

## School Dates:

Fri 16th August  
Curriculum Day -  
No School

Book Week Dress Up  
Wed 21st August

Friday 23rd August  
Adam Wallace  
Author Visit

Fri 20th September  
Last Day of Term 3

Monday 7th October  
First Day Term 4

2025 Foundation  
16th, 23rd, 30th  
October Time TBC

4th & 5th Nov -  
No School

Mon 16th December  
Grade 6 Graduation

Tues 17th December  
Colour Run

Dear Families,

This week we have seen our first class of students enter the kitchen and complete a FOOD session. Thank you to our team who have created the kitchen from what was a dream.

It is exciting to have lessons for our Year 3-6 students weekly in this space. Students get to cook various food from smoothies, muffins, and slices to rice paper rolls and sushi! Our Out of School Hours Care will use this space to cook occasionally and as another afternoon workspace. We also have grand plans to increase our Breakfast Club being able to feed more students each day. There are also long-term plans that will mean this kitchen will have a major impact on our community! More to come on this in future weeks!



I have walked the final inspections of the gym and we are expecting official notification of completion very, very soon!

When the gym space is open and the temporary fence comes down there will be some changes to pedestrian movements.

- The Stanley Street entrance will be open between the gym and the childcare centre for entry before and after school.
- There is a space between the gym and the dentist that

Thurs 19th December  
Year 5 & 6 Funfields  
Excursion

Check our website  
for more dates.

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
To our students who  
participated in the  
Australian Maths  
Competition this  
week.



Thank you from our  
Principal Team for the  
Principal Day  
acknowledgements.



has a crossover. **THIS IS NOT A CARPARK.** The sand/gravel here is not designed for parent cars. Please do not access this space this is only for minimal school-permitted vehicles for PE and maintenance.

- The pedestrian access from Raglan St near the oval will move back to the pedestrian gate near the houses, not the oval entrance.
- Students between years 1-6 do not need to go through the foundation playground during school times.
- During school time students will not walk past the office entrance and past the Principal's offices. The space between the gazebo, past the Principal's offices and the office entry will be closed to students during school hours. This was the procedure before the build.
- There is a seeded small oval space in the build area that will be flagged off. NO students, parents or staff are to go to this area. As the seed has not grown it is too muddy. We have planned a playground to be built in this space in the coming weeks.

Thank you to our assistant principals who have been reviewing our yard duty timetable to ensure we have good coverage across the yard with the changes to our site.

We have also been allocated a new relocatable (portable) art room which will go on the concrete pad behind the cubby houses. The work for this will begin in the coming weeks.

**2021 Under 30 participants**

**2022 100 participants**

**2023 120 participants**

**2024 - Let's make it higher again**

**You can help! Parent/Carer Survey 2024.**

**WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!**

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online from Monday 29 July to Friday 30 August 2024.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on

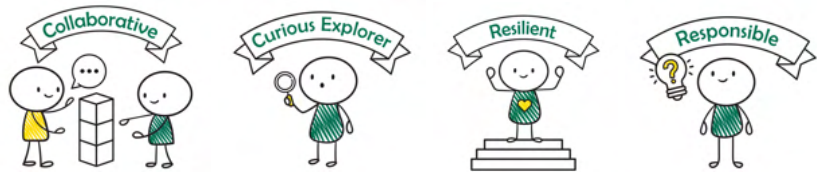
desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese. Resources are also available in additional languages to assist parents / caregivers / guardians who speak a language other than English at home. Please reach out to your child's teacher, or the school directly for survey guides in your language.

Last year we used the survey results to plan improvements for 2024 and beyond as well as celebrate the successes with our team at WPS.

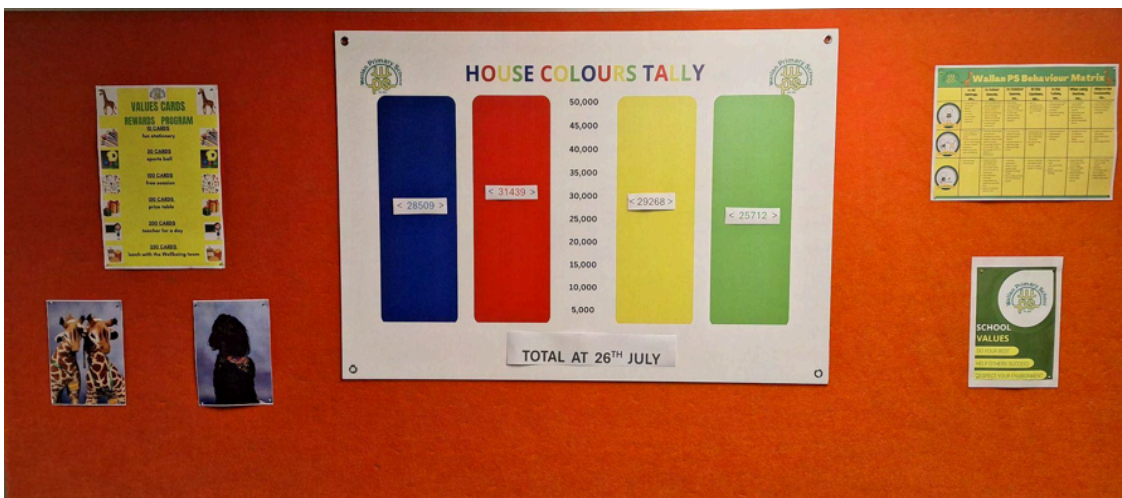
Please look at Compass for the website link and school pin to access the survey.

### Meet our new school images!



Towards the end of 2023, Cassie Laracy-Cowland one of our Learning Specialists led a team of teachers to develop our learning dispositions. After much discussion with staff and students, we landed on the 4 dispositions above. In 2024 I collaborated with a designer to create a consistent theme for our school with our school values and our dispositions. After consultations with our staff school leaders and student leaders, we are excited to present our new images above. You will begin to see these more frequently around the school.

Kind regards,  
Tanya Kirkright - Principal



Have you seen our new house points tracker from Patch's Pantry values tickets! It looks like Red House is in front at the moment.



## Book Week 2024

It is nearly Book Week time and this year we have an exciting week planned yet again. We will have our school dress-up day on Wednesday 21st August with a parade in the morning that parents are welcome to attend. Students can dress up as any book character they choose. You may like to dress as the 2024 theme of 'READING IS MAGIC!' On Friday 23rd August Adam Wallace a famous Author and Illustrator will visit our students and run sessions throughout the day.



## Meet our Team

In each newsletter, we will focus on one of our teams in the school.

This week we have the Learning Specialist team



Name: Ben Jewell

*Wallan Primary School is such a very special place to be. I consider myself so lucky to work with such a dedicated, conscientious and innovative team of people. Teaching Numeracy is my passion and being able to do it with such an amazing group of students, really does make my day. Working alongside the Grade 3, 4 and Tutor teams, as we learn together, is such a privilege and something I find super exciting. The strong sense of community we all share, doesn't make Wallan Primary School feel like a work place, it feels more like a second home.*

Role: Learning Specialist - Teaching and Learning

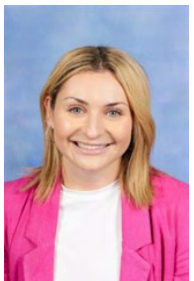
Portfolios: Numeracy whole school, Year 3 & 4 Teaching and Learning, Tutor Learning Initiative and PLC - Professional Learning Communities

Favourite Colour: Blue

Favourite Food: Cheesecake

Favourite Music: All different types

Favourite Sport/Teams: Collingwood & Arsenal



Name: Cassie Laracy-Cowland

*This is my second year at Wallan PS. Last year I worked in the Year 1 team and this year I am also lucky enough to be working 2 days in the Year 1 team again. On the other 3 days I am working across the school in my role completing different tasks. I have a strong passion for teaching Literacy and I love being able to work across the school with different people.*

Role: Learning Specialist - Teaching and Learning

Portfolios: Literacy whole school, Year Foundation - 2 teaching and learning, EAL - English as an Additional Language

Favourite Colour: Pink (It's the best colour) Favourite Food: Pizza

Favourite Music: All different types!

Favourite Sport/Teams: Footy- Collingwood



Name: Katelyn Shephard

*I am excited to join Wallan PS this year after returning from family leave. It has been a pleasure working closely with the Year 5 and 6 students, and I've been warmly welcomed by all staff and students. I am thrilled to be in this role, as it allows me to collaborate with educators and students to create outstanding learning experiences.*

Role: Learning Specialist - Teaching and Learning & Engagement

Portfolios: Voice & Agency, Year 5 & 6 Teaching and Learning, Learning Dispositions & Inquiry

Favourite Colour: Pink

Favourite Food: Ice Cream

Favourite Music: Anything Country

Favourite Sport/Teams: Footy - Go Bombers!



Name: Rhys Gibbs

*This is my 9th year at Wallan Primary School. I thoroughly enjoy working as part of the Wallan Primary School community. Having the opportunity to work with all year levels gives me the opportunity to work with many amazing individuals on a daily basis. I have a strong passion for wellbeing and ensuring students feel safe and supported.*

Role: Learning Specialist - Wellbeing

Portfolios: SWPB - School Wide Positive Behaviour, RRRR - Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships, Zones of Regulation, Wellbeing Support Foundation - Yr 6

Favourite Colour: Green

Favourite Food: Woodfired Pizza

Favourite Music: All different types

Favourite Sport/Teams: Collingwood/UFC/  
New York Rangers/Formula 1



Name: Brenton Allan

*"I have been at Wallan Primary School for just over 12 months now and I have really enjoyed my time here so far. It has been a pleasure getting to know many of the students, families and staff that make up this great school. This role I am in allows me to work across all the different cohorts of the school, so please make sure you say hello if you see me. I love being involved in wellbeing and inclusion, because everyone deserves to feel included at school."*

Role: Learning Specialist - Wellbeing & Inclusion

Portfolios: DI - Disability Inclusion, Wellbeing Team Member, Bus Coordination

Favourite Colour: Pink

Favourite Food: Cake

Favourite Music: Country

Favourite Sport/Teams:

*We are adding to our Learning Specialist Team in 2025. If you know a teacher who may be interested, refer them to Recruitment Online to see the opportunities.*

## Special Events - 100 Days of School

In the last few weeks, we have had two wonderful celebrations. Thank you to our Foundation team for leading their 100 Days of School event with their students. Our 'Foundies' have been developing their numeracy skills and counting up to the 100th day since they started school. The day involved an assembly for our Foundation students and their families with a special presentation of a dong they have been working on. The students decided to dress for the occasion and show us what 100 days of school can do to a person!



## Special Events - Year 1 Breakfast



We also thank our super Year 1 team who implemented their Breakfast which is part of our camping program. Students in Year 1 attended school in the PJs, had breakfast where they had to butter their own toast, add just the right amount of vegemite/honey/jam and show us their table manners in the Year 1 restaurant! After their food students had to brush their own teeth and get dressed ready for their school day. Thank you to the parents who attended, cooked toast and *fought the urge to spread the butter for the kids, but*

*instead* encouraged our students to give it a go! This is such an important learning experience for our students.



## Community Advertisements:

**Training and Education.**

Want to be employed as a Pool Lifeguard over Summer?  
Enrol into the following courses over the upcoming School Holidays to get your qualifications.

**Training** First Aid and CPR (Required) - Kilmore Library  
**Sessions:** Tuesday 24 September

**Pool Lifeguard Full Course - Kilmore Leisure Centre.**  
Wednesday 2 October and Thursday 3 October  
Enquiries: [leisure@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:leisure@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au)

To register visit:  
[training.lsv.com.au/courses](http://training.lsv.com.au/courses)

