



"Working Together for a Better Future"

WEDNESDAY 9th August

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School Dates:

Tuesday 15th August
- Curriculum Day

Wednesday 16th August
- Super Hero Dress Up Day

Monday 28th August
- Book Week Dress Up Day

Tuesday 29th August
- Book Fair starts

Thursday 31st August
- Father & Special Person's Day Stall

Friday 15th September
- Last day of Term

Check our website for more dates.



A Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

School Diaries

This year we introduced our school diaries. It is an expectation that these live in your child's school bag and travel to and from school each day. Please record your nightly home reading in these diaries. Students in Years 4 - 6 should be able to record their own reading but they may need supervision and direction to complete this. Teachers are also beginning to use these in class more frequently when looking at future events, calendars in maths and tracking our attendance. Please ensure your child's diary is in their school bag. If you need a replacement this can be purchased at the office for \$10.

Respectful Behaviours within the School Community

When parents, carers and school staff work together as one team, our students do better. Everyone at school, particularly staff and parents/carers, play a role in making school a better place for learning and work.

Parents, carers and school staff have a relationship that can last many years. This is an opportunity to work together to create a positive relationship in the best interests of your child. When this relationship is built on respect and trust, students learn better and feel like they belong in the school. Every member of our school community has a right to feel safe and be protected.

The department's [Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy](#) describes the positive behaviour expected from parents, carers, and other adults in Victorian school communities. The policy sets clear standards of behaviour to create a safe, respectful, and inclusive learning environment for students, staff and adults.



Respect your Environment

This past week we have been focusing on litter around the yard with our students and it is sad to also see so much litter around our boundary fences on the outside.

Please encourage your child to place their litter in the bin. You can also help by providing students with 'nude' food. This is food that has no packaging. After school we also see parents providing their child/ren with snacks and then as they walk off the child is dropping their rubbish when parents are not aware.

Please discuss this with your child/ren at home. We need to work as a team to improve our environment.

There are also resources to support safe and respectful relationships in our school community, including information about getting involved in the school, advice on how to raise a concern or complaint, and parenting support resources. You can find the policy and these resources [here](#). You may also see a [new poster](#) up around our school, promoting positive behaviour. Thank you for your support around this area.

Year 3 - Pizza and Movie Night.

This year marked our first Year 3 pizza and movie night. Students stayed at school on Friday night until 7pm. We enjoyed games, a movie, popcorn and pizza. This is a new addition in 2023 to our whole school camping program to ensure each cohort has a special event each year.

Principal's Day

Last Friday was also Principal's Day. Thank you to all the students and families that approached myself and the Assistant Principals throughout the day to share their best wishes and gratitude. We had a great day with many cards, visits to our meetings and offices as well as a beautiful morning tea. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Sandra Allison (Wellbeing Assistant Principal) and Tracey Nihill (Acting Assistant Principal of Teaching and Learning) for all their time and dedication to Wallan PS. These two individuals spend many days meeting with teachers, leaders, students, external agencies and our families to improve the opportunities for all the students at our school.

Thank you

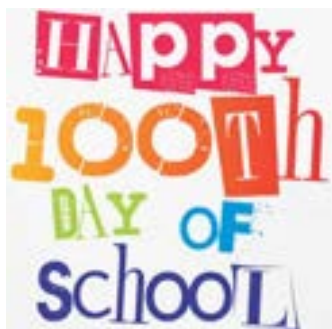
Tracey Humphries has been involved at Wallan Primary School for over 14 years. Tracey ran our BASP (Before and After School Care Program) prior to Big Childcare. Tracey has always been very supportive of our school, students and their families. When we outsourced BASP we acknowledged the work that Tracey had done. Tracey has more recently moved into a classroom ES role to support our students. Now that Tracey is leaving Wallan PS we want to acknowledge her again. Thank you Tracey.



Thank you to Harriet Vouyoukas who has been an ES classroom member for the past 2 years at WPS. We appreciate all the time and effort she has put in with the students and classes at our school. We wish her well in her new administration role at Broadmeadows SDS.



Kind regards, Tanya Kirkright - *Principal*



Our Foundation students had a great day celebrating their 100th Day of school. Students have been

completing various activities based on the number 100. We also dressed up to mark the occasion!



Students made the number 100 on the basketball court.



Being outdoors is important for mental health and well-being. Almost anything that can be taught indoors can also be taught outside. We have decided to explore an outdoor education program with our Foundation and Year 1 classes this year.

Our program begins this week!

The program will be a mix of science, engineering, environmental education, First Nations learning, art and oral language development. Unless the weather is very wet or hot, your child will be spending 1 hour outdoors each week, connecting with the natural world. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate clothes for their weekly session, for example long pants, coat, hat. Ms Grahame will be teaching our new program and is excited to meet everyone.

FOUNDATION 2024 ENROLMENTS

Thank you for all the Foundation 2024 enrolments. Please make sure you have collected your new 'Foundation' T-shirt which students can wear around the community.

Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Head Knock Reminder

It is policy that if a child has a head knock they will stay in sick bay until a parent/carer has spoken with our staff and either agreed to return them to class or decided to collect the student. Please be aware that we need verbal consent before they return to class.

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS



To celebrate Book Week Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will participate in visual storytelling sessions on Monday 28th August and Foundation, Year 1 and 2 students will participate in drawing a story sessions on Wednesday 30th August.

Ben Wood is a children's book illustrator. He has illustrated over 25 books, including Blast Off! by Shelly Unwin, the Squishy Taylor series by Ailsa Wild, and the hilarious new series Real Pigeons by Andrew McDonald.

Ben will entertain students with tips and tricks for creating a story with pictures.

Don't forget our Book Week Dress Up Day on Monday 28th August!

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge



The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Wallan PS is excited to be participating. 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 more 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.

Our Teachers are Learners too!

We put ourselves in the shoes of our learners by trying our learning tasks before we use them in the classroom. We had lots of fun trying out our Maths Learning Tasks.



Thank you Wallan PS Students...

8 August 2023

Wallan Primary School
42-48 Queen Str
WALLAN VIC 3756

Dear Wallan Primary School,

I'd like to thank everyone at Wallan Primary School personally for your extraordinary fundraising efforts. The event which you organised was a huge success and raised \$663.65 to support cancer research at Peter Mac.

Whether it's you, a family member, or a friend, many of us have been affected by cancer. In fact, I'm sorry to tell you that within the next four minutes alone, someone will face the words 'you have cancer'.

But thanks to your generosity we're improving and saving more lives every day. Your fundraising will help support Peter Mac's ground-breaking cancer research, ensuring the discoveries made in our research laboratories reach the patients in our clinics as quickly as possible. It's an important, lifesaving contribution. Thank you.

I hope you have wonderful memories of joining together with your community to raise funds for Peter Mac. On behalf of the researchers, clinicians, and mostly importantly the patients you will help, please pass on my warmest thanks to all involved.

Yours sincerely,



Kate Torney OAM
Chief Executive Officer
Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation

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Community News

Comedy for a Cause

Presented by **WSC** in support of **BEST STREET**

Dave Williams
 - Edinburgh, Melbourne and Sydney Comedy Festivals.
 - Rose, Headliners, David Williams Live
 - A.S stars - Adelaide Advertiser
 "Brings the house down" - USA Today
 "Williams is the Best Live Stand-up Working... except the Substitutes" - Rip It Up

Billy Stiles
 - Melbourne International Comedy Festival
 - Christie, Sam and Browne - NovaFM
 "Billy is an amazing joke writer" - Dave Hughes
 "A killer on stage" - Dave O'Neil

Jess Pearman
 - Melbourne International Comedy Festival
 - Melbourne Fringe Festival
 - Rose Comedy Finalist
 - Queer 500 Comedian of the year 2022
 "A future star" - Bedlam Comedy

Matt Stewart
 - Triple J NSW Comedy National Champion
 - Perth, Canberra & Melbourne Int. Comedy Festivals
 "Matt Stewart amplified, proving himself an even more off-kilter talent, with a thoroughly engaging way of presenting his distinctive ideas" - Christie

Thursday 19 August 2023
 Doors 7pm / Show 8pm
 WSC Auditorium
 100 Duke Street, Wallon

Tickets: \$40 at [comedyforacause.net/WSC](https://www.comedyforacause.net/WSC) (18+ Only)

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JUNIOR CRICKET REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW

<https://www.playhq.com/>

Training will commence in September with competitions in October. Exact dates to follow.
 Register on Play HQ

Kilmore Netball Club Spring Night Comp 2023

Monday Nights
 15U start 5:30pm 4 * 10min Quarters (1-1-2008 to 31-12-2008)
 17U start 6:30pm 4 * 10min Quarters (1-1-2006 to 31-12-2007)
 OPEN start 7:30pm 4 * 10min Quarters (Born before 9-10-2008)
Dates will be:
 9/10, 16/10, 23/10, 30/10, 13/11, 20/11, 27/11, 4/12

Tuesday Nights
 9U start 5:30pm 4 * 7min Quarters (1-1-2014 TO 31-12-2016)
 11U start 6:15pm 4 * 10min Quarters (1-1-2012 to 31-12-2013)
 13U start 7:15pm 4 * 10min Quarters (1-1-2010 to 31-12-2011)
Dates will be:
 10/10, 17/10, 24/10, 31/10, 14/11, 21/11, 28/11, 5/12
 Cost will be \$80.00 per participant.
 2 Boys Per team 9U, 11U, 13U and 15U
 1 Boy 17U
 Open Female Only
REGISTRATION CLOSE: 15/9/23
 Registration Link: <https://www.playhq.com/>

Team Requests by email to kilmore.netball.club@outlook.com
 Age Group and Days and Times May Change depending on Registrations