



"Working Together for a Better Future"

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School Dates:

Education Week 18th May
Monday OPEN Morning
for Families

Thursday 21st May
- Dress Up Day -
What do you want to be
when you grow up?

Friday 22nd May
Curriculum Day
NO SCHOOL

Dress Up Pirate Day
Student Leaders
Fundraiser
Thursday 4th June

Cookie Orders Arrive
Friday 5th June

Monday 8th June
Public Holiday
NO SCHOOL

Year 2 Camp
Thursday 11th - Friday
12th June

Year 4 Camp
Wednesday 17th - Friday
19th June

Dear Families,

What a great Education Week we are having! Thank you to all the families who came up to school on Monday to visit our classrooms and see learning in action.

The smiles on our students' faces as they saw their family members walk through the door were priceless. It was wonderful to see students proudly sharing their learning, classrooms and school experiences with the important people in their lives.

We truly value the strong partnership between home and school, and it was fantastic to see so many families connecting with our learning community throughout the morning.

Mitch Tambo



We were incredibly excited to welcome Mitch Tambo to our school this term. Mitch is a well-known Indigenous Australian musician, performer and motivational speaker who is passionate about sharing culture, language and positivity through music and storytelling.

Mitch performed an engaging whole school concert where students and staff came together to celebrate music,

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storytelling and culture. The energy throughout the performance was amazing, with students singing, dancing and fully embracing the experience.

Following the concert, Mitch worked closely with our upper school students in focused sessions where he shared important messages around culture, identity, resilience and following your passions. Students were highly engaged and gained valuable insights through these conversations and activities.

We were also very lucky to have Lele attend and share her cultural performance and learning with our students. Her contribution added another meaningful layer to the day and provided students with further opportunities to learn and connect through culture and performance.

As part of the visit, Mitch also joined our school leaders as a special guest on our school podcast, where students had the opportunity to interview him and ask thoughtful questions about his experiences, career and culture.

One of the highlights was seeing teachers and ES staff invited onto the stage to join in the dancing and celebration alongside our students.

We would like to sincerely thank Mitch and Lele for sharing their time, knowledge and talents with our school community. It was a memorable experience for our students and staff, and one that will be talked about for a long time to come.



Education Support Member's Day

Last week, we celebrated Education Support (ES) Day and recognised the incredible contribution our ES staff make to our school community every single day.

Our ES staff support students in so many ways — helping them to learn, regulate, build confidence, develop friendships and feel successful at school. Their patience, care and encouragement help students feel safe, supported and ready to learn each day.

Whether working in classrooms, supporting small groups, helping students through challenges, assisting with wellbeing, administration or supporting the smooth running of our school behind the scenes, every member of our ES team plays an important role in making our school

a positive and supportive place for students and families.

The relationships they build with students and staff are invaluable, and their impact on our students' lives does not go unnoticed.

We would like to sincerely thank all of our ES staff for their dedication, kindness and ongoing commitment to our students and wider school community. We are incredibly grateful for everything they do.



Mother's Day and Special Person's Day

Last week, our school community enjoyed celebrating Mother's Day and Special Person's Day with a range of wonderful activities and our very popular Mother's Day stall. It was fantastic to see so many students excited to choose thoughtful gifts for the important people in their lives.

A huge thank you to 1B, Ms Lightbody and Enza for turning the organisation of our Mother's Day stall stock into a real-life Maths learning opportunity. Students worked together to count and organise over 2000 items of stock — an amazing effort and a fantastic example of learning connected to authentic experiences.



Thank you also to Lauren Somerhayes for organising the timetable for our Grade 6 helpers at the stall. Our student leaders did an outstanding job supporting younger students, assisting families and helping the stall run smoothly throughout the week.

We would also like to sincerely thank Melissa and Shona for volunteering their time as parent helpers. Your support was greatly appreciated and helped make the event such a success. A big thank you to Big Childcare for generously providing staff to assist at the Mother's Day stall, and to Twotwosix Designs for their generous donation of beautiful laser-cut Mother's Day items.

Finally, a very special thank you to Jade for all of the work, organisation and time that went into preparing and coordinating the stall. Your efforts helped create a special experience for our students and families.

Regards
Tanya Kirkright - Principal

Semester One Report Update

We will be providing student achievement reports for Semester 1 this year as usual.

The reports will be distributed in the last week of term on Compass.

The reports will continue to provide important details about student learning attainment, but full descriptive comments may not be included as a result of industrial action taken earlier this term by the Australian Education Union.

We will of course be pleased to discuss with you your child's progress at our student-led conferences in Term 3, or as always, you can contact your classroom teacher to arrange a meeting or phone call with your child's teacher.

What does Homework look like at WPS?

At Wallan Primary School, we believe homework should support learning in a positive and purposeful way. Homework provides students with opportunities to revise and reinforce skills learned in class, revise new concepts, and develop lifelong learning and study habits.

Homework tasks are designed to be:

- purposeful and aligned to the curriculum
- appropriate for students' age and ability
- supportive of independent learning
- balanced with family, recreational and cultural activities outside school hours.

Foundation – Year 2

Students are encouraged to:

- read decodable texts each night and record this in their Student Learning Diary
- complete short math activities using our Mathseeds platform.

Years 3 – 4

Students are encouraged to:

- read independently and record this in their Student Learning Diary
- complete math activities using our Mathletics platform.

Years 5 – 6

Homework supports students to develop responsibility and independence as they prepare for secondary school. Students are encouraged to:

- read independently and record this in their Student Learning Diary
- complete math activities using our Mathletics platform.
- complete occasional project or research tasks.

What can I do to support homework at home?

Families play an important role in supporting homework routines. We encourage parents and carers to:



- provide a quiet space for learning
- encourage regular reading habits
- maintain a healthy balance between homework and other activities
- contact their child's teacher if they have concerns or need support.

Our Student Learning Diaries also include optional literacy and numeracy extension activities, along with recommended online learning platforms and websites for students who would like additional learning opportunities at home.

Tracey Nihill - Assistant Principal

Healthy Bodies and Harold Programs

We are excited to let families know that the Healthy Harold and Healthy Bodies programs will be coming to Wallan Primary School in the coming weeks. These programs provide valuable learning opportunities for students around health, wellbeing, relationships, safety and making positive choices.



The Healthy Harold program, delivered through Life Ed, uses interactive activities and engaging sessions to teach students about topics such as friendship, resilience, nutrition, emotional wellbeing and personal safety in an age-appropriate way. Many students will also recognise Healthy Harold, the much-loved giraffe mascot who helps make the learning fun and memorable.

The Healthy Bodies program supports students to develop an understanding of body changes, personal development, respectful relationships and protective behaviours in a safe and supportive environment for our upper school students. Sessions are designed to be age-appropriate and aligned to the Victorian Curriculum.

At WPS, we believe these are incredibly important programs that support students both in and out of the classroom. To help make the programs more accessible for all families, the school will be subsidising the cost so that the parent contribution is reduced.

More information about session dates, year levels and payment details will be shared with families shortly. We look forward to students participating in these engaging and important learning experiences.

Ben Jewell - Assistant Principal

Cookie dough fundraiser

Thank you for supporting Wallan Primary School and our fundraising efforts! This term we are running a Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough fundraiser to help raise money for additional resources for our students. Billy G's is an Australian family-owned company with a range of delicious cookie dough flavours, including favourites for the whole family — and even Doggie Dough for pets! All orders are completed online through



cookiedough.com.au . Simply register your child's profile and start fundraising. Orders are now open.

Students can also earn prizes through their fundraising efforts, with rewards starting from just two tubs sold. Thank you again for your support — we appreciate our community helping us continue to provide great opportunities and resources for our students. 🍪

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