



"Working Together for a Better Future"

THURSDAY 1st June

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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.

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!

A Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

Another exciting two weeks at Wallan PS. We have had camps, excursions, incursions and lots of celebrations. Our new gym is getting closer and our ramp developments are heading towards the end of the project. Our Foundation enrolments for 2024 have started and families are collecting their special Foundation Tshirts.

Camp Updates Yr 2



Our Year 2 students have enjoyed their first camp which was a one-night stay at Weekaway camp. It is a wonderful experience for our students from the basics of packing their bags and sleeping away from home to the more complex and challenging activities presented to them on camp. Thank you to our staff who went to support our students and our parent volunteers. Please see our Facebook page for more photos.

Fundraising

Sadly we were all rocked by the news of Exford PS students' bus crash in the previous weeks. Our Year 5/6 students and staff wanted to help. Very quickly student voice was in action and the team had planned an out-of-school uniform day for the whole school to raise money. A BIG thank you to our community as not only did we have students bringing in a gold coin donation we also had a few families pop into the office and drop off quite large sums of money. Overall we raised \$1,519.25 which has been transferred to Melton PS who is managing all the donations for EPS. I have emailed the Principal of EPS our card and the details of the fundraising. She was very grateful for our efforts and explained the money would be passed on to the student's families.

COMING SOON

*School
beanies
and
scarves as
a school
fundraiser!*

FUNDRAISING REMINDERS:

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



Vic Market

Last week year 5/6 students, as part of their economics 'Market Stall' unit went to the Vic Market in the city. Students got to see how the market operates, get tips from the stall holders and also purchase some items for themselves. The aim is that students will be creating their items to sell at a school-based Market Stall at the end of the term to our school students. The students had a lot of fun and we received great feedback from shoppers in the market about the high level of respect and manners displayed by our students. This made me proud. Well done Year 5/6 team.

Thank you

Shannan Jenkins one of our ES members finished up with us in recent weeks. Shannan is a familiar face you would have seen around the school and in the local community. She is very passionate about our students and also supports local community groups. Shannan wore many hats as a classroom-based ES (Education Support) member and helped to run our breakfast club and lunch club as well as many other events around the school such as the Big Morning Tea and supporting our Graduation team in 2022. Thank you Shannan for all your work at WPS we know your next step in the youth worker area will be great.

Riitta Deakes has supported many students at WPS over the years as an ES member and in her role in literacy support groups. Riitta is very passionate about students and reading and would select particular books that would interest the students she was working with. Riitta also worked with a team to develop many of our literacy resources that still get used every day. Thank you, Riitta for all your time and effort over the years for the students and families at WPS. Riitta has picked up a position supporting a child in the early childhood setting closer to her home.

Welcome to...

Carla Smith has joined our Year 2 team in room 8, 2 days a week so Rebecca Spadijer can support our graduate teachers with their practice.

Hanane Darwiche has started with us in the last two weeks. Hanane is our new Business Manager and is completing a handover with the wonderful Jenny Bruce who will retire at the end of this term.



Welcome back to...

Kirsty Bridge has been doing some CRT work around the school this year but returns from her Family Leave position in Term 3. Kirsty has taken on the Year 5/6 Digi Tech Specialist role, leading our Digital Leaders and working closely with our techs and teachers to ensure all our new devices are well managed.

Kind regards, Tanya Kirkright - Principal

Values Ticket Celebration



Congratulations to all our students who have been working hard to display their school values and have been receiving their values tickets.

Here we have our first 3 students to save their 60 tickets and trade them for a 60-ticket reward! Well done we are very impressed. Keep up the great work everyone.

Warm Welcome!

Did you know every Monday morning all our classes start with a Wellbeing focus. Teachers allocate a specific time to encourage students to check in about their feelings, life on the weekend, celebrations, concerns and set students up so they are ready to learn and have a great week at school.

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. Please contact the office if you have any questions or need an enrolment form.

Last week we held a night time 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.

Division Cross Country

Nine students from Wallan Primary School braved the weather at the Woodlands Division Cross Country Championships on Tuesday 30th May 2023 at Kilmore Trackside.

The rain stayed away for most of the day and the sun tried its hardest to make an appearance. All students performed very well and represented the school with great sportsmanship.

Cohan (room 24), Chase (room 24), Imogen (room 25) and Piper (room 23) all competed in the year 9/10 boys and girls event. Cohan finished 10th and has made it through to Regionals. Imogen finished 15th and is an emergency for the next round. Cohen (room M1) and Zahra (room 17) competed in the 11-year-old boys and girls event. Unfortunately, Cohen was unable to finish his race due to twisting his ankle halfway around the course and Zahra finished in 32nd place which was a great result considering that more than 50 children were competing in this race. Sebastian (room 22) and Anthony (room 22) both competed in the boys's 12/13 year old race. Sebastian finished in

14th place and Anthony in 18th place. Sebastian is an emergency for the next round. Cohen and hopefully Imogen and Sebastian will represent Wallan Primary School at the Northern Metropolitan Regional event on Wednesday 14th June 2023.

Thank you once again to all the families for bringing their child to the event.

Mrs Stacey

Stay well this Winter

Symptoms of influenza (flu) can hit very quickly and may last several weeks. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and others from getting the flu. [Annual influenza vaccination](#) is recommended from mid-April each year and is free under the [National Immunisation Program](#) for those at higher risk of complications from the flu.

Keeping our school community well

Parents, carers and students are encouraged to practice prevention measures, including:

- washing and sanitising hands regularly
- avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- covering nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing
- staying home if unwell and consulting a general practitioner (GP) or [Nurse-on-call](#) as required
- staying up to date with flu and COVID-19 vaccinations.

Flu vaccinations - Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs and pharmacies, many of which can also provide COVID-19 vaccinations. Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6

months and over. Some people are more at risk of complications from flu and are eligible for free vaccination as part of the [National Immunisation Program](#).

COVID-19 booster - The 2023 COVID-19 booster dose is available for everyone aged 18 and above. Getting your booster dose remains the best way to prevent severe illness or hospitalisation, especially in people aged over 65 and those at higher risk of severe illness. You can have your booster dose 6 months after your last dose or COVID infection.

Children aged between 5 and 17 years who are at risk of severe illness can also receive a 2023 booster dose. You can get your next dose at your local pharmacy or GP. To find one near you, refer to the [vaccine clinic finder](#).

Find out more about preventing flu, and immunisation, refer to:

- [Better Health Channel influenza flu immunisation fact sheet](#)
- [Getting vaccinated against influenza](#).

FREE PARENTING SEMINAR

Raising Resilient Children - 7th June, 1:30pm - 3:00pm at Wallan Primary School

Learning how to cope with and bounce back from set backs and disappointment is how we develop our resilience – the ability to stay calm and deal with whatever challenges cross our path. It may be a severe weather event, a pandemic, or other event outside our control, but how we respond to that event impacts our health and wellbeing. That's why we're proud to be hosting a Triple P Seminar to help all parents give children useful skills and strategies to manage their emotions, overcome challenges, and handle stressful situations. The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program can help you guide your child towards a happy and successful adulthood.

Triple P's Raising Resilient Children Seminar for parents with children aged up to 12 years, offers tips on how to develop your child's ability to cope with problems, now and in the future.



HELP YOUR KIDS COPE WITH LIFE'S UPS AND DOWNS – INCLUDING ONLINE

- Problem-solve with your child, to help them stay safe and manage risks
- Support your child's ability to manage emotional ups and downs
- Help your child cope with stress and setbacks and stay positive

The seminar is fun and friendly and it's FREE! It'll help kids AND parents take the drama out of family life so everyone can deal with issues calmly and more confidently.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE FREE SEMINAR: [visit the Triple P website to learn more and book your free spot](#).

Triple P is a world-renowned program (developed in Australia) that has already helped more than 4 million children and their families. Triple P also offers a range of online programs (web-based courses you do in your own time, at your own pace) and these are freely available to all families across Victoria with children aged under 16 years.