



"Working Together for a Better Future"

FRIDAY 8th December

TERM 4 2023

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School Dates:

Year 6 Graduation
Tuesday 19th December 5 PM

Wednesday 20th
December

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

Check our website for more dates.



Have you seen the indigenous addition to our sign?

A Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

What an amazing year we have had at Wallan PS. It is great to sit back and reflect on all the events, incursions, and excursions that have occurred across the year. The many positive results of our staff opinion survey and parent opinion survey have also been a highlight. Then we have the little things that occur every day in each classroom the successes and the challenges that also result in learning. I am very proud to be part of this community of learning and I am very grateful for the passionate and dedicated staff we have at Wallan PS.

Walking around at our *Festival of Fun* on Thursday afternoon I was very appreciative of the number of community members that came up and provided positive feedback on our event and just in general about our teachers and the school. I had the lucky job of reporting this back to teachers today and seeing their gratitude for the feedback and acknowledgement of their hard work.

FOF - Festival of Fun Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our first FOF event. Thank you to all our staff who were involved in getting our first Festival of Fun up and running. It was good to see many items and activities planned by the students for our community. I am sure many people enjoyed seeing the teachers dancing on the basketball court and joining in with them to play games and celebrate the end of the year. The food trucks were also a success. Thank you to our food trucks and everyone who supported the event to run from raffle donations to last-minute pizza deliveries when a food truck had pulled out. This all helped to make our night a success.

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.



The original plan was for our FAF - Friends and Families Committee to run the event with the support of the school. However, due to reduced numbers in 2023, Jade Griggs one of our ES members was not going to let the idea of FOF stop. Jade has worked extremely hard to get this event up and running with many hours coordinating events and organising external stall holders. Tracey Nihill, our Assistant Principal has jumped in as well in the last term to support Jade in this event, which again meant a lot of time for Tracey to coordinate the operations side of this huge event. Thank you on behalf of the community to the amazing people as well as our team of teachers. The night was a huge success.



The winners of the guessing competitions were:

Guess how many lollies
were in the jar - Chase W

There were 262 lollies
and Chase guessed 258

Guess the weight of the
pumpkin - Laila T.

The pumpkin weighed
6.1kg and Laila guessed
5.7kg



Name the teddy - Ruby R
Ruby named the 'monster' teddy Jumpscare

Principal for a day

Part of our student leadership program is for students in year 6 who are not leaders to apply for 'Principal for a Day.' This process involves completing a written application, shortlisting, and sitting an interview with a panel. The panel this year was 3 of our student leaders/school captains and myself, the Principal. We were very impressed with the ideas our applicants brought to their presentations. Laila was our selected successful applicant and completed her role last week. Thank you Laila for leadership of the school.

Important Mobile Phone Reminder

A reminder that the Department of Education has in place a mobile phone ban that requires students who bring mobiles phones to school to have them switched off and securely put away during school hours.

The department is requiring all schools to ensure this ban is in place and enforced from the start of the 2024 school year.

The ban applies equally to all government schools right across the state.

This helps ensure that school is a learning environment free from unnecessary distractions and disruptions.

By ensuring mobile phones are kept away at recess and lunch times, students can interact with each other face-to-face, without the distractions and social pressures that mobile phones can cause.

I ask for the support of all our families, staff and students in continuing to support the implementation of this policy in our school.

Further information

Exceptions: For a small number of students with particular health needs, an exception to the policy may be granted. Please contact me, Tanya Kirkright, Principal if you would like to discuss this.

Emergencies: In the event of an emergency or if you need to immediately contact your child, I ask that families contact the school office who will pass on a message as required.

School mobile phone policy: A copy of our school's local mobile phone policy, which implements the government's mobile policy in line with our local context, is available here: [school policies](#).

Parent support: The [Mobile phones in schools webpage](#) provides links to resources for families to help them balance their children's time using mobile phones.

If you have further questions, please contact the administration office.

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 ensure items are here early in 2024.

Thank you to our 2024 School Council

In 2024 I had the pleasure of working with a dedicated team that formed our school council. This group consists of representatives from our parent community as well as some staff representatives. We had our final meeting for this year this week and I thanked them on behalf of the school community for their hours of voluntary contribution to our school in 2024. Thank you to our 2024 team:

Liarna Talarico	School Council President
Rochelle Geary	School Council Vice President
Tanya Kirkright	Principal
Sandra Allison	AP - School Council Member

Jade Griggs	Staff Member - School Council Member
Alison Cumberland	Staff Member - School Council Member
Jaspreet Singh	Parent - School Council Member
Oluka Dushyantha Gode Kankanamge	Parent - School Council Member
Kellie Redenbach	Parent - School Council Member
Amy Ray	Parent - School Council Member
Gardenia Sua	Parent - School Council Member
Kirsti Moore	Parent - School Council Member

Departing in 2024!



Janette Gillon has been at Wallan PS for over 20 years! Janette began as a parent volunteer in our office and moved into various roles to currently work overseeing our payments and invoicing. Janette has been a key member of our strong administration team over the years and her knowledge has supported each Principal and Business Manager to lead this school over the years. Janette has a beautiful manner with the children and families she meets each day or chats with on the phone. A big thank you Janette for all your time at Wallan and the impact you have had on our school. Enjoy your retirement.



Bruna Ciuffetelli arrived at Wallan PS in 2004 at Wallan PS. Bruna has taught various year levels across the school and also stepped into leadership roles to mentor and guide new teachers who arrived at Wallan PS. Thank you Bruna for all your teaching and how you have shared your knowledge and expert skills over the years. Enjoy your retirement.



Brea Davis has been at Wallan PS for over 15 years. Brea has been in various classrooms across the school. Brea was also part of our Executive team this year at Wallan PS in her role as Acting Learning Specialist. We appreciate all your work this year and the impact you have had on your students over the years. Brea is moving for a year to Our Lady of the Way in 2024.



Michelle Dixon joined us as a CRT in 2022 and then on staff in 2023. Michelle has been working with our Year 2 students and our Year 4 students for art. Thank you for your time teaching our students Michelle and sharing your knowledge with our teachers. Best wishes for 2024.



Krista Harris has returned from Family leave this year to work in our Year 5/6 area. In 2024 Krista and her family are having a big move to Gippsland for a year. Thank you Krista for supporting our students this year and throughout your years at Wallan PS we wish you well at your new school for 2024.



Emily Bullen has been in our Year 1 area for 2024 and we thank Emily for all her time with this group and the team. Emily has shared her teaching skills and knowledge with us, especially around Little Learners Love Literacy and we are very thankful. Emily has decided to take a year off in 2024, we may see you pop in as a CRT! Best wishes to Emily in 2024.



Charlotte Oxley has been at Wallan PS for the past two years and worked with our middle school students. Charlotte has decided to move to the other side of Melbourne to be closer to her family. We wish Charlotte the best with her teaching career in 2024 at her new school.

Carla Smith joined Wallan PS in 2024 and will depart to have her baby at the end of this term. Carla has been a wonderful support in our Year 2 area across the year. Best wishes with the new addition to your family in 2024.

Welcome to our new staff for 2024.

In 2024 we have new staff arriving. This is due to various factors such as extra funding for tutor learning and well-being, and growing student numbers which means more classes and more specialists. You will hear more about these talented people in 2024 but I would like to introduce our new staff in 2024:

Aaron Kacarik	Sarah Papadopolous	Rachel Zundovskis
Rachael Noble	Jennifer Exton-Cash	Shanae Chambers
Keira Gibson	Maddi Morgan	Olivera Todorovski
Sean Sherlock	Lachlan Mozina (As a teacher in 2024!)	

Here are our 2024 teacher allocations

OUR CLASSROOM TEACHERS				
Cohort	Rm	Class Name	Teacher / s	
Foundation	3	Foundation C	Jessica Murtagh (W,T,F)	Rebecca Spadijer (PLC Leader & VIT Mentor) (M,T)
Foundation	4	Foundation D	Cassie Moustakas	
Foundation	2	Foundation B	Aimee Anderson	
Foundation	1	Foundation A	Blair Lightbody	
Foundation	L	Foundation E	Molly Stevenson	
Foundation	L	Foundation F	Lilly Matthews	
Year 1	M	1B	Tim Azaris (PLC Leader)	
Year 1	M	1C	Michael Robson	
Year 1	22	1F	Nick Oakey	
Year 1	21	1E	Robyn Richards (M,W,T,F)	Lauren Twigden (T)
Year 1	20	1D	Aaron Kacarik	
Year 1	19	1A	Tammy Macmullan (W,T,F)	Cassie Laracy-Cowland (M,T)

Year 2	31	2A	Lauren Lancaster (PLC Leader)	
Year 2	32	2B	Emma Braham (M,T,W,T)	Lauren Twigden (F)
Year 2	33	2C	Erin Cooper	
Year 2	34	2D	Mel Lowe	
Year 2	18	2E	Sarah Papadopolous	
Year 3	24	3A	Kylie Radovic (PLC Leader)	
Year 3	23	3B	Laura Bromley	
Year 3	10	3E	D Spadijer	
Year 3	15	3D	Rachel Zundovskis (W,T,F)	Jessica Petrovski (M,T)
Year 3	16	3C	Lauren Somerhayes	
Year 4	25	4A	Amanda Radford (PLC Leader)	
Year 4	26	4B	Shahni Clancy	
Year 4	28	4C	Rachael Noble	
Year 4	29	4D	Ashley Ruth (W,T,F)	Rhys Gibbs (M,T)
Year 4	30	4E	Dani Florian	
Year 5/6	13	5/6F	Adam McNamara (PLC Leader)	
Year 5/6	5	5/6A	Erin Woodhouse	
Year 5/6	6	5/6C	Bri Taylor	
Year 5/6	7	5/6E	Katrina Odisho	
Year 5/6	8	5/6G	Jennifer Exton-Cash	
Year 5/6	11	5/6B	Hayley Sanders	
Year 5/6	12	5/6D	Esma Cay	
Year 5/6	14	5/6H	Luisa McLean	

OUR SPECIALISTS, TUTORS & GENERAL COVER.

Karen Keenan (PLC Leader)	Food Year 3-6 & EAL
Leah Stacey	PE Year 3-6 & Interschool sport
Mary Blazevic	PE Year 1 and 2 & General Cover
Lachlan Mozina	PE Foundation and Yr 3 & General Cover
Sandra Hosking	Auslan Foundation to Year 4 & General Covers
Emma Conley	Performing Arts Foundation to Year 2 & EAL
Stevie Cumming	Explore for Year 5 & 6, Mental Health Wellbeing Leader
Elise Frankenberg	Visual/Media Art Years 3-6 & General Covers
Jessica Phoenix	Visual/Media Art Foundation to Year 2
Julie Graham	Bush Foundation to Year 2 & General Covers
Kirsty Bridge	Tech Leaders & Tech Management
Ben Jewell	Tutor Leader
Shanae Chambers	Tutor

Keira Gibson	Tutor
Maddi Morgan	Tutor
Jessica Vines	Tutor & General Cover
Sarah Bird	Tutor & General Cover
Chris Marsh	Tutor & General Cover
Lauren Twigden	General Cover
Mark Vincent	General Cover
Olivera Todorovski	General Cover
Sean Sherlock	General Cover

More announcements in 2024 around all pur teams including Education Support members, Leadership etc.

What happens in 2024?

- DATES:
 - Year 1 - 6 start on Wednesday 31st January at 8:45am
 - Foundation students start on either Thursday 1st February or Friday 2nd February. Please check your information.
- Pencil Case:
 - Students in Years 1 - 6 **need** to bring a pencil case with basic supplies.
 - Students in Foundation **do not** need to bring a pencil case.
- Uniform reminders:
 - School Uniform (See PSW in Campbellfield or see if you can pick up second-hand uniforms from local opportunity shops.)
 - Year 6 students can wear black shorts or pants. This **MUST** be plain black. No logos please.
 - Please check our [uniform/dress code policy](#) to ensure your child is ready for school.
- Ensure that you have packed the following in your child's bag on the first day of school:
 - Hat (or on their head!)
 - Fruit snack
 - Recess snack
 - Full drink bottle of water
 - Lunch