

WALLAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



*"Working Together for a Better Future"*

WEDNESDAY 24th April

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## School Dates:

Thursday 25th April  
ANZAC Day  
Public Holiday -No school

Tuesday 30th April  
School Photos

Tuesday 30th April  
Foundation Info Night 2025  
and school tour at 7 pm

Monday 13th May  
Education Week

Friday 17th May  
Dress Like a Pirate!  
*(More info to come soon)*

Monday 20th May  
Curriculum Day -No School

Wednesday 5th - 7th June  
Year 4 Camp

Monday 10th June  
Public Holiday- No school

Friday 28th June  
Last day of Term 3

Check our website for  
more dates.

## A Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

Welcome to term 2 at Wallan Primary School we have had a very smooth start to the term and are very impressed to see our students following the School values. Once again this term we have lots of great opportunities available to our students such as our Clubs program that continues at lunchtimes, we also have swimming occurring for our Year 3 and 4 students, Year 2 camp, Year 4 camp, and some incursions and excursions.

### School Reports & Family Phone Calls

Our teachers are monitoring our students' learning and assessment throughout the year to inform their teaching and the next steps of a student's learning. At the end of this term, families will receive their semester one written report via Compass.

During week 4 of this term teachers will participate in family phone call week, please be aware that you may receive a phone call from a teacher on a private number as many phone calls need to be made. Teachers will provide you with an update on your child's learning and well-being.

### ANZAC DAY

On Wednesday the 24th of April we ran our school and ANZAC service. This was a great event for our school community and I was very impressed with the respect our students showed throughout the service. Thank you to Journey Early Learning Centre for attending and leading our students in the Acknowledgement of Country. Our student leaders led the service and involved various students across the school. Thank you to Martin for attending and playing the bugle at our



special event. Representatives from each class laid a wreath or remembrance piece under our school flags. We have included photos of our ceremony in this newsletter. Thank you to our staff, students and community for attending the service and also to those people who had a role in making this event occur.

On Thursday the 25th of April we have been invited to attend the community Anzac Day service if you would like your child to attend they need to meet opposite McDonald's at 8:30 a.m. All students must be in full school uniform and a parent or guardian must be present for the duration of the march and community service. We will take a school photo at the end of the service.

### Building Indigenous Connections

On Tuesday the 23rd of April a group of our students in years three to six who identify as Indigenous met with Julie Grahame our Marrung leader, Jamey Peterson our Koorie Engagement Support Officer (KESO), Nakia Cadd an Indigenous Artist and myself. In this session, each adult introduced themselves and their connection to our school, country and how we can support our students. Nakia created our school image last year in consultation with our leaders and student leaders. *(Please see the image and description further on in this newsletter.)*



This week Nakia led us in the development of an artwork that will be displayed on our school grounds which represents our group and school community. The group made suggestions which Nakia will take away and further develop before we meet again.

This is a great opportunity to form connections for our students and visitors. Thank you to all those people involved in our journey.

### What have the teachers been learning?

Our teachers are involved in weekly professional learning in line with our school's Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) so far this term our teachers have been looking at expectations of students around the school, our warm welcome, adjustments and the introduction of Disability Inclusion modules. Our Education Support (ES) members have also been involved in professional learning so that they can share their knowledge and learn from others. Everyone is learning at WPS.



## WALLAN'S GOT TALENT

Coming Soon to a  
lunchtime near you!

*Do you have a song to  
sing, dance to perform, set  
of jokes to tell or trick to  
show?*

Mrs Kirkright will soon  
make a list of people or  
teams who would like to  
perform.

Earn house points!  
Start practising your item.

## Building works

You may have seen as you've approached the school our brand new entrance is close to completion. Over the holidays we also had lots of improvements around the grounds with new tanbark placed around all our playgrounds, we also have new signage going in and automatic gates will be installed in the coming weeks. Inside the school we also had new painting occur in the toilets and in some of the corridors to give the space a freshen-up. Our current gym roof was also repaired to reduce the issues of leaks that we have had in the past and initial plans for the installation of our kitchen for our food program have begun. Our brand-new gymnasium has also been the topic of recent meetings I have attended and we will have some news to share with the community soon.

It is exciting to see all these projects getting completed to benefit our students. Thank you for being understanding if these projects have impacted your arrival or departure from the school.

Kind regards,  
Tanya Kirkright - Principal

## School Photos: REMINDER

Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken by Arthur Reed Photos on Tuesday 30th April 2024.

- There is no need to return any forms or money to school.
- Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the webshop.
- Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.
- Even if you registered last year, you must do it again this year using your child's 2024 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.
- When images are ready to view and in the webshop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.
- Once registered, please wait for notification that 2024 images are online to view before making your purchase.

## Have you got a child starting school in 2025?

We are now accepting enrollments for students starting Foundation in 2025. If you have a child starting school in 2025 please contact the office for an enrollment pack which includes our brand-new school information booklet. We are running school tours weekly and you can book into these via the school website. We also have a night tour on Tuesday the 30th of April at 7 p.m. Once your enrollment is accepted your child will receive their transition T-shirt which they can wear this year to celebrate the transition from kindergarten to primary school. The transition t-shirt will be handed out by our admin team. More information will follow about our transition program later in the year.

# ANZAC DAY AT WPS

Poem by our 2024 School Captains, Vice Captains and representatives of our student leadership team.

The Anzacs fought for our country long before we were born,  
It is important for us to now step up and remember at dawn.  
We need to acknowledge the sacrifice and bravery they have given,  
Many people now wear a memorial ribbon.  
We are here to remember this morning,  
The people who left us with no warning.  
It is our job as the next generation, for all of my friends,  
To give an understanding and importance of this day to our next  
generation so the memory never ends.  
Thank you ANZACs.



As they lay,  
they died,  
lifeless,  
we say our goodbyes.

They were attacked and shot.

Anzac Day is about the people who have fought for us,  
so we could have a better future.  
Thank you for remembering them.

Poem by one of our Year 6 students - Ella Bird



# WORKING WITH NAKIA



## OUR FUTURE

In 2023 we collaborated with Indigenous Artist Nakia Cadd. We collaborated to create an image representing our school motto 'working together for a better future.'

Our image is called 'Our Future.'



*The three gathering circles depict many people coming together to collaborate. The centre circle represents the school, the left circle represents the families and the right circle represents the wider community.*

*The stepping stones connecting the circles show the opportunities that can be created in the future from these conversations and connections.*

*The gum leaves around the gathering circles represent our local area, the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri people.*

## LOCAL ADVERTISEMENTS

Please note these are not endorsed by the school.



### UNDER 10 GIRLS WE NEED YOU!

TRAINING 4.30-5.30 WED  
GAME ON SUNDAY



*fun, friendship and footy*