



"Working Together for a Better Future"

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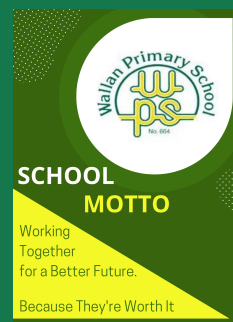
School Dates:

Monday 12th June
- Public Holiday

Tuesday 20th June
- Curriculum Day

Friday 23rd June
- Last day of Term 2.

Check our website for more dates.



A Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 2!

Welcome back to Term 2. We have lots of exciting things happening such as our Year 5/6 camp, our Year 2 camp, our Year 4 camp, and various excursions and incursions. I am very impressed with how settled the school is and the success we are seeing with the students learning.

I also want to acknowledge the high level of manners and respect I have seen from our students in the past 2 weeks since returning to school. This was a big focus towards the end of Term 1 and I am very proud when I speak to our students and the respect I hear them displaying to myself and others. Well done to all.

Unfortunately last week we had to cancel our planned curriculum day. This is not a common practice, but due to unforeseen circumstances, we had to make this decision. We have rescheduled this day for Tuesday 20th of June, therefore no students will attend school this day. You can contact Big Child Care to book a place for the day if you need. Please update your calendars.

ANZAC Day in Wallan.

Each year the Wallan community holds an ANZAC service. Thank you to all the students who attended this service, their families, our teachers and our school council president. Our school captains were also asked to write their own poem and read it which was very special.





ANZAC Service at School.

This year we ran our first whole school ANZAC service. You can view this on our Website or Facebook page. It was a great event and the feedback has been very positive. What a great way to teach our students about history and respect. Thank you to Des Callaghan, Vice President of RSL Victoria for attending our service and speaking to our students. Thank you to Martyn Scrimshaw, one of our grandfathers for playing the Last Post. Thank you to Journey Early childhood centre and their 4-year-old group who led our welcome to country. The feedback from many of our community members has been overwhelming and many families explained how emotional the service made them and how important this is for our students to be involved in. We aim to run this service each year.



Congratulations and Goodbye!

Shannen Jenkins is one of our amazing education support (ES) members. Shannen works in our classrooms to support students with their learning. She also manages our breakfast club and lunch club as well as lots of other extra roles around our school. Shannen is a great support for our students and will be missed. Shannen has been successful in her dream role of a specialised youth worker with The Bridge one of our local programs. We really do appreciate everything she has done for our school over the years and we wish her all the best in her new role. I am sure you will see her in the local community. Shannen's last day at school will be on Tuesday as she will accompany the Year 5/6 students on their camp later in the week. Thanks, Shannen.

Meet our School Leaders.

Our school leaders have been working hard for our school in the past few months. They have led assemblies, our ANZAC service, represented us at community events, attended school council meetings, attended network student leader planning days at Beveridge PS and school tours with prospective parents. Last week our captains and vice captains also joined me on a special site tour of our new gym! We filmed a little sequence that will be featured on our webpage and Facebook page soon.



FUNDRAISING REMINDERS:

Please bring your empty bread bags and place them in the box, in the office foyer for our school fundraising.



Community Survey

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our 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. Please complete the survey by 11th of May as **we will draw out 5 people from the responses and those people will win a gift voucher!**

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY](#)

Kind regards,
Tanya Kirkright - Principal

CYBER SAFETY PROJECT

We are excited to announce we have partnered with the Cyber Safety Project. **What does this mean?**

All students in our school will attend a specialised Cyber Safety presentation targeted at their age group. Teachers will also be provided with follow-up activities and attend their own specialist teacher professional learning session. Families have access to a live webinar each term! If you miss the live webinar that is okay as the recording is accessible all year and you can watch this multiple times.

Please see the code sent out via Compass so that you can log in and watch these sessions.

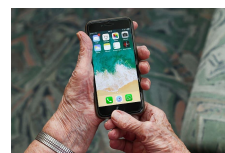
This is a MUST for all families!



REMINDERS:

PHONE CALL WEEK

Next week is phone call week. This means that your child's classroom teacher will call you sometime in the next week to have a brief check-in with you regarding your child. Therefore please beware that sometimes our teachers will call you from a private number. If you need a longer chat please arrange a time to come up to school and chat.



ADULTS ON SITE.

Just a reminder that students should not be on site before 8:30 am unless they are supervised by a guardian. We have also noticed lately that we have many parents onsite earlier than the end of the day even at lunchtime. Please note that due to Child Safe regulations visitors are not allowed on site until 3:00 pm. Before 3:00 pm you must sign in at the office if you are a parent helper or if you are collecting your child attend the office for further instructions. Please do not come onsite before 3 pm and sit outside your child's classroom. This can be very distracting for your child and the other children if you are outside or peeking in the window when their learning is still occurring. Thank you for your support.



FOUNDATION 2024 (PREP) ENROLMENTS

There is a new process for enrolments for 2024. All Foundation 2024 enrolments need to be handed into the school office by the 28th of July. Then we can provide families with confirmation and their new 'foundation' T-shirt which students can wear around the community. If you have any questions or need an enrolment form please contact the office.

FOUNDATION 2024 (PREP) INFO NIGHT

Wednesday 17th May 2023

6:30 pm School Tour

7:30 pm Information Night Presentation

***Call the office to book or log in on our website*

EDUCATION WEEK 2023

Wednesday 17th May 2023

Classrooms open from 8:45 am - 10:45 am

Grandparents and special people invited to visit

More information on Compass

