



School Dates:

Festival Of Fun (FOF)

- Thursday 7th
December
4 pm-7 pm

2024 Foundation Sessions

9:45am - 10:45am

- #3 - 29th November

Year 6 Graduation

Tuesday 19th December

5PM

Wednesday 20th

December

- Last Day of Term 4
- Assembly 9 am
- Finish at 1:15pm

Check our website for more dates.



A Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

It is fantastic to see our attendance data improving in the last few weeks of the year. Thank you for your support and for encouraging your child/ren to continue to attend school each day and value every minute at school.

FOF is occurring next Thursday afternoon and it will be our first 'Festival of Fun' at Wallan PS. We will have games for your family to play, stalls to visit and you can purchase items and visit our canteen/ food trucks to buy food and drinks. All money raised will go towards improvements around our school.

Thank you to all the families and businesses who have donated to our event. Even though there are a few days to go we are still collecting prizes for our raffle so if you can contribute please call the office.

Athletics

Leah Stacey and her team of helpers set up a very colourful and engaging Athletics Day at the Wallan Football oval recently. Students participated in a variety of events demonstrating their teamwork skills and our school values. Thank you to all the parents for dressing your child/ren in their house colours and to the community members who were able to attend and watch the events.



Did you hear about our teachers vs students basketball game?



TERM 4 PARENT CYBER SAFETY SESSION

WE HAVE PAID SO ALL
OUR FAMILIES HAVE
FREE ACCESS.

Log in to Compass to
get the code.

You can also log in and
watch Term 1, 2, 3 & 4
sessions if you missed
them.



SWPBS

It is very exciting to announce that we have been accepted into the SWPBS training for our school in 2024. This is a great opportunity to fine-tune the wonderful strategies, programs and processes already in place and also add some new ideas to further improve our school.

School-wide positive behaviour support (SWPBS) is a framework that brings together school communities to develop positive, safe, supportive learning cultures.

SWPBS assists schools to improve social, emotional, behavioural and academic outcomes for children and young people.

When SWPBS is implemented well, teachers and students have more time to focus on relationships and classroom instruction. Students and staff benefit from:

- increased respectful and positive behaviour
- increased time focused on instruction
- improved social-emotional wellbeing
- positive and respectful relationships among students and staff
- increased adoption of evidence-based instructional practices
- a predictable learning environment with improved perceptions of safety and increased attendance.

SWPBS can be implemented in any school setting to support all students. The framework supports schools to identify and successfully implement evidence-based whole-school practices to enhance learning outcomes for children and young people.

Student Wellbeing Officer

We have received good news that we will be getting extra funding in 2024 to support the introduction of a Student Wellbeing Officer to join our Wellbeing Team. More information will be coming soon!

Maths Competition

It was great to see all of our 122 students who decided to participate this year in the Australian Mathematics competition. All student have received their certificates. Congratulations to our top 17 students who received a special certificate for their high results!





Love In Action Fundraiser

Thank you to our student leaders for organising an out-of-uniform day this term to raise money for 'Love in Action Wallan.' Our students delivered money raised and items donated to the team who were very thankful for our community's generosity.

Year 6 2024

Just a reminder to our 2024 Year 6 students, please log on to Compass and order your hoodie or t-shirt now. Orders will close very soon so we can plan to ensure items are here early in 2024.

Class structures for 2024 & Our Foundation Team

We have nearly locked in all our teachers and are currently working on classes. Our planned class structure for 2024 is:

6 x Foundation Classes	6 x Year 1 Classes
5 x Year 2 Classes	5 x Year 3 Classes
5 x Year 4 Classes	8 x Year 5/6 Classes

This week at our Final Foundation session our students for 2024 will find out their classroom and their teacher for 2024. Please see our team below:





2024 - Foundation OUR TEAM



Blair Lightbody
Foundation A - Room 1



Aimee Anderson
Foundation B - Room 2



Rebecca Spadiger (PLC Leader)
Foundation C - Room 3



Jessica Murtagh
Foundation C - Room 3



Cassandra Moustakas
Foundation D - Room 4



Molly Stevenson
Foundation E - Room L1



Lilly Matthews
Foundation F - Room L2

COVID Reminder

Dear parents and carers,

There is at present an increase in community transmission of COVID-19 in Victoria.

You can help us keep our school as safe as possible by taking 2 important steps:

1. Ensure your COVID-19 vaccinations are up to date. Information on how and where to get vaccinated is available on the Get Vaccinated webpage.

2. If your child shows symptoms of COVID-19, please ensure they stay home and get tested. The easiest way to test is to use a rapid antigen test (RAT). [Optional, please adapt or delete as appropriate: We have RATs available at our school for collection.] Free RATs are available from your local council where you can collect 2 packs of 5 RATs and an extra 2 packs for each person in your household. People with disability and their carers can get 4 packs of 5 RATs. You are not required to have a Medicare card and you can collect RATs as many times as you need. You can also buy RATs at supermarkets, pharmacies and other retailers.

If your child has symptoms but tests negative, please ensure they stay home until they no longer have symptoms.

If the RAT test result is positive, please ensure they stay home for at least 5 days and until there are no more symptoms.

Thank you for your support – these steps will help us all stay well.

Kind regards,
Tanya Kirkright
Principal