



"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,

Camp Updates

Last week our Year 5 and 6 students went on camp to Camp Campaspe. I was lucky enough to pop up for a day and visit their 2-night camp. The campgrounds were beautiful with a little autumn sun to break through the cold morning.

Students participated in various activities such as the giant swing, tennis, trampoline activities, orienteering and I even got to join them for rock climbing and a few trips on the flying fox.



Thank you to our staff who went to support our students and our parent volunteers.

Mother's Day Stall

Our 2023 Mother's Day Stall was a hit! All students had the opportunity to buy their mum or special person an item from our stall. Thank you to Jaid Griggs for managing the whole event and Stevie Cumming and Renee Cudmore for their support as well as all our parent helpers.

Education Week

Last week was Education Week with a focus on 'active learners: move, make, motivate.' At Wallan PS we have many activities and learning that encourages students to move through various sports, performing arts and brain breaks as well as make through our various art programs and our brand new food session for years 3-6. Our goal as a school is to motivate students in their learning every day from literacy to maths and much much more.



REMINDER:

Do you want to know the goals for WPS for the next 4 years?

Come to our Report to the Community event on Wednesday 14th June at 6:00 pm. We will celebrate and reflect on 2022 and explain our goals for 2023 and the next 4 years!

Thank you to all the families, grandparents and special friends who visited our students for their learning on Wednesday morning. Your children really did appreciate this. It was also lovely to see our community spirit and many visitors volunteering to work with students who could not have family visitors present on the day due to their work commitments etc.

Patch's Pantry

Our new values system is in place and it is very exciting. Students are allocated tickets based on our three school values. Students then save their tickets in their zip-lock bag. Sandra Allison and her helpers open Patch's pantry and students have the chance to trade their tickets. Our first Patch's pantry occurred and the line went from my office all the way past the art room! Children were giggling, laughing, and chanting 'Patch's pantry' It was amazing. Last week we held our second pantry session, and we learnt

to stagger the groups. 🤪 It is great to see this system in place and students working hard to demonstrate our values. We are encouraging students to save their tickets as there are some great prizes as you get into 30, 60 and 80 tickets such as canteen vouchers, extra art sessions and larger prizes such as balls and art activities.



FUNDRAISING REMINDERS:

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



Building Update

Have you seen our video online yet? Log on to our website or Facebook page to see our School Captains and Vice School Captains touring our new gym site.



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 sessions. 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!



COFFEE VISITED

Some of you will remember when Humphrey the Therapy dog came to visit last year. Well, Coffee is a friend of Humphrey's and he is also a therapy dog.

He visited us last week to say "Hi" and to bring us some smiles and tail wags.

Coffee has tried to visit every classroom over the 2 days. Thank you to Angelina, his carer. It was great to see our students being respectful of Coffee and not overcrowding him. Thank you Sandra Allison for organising this for our school.



DOCUMENTING OUR 4-YEAR VISION AT WPS

Dear Families,

We would love your feedback. We are currently finalising our School Strategic Plan which covers WPS for the next 4 years! We have updated our values to:

- **Do Your Best**
- **Help Others Succeed**
- **Respect Your Environment**

We have decided to keep our mission/motto the same: **Working together for a better future...because they're worth it.**

Now it is time to rewrite our vision. Our previous vision was...

Wallan Primary School provides a safe and positive learning environment in which all Wallan Primary School community members experience success. Through effective and explicit teaching, positive parenting and community support, we promote positive relationships that will sustain social and emotional well-being for all.

Staff have reflected and we feel that this worked well for the past 4 years but it is time to change. We analysed various different words to ensure our collective passion for teaching and education came across. We also wanted it to be shorter.

We have come up with...

Wallan Primary School supports and empowers all learners to embrace challenges and celebrate achievements.

So what do you think? Do you like it? Any suggestions?

We did wonder if we have 'achievements' or 'successes'? We also wanted to word inclusion in there but decided 'all students' would cover this?

We would love you to email any feedback to Tanya.Kirkright@education.vic.gov.au by Wednesday 24th May 2023.

Thank you for your input.

Tanya Kirkright - Principal
On behalf of WPS teachers

FOUNDATION 2024 (PREP) ENROLMENTS

If you have a child starting prep/foundation in 2024 their forms are DUE NOW!

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.

Last week we held a nighttime school tour and a prep information night. Thank you to Tracey Nihill for supporting me to run these sessions. It was great to see many families and future students attending. If you have friends who would like to book a school tour we are running during the day, please book at our website or call the office.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Wallan Primary School participated at the District Cross Country Championships on Friday 12th May 2023 at Brimbank Park. The weather was perfect for a run in the park.

We competed against 8 other schools within our district. Each race had over 80 students running. Wallan Primary School came 3rd overall. Our students performed

very well. All the results are below:

9/10 BOYS		9/10 GIRLS	
Place Finished	Name	Place Finished	Name
1 st	Cohen Maxey	6 th	Imogen Price
5 th	Chase Gray	7 th	Piper Cattarinussi
14 th	Chase Ward	15 th	Menora Finau
15 th	Jack Pulleyn	16 th	Isabelle English
16 th	Mattias Hoo		

11 BOYS		11 GIRLS	
Place Finished	Name	Place Finished	Name
9 th	Cohen Griffiths	18 th	Indy Grayden
14 th	Axel Woods-Hiah		
25 th	Ayman Mohammad Yazid		

12 BOYS		12 GIRLS	
Place Finished	Name	Place Finished	Name
1 st	Sebastian Tomas	1 st	Trinity Leighton
2 nd	Anthony Leopoldo	5 th	Zahra Vattackary
12 th	John Minah	14 th	Ani Glassie
15 th	Matthew Brown	21 st	Allanah Collett
21 st	Nektarios Papairaklis	22 nd	Caity Conroy
22 nd	Jad Yousseff	30 th	Dakota Ward

The following students have made it through to the next round, which will compete at Kilmore Racetrack on Tuesday 30th May 2023.

Sebastian Tomas
 Anthony Leopoldo
 Trinity Leighton
 Zahra Vattackary
 Cohan Maxey
 Chase Gray
 Cohen Griffiths
 Imogen Price
 Piper Cattarinussi

Well done to all students who competed on the day and thank you to the teachers who attended the day.

Mrs Stacey