



"Working Together for a Better Future"

MONDAY 3rd JUNE

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School Dates:

Wed 5th - 7th June
Year 4 Camp

Mon 10th June
Public Holiday -
No school

Fri 28th June
Last day of Term 3

Mon 15th July
Term 3 Begins

Fri 16th August
Curriculum Day -
No School

Check our website
for more dates.

**LOG IN ON
COMPASS TO SEE
TWO SHORT CLIPS
FROM DANIEL,
OUR REAL
SCHOOLS
PARTNERSHIP, ON
RESTORATIVE
PRACTICES.**

Week 8 of Term 2 is here. We have had so many special events occurring over the past few weeks from the Mother's Day and Special Person's Day stall to building works and most recently our acknowledgement of Reconciliation Week for 2024.

Thank you to all our helpers, volunteers and FAF staff representative Jade for organising the Mother's Day and Special Person's Day stall for our families. Thank you to all the families who donated extra funds for families who needed a little bit of help so that their child/ren could also purchase from our stall.

Mitch Tambo & First Nations Connections

Last year I was pumped to have secured Mitch to come and perform as part of his tour for our students in 2024. Well, the date arrived and Mitch Tambo performed for all our Year 3-6 students. It was a PARTY!

Students learnt about the indigenous culture in a fun and engaging space as well as dancing and singing with Mitch. It was also powerful to hear Mitch's metaphors for dealing with life and being resilient. Lele also performed and shared her story with our student leaders and representatives in Years five and six. Mitch also joined another group of our students for a yarning circle. This was an amazing opportunity for our students. Check out our Facebook page to see the short clips as our students' confidence grew.





WALLAN'S GOT TALENT

Has begun!
Occurring over the next few weeks at lunchtime.

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

See Mrs Kirkright if you are interested.

Earn house points!



Cross Country

Congratulations to all our 60 students who participated in the District Cross Country against 9 other schools. Only one point separated first and second, and we came second! We are very proud of our students' efforts for this fantastic achievement. Thank you Leah Stacey for coordinating the event.

First Nations connections and development of our school picture is now in stage 2!

Some of our students collaborated in their second session with Nakia Cadd to develop from the image that was created last year. This year we are working on a larger image to be printed and displayed on our school grounds.



Our Camping program builds many important life skills for all our students.

Our Year 2 students went to Weekaway camp in Lancefield with a group of our teachers and parent volunteers. I was lucky enough to pop in and visit one afternoon. The smiles on the faces were wonderful. Students were very excited about their first camp and happy to show me around the place. I attended their afternoon activities where I saw a variety of activities such as hut building, rock climbing, flying fox, possum glide and laser tag.



Thank you to Tekken who encouraged me to have a go on the flying fox and try with no hands, hanging as I zip-lined through the trees!

I am looking forward to visiting our Year 4s on camp this week.



Wallan Secondary Students have been working with our students each week to support them in the classroom!



Wallan PS continues to improve our spaces for our students.

Our architects and builders have been meeting again and our gym is back on track to be completed in the coming months. We have lots of continued improvements in the schoolyard and our front entrance is finished! We have our new front gates installed and our canteen and foyer have been improved after floods earlier in the year.

Last week we also began our transformation to create a kitchen space for our school. This will be a great space for our 'Food' specialist as well as to hire for community events and run a 'cafeteria' style place for special events.

A BIG thank you to Sue Flavel our Facilities Manager for her collaboration and for supporting me to oversee all of these works in the school.

Our staff Opinion Survey rates have staff trust in colleagues and focus on student learning sitting above the state! Teacher collaboration at 100%!! *Do you know someone who would like to join our amazing students and super staff?*

We currently have positions online as we are a growing school, for teachers (part-time, full-time, graduates) we also have positions up for education to support staff in classrooms. Please log on to Recruitment Online to see these positions.

We have many achievements met from our 2023 data and lots of great improvements happening at the school. Come and hear about them at our Reporting to Community session reflecting on 2023 and 2024 plans.

This term we will have our Reporting to School Community session and parents/carers are invited to attend. In this session, our Leadership team will present a reflection on 2023, celebrate our successes and explain why we have developed specific steps in place for 2024 and beyond to further develop our students and learning community. The Report to Community will be held on Wednesday 19th June at 6:00 pm in the staffroom. We will then follow the presentation with a June School Council meeting which you are also welcome to observe if you choose to stay and see how the school council works in a school. Please RSVP by sending an email to wallan.ps@education.vic.gov.au to confirm your attendance.

Kind regards,

Tanya Kirkright - Principal

School Saving Bonus

You may have seen the recent announcement of the School Saving Bonus, as part of the Victorian Budget 2024/25. We are sharing more information about how families will be able to access and use this support.

This one-off support will include \$400 for each eligible student to help families cover the costs of school uniforms and activities in 2025.

It will be available to parents and carers of every child enrolled in a Victorian government school in 2025.

Cash will not be paid directly to individuals or families. Instead, families will receive the bonus as credits on their school accounts that will help meet the costs of your children's activities and uniforms.

Existing supports

The School Saving Bonus support will be in addition to existing and continuing means-tested support for [camps, sports, excursions and uniforms](#).

The application-based [Affordable School Uniform program](#), through State Schools' Relief, will continue to be available to families experiencing financial hardship or other forms of vulnerability and short-term crisis. This program allows schools to make multiple applications for support on parents' behalf throughout the year if needed.

There will be more information and guidance about the School Saving Bonus in Term 3, 2024, ahead of its implementation in 2025.

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. 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.

Assessment and reporting is a continual process at WPS with teachers assessing throughout their daily teaching. Students are also involved with self-assessments, conferencing, peer assessments and feedback.

Reporting to parents occurs formally at certain times during the year. At the end of this term, all families will receive their Semester 1 report on Compass. In this report, you will be able to celebrate your child/ren's learning and identify their next steps for learning. In Term 3 we will run Student Led Conferences where you can see samples of learning and discuss your child's next steps. Please make sure you have access to Compass so that when reports are released in the last week of school, this term, you can access your child's report.

Education Week 2024 and Dress as a Pirate to raise money for Brain Cancer was a HUGE success.



We had many families and visitors up for Education Week to learn and complete 'pirate' activities with the students. Thank you to all our students and staff who dressed for the occasion and our Teaching and Learning team for their work creating engaging STEM lessons. Congratulations to our winners below from the whole school competitions.



Stay well this winter.

Symptoms of influenza (flu) can hit very quickly and may last several weeks. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and others from getting the flu. Keeping our school community well. Parents, carers and students are encouraged to practice prevention measures, including:

- washing and sanitising hands regularly
- avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- covering nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing · staying home if unwell and consulting a general practitioner (GP) or [Nurse-on-call as required](#)
- staying up to date with flu and COVID-19 vaccinations.

Flu vaccinations

Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs and pharmacies, many of which can also provide COVID-19 vaccinations. Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and over. Some people are more at risk of complications from flu and are eligible for free vaccination as part of the [National Immunisation Program](#).

COVID-19 booster

The 2024 COVID-19 booster dose is available for everyone aged 18 and above. Getting your booster dose remains the best way to prevent severe illness or hospitalisation, especially in people aged over 65 and those at higher risk of severe illness. Children aged between 5 and 17 years who are at risk of severe illness can also receive a 2024 booster dose. You can get your next dose at your local pharmacy or GP. To find one near you, refer to the [vaccine clinic finder](#).

Find out more

For more information about preventing flu, and immunisation, refer to:

- [Better Health Channel influenza flu immunisation fact sheet](#)
- [Getting vaccinated against influenza.](#)

LOCAL ADVERTISEMENTS

Please note these are not endorsed by the school.



Kilmore Kookaburra Girl Guides - Thursdays 4.30 – 6.00 pm

Kilmore Girl Guides is looking for new Girls to join, to have fun and make new friends.

Girls develop confidence, self-reliance, learn team building and leadership skills while participating in Girl Guide activities. Girl Guides learn by doing.

There's a lot of on offer; local unit, Region, State and even International communities and activities - something for everybody. We're connected globally to over 10 million members in 150 countries.

For over 100 years Girl Guides Victoria has been providing fantastic opportunities for Girls aged 5-18 years to meet personal challenges. As part of the largest volunteer organisation for Girls and Women in Australia our team is proud to be helping to develop a cleaner, brighter, better world around us.

Your Daughter is welcome to attend three meetings for free to see if she would like to join us!

Please contact: Carolyn: 0400 578 103