From the Principal

F-2 Swimming
This week saw the completion of the F-2 Swimming program. Students have thoroughly enjoyed this program, having fun while learning vital water safety skills.

Talent Quest
I am very excited to see the talent displayed by our students at our annual talent quest in the last week of term. I have heard lots of excitement around the yard as students start to prepare their acts as auditions begin next Tuesday.

Parents & Friends
Thank you to our Parents & Friends Committee, particularly Luke Chilcott, for organising the bark chip. Thank you to all parents who came on Saturday morning to spread it under the senior playground. They have also been able to purchase a new slide for the junior playground, fridge and BBQ for use within the school.

Prep Information Night
Thank you to Emma Carter & Judy Lowen for presenting an interesting and informative information for our 2018 prep families this week. Starting school can be an exciting yet daunting time for many parents and providing this information can help make the process easier for all involved.

CSEF Program
The CSEF program opens for processing in Term one, 2018, and helps ensure all eligible students are able to participate in school trips and sporting activities.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card are eligible to apply. A special consideration category also exists.

A payment of $125 for eligible primary school students and $225 for eligible secondary school students will be paid directly to the school to be used towards camps, sports and excursion costs for the benefit of the student.

Victorian government school prep and year 7 students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform package.

These initiatives are part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

Applications
From 2018, the requirement for parents to complete and submit a new application form each year has been removed. Parents that received CSEF in 2017 do not need to complete an application form in 2018, providing there has been no change in their family circumstances or change of school.

Have a great week
Maree Moyle
Acting Principal
In the 3/4 unit we have been learning about the first Fleet for our integrated topic. 
Part of our writing focus was to write a persuasive letter to Magistrate Leith to beg the case for leniency. 
Here is a persuasive letter from one of our 3/4 students.

Dear Magistrate Leith,

I am writing to you from my cold dark prison cell to beg for mercy. 
Please consider my reasons for not going to Jail.

Firstly I am a nine year old who is homeless and starving, with no one to care for me. I need to find a way to survive. How would you feel going to sleep at night with an empty gut.

Secondly I have my whole life ahead of me. I don’t want to waste it sitting in a lonely jail cell. 70% of young boys become valuable workers later in life.

Don’t you think this would be a waste of my future if I go to jail.

Thirdly, I am all ready starving, if I go to jail I will starve even more. I might die before I get out.

Magistrate Leith, please believe me. I will never steal again.

Yours sincerely

Haydn
**Student of the Week**

**Thomas 1/2A**—for a continual superstar effort in fluency tasks in maths. Keep up the great work!

**Eva 5/6C**—for being a kind courteous and helpful member of our class. Eva makes others smile and makes our classroom a positive place!

**Lucas 3/4D**—for always listening and following instructions.

**Lily 1/2K**—for always doing her best in everything she does, whether it is maths, spelling or helping others! You are amazing Lily! You are ready for Grade 3.

**Levi 1/2A**—for a continual superstar effort in fluency tasks in maths. Keep up the great work!

**Tom 5/6L**—for showing great persistence and making positive choices.

**Chelsea 3/4L**—for being helpful in the classroom and for being focused on her learning.

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**Parents and Friends News**

A BIG THANKYOU to the school community.

Our fundraising this year has now in recent weeks allowed us to purchase a new BBQ, Fridge for the BER kitchen and new slide for the junior playground (soon to be installed). Your continued support of P & F events makes this happen.

Thanks

Steve Johnston (P&F) President

The Second Hand Uniform Shop welcomes donations of current School Uniforms. Please do not donate items that are in need of repair, are badly faded or stained. Donations can be left at the school office.

For those parents wishing to buy uniforms, the shop is located adjacent to the office, in the cupboard where the piano is. We ask a gold coin donation for each item of clothing that can be paid to the office.

**Milk Mondays** are on every Monday at lunchtime. $1 for a sippah straw and fresh milk, please try to bring your own cup, we don’t have many at school.

**Scholastic**: order forms have gone out and are due back Wednesday 6th December. NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED.

**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:**

THE MONKEY BARS ARE GETTING HOT IN THE AFTERNOONS. PLEASE CAUTION YOUR CHILDREN TO STAY OFF THEM IN THE HOT WEATHER.

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**5/6 News**

**Virtual Reality with Google Cardboard**

In the grade 3-6 area we have had an opportunity to have a play with the Google cardboard virtual reality apps. It is a pair of glasses but made out of cardboard. We also got some ipod touches to use with it. The ipod slides into the front where the sleeve is. It also came with an ipad. The teacher controlled it to go to different world’s just like the Mount Everest, lego world, out of space, Japan and a lot more. It was crazy when you went to Mount Everest because you felt like you were going to fall. It was fun and an adventure to see lots of worlds and what they looked like. It was a great and fantastic experience which everyone liked. You should try because it is fun to play around with.
You’re invited to the Rural City of Wangaratta’s:

WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY REVIEW WORKSHOPS

Council is running a series of collaborative workshops to inform residents about the waste management strategy and seek input from the community on a number of key themes that will shape the new strategy.

This is a workshop for community members and business owners with an interest in waste and sustainability in the Rural City of Wangaratta.

KEY DATES

- Workshop 1 - The Wangaratta Library in the Community room, 6pm till 8pm on Tuesday 5 December 2017
- Workshop 2 - The Wangaratta Library in the Community room, 10am till 12noon on Thursday 7 December 2017
- Workshop 3 - The Wangaratta Government Centre in the Council Chambers, 6pm till 8pm on Thursday 7 December 2017

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

RSVP: waste@wangaratta.vic.gov.au or contact council on (03) 5722 0888 by Monday 4/12/2017 with your preferred time, date and contact details.

Refreshments and finger food will be provided.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about the workshops please contact council on (03) 5722 0888 or email: waste@wangaratta.vic.gov.au.

First Aid Roster

Volunteers Needed:
We are again seeking parent volunteers to be placed on the roster to assist with laundering the linen in our sick bay for 2018.
Striping & making bed, collecting dirty items from room, washing items & returning them.
Items are to be collected at end of school Friday & returned clean Monday morning. Generally you will only be required to wash the linen one or two times in a term. Please see the office to add your name to the roster.

Friday, 1 December—Tarnya C
Friday, 8 December—Bree B
Friday, 15 December—Julie I
Friday, 22 December—Monique F

Assembly Performances

Term 4

Wednesday, 6 December—3/4L
Wednesday, 13 December—Grade 5s
Wednesday, 20 December—Choir
**Wangaratta Marathon and Fun Run**

Our school will be supporting the 2018 Wangaratta Marathon and Fun Run by having a team run in the 2km Primary School Challenge. This event is on 25 February 2018 but we are getting organised now. You can enter your event of choice online and nominate yourself to run for the school.

Forms are available at the office.

More information: www.wangarattamarathon.com.au

We have a primary school challenge team and a community team, so you can enter any event you like and get Mum and Dad to have ago too.

Bree

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**Performing Arts News**

**Choir News**- Choir will be singing for the lighting of the town Christmas Tree on December 8th form 7pm and at Carols by Candlelight. Come along to show your support. It will be a lot of fun.

**In the Classroom**- Foundation children continue to explore Christmas music. Year 3 and 4 children continue to practice for their assembly performances which are both Jazz and Blues themed. 3/4D performed on Wednesday and did a brilliant job. Year 5 students continue to explore Blues music, playing the blues on guitars and writing blues songs. Year 6 students continue to work on their Graduation songs as well as beginning work on their Rap version of the School Song. Year 6 students will have extra Music classes on Thursday afternoons to facilitate these practices. As an end of year reward for the wonderful work they are doing, I am inviting some of the year 6 students to participate in an African Drumming Workshop with Brianna Slattery- Qualified African Drumming Teacher.

**Community Drumming**- I will be running a community drumming sessions for OSCH children on Monday 11th of December.

**Talent Show**- Our annual Talent Show is coming up very shortly. I will be running auditions on Tuesday and Wednesday at 8.30am in the Music Room. Please encourage your child to have a go.

*Cazz Hicks- Performing Arts Teacher*

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**Safety Around the School**

**Safety Reminders**—Please remind your children of the following:

- Scooters and bicycles are NOT to be ridden in the school grounds.
- Trees may NOT be climbed in the school grounds.
- Hand railings are NOT for swinging on.
- Children should not be playing on or around any of the skips.

*Cazz Hicks- Health and Safety Representative*
VEX Australia

Australian National VEX Robotics Championships

Saturday December 2nd
10am – 3pm
Wangaratta Indoor Sports & Aquatic Centre
HP Barr Reserve, Schilling Dr, Wangaratta VIC 3677

Come and Watch over 60 teams from all over Australia battle it out for a chance to represent Australia in the World Championships in the USA.

For more info: Travis.Burroughs@gmail.com or Maree.Timms@galen.vic.edu.au

DTAC is proud to host the VEX Nationals 2017
Hume Indigenous Family Violence Regional Action Group

Breaking the Barriers
Community High Tea

& Launch of the
No Shame This Way Forward
Family Violence Primary Prevention Facilitators Support Guide
Come along to hear how services can assist your community in a time of need

‘All Welcome’

Wednesday November 29
11.30am to 2.30pm
HP Barr Reserve
Community Centre
Schilling Drive
Wangaratta

Question time and networking while you enjoy the high tea
Catered by Truffles Continental Foods

An Initiative of the Indigenous Family Violence Strategies Community Initiatives Funds
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY
COME AND CELEBRATE!

INCLUSION IN THE ARTS
WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER
10am to 1 pm
Uniting Church
Rowan Street, Wangaratta

FREE JUMPING CASTLE!

ACCESSIBLE YOGA
call 57 220656
to book your spot!

Gold Coin Donation

Entertainment provided
by Dan Henwood & Robyn York

MORNING TEA & COFFEE!
Prepared by the VCAL students of Wangaratta District Specialist School

WDSS VCAL
"THE BLOCK - VCAL STYLE"
DOLL HOUSES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!

GET CRAFTY!
Christmas Card Making
Portrait Sketching
Create Your Own Lanyard
ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE!

VICTORIA State Government
Breakfast Club Volunteers WANTED
Breakfast club runs on a Thursday morning from 8-8.45am.
This program is currently run through the support of Anglicare Victoria and Carevan. Jointly they supply the food and the volunteers.
They are now looking to hand over the role of the morning to parents. The food will continue to be supported by these organisations.
There will be the need for a coordinator who can make sure that there is volunteers each week and order the food. The volunteers on the day need to set up, serve toast, cereal and milo, then clean up.
The children enjoy the socialisation of this club as well as the ability to have some breakfast and chat with the volunteers.
Please contact Tanya Grant at Anglicare on 0357237900 if you are interested in getting involved.

Bendigo Student Banking
Collection day for student banking is Friday.

3rd Little Duck Lunch Orders
On Line Orders must be made by 9pm on the Saturday.
Written orders must be placed in the order tub at the school office FRIDAY mornings.

ORIENTATION DAY SALE 2018
COMMENCING TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER UNTIL END OF TRADE SATURDAY 16th DECEMBER
ALL SCHOOLWEAR 20% OFF OR
BUY A PACKAGE TO THE VALUE OF $200 FOR ONLY $160. YOU CAN CHOOSE AND FIT OUT CLOSER TO SCHOOL START.
NAMES ON GARMENTS –USUALLY $5.50 EACH REDUCED TO $3.30 EACH