From the Principal

This is our last newsletter for 2016 and the last Wangaratta Primary School newsletter for our year 6 students. I’d like to take this opportunity to wish our year 6 crew luck with your future schooling and to thank them for everything they have contributed to our school.

Reports
Semester 2 reports were released on Compass Wednesday morning. Hardcopies will be distributed Friday. It was great to read about the wonderful achievements and growth our children have made this semester. I hope the reports affirm the hard work of our students, as well as identifying the next challenges they must face to continue their learning.

Graduation
Our year 6s have their last day at Wangaratta Primary School coming up. They have produced a wonderful farewell art project to brighten up our sports shed – thanks to David Godkin for his work with the students on this.

Year 6s will have their farewell assembly Friday afternoon, where the little buddy they welcomed into the school nearly two years ago will say goodbye. Friday evening they will share a meal with their classmates before enjoying their graduation ceremony that night. A huge thankyou to Emma Sipola and Matt Lorback for all their work making sure the 6s end of primary school is memorable.

Last Day of School
While we are farewelling the year 6s Friday night, and many families are leaving on holidays, school is open on Monday and Tuesday. There is a reduced bus service on these two days so families reliant on the bus should check bus availability.

On Tuesday, children will be dismissed from school at 1.30pm
Special Presentation
Thank you to Riley Corke who presented a photo book to the school at assembly as a record of his achievements as a mountain bike rider riding for the school. Riley has been a fantastic ambassador for Chisholm Street in cycling, and a great role model for our junior riders.

Administration Face Lift
Over the holidays will also see the carpets and lino in the administration and staff areas being replaced. This is a welcome (and long over-due) upgrade to our ‘front of house’ and will make for a much more attractive greeting to visitors to our school.

Playground going, going…
Work began last weekend to begin the removal of the old blue and yellow senior playground. After significant toil the work crew decided they needed to call in some big machines to remove the poles from the ground. This work should be completed this weekend. The new playground is due to be installed mid-January.

School Buses Reminder!!!!!!
There will be reduced bus services on the last two days of school.

Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 please be aware that the only buses operating on these two days are: Boorhaman, Bungeet, St James, Warby Range and Meadow Creek.

Thanks
Once again a huge thankyou to the whole school community for a great year. Thanks to our amazing staff, our generous volunteers, our caring families, and our curious and creative kids. Have a happy and safe holiday.

Cheers,
Steve

Student of the Week
Lucas 1/2G—for always showing a positive attitude to learning.
Amelia FH—for using all the You Can Do It Keys this term.
Frankie FH—for making her own good choices.
Felicia 3/4A—for being an enthusiastic member of our class during the last few weeks.
Joe 5/6L—for his great work ethic and leadership throughout the year.
Chloe FL—Congratulations on your terrific work in ICT.
Amitee 1/2D—for always being organised and trying her best in everything she does.
Charlie 5/6S—for his ability to show resilience during downball.
Madeline 1/2L—for being a leader in 1/2L in 2016, always showing our school values and constantly being an excellent classmate!
Reba 3/4D—for being friendly and settling in well to her new school.
Bailey FL—Congratulations on your terrific work in ICT.
Music News

Impromptu Performance
Zarah popped into FL on Thursday to give an impromptu performance for the preps and explained how the violin works. The preps were very impressed!

On Sunday night Appin Park and Wangaratta Primary School's Combined Choir performed Away in a Manger at Carols by Candlelight in Merriwa Park. They stood proudly in the background as the mayor opened the event and then sang beautifully. They did such a great job!

**Carols by Candlelight**
A HUGE congratulations to all the members of the WPS Choir and Cazz Hicks for a spectacular performance at the Lions Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 11th. Also to Isabel and Anika who performed as part of the band. Keep up the great work and hope to see you back next year!
Wayne Robinson

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Talent Quest

What a great Talent Quest was held at school this morning. We have so many talented students and also by the picture below talented staff.

Congratulations to the following students:
Junior Singer—Bailey
Junior Instrumental—Maci
Encouragement—Atlas
Encouragement—Jamison
Senior Dancer—Alison
Senior Instrumentalist—Riley
Senior Singer—Eva
Best Group—Taylah, Jessic & Fiona

Working Bee

A working bee has been organised for Saturday, 28 January, 2017. 8am-12pm

All welcome to come along and help with general gardening and tidying up prior to school starting.

Morning tea will be supplied.

Steve Johnston Buildings and Grounds

Holidays

On behalf of the staff of Wangaratta Primary School we wish our whole school community a safe and happy holiday.
Learn to Save with Piggy!
Every time you make a deposit into your savings account on a School Banking Wednesday you receive a stamp. Collect all 6 stamps for the school term and you will be entitled to a reward! Your stamp card will be issued when you make your first deposit. Call Wangaratta branch on 5721 9499 to find out how to join school banking.

Benalla Art Gallery Summer School Holiday Workshops
All workshops are $10 for members, $12 for non members. Bookings essential 5760 2619 or gallery@benalla.vic.gov.au

YMCA School Holiday Program.
School holiday fun and water safety education. 5 lessons in 5 days. 9-13 January, $65 per child.
For further information contact the Wangaratta Indoor Sports & Aquatic Centre on 5722 1723

Child Support Legal Services
The Child Support Legal Service of Victoria Legal Aid (VLA) assists parents with legal problems relating to: getting or paying child support, parentage testing, changes of child support assessment, spousal maintenance, adult child “over 18” maintenance.

The service visits VLA offices and regional centres in Victoria. The outreach service is available by appointment only. Eligible people can book in for a free 30 minute advice appointment. Telephone, video conference or skype appointments can be arranged.
This service will be in Wangaratta on Tuesday, 7 February.
For information, and to check eligibility for a booking go to www.legalaid.vic.gov.au or call Legal Help on 1300 792 387.

Third Little Duck Lunch Orders
PLEASE NOTE: there will be NO lunch orders for Third Little Duck for Monday, 19 December.