WALLAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



THURSDAY 3rd July

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School Dates:

Friday 4th July Early Finish 2:30 pm

Monday 21st July Term 3 Day 1 - 8:45am

Tuesday 29th July Foundation 100 Days!!

Wednesday 30th July
Student-Led Conferences
NO SCHOOL
Only attend the conference.

Friday 1st August

Year 1 Breakfast Year 2 Excursion (some classes) National Principals' Day

7th & 8th August

Year 2 Excursion (some classes)

TBC August

Book Week Dress Up Day Author Visits

Friday 22nd August
Curriculum Day

Dear Families,

Thank you for all your support with another great term at Wallan PS. All your efforts to encourage your students to attend school every day and on time is much appreciated and I am sure will reflect in their school reports.

Thank you to Tracey Nihill for stepping in as Acting Principal while I was overseas on my long-service leave with my family. It was great to be able to prioritise family time and know that the school was running smoothly due to the great team we have at Wallan.

This week, you will receive a Compass notification that **school reports are live**. You will be able to access and view your child's Semester 1 2025 School Report. You can view this online and choose to download and print a copy if you prefer.



Please take the time to sit with your child and celebrate their success in learning and wellbeing with them, and identify areas that they will work on next term. This year, we are reporting on the new Victorian Curriculum 2.0 in line with state guidelines.

Another key part of our reporting structure is the Student Led Conferences, which are held in week 2 of Term 3. Please book your time online to meet with your child's classroom teacher.

A reminder that before your child leaves Wallan PS at the end of year 6 to download all reports so that you have a copy.

GUESS WHO IS VISITING LATER THIS YEAR?



NO SCHOOL

Thursday 11th September
Are You Okay Day?

Thursday 18th September Foundation BBQ

Friday 19th September Early Finish 2:30pm End of Term 3.

Monday 6th October
Term 4 Starts

Check our website for more dates.

WE ARE NOW
ACCEPTING
2026
ENROLMENTS!

See the Office for more information

Foundation Enrolments

We have completed many tours and will still run a few next term. We have begun to collect enrolment forms and in Term 2, we will be able to provide enrolment confirmation to families and their special T-shirt! If you have a child starting school in 2026 please collect an enrolment pack this week!

Staffing Updates



JENAYA JACKSON

Jenaya has been a great addition to our administration team and a smiling face you would meet in the office. Jenaya has just been appointed as a Business Manager at a new school in Mickleham for 2026 and will begin the preparation with the Principal in Term 3. We thank Jenaya for all her work in the office and the

structures she has established with our team. Best wishes with the new position.



MELANIE GIBSON

Congratulations to Melanie Gibson, one of our Assistant Principals who has picked up an Assistant Principal position at Laurimar PS, which is a lot closer to home for Mel. Mel has put in a lot of time and effort to collaborate with all stakeholders to ensure the best outcomes for our students, particularly with a wellbeing lens, while at Wallan PS. We are very appreciative of all

Mel has implemented and refined and the knowledge she has shared. We wish her well in the next steps of her leadership journey.

EDDIE RIDEWOOD

Thank you Eddie for all your work at our school in your role as Explore teacher for our year 5 and 6 students. We wish you the best with your next role.

Congratulations to Ben Jewell, who has gone through a panel process to be appointed as a substantive Assistant Principal at Wallan PS.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES...

We are currently looking for more Education Support staff to join and team as we get more funding coming in for our Disability Inclusion process. We are also beginning to look at our teaching appointments for the second half of 2025 and our 2026 planning. Please keep an eye on the Recruitment Online website if you are looking for any positions.

Kind regards, Tanya Kirkright - Principal

What are our Staff learning about?

Staff are involved in continuous learning at all times. Through workshops, scenario discussions, classroom observations, learning walks, mentoring, coaching, and investigating their professional readings and learning in their own time. Some of the topics we have covered across this term have been:

- Unpacking our Student Survey data from Term 1
- Unpacking the new Victorian Curriculum 2.0
- The VTLM 2.0 (Victorian Teaching and Learning Model)
- The importance of regulation and coregulation
- Completion of online modules such as OH&S, Health and Safety training, protective behaviours etc.
- Assessment and Reporting
- Using data to plan
- Adjustments in the classroom

Network CoPs - Communities of Practice

Within our network of approximately 20 schools, we collaborate in various communities of practice. This is an excellent opportunity for our staff to grow and learn from others (from other schools and external experts) as well as share the great implementation and growth at Wallan in various areas. In the end this learning benefits our students!

We have also continued our community of practice and working closely with local Principals and the local police to provide support to families, our school and connect some extra programs to the school, such as our recent DASH program to benefit students. A group of students were offered the opportunity to participate in the DASH program this term and presented their final project to friends, families and peers. These projects were their ideas that they could implement to have a greater impact on our community. We were very proud of what they had achieved and their creative ideas.



Teaching Excellence Program 2025 - Term 2 update

We would like to show our continued support for Tim Azaris and Rachael Noble participation in the Teaching Excellence Program by providing the school community with an update on their learnings.

Tim and Rachael have attended 2 discipline days and 2 Teaching Excellence Learning Community days over the course of this semester. Time and Rachael have enhanced their knowledge and skills in

their chosen discipline. They have learned collaboratively alongside colleagues from across the state and have brought back new understandings



of contemporary teaching approaches and strategies to our school.

We look forward to their continued success in Term 3! We are proud to have Tim and Rachael represent our school and support the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership in raising the status of this amazing profession!



CAMPS THIS TERM!

Year 4s enjoyed Sovereign Hill camp this term and had a great time learning about our history and exploring Sovereign Hill. Mrs Nihill went on a road trip to check in

on our Year 4s who were on camp. I wonder if she found aold?

Year 2s had their first one-night camp near Lancefield and tried various activities such as archery, flying fox and our maze run! Mrs Kirkright popped in to visit the Year 2s on camp! Can you spot her in the maze? Let's hope she found her way out!







AToSS - Attitude to School Survey - Preliminary Results!

We have completed our annual survey of all students in years 4 - 6. It was great to see that we have improved in our results across the majority of areas. Our students were very positive about their teachers, high expectations around learning and a Sense of inclusion came in at 92%! We will unpack this data and share more of our successes and future steps for improvement next term.

Brain Magic - TEMPOH!

Thank you to Big Childcare, our out-of-school-hours program for providing us with this great whole school assesmbly run by the TEMPOH/ Brain Magic Group.

What is TEMPOH?

1/4 of adolescents have a mental illness1/7 primary school children have a mental illness



In response to the growing concerns surrounding anxiety and mental health issues, we embarked on a journey of research and consultation with a professionals focus group. This endeavor led to the creation of the TEMPOH! Program, designed to enhance mental fitness and well-being. As the stigma surrounding mental health gradually fades, a new narrative emerges—one that emphasises self-awareness and prioritising positive thinking to navigate life's challenges. The impact of COVID-19 has underscored the importance of equipping individuals and families with the resources and tools needed to

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emerge stronger from adversity. So, what exactly is TEMPOH!? It's a groundbreaking well-being program that addresses both the mind and body, providing people with the knowledge and tools necessary to lead healthier lives. By delving into the neuroscience behind the mind-body connection, participants can elevate their behaviours and happiness levels.

Using evidence-based content, TEMPOH! delivers its message in a dynamic, engaging, and practical manner. For adults, it offers inspirational information and practical tools, while for children, it employs a diverse range of teaching methods—from magic tricks and cartooning to music and cooking—to make learning both enjoyable and effective.

The ultimate goal of TEMPOH! is to empower

individuals

all ages with practical tools that can be implemented immediately, fostering a sense of calm and resilience in their daily lives. In times of uncertainty, investing in our mental fitness becomes paramount—because as we like to say, your tomorrow brain starts today.



Inflatable - End of Term Celebration

Thank you to Big Childcare, our out-of-school-hours program, for providing us with two full days of inflatable hire and a ninja course in our school gym. All students rotated through this space as an end-of-term celebration.

TEAM BUILDING THIS TERM!

"We had the best team-building session today! We had a trivia about all the fun stuff we've been learning in grade 3! Literacy, Numeracy, Inquiry and General Information questions and the students had a ball. The best team building session we've had to date!" Year 3 Teacher





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MALOGA ART WORKSHOPS!

Last week, we had our end-of-term celebration for our First Nations students who participated in our weekly program this term with Maloga Art. Our students created art, learnt about their mob and totems and built strong relationships with each other and country. Thank you to our Marrung leads and Shanai for the program, and thank you to our families for joining us to celebrate.







NEW SCHOOL IN 2026 - (interim name) WALLAN EAST PS

A new Primary School is opening up in Wallan in 2026. Parents and Carers can refer to the <u>Find My School</u> webpage to see how the new school is zoned.

We have had many questions about what this looks like. More information will begin to be available in the coming terms. However, what we can clarify at this stage is:

- If you live in the Wallan East zone and currently attend Wallan PS you do not have to move to Wallan East you can choose to stay at Wallan PS for the remainder of your schooling.
- If you have a Foundation student starting in 2026 and you live in the Wallan East PS zone and you have a sibling enrolled in Wallan PS in 2026 you can enrol your Foundation student at Wallan PS if you choose.
- If you live in the Wallan East zone and are planning to complete an enrolment application (when they are available) please let us know as this will impact our 2026 planning.
- If you want to attend Wallan PS in 2026 and do not live in our zone you can complete the enrollment application and we will work through the Department process to see if you can be accepted in line with the Department timeline.

Information for parents and carers can also be found here:

Starting School

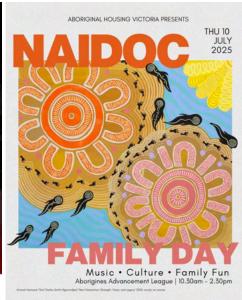
Enrolling in school

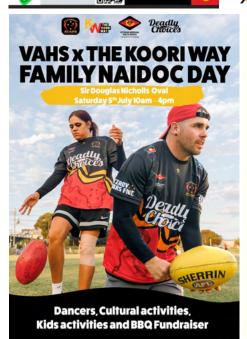
Enrolment frequently asked questions.

NAIDOC WEEK ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES FROM NAKIA!















GENERAL COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

