



School Dates:

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Orientation Day at
their Secondary
School

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

Dear Families,

With only 6 weeks of school to go in 2025, it can seem like the year is slipping away! However, a lot of learning can still occur in these 6 weeks.

How can you support your child to achieve success in the last 6 weeks of the year?

- **Support them to be ready to learn** - discuss the importance of participating in learning to 'grow their brain!' This helps all members of the class achieve. This links to our school value of 'do your best' and 'help others succeed.'
- **Be at school - Don't miss a day, arrive late or leave early** as every minute counts. This connects to our school value of 'do your best.'
- **Be respectful - we can control our actions.** Being respectful to others demonstrates our school values 'do your best' and 'respect your environment.'

Thank you for supporting the message of respect and making sure we are 'ready to learn.' School is a place of learning.

Structure for 2026

As discussed in previous newsletters, we are in the 2026 planning stages. We have confirmed our classes, room locations and teachers for 2026. We are now finalising student placements.

In class, students have been discussing the idea of moving up to a new cohort in 2026. In the next few weeks, they will complete activities at the upper-year level. Then meet their teacher on the December statewide transition day for all our year 1-6 2026 students. 2026, Foundation students will receive a letter with their class teacher allocation in the coming weeks.

FOF

FESTIVAL OF FUN

Wednesday 26th Nov

4pm - 7pm

See class stalls, market stalls, food trucks, Big C Childcare dunk tank, rides and much more.

See you there!!

If you would like to donate prizes for our raffle please contact the office and ask for Jade.

Please note that, as with all good plans, changes may occur due to various factors. However, our current class structure for 2026 and teacher allocation are shown below.

Every year, we have staff who move to different schools for various reasons, such as promotions, being closer to home, or other opportunities. As always, we will celebrate these staff members in our future newsletter. We also have new staff members joining the team in 2026.

If your child is not attending Wallan PS in 2026 due to a move, you must confirm this with our school administration team so we can support a successful transition to their new school and ensure they are not included in class placement plans, as this can impact the friendship choices of other students.

Thank you for your support in the 2026 planning.

Kind regards,

Tanya Kirkright - Principal

2026 CLASSES

Cohort	Class Name	Teacher / s
Foundation	Foundation A	Esma Cay
Foundation	Foundation B	Aimee Anderson
Foundation	Foundation C	Amy Ilic
Foundation	Foundation D	Erin Cooper - PLC LEADER
Year 1	1A	Tammy Macmullan & Robyn Richards
Year 1	1B	Blair Lightbody - PLC LEADER
Year 1	1C	Carly Whittemore
Year 1	1D	Michael Robson
Year 1	1E	Tayler Muir
Year 1	1F	Melene Lowe
Year 2	2A	Jessica Curtis
Year 2	2B	Veda Firth & Sharon Merogi
Year 2	2C	Emma Bernardone - PLC LEADER
Year 2	2D	Courtney Leatham
Year 2	2E	Emma Conley
Year 2	2F	Sarah Papadopoulos

Year 3	3A	Sheridan Millichip - PLC LEADER
Year 3	3B	Amanda Radford
Year 3	3C	Erin Woodhouse
Year 3	3D	Nick Oakey
Year 3	3E	Sandra Hosking & TBC
Year 4	4A	Amber Coade
Year 4	4B	Rachel Zundovskis & Lachie Mozina
Year 4	4C	Shanae Chambers
Year 4	4D	Olivera Todorovski - PLC LEADER
Year 5	5A	Brenton Allan - PLC LEADER
Year 5	5B	Hayley Sanders
Year 5	5C	Will Donoghue & Rachael Noble
Year 5	5D	Dani Florian
Year 6	6A	Tiffany White
Year 6	6B	Lauren Somerhayes
Year 6	6C	Dylan Georgievski
Year 6	6D	Adam McNamara - PLC LEADER
Specialist	Food	Karen Keenan - PLC LEADER
Specialist	PE	Leah Stacey & Lachlan Mozina
Specialist	Bush	Julie Graham
Specialist	Auslan & Performing Arts	Katrina Odisho & Mary Blazevic
Specialist	Auslan & Explore	Jennifer Exton-Cash
Specialist	Visual & Media Arts	Elise Frankenberg & Sharon Merogi

Maloga Art

Again this term, our First Nations students have had the opportunity to work with Shanai Kellett from Maloga Art, each week to further their knowledge of First Nations practices and to share their stories. Our groups are completing their final sessions and then participating in an open afternoon, during which families and School leaders are invited to celebrate the students' learning and success. We thank Shanai for all her work at Wallan Primary School in 2025, supporting our students and families in celebrating their culture.



Celebrate!

We are very proud of our students who entered work into the recent Whittlesea Show. We have many ribbon winners across the board. Thank you to Elise Frankenberg for entering their pieces. Please see some of the samples below.



House Sports Day

A big thank you to Leah Stacey and Lachlan Mozina for their work in planning and leading our House Sports Day. Thank you to all the staff for their support in setting up and dressing up to make the day a success. Thank you to our community members who came to cheer on our amazing students!

With more students in 2025, there were significant changes this year, moving the event to on-site and splitting it in half. The event was a success for all involved. Many students received ribbons, and our older students were awarded medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in specific events. Congratulations to all on a successful day!



Protecting against mosquito-borne diseases

Warm and wet weather can result in greater numbers of mosquitoes and an increased risk of illness from mosquito bites. While the overall risk is currently low, some mosquitoes may be carrying 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 outdoors
- limiting outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are active
- clean up and remove containers and items around the home that may hold water where mosquitoes may breed.

Families with any health concerns should see their doctor or phone NURSE-ON-CALL: 1300 606 024 (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.

A free vaccine is available to some individuals to protect Victorians at higher risk of the virus.

For more information, including vaccine eligibility, 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.
- [Japanese encephalitis virus](#)

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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 REMINDERS:

Support services

- The Orange Door: orangedoor.vic.gov.au
- Safe Steps: 1800 015 188 or safesteps.org.au
- 1800 RESPECT: 1800 737 732 or 1800respect.org.au

- WIRE (Women's Information and Referral Exchange): 1300 134 130 or wire.org.au
- No to Violence (for men who use violence): 1300 766 491 or ntv.org.au
- inTouch (for migrant and refugee communities): 1800 755 988 or intouch.org.au
- Djirra (for Aboriginal communities): 1800 105 303 or djirra.org.au
- Rainbow Door (for LGBTIQ+ people): 1800 729 367 or rainbowdoor.org.au

- What's OK at Home? (family violence resources for 10-17 year olds): woah.org.au
- Kids Helpline (for 5-25 year olds): 1800 55 1800 or kidshelpline.com.au
- headspace (for 12-25 year olds): 1800 650 890 or headspace.org.au