

WALLAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



*"Working Together for a Better Future"*

WEDNESDAY 23rd OCTOBER

| TERM 4 2024

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## School Dates:

2025 Foundation  
23rd, 30th October  
9:45 am - 10:45 am

4th & 5th Nov -  
No School

Wednesday 27th Nov  
FOF - Festival of FUN  
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Mon 16th December  
Grade 6 Graduation

Tues 17th December  
Colour Run

Thurs 19th December  
Year 5 & 6 Funfields  
Excursion

Thurs 19th December  
Year 1- 4 Class  
Parties

Check our website  
for more dates.

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 4. We are already up to week 3. Term 4 can be a mix of emotions as we get excited with all the events that are coming up in the next few weeks. However, there can also be some nerves about what 2025 may hold. Your child may be going into secondary school where they are back to being the 'little fish' in a big pond, starting at a new school due to a move or just the start in a new class with a new teacher and a different group of peers.



Transition is not just Kinder to Foundation and Year 6 to Year 7. Transition is occurring right across the school in Term 4 and we have a detailed plan to support our students.

Over the next few weeks, we will begin our transition process. We start with a discussion in class about what 2025 will look like and students have the chance to ask questions and voice any wonderings, worries or things they are looking forward to. The teachers support the students through this conversation. The second step is their 2024 class will 'Step up' into the next cohort for a morning to see what life is like at the next year's level. Our final step is our meet the teacher day on Tuesday 10th December where our students move to their 2025 class and meet their 2025 teacher and peers.

Any of our students who are on the Program for Students with Disabilities (PSD) or Disability and Inclusion (DI) spaces will be contacted later in the term by our Wellbeing team to discuss your specific transition plan. All our staff meet towards the end of the term to complete a handover for all students so that our 2025 staff are aware of any key adjustments etc that have occurred in 2024 to support our students.

**Are you moving schools in 2025?** Some families already know that they are moving schools due to a house relocation etc. Thank you to those families who have already let us know. If you are moving schools **please email the office ASAP** as we are creating classes and your child's absence can impact friendship groups. If we know early we can ensure all students are supported in the 2025 allocation. Thank you for your support on this.

## Welcome to our 2025 Families

Last week we had our newbies for 2025, our Foundation students and their parents attend their first transition session. Dressed in their special T-shirts and with big smiles they entered and participated in a classroom session. Parents and Carers spent some time learning about our well-being team and all the supports we have on offer at Wallan PS such as:



- Monday Wallan Warm Welcome
- Daily Check-Ins
- Weekly Social-Emotional Learning Lessons
- Lunchtime Clubs
- Real Schools Partnership - Restorative practices
- School Wide Positive Behaviour Program (SWPBS)
- Education Support Members
- Allocated Community ES liaison
- Occupational Therapist
- Speech Therapist
- Social Worker
- Mental Health in Primary Schools
- Guidance and support on assessments and connecting with external services
- DE Support services
- Social groups
- Individual Learning Plans (IEPs)
- Behaviour Support Plans
- Adjustments in learning and wellbeing
- Disability and Inclusion Profiles
- The Wallan Hub is onsite one day a week
- Food boxes
- Supporting Love in Action (Local charity)
- Breakfast and Lunch Programs
- Buddy Program
- T.E.A.M Startup Program - start of each term
- Team Building (Years 1-6)
- ...and so much more!

If you are not aware of all our services and need some support please touch base with your classroom teacher who can direct you to the right person who can provide you with more information. There is no judgement at Wallan. We are here to help you and raise your awareness of what is available to set your child up for a positive learning experience.

## Specialist Classes for 2025

In 2025 we will continue with the same specialist structure as we have seen lots of success in 2024 with our new additions and modifications to ensure students are engaged and receiving a well-rounded specialist program that caters to various interest areas.

	F	1	2	3	4	5/6
1	Physical Education 60 mins a week					
2	Visual Art 60 mins a week	Sem 1: Media Art Sem 2: Visual Art 60 mins a week	Visual Art 60 mins a week	Sem 2: Visual Art Sem 1: Media Art 60 mins a week	Visual Art 60 mins a week	
3	Performing Arts/Auslan 60 mins a week		Auslan 60 mins a week		Auslan/Explore! 60 mins a week	
4	Bush 60 mins a week		Food/ Health 60 mins a week			

## Classes for 2025

We have been looking at our numbers for 2025 and have developed the following plan for classes in 2025. In 2023 we went to a composite structure in Years 5 and 6 due to the numbers and continued this in 2024. In 2025 our numbers currently align with us to run straight classes again. With any change, we spend a lot of time as a school discussing the strengths of each model and the deficits. After much discussion, we have decided to return to a straight-class model for 2025. Please see our planned structure below.

- 6 x Foundation Classes
- 6 x Year 1 Classes
- 6 x Year 2 Classes
- 5 x Year 3 Classes
- 5 x Year 4 Classes
- 5 x Year 5 Classes
- 4 x Year 6 Classes

The next steps in our process are teachers have begun to work on student class placement for 2025 based on their knowledge, data and preferences.

Our Executive has begun to work on staff allocation to classes for 2025. We still have a few places for teaching staff in 2025 and if you know any teachers looking for a passionate, supportive and welcoming environment to work in, please contact our Principal team for more information.

We have allocated the following teams for 2025 so far:

### 2025 Foundation Team

Lilly Matthews (Foundation PLC Leader)  
Blair Lightbody  
Kylie Orton

Jessica Murtagh  
Esmá Cay  
Cassandra Moustakas

### 2025 Specialist Team

PE - Leah Stacey & Lachlan Mozina  
Auslan - Sandra Hosking & Emma Conley  
Food - Karen Keenan  
Explore Year 5 & 6 - TBC

Visual Arts - Elise Frankenberg & Jessica Phoenix  
Performing Arts - Emma Conley  
Bush - Julie Grahame

Kind regards,  
Tanya Kirkright - Principal

# TERM 4 DATES 2024 - WPS

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	21st Oct	22nd Oct	23rd Oct Foundation session (9:45 - 10:45)	24th Oct	25th Oct World Teacher Day
4	28th Oct	29th Oct Book Fair Starts	30th Oct Foundation session (9:45 - 10:45)	31st Oct	1st Nov
5	4th Nov Pupil Free Day NO SCHOOL	5th Nov PUBLIC HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL	6th Nov	7th Nov	8th Nov Whole School House Aths Day <b>DRESS IN HOUSE COLOURS</b>
6	11th Nov	12th Nov	13th Nov Casual Dress - Love In Action Fundraiser	14th Nov	15th Nov
7	18th Nov Foundation Bundoora Farm	19th Nov	20th Nov School Council	21st Nov	22nd Nov
8	25th Nov	26th Nov	27th Nov Step Up Session  FOF 4 pm - 7 pm	28th Nov	29th Nov
9	2nd Dec	3rd Dec	4th Dec	5th Dec	6th Dec
10	9th Dec	10th Dec Meet Teachers/ Yr 7 Orientation	11th Dec School Council	12th Dec	13th Dec Yr 1-2 Christmas Concert
11	16th Dec Graduation	17th Dec Whole School Colour Run	18th Dec Jumper sign Yr 6, Yr 6 Park Event	19th Dec Year 5/6 Funfields Excursion  Yr 1-4 Class Parties	20th Dec Last assembly, Last Day

## TERM 1 DATES 2025 - WPS

School Office Opens Tuesday 28th January 2025  
Day 1 Students - Year 1-6 Thursday 30th January 2025  
Foundation students (½ start on the 30th and ½ start on the 31st.)  
Foundation students have no school on Wednesdays in February.  
Public Holiday - No School - Monday 10th March  
Last Day of Term - Friday 4th April

## TERM 2 DATES 2025 - WPS

Public Holiday - No School - Monday 21st April  
Day 1 - Tuesday 22nd April  
Public Holiday - No School - Friday 25th April  
Public Holiday - No School - Monday 9th June  
Curriculum Day - No School - TBC  
Last Day - Friday 4th July

## TERM 3 DATES 2025 - WPS

Day 1 - Monday 21st July  
Curriculum Day - No School - Friday 22nd August  
Last Day - Friday 19th September

## TERM 4 DATES 2025 - WPS

Day 1 - Monday 6th October  
Pupil Free Day - No School - TBC  
Public Holiday - No School - Tuesday 4th November  
Last Day - Friday 19th December



## Protecting against mosquito-borne diseases

Warm and wet weather can result in greater numbers of mosquitoes and an increased risk of illnesses from mosquito bites. While the overall risk is low, some mosquitoes carry diseases that make people sick.

The best protection against mosquito-borne illness is to avoid mosquito bites.

Families can protect against mosquito bites by:

- covering up as much as possible with long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing
- applying insect repellent that contains picaridin or DEET on exposed skin when leaving home
- limiting outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are active. Families with any health concerns should see their doctor or phone [NURSE-ON-CALL: 1300 606 024](tel:1300606024) (available 24 hours). Free Japanese encephalitis vaccines

Japanese encephalitis virus is spread to humans through bites from infected mosquitoes and can cause a rare but potentially serious infection of the brain.

Free Japanese encephalitis vaccines are available to protect Victorians at higher risk of the virus.

The Victorian Department of Health encourages eligible people who live or work in high-risk local government areas to get vaccinated.

For more information, including what is considered a high-risk area and eligibility for a free vaccine, refer to the Department of [Health's Japanese encephalitis webpage](#).

### Find out more

For more information on protecting against mosquito-borne diseases, families can refer to the following Better Health Channel pages:

- [Mosquitoes can carry diseases](#)
- [Protect yourself from mosquito-borne disease](#), including a handy checklist to help reduce mosquito breeding sites at home and [resources translated into other languages](#).

## New ART relocatable arrived at WPS! More spaces to learn.





Fun in the WPS Kitchen. Cookies, Pizza scrolls, Lemon Slice and we are even learning how to clean up too!



A NEW Sports Equipment borrowing system at lunchtimes and the introduction of MORE outdoor clubs for Term 4.

NEW flags as well!

