



School Dates:

21st August

Adam Wallace Author Visit

Friday 22nd August

Curriculum Day
NO SCHOOL

Thursday 11th September

Are You Okay Day?

Thursday 18th September

Foundation BBQ

Friday 19th September

Early Finish 2:30 pm
End of Term 3.

Monday 6th October

Term 4 Starts

Check our website
for more dates.

Dear Families,

Parent Feedback and the Annual Survey

We sincerely thank all our families for the positive feedback we have received this term and throughout the year. At Wallan Primary School, we value your thoughts as they help us celebrate successes in our classrooms and identify opportunities for future growth.

It's that time of year again when we invite families to complete the annual Department of Education Parent Opinion Survey. Please refer to COMPASS for details on how to provide your feedback. Your responses go directly to our team and are invaluable in helping us continue to improve learning experiences for our students, as well as recognising the dedication of our teachers and education support staff.

Please note there is only one response per family, and it would be fantastic to have a response from every family in the school.

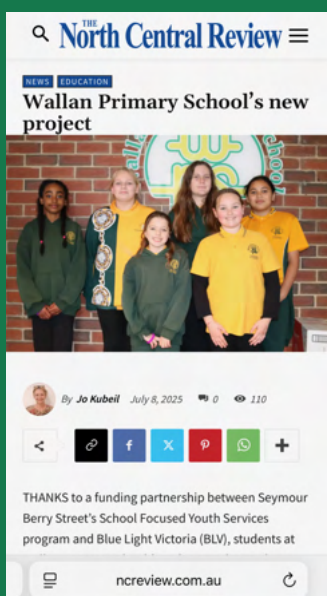
Keeping Our School Community Safe

Over the past few weeks, I have had the opportunity to attend a range of community meetings alongside other school principals, emergency services, council members and local agencies. These gatherings allow us to share ideas, discuss concerns facing our community, and work together on ways to support our families.

Recently, we also attended the Love in Action Trivia Night to show our support for this wonderful local charity, which provides much-needed assistance to many families in our community. Please see the photo of Mr Jewell who won the Paper Plan Competition!



DID YOU SEE OUR STUDENTS IN THE LOCAL PAPER?



One key focus raised at a recent traffic management meeting was the importance of keeping students safe around our schools—a topic that we will continue to work on closely with our community partners.

At Wallan Primary School, the safety of our students is always our top priority. We ask all families to support us by practising safe behaviours around the school. This includes:

- Using designated crossings when walking across the road.
- Abiding by speed signs and road rules at all times.
- Please park only in the correct areas and avoid rushing during pick-up and drop-off.
- Modelling calm and respectful behaviour to ensure a safe and positive environment.

We also remind families that if concerns arise involving other children, these must be directed to the school, not to the child involved. By working together, we can keep every member of our community safe and supported.

Student-Led Conferences

Earlier this term, we held our Student-Led Conferences, giving students the chance to proudly share their learning with their classroom teacher and family members. It was wonderful to see so many parents attend and celebrate their child's achievements.

We thank our families for their ongoing support and partnership in their child's learning journey. These conferences, along with the semesterly reports shared at the end of Term 2, provide valuable opportunities to reflect, celebrate progress, and set goals for the future.

Kind regards, Tanya Kirkright - Principal

Some More Celebrations So Far this term:

- Year One Breakfast Fun 🍞🥛
 - As part of our camping program, Year One students recently enjoyed a special breakfast experience designed to build the skills they'll need for camp in Year Two. Students arrived at school in their pyjamas and had to organise their own breakfast by buttering their own toast or pouring milk for their cereal, and prepare for the day. After breakfast, they dressed themselves and brushed their teeth, ready for a full day of learning. This hands-on experience is a fun

and practical way to help students develop independence, responsibility, and confidence in preparation for their future adventures.

- **Celebrating Our Principal Team**

- We would like to thank everyone for the kind messages and gratitude shown to our principal team. I would like to acknowledge and make a special thank you to Ben Jewell and Tracey Nihill, our outstanding Assistant Principals, for the dedication, care, and hard work they put into their roles every day, always keeping students at the centre of their thinking. We truly appreciate everything you do. Thank you also to all the families and students who wished us well on Principal Day earlier this term, it was wonderful to feel your support!



- **Students Making a Difference!** 🌱

- A big thank you to our students for their amazing work writing persuasive pieces in the classroom about the importance of keeping our schoolyard tidy. Many students focused on using rubbish bins, promoting nude food, and ensuring that rubbish doesn't end up on the ground. Thanks to their thoughtful ideas, our school team has worked hard to allocate NEW rubbish bins around the yard, helping to support a cleaner, greener environment for everyone. Well done to all our young environmental champions!



The Importance of a School-Wide Positive Reward System



At Wallan Primary School, we are committed to building a positive and supportive learning environment where all students feel valued, motivated, and encouraged to do their best. One of the key ways we achieve this is through our school-wide positive reward system.

Our system is based on our Values Tickets, which students can earn by consistently showing our school values in the classroom, playground, and broader school community. These tickets provide immediate recognition of positive behaviours and help reinforce the culture we want to see across our school.

Students can then trade their tickets at Patch's Pantry, a special place named after our attendance mascot, *Patch*. At the Pantry, students have the opportunity to choose from a range of prizes and experiences—such as lunch with a different class or even being "Teacher for a Day." These rewards not only celebrate positive choices but also give students memorable and meaningful experiences.



Research shows that school-wide positive reward systems encourage students to make better choices, strengthen relationships between staff and students, and create a safer, happier school environment. At Wallan Primary, our Values

Ticket system is an important part of ensuring every child feels acknowledged and excited about their learning journey.

Expanding Student Leadership at Wallan PS

At Wallan Primary School, we are excited to be expanding opportunities for our students to step into leadership roles. This term, students were invited to apply for our brand-new Wellbeing Leader positions.

A huge thank you to Ms Noble, our Mental Health in Primary Schools Leader, for coordinating this initiative. We were thrilled to receive over 250 applications—a fantastic reflection of our students' eagerness to take on leadership responsibilities.



After a shortlisting process, Mr Gibbs and Ms Noble ran formal interviews with selected applicants. Mrs Kirkright also dropped in to see some of our students in action. We were truly blown away by the confidence, creativity, and thoughtful ideas that students shared during the process.

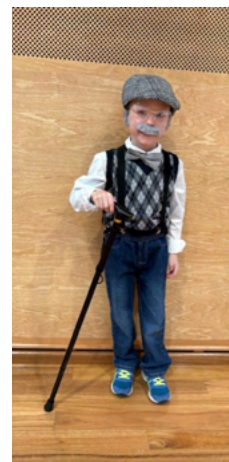
Well done to every student who applied. We are proud of your enthusiasm and commitment to making Wallan PS a supportive and positive place for all.

100 Days of Foundation 🎉

Last week, our Foundation students reached an exciting milestone—100 days of school! To mark the occasion, our students celebrated in style with a day full of fun and learning.

The theme was "100 Days Smarter", and students enjoyed a range of activities based on the number 100. Families were invited to a special presentation where the children proudly performed "Home Among the Gum Trees."

Adding to the fun, our students dressed up as 100-year-old versions of themselves—complete with glasses, walking sticks, and grey hair! It was a joyful celebration of how far our youngest learners have come in their first 100 days of school.



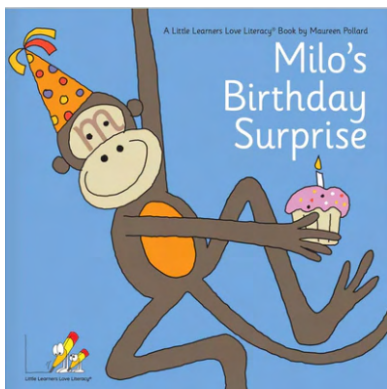


MORE FUN IN FOUNDATION... Milo's Birthday Party!

Little Learners Love Literacy: Milo's Birthday Surprise 🎉

As part of our Little Learners Love Literacy (LLLL) program, all students from Foundation to Year Two are engaging in fun and meaningful literacy experiences. Our Foundation students have been exploring the book *Milo's Birthday Surprise*.

To celebrate, students and teachers held a surprise birthday party for Milo the monkey! It was a fantastic event filled with excitement, learning, and lots of fun. A big thank you to all our families who supported the celebration by supplying food and a special mention to the parent who created a very clever birthday cake for Milo!



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