

# WALLAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



*"Working Together for a Better Future"*

| Thursday 2nd April |

TERM 1 2026 |

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## School Dates:

Final day of school  
Thursday 2nd April  
2:15 pm finish

Term 2 Day One  
Monday 20th April

Mitch Tambo whole  
school event  
Tuesday 5th May

Education Week 18th May  
Monday OPEN Morning  
for Families

Thursday - Dress Up -  
What do you want to be  
when you grow up?

Check our website for  
more dates.

PLEASE CHECK  
COMPASS FOR MORE  
INFORMATION.

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of Term 1, we reflect on a fantastic and productive 10 weeks of learning and growth across our school. Students have engaged in a range of learning opportunities, alongside the implementation of our updated literacy program and continued focus on Positive Classroom Management Strategies (PCMS). We have also enjoyed key community events such as Meet the Teacher and successfully supported all students in their transition to new year levels, including welcoming our new Foundation students and families.



Our staff have continued to build their practice through professional learning in areas such as restorative approaches, trauma-informed practice and student engagement. We have also seen improvements to our school environment, including new ramps, automatic doors and outdoor musical instruments. We are proud of our students' ongoing focus on respectful behaviour, smooth transitions and living our school values.

Thank you to our staff, students and families for a wonderful term. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable break and look forward to welcoming you back for Term 2.

## TERM 1 FUNDRAISERS

Thank you for supporting our school with the Hot Cross Buns fundraiser and Tulip bulbs fundraiser!

**BACK IN 2026**  
**See you in May!**  
**MITCH TAMBO**

*FIRST NATIONS ARTIST,  
MUSICIAN & PUBLISHER  
AUTHOR!*



## TERM 2 FUNDRAISERS

*Mother's Day and Special Person's Stall More Info next Term*



*COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER*  
*More Info next Term*



## Easter Raffle

This year, School Council made a thoughtful decision to support our families in the current financial climate by not requesting Easter egg donations for our annual raffle. Instead, we reached out to Big Childcare, who generously provided a wonderful range of Easter eggs for our raffle.

Thanks to their support, we were able to offer a number of fantastic prizes, including major prizes and many smaller ones, ensuring that every student in the school was included in the raffle.



Students who attended our final assembly had the exciting opportunity to win a prize, creating a joyful and inclusive atmosphere across the school.

This wonderful experience for our students was only possible due to the generosity and partnership of Big Childcare. We sincerely thank them for their support of our school community.

A special thank you also to Jade, one of our staff members, who oversees fundraising and works closely with Big Childcare. Her efforts helped make this initiative such a success.

## Student Leaders

Today, we proudly celebrated and presented our 2026 student leaders at our end-of-term assembly, marking an important moment for our school community. Student leadership is a valued and well-established part of life at Wallan Primary School, providing students with meaningful opportunities to lead, contribute and make a difference.

Our leadership structure includes School Captains, Vice Captains, House Captains, Digital Leaders, Student Voice Leaders, First Nations Representatives and Wellbeing Leaders. Each of these roles plays an important part in shaping a positive, inclusive and connected school culture. It was fantastic to see all leaders receive their badges in front of peers, staff and





### Cyber Safe Parent Online sessions 2026 Topics

1. Cyber Safety at Home (Family Workshop) – 10 March 2026
2. AI & Critical Thinking – 20 May 2026
3. Balancing Life & Tech – 3 August 2026
4. Cyberbullying & Resilience – 27 October 2026

families - a proud moment for both the students and our community.

Our School Captains and Vice Captains have already made an impressive start to the year. They have confidently led whole-school assemblies, begun learning the [podcast process \(LISTEN NOW\)](#) in preparation for launching in Term 2, and represented student voice at School Council by presenting their 2026 fundraising proposal. Their leadership, confidence and commitment have been wonderful to see.

We are incredibly proud of all our student leaders and the way they represent our school values each day. A sincere thank you to our staff who lead and support student leadership across the school - your work is instrumental in developing confident, capable and community-minded young people.

### Network Parent Information Session & Cyber Safe

Last week, our school was proud to be part of a new initiative within the Mitchell and Murrindindi Schools Network. In collaboration with 20 schools, we delivered a shared online parent session, providing families the opportunity to join from the comfort of their homes.

The session focused on understanding how the brain works and how families can support their child's development, aligning closely with the work we are doing at school to enhance student learning. This initiative reflects the strength of our network working together to support not only students, but families as key partners in learning.

Thank you to the families who attended and engaged in this opportunity. We look forward to continuing this initiative, with one session planned each term across the year, covering a range of relevant topics.

If you have any suggestions for future sessions, we warmly encourage you to email the school - we value your input as part of our learning community.

As a school, we have also partnered with The Cyber Safety Project and have 4 online webinars across the year you can access and these are recorded so you can go back and access them when it suits you. The special link for this is located on Compass in the Newsfeed.

Regards  
Tanya Kirkright - Principal

## Swimming Program - Years 3-6 Complete!

Thank you to Ms Stacey and the teachers for managing our Years 3-6 Swimming program in Term 1. We have run a one-week intensive program for each year level. The students have learnt important water safety skills, which are key to have.



## Children's University

Children's University is an exciting program that Wallan Primary School began in partnership with Swinburne University in 2025 led by Tracey Nihill. As part of this partnership, Tracey Nihill and Tanya Kirkright attended the graduation ceremony in Term 4, 2025, where approximately 15 of our students proudly graduated in official academic robes, a wonderful and memorable experience.

In 2026, we are thrilled to be continuing the program, with an outstanding level of interest from our students. Approximately 60 students have signed up and recently received their official passports during a presentation alongside Swinburne University representatives.

This program is a fantastic example of the extension opportunities available to our upper-year students, encouraging curiosity, independence and a love of learning beyond the classroom. We look forward to seeing our students engage in this program throughout the year and celebrate their achievements.



## PARENT TIPS

Over the school holidays, one simple and highly effective way you can support your child's learning is by continuing regular home reading. Taking the time to hear your child read, reading to your child, and having conversations about what has been read all play an important role in building comprehension, vocabulary and confidence. Even just a few minutes each day can make a significant difference and help maintain the strong learning habits developed throughout the term.



## NEW IN TERM 2 - COMING SOON



Our School Captains and Vice Captains will record a fortnightly Podcast for our community to listen to with updates on what is happening at WPS. More information to follow next term - [check out our intro here](#).

## PHOTO DAY

**CODES WERE HANDED TO STUDENTS ON TUESDAY - PLEASE CHECK THEIR SCHOOL BAGS**

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## COMMUNITY INFORMATION/ REMINDERS

### Wellbeing Family Support Services

The Orange Door: [orangedoor.vic.gov.au](http://orangedoor.vic.gov.au)

Safe Steps: 1800 015 188 or [safesteps.org.au](http://safesteps.org.au)

1800 RESPECT: 1800 737 732 or [1800respect.org.au](http://1800respect.org.au)

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WIRE (Women's Information and Referral Exchange): 1300 134 130 or [wire.org.au](http://wire.org.au)

No to Violence (for men who use violence): 1300 766 491 or [ntv.org.au](http://ntv.org.au)

inTouch (for migrant and refugee communities): 1800 755 988 or [intouch.org.au](http://intouch.org.au)

Djirra (for Aboriginal communities): 1800 105 303 or [djirra.org.au](http://djirra.org.au)

Rainbow Door (for LGBTIQ+ people): 1800 729 367 or [rainbowdoor.org.au](http://rainbowdoor.org.au)

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Are You Safe At Home? (family violence resources for 10-17 year olds): [areyousafeathome.org.au](http://areyousafeathome.org.au)

Kids Helpline (for 5-25 year olds): 1800 55 1800 or [kidshelpline.com.au](http://kidshelpline.com.au)

headspace (for 12-25 year olds): 1800 650 890 or [headspace.org.au](http://headspace.org.au)