



School Dates:

Thursday 6th April

- Last day of school early dismissal at 2:30 pm

Monday 24th April

- Curriculum Day

Tuesday 25th April

- Public Holiday
- 8:30 am Meet outside McDonald's Wallan in school uniform for the Anzac service (optional)

Wednesday 26th April

- First Day of Term 2
- ANZAC service at school 12:15pm Families welcome

A Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

Thank you...



Thank you and congratulations to Noelene Timmins who is retiring today! Noelene has been a member of the WPS community for well over 20 years with her own children attending Wallan PS. Noelene took on volunteering roles and then moved into the role of an Education Support member. Noelen has supported many students, teachers and families over the years with her kind, caring approach and passion for literacy. Noelene has also led many small groups to support students in further developing their literacy skills. With her strong passion for literacy over the many years she has supported the school's leaders and literacy team to develop the strong collection of resources and texts we now have for our students to use each day and to borrow. Thank you Noelene, for all your hard work.



Di Brasher is also another one of our talented Education Support members who will be retiring today as well. Di, very similar to Noelene has been connected to the WPS community for a long time with her daughter also attending the school. Di managed our Before and After School Care Program (BASP) for many years. Di was identified by out-of-school hours care associations to write articles to support other services! Di is always thinking about our school and puts the students first. Over the years Di has arranged many fantastic events and grants for our kids! She stepped into the PSD (Program for Students with Disabilities) role and her dedication, honesty and the strong relationships she has

Wednesday 3rd May
- Curriculum Day

Monday 12th June
- Public Holiday

Friday 23rd June
- Last day of
Term 2.



SCHOOL VALUES

DO YOUR BEST

HELP OTHERS SUCCEED

RESPECT YOUR ENVIRONMENT



SCHOOL MOTTO

Working
Together
for a Better Future.

Because They're Worth It

built with department school support services, families, students, education support members and our teachers have provided success for many families. This has been in the form of services, support in the classroom and at home, clothing, assessments for funding, food and so much more. Di always goes above and beyond and I know she has well and truly left a positive footprint in our community and positively impacted so many people. Thank you for everything you have done for our community.

Thank you for your time at Wallan PS Amanda Dow, Rachel Turner and Kristin Martin are moving on to the next step of their teaching journey next term. We appreciate the support you have provided our students.

WOW!

What a busy last few weeks it has been. We have had a great term with so many activities, incursions, excursions, upgrades to our school and new classrooms arriving.

Our new Literacy program Little Learners Love Literacy is well underway and our teachers are already talking about the positive data and growth they are seeing this year! We will feature more information about this in Term 2.

I was blown away by the listening skills demonstrated at our recent Whole School Assembly. It was great to meet our new school leaders and discuss some important topics such as keeping our yard clean, uniform and the exciting events we have coming up.

Harmony Day was a huge success with a sea of orange as students entered in the morning as well as various cultures represented with some students wearing their cultural dress. We are working on a fantastic feather display which the students started to create. I ran dance lessons with each cohort and covered a variety of culturally inspired routines. A big thank you to all the students for challenging themselves and giving it a go! Also to our teachers who jumped in and danced as well.

Our final assembly for the term will be held on Thursday 6th April at 1:45 pm. We then enter the school holidays. Please note that day 1 of term 2 is a curriculum day and day 2 is a public holiday. School will return on Wednesday 26th April.

ANZAC Day in Wallan.

Each year we have a great representation at the Wallan RSL ANZAC service. This service starts at 9am. If you would like to attend with your child please ensure they are in school uniform and meet outside Wallan McDonalds at 8:30am Tuesday 25th April to walk down the main street as a school and into the service which usually last about an hour.

ANZAC Service at School.

This year we are beginning a new tradition at WPS. Our own school ANZAC service. On Wednesday 26th April at 12:15 pm we will run a whole school service. We have an RSL representative joining us, one of our local early childhood groups will lead the Acknowledgement of Country, we will sing the National Anthem and hear from our School Captains. Families are welcome to attend this service if you choose.

Meet our School Leaders.

Last week at assembly we met our new school leaders for 2023.



Community Survey

We love to hear what you think so we can celebrate our successes and identify areas to further develop. We would love it if you have 4 minutes to complete this survey for us. We find that many people choose not to respond because they are so happy, that is great news but please share our successes with us as I enjoy sharing this with our team.

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Kind regards,
Tanya Kirkright - Principal

Teachers have fun too at WPS:

This term we have been working hard with lots of new learning to support our students. So it is time for some FUN!
Last week we got to play in the art room and make marble paper!



Foundation Police Visit

Last week our Foundation students had a visit from our local Police liaison, Ryan Coleman. He explained what police do and how they help our community and showed the students some cool police equipment too!



Happy Easter Holidays. Please stay safe and look after yourself over the holidays.

From All at WPS

