Wangaratta Primary School Newsletter

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Fabulous Hot Fair
Our Autumn Fair was once again a fabulous event. The clouds generously hovered overhead for the first hour or so. Even once they had melted away the crowd stayed enjoying the attractions until the sun became unbearable.

The new attractions were a great success, including the community stage with performers from our school and the wider community. And the old favourites such as train rides and lucky jars once again proved to be winners.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, 14 March
◦ Public Holiday – no school

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
◦ Open Day 10am-12pm

Saturday, 16 April
◦ Open Day 10am-12pm

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

Tues 10—Thurs 12 May
◦ NAPLAN

Mon 16—Thurs 19 May
◦ 5/6 Camp

Tuesday, 24 May
◦ School photos

Friday, 27 May
◦ Hot Food Day

Thursday, 2 June
◦ Cross Country (Yrs 3-6)

Friday, 24 June
◦ Last day of term 2 school finishes at 2.30pm
◦ Hot Food Day
Stick the Teacher Winner (?)
Our regular ‘Dare the teacher’ type attraction was a great fundraiser and captured the community’s imagination. This year was ‘Stick the Teacher’ where the staff member attracting the greatest donations would be gaffer taped to a wall. The result was a close one, with two staff members raising more than $120 (thanks to some large anonymous donations). Eventually, it was our very own Yvonne who was slipped into an ice vest and old clothes before being stuck up.

Helpers Big and Small
Our Autumn Fair would not have been the success it was without the generous support and help of many, many people. The biggest thank you goes out to the hard working people, parents, friends and staff, who planned and promoted, baked and donated, set up and packed up, and manned the stalls and attractions. Thanks to our children and ex-students who helped out in a wide range of ways. Thanks too, to more than 40 local businesses and organisations that made donations and lent a hand.
Harmony Day
Tuesday we highlighted our values of tolerance, inclusion & respect, as well as our You Can Do It key ‘Getting Along’ during our Harmony Day celebration. Students of all ages worked together to learn new skills and celebrate diversity. They made mosaics, twirled Poi, flew paper planes, and practised dances from across the world. After an Italian lunch (pizza and gelato) the children exhibited their new skills in a Harmony Day showcase. Thanks to Lisa Gardner, Carolyn Hicks and Nick Taylor for all their organisation of this wonderful day.

Facilities Upgrade
We are fortunate to have a range of facilities upgrades underway for our school. Over the past week we have had additional cabling run through our buildings and an upgrade to our server room. This will allow us to install CCTV cameras on the outside of our buildings to improve the monitoring of our facilities. Our school is very secure throughout the school day, but our CBD location means we occasionally encounter problems over weekends and holidays. Hopefully the CCTV system will improve this.

We are also having a range of improvements to our buildings as part of the Accessible Buildings fund. These will include converting the room behind our First Aide area into a Disabled Bathroom facility, and installing appropriate ramp access to our administration building and our early years building.

As with all building works, these improvements will come with some short term inconvenience. Some areas of the school will be blocked off while the works are underway. We may lose access to areas for up to 3 weeks at a time. Thanks in advance to everyone for your patience and consideration.

Have a great week

Steve
**Student of the Week**

Layla 3/4A—for always being organised and persisting with hard work.

Juke 1/2L—for getting along well with others and always being organized.

Jess 5/6S—for her hard work organizing the gardening group and looking out for everyone!

Luke 3/4D—for being a great friend and sharing his toys.

Abby 1/2G—for including others in games outside and using kind words to help inside.

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**Choir Information Night**

Thursday, 17 March we will be holding an information night for families of choir children in the music room at 6pm. The purpose of this meeting is to give you all the details about our upcoming performance at the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre with Patch Theatre company and to answer any questions you may have.

We will also have guest Penny Hargrave from the Rural City of Wangaratta on board to answer questions and give details about this special event.

It is very important that all parents attend.

Cazz Hicks
Music Teacher

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**First Aid Roster**

| Duty Ending   | 11 March—Khaela N |
| 18 March—Melanie E |
| 24 March—Britt E |
| 15 April—Mel L  |
| 22 April—Rhiannon H |
| 29 April—Colleen Turner |
| 6 May—Tanya C   |
| 13 May—Emma P   |
| 20 May—Sharryn B |
| 27 May—Santina P |
| 3 June—Colleen T |
| 10 June—Tania H |
| 17 June—Anna J  |
| 24 June—Julie I  |

**Assembly Performances**

| 16 March    | Choir |
| 23 March    | 1/2D  |
Sport

The Sporting Snippet!!

The students at WPS have certainly been busy. WPS had 21 students participate in the Wangaratta Marathon and Fun Run and we squeezed in some swimming as well!

Well done to the 21 students and their families who supported the Fun Run on the 28th of Feb. Although it was a hot day, students were still smiling after completing the 2km event.

On Tuesday 1st of March, Taylah, Dallas, Izzy, Jasmine, Hunter and Fiona represented the school at the Swimming Trials. These students put in an amazing effort on the day, representing themselves and the school at a high standard. Their positive attitude and courage in having a “red hot go” was outstanding. Well done. Also, a big thank you to the families who supported these students on the day.

On the Cricket front, Brodie, Brodie and Caleb have been selected to represent WPS at the School Cricket Trials on Thursday 17th of March. Well done for being selected and good luck for the day.

As Term 1 is flying by at a rapid rate, students have been training well for our Athletics Day. The fantabulous, annual Wangaratta Primary School Athletics Day will be held on Friday 29th of April. P&F will be arranging a BBQ lunch- more details closer to the date. However, we still need parent/grandparent/family volunteers to help on the day. In the past, the generous contribution of time and effort from families has ensured that all students have been able to participate in a memorable day. Please come and see me if you are willing to help out or place your name on the volunteer sign up sheet at the Office.

Thanks everyone
Kylie

Stepping Stones After School Care

Hi All,

I’d like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to everyone as the new Lead Educator of Stepping Stones After Care program.

I’m very excited to be working with Stepping Stones Children’s Service and Wangaratta Primary School to bring your Child/ren a fun and educational program.

We have lots of exciting new activities for your child/ren to partake in this term, including our new Clubs. Clubs will be ran one day a week, for a seven week period to give children a chance to build their knowledge of a particular subject or interest.

To make sure your child doesn’t miss out please come and see me to organise a booking.
To check out what’s happening in After School Care please see our family notice board located in the Library.

With kind regards,
Maree Honeychurch
**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.**

**Victoria Legal Aid—Child Support Legal Service**
Free legal help with child support. Victoria Legal Aid’s Child support Legal Service is visiting Wangaratta on Tuesday, 19 April. This service is independent from the Department of Human Services and provides free confidential appointment for eligible people to discuss legal problems with a child support lawyer. For further information call 1300 792 387