



School Dates:

Friday 31st October -
World Teachers Day

Monday 3rd
November - NO
SCHOOL - Pupil Free
Day (Teacher's PPD)

Tuesday 4th
November - NO
SCHOOL - Public
Holiday

FRIDAY 7th November
- Whole School Sport
Day - Dress in House
Colours

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Wednesday 12th
November - Mitchell
Council Traffic Safety
Show for Students

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to my new Cohort
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Festival of Fun - 4:00
pm to 7:00 pm

Dear Families,

Celebrating Our School Performance

We're proud to share that Wallan Primary School has continued to make strong progress in this year's School Performance Report. Our overall performance shows notable improvement across both learning and wellbeing, moving into the "Improving" category — a reflection of the hard work and dedication of our students, staff, and families.

HIGH	IMPROVING
In the HIGH performance group, student outcomes are high across a range of learning and wellbeing measures	In the IMPROVING performance group, student outcomes are mixed, with notable improvements across a range of learning and wellbeing measures

In the Learning domain, we achieved growth in key areas such as Reading and Numeracy, while our Wellbeing results highlight an increase in student connectedness and engagement.

A particular highlight is our high results in Student Voice and Agency, showing that our students feel heard, valued, and empowered to take ownership of their learning. This reflects our ongoing commitment to building confident learners who can make a positive impact on their school and wider community.

These results demonstrate the impact of our collective focus on high-quality teaching, well-being support, and evidence-based practice. Thank you to our entire school community for helping make Wallan PS a place where every student can thrive!

Upcoming Dates & Events

Friday 31st October – Halloween & World Teachers' Day

Just a reminder that while tomorrow is Halloween, we do not have a dress-up day at school. Students are required to wear their full school uniform.

It's also World Teachers' Day, so if you see one of our wonderful teachers, make sure to wish them a happy day and thank them for

Tuesday 9th
December - Year 7
Orientation Day at
their Secondary
School

Check our website
for more dates and
on the last page of
this newsletter for
2026 dates!



It was nice to snap this
quick photo of a
student bringing their
teacher a flower!

all that they do!

Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th November – No School

Please note that Monday is a student-free day and Tuesday is a public holiday, so there will be no school on either day.

All students return on Wednesday at our normal start time of 8:45 am.

Friday 7th November – Whole School House Sports Day

Next Friday we'll be holding our House Sports Day!

Students are encouraged to come dressed in their house colours, and remember to bring a bottle of water, a hat and wear sunscreen

This year, the event will take place on-site on our school oval, with the day split into junior and upper school events. Parents are welcome to attend, but please sign in at the office on arrival. We'll share event times early next week.

Kind regards,

Tanya Kirkright - Principal

FOF - FESTIVAL OF FUN -

Wednesday 26th Nov 2025 4pm - 7pm

See class stalls, market stalls, food trucks, Big C

Childcare dunk tank, rides and much more.

See you there!!

Learning, Leading and Looking Ahead

Our teachers and leaders have been very busy over the past few weeks engaging in a range of professional learning and future planning.

As part of our **Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)**, staff have been focusing on the Zones of Regulation to support students in understanding and managing their emotions effectively.

We've also been **looking ahead to 2026, reviewing a variety of school datasets** — including the Staff Opinion Survey, Parent Opinion Survey, and Student Attitudes to School Survey — alongside our teaching and learning data. This helps us assess how we're tracking against our current Annual Implementation Plan and our four-year School Strategic Plan, and set directions for the year ahead.

Staff have also been participating in our **Real Schools professional learning**, where we're moving into the next focus area of Mindset and Culture. Members of our leadership team have been involved in additional Real Schools network sessions, connecting with other schools to share ideas and best practices.



Behind the scenes, we're also planning for **2026 class structures** and beginning the student

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placement process. A friendly reminder to families — if your child will not be attending Wallan Primary School in 2026 (for example, due to a family move), please contact our administration team as soon as possible. This helps us ensure accurate class placements and friend groupings.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to plan for another successful year of learning and growth at WPS!

Are you keeping up to date with our Facebook celebrations?



Bandanna Day 🧡

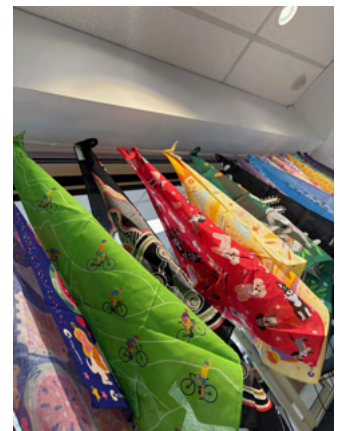
A huge thank you to all our families for supporting today's Bandanna Day fundraiser! It was wonderful to see so many students proudly wearing their bandannas and showing support for young people impacted by cancer.

When you wear a Canteen Bandanna, you're doing more than making a fashion statement — you're showing care and solidarity for young Australians aged 12-25 whose lives have been affected by cancer.

Why it matters:

- Each bandanna sold helps Canteen provide free support and counselling.
- They look great while raising awareness for an important cause.
- Bandannas start from just \$7 — a small way to make a big difference.

Bandannas feature beautiful designs, including pieces from talented First Nations artists such as Jasmine Sarin and Amy Saunders.



Technology and Student Voice at WPS

As you may have recently heard, there has been a lot of discussion about upcoming changes to technology use in schools. We wanted to reassure families that Wallan Primary School already has a well-established and successful device program. Our school provides all student devices — parents are **not required to supply their own**. This program has been running smoothly for the past three years and continues to support engaging and effective learning experiences for our students.

While the new Department guidelines around device time will begin in 2027, we are already mindful of ensuring a healthy balance of screen time within our teaching and learning programs. We also continue to support families by sharing cyber safety tips and updates via Compass throughout the year.

In the image, you can see some of our students completing our internal Student Opinion Survey. This survey gives students the opportunity to share what they enjoy about learning, their thoughts on wellbeing, and ideas for improvement. Each and every student comment is personally read by our Principal, ensuring student voice plays a real role in our future planning and continuous improvement.



Have you heard about our new VIP at Wallan? Thanks to a clever idea from Ms Millichip, students across the school are nominated by their teachers each day. Will your child be a VIP for a day?

Teaching Excellence Program 2025

Our school values the learning and development of our staff, and the positive impact this has on student outcomes and school improvement.

We are proud to share that Tim Azaris and Rachael Noble have continued their professional learning journey through the [Teaching Excellence Program](#) at the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership.

This program enables teachers to advance their capabilities and excellence in teaching. So far this year, Tim and Rachael have participated in 3 discipline days and 3 Teaching Excellence Community Learning days. They have also completed a teacher inquiry project where they focused on a particular teaching practice to improve the outcomes for students in their class. Currently, they are completing another inquiry to strengthen their teaching practice even further.

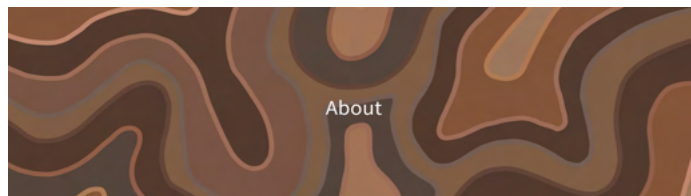
We have enjoyed the learnings that Tim and Rachael have brought from the program and look forward to seeing how they work to continue to support student outcomes and wellbeing at our school.

We are proud that we have Tim and Rachael representing our school and supporting the Academy in raising the status of this amazing profession! In 2026 we will have two more staff members working with the academy in this space.

Year 5 2025 - Have you ordered your 2026 Year 6 Jumper and/or T-shirt? See Compass now!



MORE
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Lines



Meet Nakia

Nakia Cadd is a Gunditjmara, Yorta Yorta, Dja Dja Wurrung, Bunitj, Boon Wurrung, Taungurung woman who grew up in the Northern suburbs of Melbourne.

Nakia's work has strong design elements of line work that connect with her family lines and landscapes of her Countries. Her artwork is also inspired by her motherhood journey, family and country.

Nakia likes to use art opportunities and platforms to creatively honour and retell her family's stories of immense strength and resilience.

My family, culture and connections are my strength and I am proud to bring them to you as the underpinning of More Than Lines.

Art has always been my healing & I have loved sharing my story & the story of others through art. In the past, Victorian Aboriginal art styles have been under represented, and finding these styles printed on garments or other products has been very difficult. Over the years, my family and friends have always expressed how much they'd love to wear my designs, and with their encouragement & support, More Than Lines was born.

I'm a big believer in using fear as an engine and not a brake and More Than Lines is an example of taking the opportunities life has thrown at me to amplify stories and Victorian Aboriginal design.

In the same way that I love the ability to share my family's stories through my art, More Than Lines allows me to teach, nurture and involve my young son in both Culture and business, and I am excited to create this legacy with and for him.

Thank you for sharing my journey!

- Nakia

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- Tuesday 9th December - Year 7 Orientation Day at their Secondary School
- Tuesday 9th December - Meet your 2026 Teacher
- Friday 12th December - Christmas Concert Foundation to Year 2
- Monday 15th December - Year 6 Graduation
- Thursday 18th December - Year 6 at Funfields - Year F-5 Class Parties
- Friday 19th December - Last day for 2025

2026 IMPORTANT DATES:

- Monday 26th January - NO SCHOOL - Public Holiday
- Tuesday 27th January - Teachers' Start
- Wednesday 28th January - Years 1-6 start
- Thursday 29th January - Wattle Foundation Students start (Groups TBC)
- Friday 30th January - Eucalyptus Foundation Students start (Groups TBC)
- Monday 2nd February - All students at school
- Wednesdays in February - No School for Foundation Students.

COMMUNITY REMIDERS:

Victoria Police

Mitchell PSA Neighbourhood Policing Forum
(Incorporating Strathbogrie Local Government Area)



VICTORIA POLICE

The Victoria Police Neighbourhood Policing Forum welcomes local services and community members to talk with police about what issues are important in your community.

The forum will explore topics including:

- Current crime trends and crime prevention
- Young people
- Family violence
- Road policing
- Drugs and drug related crime.

The Neighbourhood Policing Forum will be run by a Victoria Police panel and questions will be taken from the audience throughout the event.

Registration is a must. Please scan the QR code or visit: <https://MitchellNHP.eventbrite.com>

A Microsoft TEAMS link will be made available via email to all registered attendees on the day of the event.

Online Event details

Date:
13th November 2025

Time:
6:00pm – 8:00pm



Scan here to
register your
attendance



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