From the Principal

A Terrific Term Three

We are once again at the end of a wonderfully busy term. Looking back, we've packed in lots of learning, lots of special activities, and some big community events. Our junior school did their big trip to the Melbourne Museum early in the term and the 1/2s finished the term with their sleepover. The 5/6s, with their focus on Civics and Citizenship, had discussions with Cathy McGowan, as well as travelled down to the Victorian Parliament. The whole school studied poetry and celebrated literacy and numeracy week with activities and displays organised around Banjo Patterson’s ballad ‘Mulga Bill’s Bicycle’.

While the weather spoiled both our Athletics Day and our Winter Sports Round Robin, we managed to keep active with a very successful Bike Education program. It was great to see so many junior students bring their bikes along to test their skills on the Bike Trailer obstacle course, and, as always, our 3-6s built their skills to complete the bike hike out to Oxley & Milawa. Our Jump Rope for Heart was another super active highlight of the term. The 5/6s also had an Indoor Sports Day at the WISAC, we had teams in Hooptime, some very successful netballers, and the 3/6’s enjoyed their AFL clinic sessions.

Our students’ showed great community spirit throughout the term. There were some great fundraising efforts for the Heart Foundation and also as part of Jeans for Genes day. Some students became politically active, crafting letters to politicians about issues important to them. The 5/6 students were once again broadcasting with OAK FM on at midday on Mondays. Many students helped out throughout the term in our community garden and in constructing our mountain bike trail on the banks of the King River. And the whole school participated in basic St John’s First Aid sessions so they are have some preparation for an emergency.

As a community our Cabaret was once again a high light – a brilliant team effort and more than 80 happy revellers. Our Father’s day breakfast attracted a fantastic crowd. And our morning tea for the parents of our new Foundation students had the best attendance since I began here. We enjoyed our trip around the world with our whole school cultural performance, and our singers participated in the Boite choir.
Changes in the Landscape
The grass has finally thickened on the site of the old pool. The temporary fencing has come down and the children are enjoying the extra space.

Over the holidays we are hoping the grounds dry out enough to begin constructing a new retaining wall and begin planting to replace the shade we lost when the demolition occurred. We also have a Playground SWAT team working intensely over the next month to make recommendations about options for updating and replacing parts of our playground. We hope to be able to make some decisions early next term so that our equipment can be revamped in time for the new year.

No more community breakfast for now
We’ve been very lucky to have had Pangerang House providing us with a weekly Community Breakfast in the log cabin for the past two terms. Breakfast has been well attended with more than 20 diners each Thursday. Unfortunately, due to a change of personnel the breakfasts will not continue into Term 4. I’ll let you know if we are able to start the breakfasts up again in the future.

Happy Holidays
I hope that all the children have a happy holiday and come back rested and ready to learn for term 4.
Be safe. Have a great break.
Steve

Student of the Week

Xavier 3/4A—for always being on task and taking pride in his work.
Matt 5/6L—for his ongoing efforts and helpful approach.
Amelia FH—for taking risks in her learning and trying new things.
Luke 3/4D—for working really hard to improve in all areas of his learning, particularly in his writing, and getting into zone for running.
Jessica 5/6S—for her positive attitude and huge improvements in literacy circles.

Chase 1/2L—for his improved behaviour and hard work in writing.
Lily 1/2D—for her excellent work in reading and always trying her best.
Chelsea 1/2G—for a positive attitude toward her work.
Lilly FL—congratulations on showing excellent ‘Getting Along’ skills in the yard and in class, especially in Developmental Play.

Musician of the Week Preston—for his fantastic guitar playing the beginner guitar group.
Hi my name is Taylah, I was recently in a competition called Fast-Track. This is only my second year of competition in Fast-Track. So far both of the Melbourne comps have been a huge success for me on the stage and the audience really likes to get involved. The judges are always so positive and kind, giving advice and assessing your performance both vocally and stage presence. There is also a Fast-Track Shepparton comp it will not be on this year but last year oh man I was so happy I almost exploded because I placed third.

Most recently as you have probably already seen on TV, the State School Spectacular was held on the 11th of September at the Hisence Arena in Melbourne. I did not get to see the whole thing like the magician and the rollerbladers but I did get to see some of it including back stage and it was spectacular. Although I wasn’t performing in the centre arena, I attended as one of two principal singers with the National Youth Jazz Academy of which I’m a member. Our roll was a supporting role and we were required to perform (and me sing) prior to, during intermission and at the end of the main show. It was a long day; we left home at 7:30am and started performing at noon. As the State School Spectacular had an afternoon show and evening show, there was plenty of waiting around for us. Our last performance was at 8pm and I didn’t get home until midnight. I was exhausted. While there I was interviewed by the media and received lots of recognition from everyone attending. We all sang or played our instruments it was pure jazz everything was perfect. I had an amazing day.

Written by Taylah

Boite Choir

Last Thursday Isabel, Anika, Kaylee, Abby, Annabelle, Thomas, Taylah, Kate, Elliott and I sang at the Boite School Chorus. We sang songs from the Caribbean area. My favourite song was The Boat. The Boat is about Geopherry Williams’ family coming over to the U.K.

I was really nervous because I had a narrative part, I had to say was “My Grandfather was a fisherman on the island of St. Lucia, he’d never been to school but he was very smart. He showed me how to search the clouds for rain and taught me how sea birds can guide us to fish. But most of all, he taught me things about the heart that I will never forget.”

Before I got to say my bit I had to practise it for a while and I also had to sing in the choir, so as I said before it was really scary, but I really enjoyed it. I would definitely do it again! All in all it was a great night. Written by Fiona.
Congratulations to the following students for receiving these awards at assembly.

**Resilience Award:** Elijah, Tiarna, Lilly and Lilyana

**Arts & Technology Award:** Gabriel

**Literacy Award:** Kyotti (absent)

Last Thursday Charlie and Joe travelled to Melbourne and took part in the Victorian Schools Parliament Convention.

This is an annual event where an allocated amount of Grade 5/6 students are invited from schools around Victoria. Charlie and Joe met with other primary school students to discuss Social Media and its usage among young people. They acted as politicians and debated a bill, learnt how laws are made and the process a bill goes through before becoming a law.

Well done Charlie and Joe for your efforts and representing Wangaratta Primary School with pride.

Congratulations to the following students who completed the Challenge:

Harvey, Dylan, Bailey, Brodie, Jade, Frankie and Thomas.

This year we had 12 students who completed the challenge. Well done to everyone.

Looking forward to next year to see if we can get more students to enter the Challenge!!!!!!

We need volunteers please to do the Sick Bay washing for Term 4. This involves coming in on a Friday, changing the sick bay bed linen, taking other washing home and bringing it back to school on Monday.

If you are able to assist please see Yvonne at the office.

Thankyou.
**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!
Spotlight on WPS Sporting Stars for Term 3

Like Usain Bolt- Term 3 has raced past in a blink of an eye!!
Despite the disappointment of our Athletics Day being cancelled, for the second time, Term 3 has still been an active and busy one for WPS.

Jump Rope For Heart was an amazing success; there was Bike Education and the Bike Hike; the Grade 5/6 entered teams into the Netball Victoria School Championships and Hoop Time; Zac from the AFL conducted some workshops for Grades 3-6 and Grades 5/6 were bused off to a Winter sports wonderland at the WISAC.

These programs could not have gone ahead without the dedication and assistance of parents and staff. I would like to say a particularly big thank you to Sarah Devine, Deb Fisher, Tracey Corsini, Louise Anthony and Jaxon Leith for volunteering a substantial amount of their time and efforts in Term 3. THANK YOU!!

Looking forward to Term 4- we are set for a big run into the home straight!!
All classes will participate in Swimming lessons (Notes will be sent home early Term 4); WPS will be sending our Athletic Superstars to Zone on Friday the 7th of October, there will be a Sports Extravaganza Event on Thursday the 13th of October, a soccer clinic for Foundation and Grades 1-4; Tennis, Cricket...... plus the usual fun and games!!

Rest Up everyone and enjoy your holidays- Term 4 is going to be big!
Kylie
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

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

City Colts Cricket Club
Junior Registration Night: Thursday, 15 September 5.00pm-6.00pm at Barr Reserve. Registration, meet coaches and other players, BBQ provided and have a hit.
Any queries to Andrew Lovett on 0458175951 or email lovett.andrew@gmail.com

Milo Cricket and T20 Blast is on again!
City Colts Cricket Club will once again be running the Milo In 2 Cricket and T20 Blast program for season 2016/17.
Milo In 2 Cricket is for those junior cricketers who are either just starting out or have done only a season or two. As a guide Milo is suited to Preps – Grade 2. It is a fun session where everyone learns the skills of cricket and plays plenty of games.
T20 Blast is more game based and is for children who have played cricket for a couple of seasons but are not quite ready for underage junior competition.
Both sessions are run on a Friday night from 5.30pm. First session will be on Friday 28th October.
Register via Playcricket.com.au, enter Wangaratta as location and select City Colts as the centre, or for more information please contact: Ross Moore 0409 186 640 or rmmoore@esc.net.au