and boundaries that expand as kids get older and become more capable. Boundaries make kids feel secure and teach them how to behave well.
♦ Not everything is up for negotiation. There are times when the word ‘no’ needs to be heard as parents act in the best interest of their kids.
♦ Use consequences to teach kids to behave well and develop a sense of personal responsibility. Resist the temptation to let kids off the hook when they do the wrong thing. Firm but fair, is the key here.
♦ Put family rituals, such as shared mealtimes, in place to make sure you interact regularly with your kids with plenty of open, good-humoured communication.
♦ Praise kids for improvement, effort and contribution rather than their ability at school, in sport and other areas of their lives. Focus your positive comments on their participation rather than the results of what they do so kids learn that trying and persistence are important.
♦ Teach kids the skills needed for independence so they learn to look after themselves. Avoid regularly doing things for kids that they can do for themselves.
♦ Encourage generosity and kindness in your kids. They do this by sharing toys, helping others and doing chores that benefit their family and build a sense of community.
♦ Finally make sure they get more praise than criticism. Encourage, hug, laugh and smile!

Have a good week.
Nick Taylor
WPS Cook Book

Wangaratta Primary School are publishing our very own cookbook and we need your help!

You can't have a cookbook without recipes so we are asking our families & staff to submit their favourites for publication. You may have a recipe that has been passed down through generations or maybe it's just a recipe the family loves!

With over 100 recipes, the cookbook itself will be professionally printed with a hard spine and soft cover.

To submit your recipes online, go to [www.publishedauthors.com.au](http://www.publishedauthors.com.au) or if you don't have online access, we will be happy to submit it for you. Simply provide a copy of your recipe to the office with who the recipe is from, any tips/tricks & what makes this recipe special.

All recipe submissions must be received no later than 19 September 2016. This will ensure that we have sufficient time to edit, proof and print the Cookbook in time for Christmas. The Cookbooks will be available to pre-order and would make great Christmas presents.

If you have any enquiries, please contact Tarnya on 0409 403 108 or via email at tarnyachilcott@gmail.com

Thank you,

Stacey, Bec & Tarnya on behalf of the Wangaratta Primary School P & F Association.

Cookbook Name:

What's in a name........
Our cookbook needs a name & we invite you to submit your suggestions.
The name chosen to represent our first professionally published cookbook will win its creator bragging rights and a free copy of the book.
Submit entries to the office, no later than Friday 14th October 2016.

World Cerebral Palsy Day

World Cerebral Palsy Day is on Wednesday, 5 October, is a perfect time to celebrate and learn more about Cerebral Palsy—the most common physical disability in childhood. Acceptance of diversity and empathy for people living with a disability is one of the most important building blocks for tolerance and inclusion.

Wangaratta Primary School will be celebrating World Cerebral Palsy Day 5 October (the first Wednesday of Term 4). All students are encouraged to wear green, the World Cerebral Palsy colour on this day. We look forward to painting the WPS community green!

Walk, Ride or Scoot to School Month

October is walk, ride or scoot to school month.

We are encouraging all students at Wangaratta Primary school to get active, enjoy the beautiful spring weather and walk, ride and scoot to and from school where possible for the whole month of October.

There will be a chart in each classroom for students to record how many days they participate!
**Music News**

Congratulations Taylah who performed at the Appin Park School Fete on the weekend.

Also we are seeking donations of left handed guitars or ukuleles. If you have any that you would like to donate please see me.

Cazz Hicks
Music Teacher

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**AFL Clinic**

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**Assembly Performances**

Sept 14—5/6S

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**Headlice Alert**

We have had a few incidences of head lice across the whole school.

Please check your child’s hair and treat if head lice are present.
Soccer Holiday Clinics
Wangaratta Monday 19 September – Tuesday 20 September
South Wangaratta Reserve
Cost $40 per day Time: 9am-1pm Ages: 5-14 years
To book a place, please email admin@murrayunitedfc.com.au or call 0402 421 297

Summer Tennis Season
Junior registration and social play. Saturday 1 October 8.30am-10.30am
Junior open day and competition starts Saturday, 8 October
Contact Mandy 0458 251 665

Milo and T20 Blast programs at Rover United Bruck Cricket Club
2016-17 cricket season is starting and the Junior Team Muster day (for sizing of shirts and allow us to manage teams) is on Friday, 16 September at the new club rooms at WJ Findlay Oval Evans Street between 4.00pm-5.30pm. Drinks and a BBQ will be available—please pre register online at playcricket.com.au

Trivia Night—Wangaratta District Specialist School
When: Saturday, 22 October Time: 6.30pm for a 7pm start
Tickets $15 per person and can be purchased from Bendigo Bank Wangaratta.
Where: Wangaratta Magpies Function Centre

Wangaratta Magpies Cricket Club
Junior Muster on Saturday, 10 & 17 September at 10.00am at the Norm Minns oval nets. Any boys/girls interested in playing Under 12 or Under 14 teams this season., please contact Darren on 0427978485.

Wangaratta Cycling Club
2016/2017 Summer Track Racing Season starts Friday 14 October.
Ready for a new Friday night challenge? Come and have a go at the Wangaratta Cycling Velodrome. For further information contact www.wangcyclingclub.com.au or phone Jeff Little 0419241 259.

School Holiday Program
The Sporting Kids spring School Holiday program is a great way for primary school aged kids to get out and get active these school holidays.
A range of sports on offer, sample as many or as few sessions as you like and it is all FREE! Sessions run from 10am-12 noon.
For further information contact Zac Hedin on 5721 0250 or email zac.hedin@thecentre.vic.edu.au