Our Mission
Keeping the child at the centre of all we do.

Our Vision
Wangaratta Primary School is committed to developing creative thinkers with a curiosity to learn. We strive to personalize the learning for every child by developing their skills, passions and interests. This keeps the child at the centre of everything we do.

Our Values
♦ Respect
♦ Tolerance & Inclusion
♦ Ready to Learn
♦ Personal Best

EVENTS CALENDAR

Tuesday, 5 November
• Melbourne Cup Day—no students required at school

Saturday, 9 November
• Working Bee 9.00-12.30

Tuesday, 12 November
• Kanga Cricket Yrs 5/6

Mon 18 – Fri 22 Nov
• Woorabinda Camp

Friday, 22 November
• Trivia Night

Monday, 25 November
• 5/6 Barr Sports

Tuesday, 26 November
• Bike Hike Yrs 3/4
• P-2 Swim Program

Wednesday, 27 November
• P-2 Swim Program

Thursday 28 November
• P-2 Swim Program

Friday, 29 November
• Year 5/6 Barr Sports

Tuesday, 3 December
• P-2 Swim Program

Wednesday, 4 December
• P-2 Swim Program

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

At today’s assembly we gave Anna Arcuri a round of applause to wish her luck and thank her for all the work she has done for our school. Anna begins 15 months leave at the end of this week, so will not be with us for the remainder of the year.

I’d like to thank Anna for all the support she has given me in my first month here and for all the leadership she has offered Wangaratta Primary School and the Wangaratta Learning Community over the years.

We are very pleased that Louise Wall has agreed to take on the role of teacher of 5/6A. Louise has been a key part of our senior school all year, and she and Alyce Holzer will make a great team to help our 5/6 students finish the year strongly.

Rosemary Farrell, a highly experienced past member of staff, will rejoin us as our PE and Literacy Support teacher for the remainder of term 4.

3/4 Shine Night
The Year 3s and 4s truly ‘Shone’ last night as they shared their achievements from this year. It was a great celebration of all the work our children are involved in—from Science to Music, Literacy & Numeracy to Camps & Sport. Thanks to David Pahl, Merrilyn Dews and Louise Wall, and to all the students, for the huge effort in putting this celebration together. Thanks too to all the families in the audience—the senior wing was bursting at the seams.

Fundraisers
The Parents & Friends run a range of fantastic fundraisers throughout the year. Two recent events were the draw for the Jazz Festival Passes and the Casual Clothes Day in preparation for the White Elephant Sale for next year’s fete. Thanks to all for your donations and/or your time. These fundraising efforts make a great contribution to our school. Our top priority at the moment is funding the new shade sails over our playground.

Each House is now calling for donations for hampers to be part of our Trivia Night Fundraiser on Friday 22 November. The hampers are themed ‘Pamper’ for Reid House, ‘Kitchen’ for Chisholm House, ‘Stationary’ for Faithfull House and ‘Blokes Basket’ for Murphy House. Bring in your items as soon as possible.

Working Bee
Our Working Bee this term is on Saturday 9 November from 9.00am to 12.30pm. The focus of this morning will be preparing the retaining wall around the base of the basketball court for the Year 6 Farewell Mural. It will be great having this space beautified and for the Year 6s to leave their symbolic ‘final mark’ on our school here. We are also doing a general clean up around the school – pruning, raking, washing, painting and more – something for everyone! Even if you can only pop in for an hour or so, that would be greatly appreciated.

November is Walk to School Month
You may have seen in the paper that Wangaratta Primary School was one of the first schools to enter into a partnership with the Wangaratta Indoor Sports & Aquatic Centre to celebrate ‘Walk to School’ month. The centre will provide all our children with brunch at recess on Thursday 7 November. Families are encouraged to join the program on line at http://www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au/ There are apps available to download to monitor your walk to school or you can track your walking on the website. I know that many of our students drive in from a fair distance, but we really encourage families to try out the walk for a day or two.

Work Habit Keys
Persistence, Getting Along, Organisation, Resilience and Confidence
distance away - perhaps this month you might be able to park at Merriwa Park and enjoy the stroll in from there.

Classes for 2014
And finally, a reminder that Teachers will begin the task of creating class lists for next year fairly soon. As we do this work we carefully consider a wide range of factors associated with student learning, wellbeing and engagement to create classes that will be happy and productive places of learning. If you have anything that you would like us to consider as we create our class lists for 2014, please put this in writing to me no later than Friday 8 November.

Cheers,
Steve

Chloe — for always being friendly and caring towards others. Also for her confidence when performing in front of the class in music.
Jarrod — for really trying hard to do his best work and the improvement in his work especially his handwriting.
Charlie — for looking out for others solving problems calmly, using strategies in maths and being persistent in Blueearth.
Brock — we voted for Brock because he’s a good friend. He brings his footy to school and we play together.
Nicholas — for working his hardest and always putting in a great effort. Well Done.

Chaplain’s Chunk
One day the wind and the sun got into an argument about who was the strongest. The wind blew and stormed and raged but the sun was not impressed and claimed to be stronger. So the wind challenged the sun to a competition: ‘I bet I can force that man down there to take his coat off!’ ‘OK’ said the sun, so the wind blew with all its might but the harder it blew the tighter the man wrapped his coat around him. Then it was the sun’s turn. It smiled and shone gently. Before long the man sat down, feeling warm, and took his coat off himself. ‘There you go said the sun’ to the wind, ‘easy’.

Most of us probably remember this story, one of Aesop’s Fables, but it’s as well to be reminded of the moral. That in our day to day struggles with life and family and work and relationships, a bit of gentleness and kindness can achieve far more for the common good than all the bluster and force and stress ever can. So relax in the sun and smile. (not forgetting of course that we also have to be firm and decisive when required!)

Have a great week.

Nick Taylor

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

John Deeble
On the 25th of October John Deeble and Jan came to Wangaratta Primary School for the first time in 70 years. John came to our school to revisit some childhood memories. Lachlan C and Thomas E did a tour with him. Lachlan said that John remembered all of the old buildings and the scout building. He was surprised to see the new building. In the end John was very happy to see the school. By Lachlan C & Jaylen

WORKING BEE
Saturday, November 9
8.30am-12pm
General clean up of school.
General garden tools would be handy if you have them, including blowers, brooms etc
Preparation of wall including undercoating for

Absence Note

Student Name __________________________

Grade ______ Dates Absent __________________________

Reason _________________________________________

_________________________________________________

Signature _________________________________________

Date __________________________
The 5/6 Bike Hike

On Monday the 21st of October the 5/6s went on a 38km ride to Milawa. We left at about 9:20 am in our groups. It was about 11km to Oxley when we got to Oxley we had a break for recess and a play. It had been about a half an hour so we left Oxley to go to Milawa it was about 8 km away so we began our journey to Milawa. It didn’t take too long to get to Milawa in group 2 but when we got there we spent about an hour there to have lunch. We had lunch and had a sit in the shade and we were ready to go the rest of the way back!

On the way back Niclas’s opinion the ride back was better than the ride up. We had to stop a few times on the ride back for a drink but apart from that it was pretty straight forward. Also when we got back to school we had icy poles to cool us down. I think everyone enjoyed the day and a big thanks to the teachers and parents for taking us.

By Zac, Niclas and Jaylen,
The Australian Country Children’s Choir is a community children’s choir and invites children from all over the district to come and audition and be a part of a fantastic musical community. There is no charge to being in the ACCC but a commitment to the group is required. Rehearsals are held on a Tuesday 4.30-5.30pm at Appin Park Primary School and the choir is preparing for a Christmas concert later in December.

If you have a child who might be interested in joining this group, please contact Celine Muir on 0414902191

**SICK BAY ROSTER**

**Week beginning**

4 November—Kay B
11 November—Emma P
18 November—Tracey C
25 November—Mabel E
2 December—Sue L
9 December—Carly J
16 December—Cathryn C

5/6 Bike Hike.

I’m travelling faster than the speed of light. Wind funnels through my two sizes too large shirt as I sail down the hill. I’m bent low, my torso poised over the handlebars, trying to stay aero dynamic legs burning, muscles tense.

**Parents & Friends**

**Trivéa Night**

Friday, 22 November
SKE T THIS DATE

Come along for a fun filled night.

Tickets $15 single or $12 pp for table of 10!

**OAK FM**

Community Radio
12 noon till 1pm

Monday, 4 November
Luke and Matthew

**Somers Camp 2014**

March 18—March 26 2014.

Notes were sent home last week to students who will be in Years 5/6 in 2014 about Somers Camp.

As there are limited spaces, would you please ensure if your child is interested in going that the signed expression of interest forms are returned no later than Thursday 7 November by 9am.

Please note that this camp is straight after the proposed 5/6 Canberra Camp for 2014.

**Jazz Workshops**

These workshops are aimed at upper primary and secondary students.

Participation is free, however registration prior is preferred.

Big Band Clinics
Youth Jazz Showcase
Youth & Enthusiasts Jam Session

For further information on these workshops please contact Wayne Robinson Programs Director National Youth Jazz Academy