Wangaratta Primary School Newsletter
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From the Principal

Our Autumn Fair is here!
This is it! This weekend is when the months of preparation and planning come together to produce a calendar highlight for our community. The Autumn Fair is this Sunday from 10 until 2. Entertainment, food, games, and attractions guarantee fun for everyone. We hope to see you there.

A huge thank you to all our volunteers – parents, grandparents, families and friends – for your help before, after and during the event. We really appreciate your efforts to making our fair a great event.

New School Council Members
At the close of nominations we had the same number of nominees as we had vacancies. Consequently, there is no school council election required. I would like to thank and congratulate our councillors for the 2016-17 term:

Parent members: Jason Turner, Cameron Gillies, Steven Johnston & Hayley Lappin

DET members: Judy Lowen & Katrina Seager

Together with our 2015-16 councillors they will make a great team overseeing some important business this year, including our school review and development of our strategic plan (carried out once every four years), and the feasibility study for a multipurpose recreation centre on our site to be shared with the Wangaratta Community.

Hero’s Welcome for the Tour de Cure Cyclists
It was wonderful to have the Tour de Cure cyclists finish their 500km ride at Chisholm Street on Monday. Our children gave them a raucous hero’s welcome and presented them with hand-made medals. Afterwards, the cyclists led an assembly and talked to the students about cancer and cancer beating habits including Be Fit, Be Healthy, Be Happy.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, 3 March
♦ Camp Quality Puppet Show

Sunday, 6 March
♦ Autumn School Fair 10am-2pm

Tuesday, 8 March
♦ Harmony Day—whole school activities

Monday, 14 March
♦ Public Holiday

Thursday, 17 March
♦ Cricket Trials
♦ Choir Information Night 6pm

Friday, 18 March
♦ Tennis Trials (Yrs 3-6)

Monday 21—Thurs 24 March
♦ 3/4 Camp

Thursday, 24 March
♦ P & F Hot Food Day—Subway
♦ Last day of term 2.30pm school finishes

Monday, 11 April
♦ Term 2 commences

Friday, 29 April
♦ Whole School Athletics Day
♦ Hot Food Day

Tues 10—Thurs 12 May
♦ NAPLAN

Mon 16—Thurs 19 May
♦ 5/6 Camp
Fun Runners and Super Swimmers
The Tour de Cure riders encouraged our students to ‘Be Fit, Be Happy, Be Healthy’. Many of our children have followed this advice across the week. We had a great group of runners take part in the Wangaratta Fun Run over the weekend. Then on Tuesday a small squad of gutsy swimmers participated in the interschool swimming sports. Thanks to all those athletes for their efforts and to Kylie Robertson for organising our teams.

Welcome back to our bush bashing leaders
Welcome back to Lara, Charlie, Matt & Hannah, as well as Emma Sipola, who spent last week in the bush around 15 mile creek as part of a leadership camp. They tackled a range of personal challenges including extended hikes, canoeing, and camping across the week. All report that they had a great time and learned lots.

Cancer touches us all
This week, with the visit of the Tour de Cure riders and the Camp Quality puppets, we have had lots of conversations about cancer. Many of our children have someone they love who have been affected by cancer. Cancer is very difficult for children to understand. The Camp Quality puppets helped explain these diseases and explore the facts and fiction about cancer. And we hope you find the book in the Tour de Cure showbags useful at home.

Have a great week
Steve Murphy
**Student of the Week**

Amy 3/4A — for her excellent organisation and getting along skills.

Mia 5/6L — for working hard and getting along with others.

Abbey 1/2G — for always helping others and being Gabby Get-A-Long.

Patrick 1/2D — for being a good friend, helping others and being ready to learn.

Caeleigh 3/4D — for showing great organisation and having all her books ready for learning.

Grace 5/6S — for getting along with her classmates in the classroom and the yard.

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**Harmony Day**

**Tuesday, 8 March**

**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED**

3 slices of pizza and a lemon/chocolate gelati tub will be available for all children.

The cost of lunch is included in a $5 Harmony Day fee attached to school fees. Your payment of this prior to the day would be greatly appreciated via the office.

If your child requires something extra to eat or has dietary requirements prohibiting them from eating any of these foods, please pack something else along with their usual play lunch.

Students are asked to wear house colors and will be rotating through 4 sessions during the day in their house group.

From 2.30pm, parents/carers/school community are invited to attend our showcase in the BER building.
Last week, the school captains and vice captains Lara, Matthew, Charlie and Hannah attended a leadership camp organised by 15 Mile Creek Outdoor School. The students learnt the valuable skills and values that it takes to be a leader. They canoed, went bushwalking, camped and even went ‘river sledding’ down the King River. They practiced and gained skills in persistence, problem solving, getting along and organisation. It was an experience they will never forget.

Choir Tour

On Tuesday, 18 February the choir went to the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre.
We went because we are going to work with the Patch Theatre Company on the production of The Moon’s A Balloon.
We went back stage, on the main stage and also the green room. It was a lot of fun.
Written by Zarah P.
Live Performances at the fair will be:

- Wangaratta Ukulele Band
- Northern Rivers Academy of Music
- Wangaratta Primary School Students
- Born to Perform
- Wangaratta Primary School Choir
- Ex students of Wangaratta Primary
SCHOOL FAIR—SUNDAY, 6 MARCH

WE NEED YOU!

School fairs rely heavily on volunteers to help on the day. Without this support days like this may not be able to go ahead. We handed out volunteer forms earlier this week, if you could please fill out the form and hand it in to the office. We are only asking for an hour of your time. Thank you for everyone who has handed these forms in, we will be in contact with you soon.

Raffle
Raffle books are available to be signed out at the office. They are two dollars a ticket and come in books of 10. This year we have partnered with Wangaratta Travel and Cruise and Harvey Norman. 1st Prize is $1000 travel credit at Wangaratta Travel and Cruise. 2nd Prize is Two nights accommodation at MAD on Yarra valued at $840. 3rd Prize is A Philips Air Fryer XL valued at $469.

Tents
As it is going to be a sunny day on Sunday, we need some tents/pop up gazebos for some extra shade. If you have that we could borrow please drop them off to the school on Saturday from 12pm onwards or call 0407543704 to organise for it to be picked up. Thankyou.

Lucky Jars
We are holding our lucky jars stall again, it would be appreciated if anyone is able to assist with donations of jars/boxes/containers filled with new and non perishable goods. Lucky Jars is a very popular stall and we sell out very quickly. Yvonne would love you to bring your lucky jars into the office. For every lucky jar you bring in, you will receive 100 house points!

White Elephant Stall
If you have any good quality items that you are willing to part with, please keep them aside, we would love to be able to sell them at our white elephant stall. Please drop items Friday 4 March in the Junior Area.

Stick the teacher!
The piggy banks are up at the office and the dare has been set. The staff member who has the most money in their piggy bank by 1:00 at the fair will be stuck to a wall... By you! This will be happening at 1:30 on the day. Come in to the office and put some loose change in the teachers piggy bank, that you want to see stuck to a wall!
**First Aid Roster**

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**Assembly Performances**

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**Playgroup for children with additional needs**

Playgroup meets every Wednesday morning, between 9.30am-11.30am at Yarrunga Primary School in The Hub, Burke Street. Catering for children from 0 yrs until they are ready to go to school, siblings are also welcome.

The group is facilitated by an experienced Kindergarten Teacher, Roberta Pollard and assistant Tina James and is fully funded by a grant from The Sunshine Foundation Trust Fund.

The playgroup is FREE and caters for children with any additional needs, diagnosed or undiagnosed, eg developmental delays such as speech, coordination, physical, intellectual and those on the autism spectrum.

We hope to keep the group between 6-8 children as this allows us to give more attention to individual children and tailor activities to individual needs, in a safe, relaxed, supported and quiet atmosphere. This also allows us to support the parents and is a conduit to parents establishing friendships within the group.

All interested families are most welcome to attend and can either contact us through WDSS by phoning 57217424 and asking for Roberta or Suzanne, or just turning up at The Hub any Wednesday.

**Buddy Bus Stop Program**

**Dear Parents/Carers**

Hi, just a quick update about the progress of the buddy bus Stop Program over the last 6 weeks. It has been a great success. The students have been using the program and making friends and this is exactly what the program is intended to achieve. I hope over the next few weeks that the program is running, that even more kids will make the transition to the playground with their new found friendships that they have formed. I would also like to thank the students for their outstanding behaviour and the way they pack up when the music starts.

Jeff Kuhle
Volunteer
General Information

Bendigo Bank is pleased to confirm that the school banking service through WPS will begin on Wednesday, 17 February. Banking Day for WPS will be every Wednesday.

To open a Piggy Saver Account please come into the branch at 98 Murphy Street between 9am and 5pm (Mon-Fri). When you come into the branch please bring birth certificate or extract, Medicare Card (that contains the name of your child), your driver’s licence or passport. Parents/carers who are existing Bendigo Bank customers are only required to provide their existing customer number for identification. There will be staff from Bendigo Bank at the School Fair on Sunday, 6 March if you would like to make an application or for further information.

Down by the River—This season’s themes are Magic, Movement and Music—think circus arts, summery tunes, breath taking trickery and just good ol’ clowning around!

Friday, 11 March 4pm-9pm
Strange Fruit will be running an all ages workshop from 5pm-6pm.
Musical entertainment from Woodlock, Reika and Fiona McKenna.

Just Kids Holiday Program
Monday 28 March—Friday 8 April
For bookings or enquiries please phone Gina on 5721 4799

Positive Parenting Telephone Service
This program is offered to parents, grandparents and carers of children aged 2-10 years.
The program runs for 10 weeks and aims to assist you to:
♦ Develop a stronger and more positive relationship with your child/children
♦ Manage everyday behaviour problems
♦ Set rules and limits
♦ Teach new skills
♦ Developing behaviour strategies

Through our service you will receive a workbook and weekly phone calls with a parent educator. All of this can be done from the comfort of your own home at a time that suits you.
Interest? For more information or to enrol phone FREECALL 1800 880 660

OPEN DAY
We are looking for new members to join our community transport team...helping people to get where they need to be!
Join us for morning tea and a chat about our fabulous service on Tuesday, 8 March. 10am-12pm at Room 8 Tara Court Building Ford St, Wangaratta.
For more information or RSVP please contact Bridget 57213045

Bill Power
The Energy and Water Ombudsman is visiting Wangaratta 16-17 March.
16 March (afternoon) Anglicare 39 Ovens St Phone 5723 7900 and Rural Housing 40-42 Rowan Street Phone 5722 8000
17 March (morning) Women’s Health Goulburn North East 57 Rowan Street Phone 5722 3009 and Upper Murray Family Care 36 Mackay Street Phone 5720 0000
For an individual appointment to talk to an Ombudsman representative about energy or water issues, contact one of the above agencies in advance.

3rd Little Duck Lunch Orders
Orders can be placed online or at the school office. Mondays are lunch order days.