



*"Working Together for a Better Future"*

WEDNESDAY 25th July

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## School Dates:

Wednesday 26th July

- Year 6 Photo Day

Friday 28th July

- 100 days of Foundation
- Young Leaders Day

Friday 4th August

- Year 3 Pizza and Movie night

Tuesday 15th August

- Curriculum Day

Tuesday 29th August

- Book Fair starts

TBC

- Book Week Dress Up Day

Thursday 31st August

- Father & Special Person's Day Stall

## A Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

We are already into week 3 of the term and it is great to see the students have settled in well after the school holiday break. We have lots of exciting things happening at school over the break such as our new shade sails that have been installed to create two new outdoor learning spaces for when the weather becomes warmer. We have just placed orders for seating in both these areas.

We also had our gymnasium continue and the amount of work, especially in the outdoor area, has seen a lot of change and excitement amongst students and teachers. Thank you to our maintenance team who have modified our administration building to ensure that we have a larger conference room for our growing school and some extra offices.

### Rubiks Cube Champ



championship twice (he solves the Rubiks cube in about 4.5 seconds). If you would like to share any achievements with us please email our school.

Mrs Cay went to the Victorian Open for Speedcubing Australia and World Cube Association with her son. She also passed the information on to Ayman from Wallan PS because he is always practising his Rubiks cube and he is so good at it. Over the holidays Ayman decided to compete as well. We are so proud of him for this amazing achievement! Ayman solved it in under 40 seconds and got to meet Feliks Zemdegs, the only person who has won the world

Friday 15th September  
- Last day of Term  
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Check our website for more dates.

**COMING SOON**  
*School  
beanies as  
a school  
fundraiser!*



### Uniform

Uniforms play a crucial role in the lives of primary students as they bring several significant benefits to their academic and social development. Uniforms promote a sense of equality and belonging, as all students wear the same attire, eliminating socioeconomic differences and reducing peer pressure related to clothing choices. Uniforms create a conducive learning environment by minimising distractions, allowing students to focus more on their learning.

In essence, uniforms foster a positive atmosphere that nurtures learning, inclusivity, and personal growth among primary students. Please ensure that your child is in correct uniform for school each day. Our Year 6 students do have the privilege of wearing black pants/shorts instead of green, however this needs to be plain black with no labels. If this is not possible please stay with the bottle green pants. If you are having issues with obtaining uniform please chat to our wellbeing team.



### Drink Bottles

It's super important for students to bring their own water bottle every day. Drinking water keeps them focused and healthy. With their own bottles, they can easily get a drink whenever they need it, even when it's hot or they're running around. Plus, it's cool to take care of their own stuff! So, when kids bring their water bottles, they feel good, stay healthy, and do better in school and play! Has your child got a water bottle in their school bag?



### Semester 1 Reports

In the last week of Term 2 your child's report was released on Compass. *Have you had a look yet?* We can track how many reports have been opened and there are still many families who have not looked at their child's report yet. Please take the time to log into Compass, select reports and look at your Semester 1 Report 2023. It is a great time to celebrate your child's achievements and set learning goals and attendance goals for the second half of the year.

### Student Led Conferences

Thank you to all the families who attended our recent Student Led Conferences. It was lovely to see the smiling faces of our students and the excitement when they got to share their classroom space and learning with their family. Thank you to the families who purchased an item from our food vans where a percentage of the sales goes to our school as a fundraiser. Please log in to Seesaw to see more of your child/ren's learning throughout the term! If you are unsure of your Seesaw login please check with your

## PERSIST

Just a reminder that it is important to persist at school. This week we would like to highlight the importance of students and families to persist in challenging times.

Attendance is a major focus for our school and all schools across the state. Set a goal to be at school on time every day and also to be at school every day. For some students this is easy and for others more challenging. Set goals and/or rewards. If you need ideas or support touch base with our wellbeing team.

Please discuss this with your child/ren at home.

classroom teacher.

## LOVE IN ACTION

Thanks to our super trivia team who represented our school at the recent 'Love In Action' charity fundraiser. Although we did not win, we demonstrated our school value 'do your best!' Mr Gibbs also came second in the spelling competition and we were very proud of him. Mrs Davis also was a super star with her round of 'sing the next line.'



Love In Action is a great charity that supports a lot of our community throughout the year. If you would like to support them please get in touch with the Love In Action Team or contact our Wellbeing AP, Sandra Allison. We aim to run some activities later in the year to also support this great team who have a target of organising over 800 Christmas presents for deserving children in Wallan this Christmas!

Kind regards, Tanya Kirkright - Principal



**AMC 2023**  
2023 Australian  
Mathematics Competition

## SIGN UP NOW!

### Year 3-6 Opportunity Australian Mathematics Competition

Year 3-6 students have the opportunity to participate in the Australian Mathematics Competition. It is the longest running and most well-respected Australian mathematics competition for students to compete against other schools in various Mathematical

## MEET OUR DIGITAL LEADERS!



Our Digital Leaders are part of our Student Leadership structure at WPS. Our Digital Leaders meet once a fortnight to collaborate and share their skills, knowledge and develop procedures to further improve our use of devices and technology at Wallan PS. Our Digital Leaders also provide feedback to Kirsty Bridge (Digital Leader Facilitator) and Chris Marsh, our two talented Digi Tech



problem-solving activities.

Further details, including the confirmed date, will be forwarded to interested families closer to the event.

Students will have the opportunity to work in a space with their cohort group while competing in this hour long competition.

It costs \$8 per child. If you are interested please log in and pay on Compass now!

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. Please contact the office if you have any questions or need an enrolment form. Tell your friends too!

## Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge



The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Wallan PS is excited to be participating. The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 8 September 2023.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers. To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: <https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge>

**Individual Student Codes are provided by your classroom teacher.**

Families are encouraged to log in at home and add books you read. Teachers will also log books that are read in the classroom. You can start reading now and write your books in your school diary, so you can add them when you get your code.