



School Dates:

Tuesday 28th July
Yr 5 & 6
Courage to Care -
Anti-Racism Education

Wednesday 29th July
Yr Foundation
100 Days of School
DRESS UP

Monday 3rd August
Glasses for Kids here this
week!

Tuesday 4th August
PJ DRESS UP Day
Student Leaders
Fundraiser - GOLD COIN

Tues 4th - Thur 6th Aug
Australian Maths
Competition - See
Compass

Thursday 6th August
Yr 3 Excursion
Scienceworks

Thursday 13th August
Yr 4A & 4B Excursion
ACMI

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 3! It has been fantastic to see our students return with enthusiasm and a positive attitude to learning. We have enjoyed a smooth and successful start to the term and look forward to another exciting few months ahead.



Over the past fortnight, our staff have been reviewing Semester 1 teacher judgements alongside a range of other student achievement data (eg NAPLAN) as part of our mid-year review process. We are incredibly pleased with the growth our students are making across the school and are proud of their achievements.

As part of this process, we have also identified opportunities to continue building on this success and to ensure students who require additional support or extension receive the targeted teaching they need. Our commitment remains to provide every student with the opportunity to learn, grow and achieve their personal best.

NEW School Council President

As we begin Semester 2, we would like to welcome **Dean Murphy** as our **School Council President** for 2026. Melissa has decided to step back from the president role. We would like to sincerely thank Melissa for her support during her time as School Council President.

Dean has been an active member of School Council and is excited to step into the President's role. We look forward to working alongside Dean as we continue to build on the great work of our school and support the best outcomes for our students and community.

Friday 14th August
Yr 1 Camp Activity
BREAKFAST & PJs

Mon 17th - Fri 21st August
Semper Dental Here

Mon 17th - Fri 21st August
SSG Week

Thursday 20th August
Yr 4c& 4D Excursion
ACMI

Thursday 20th August
Yr 6 Excursion
Vic Market

Tuesday 25th August
Student Leaders Network
Day @ Kilmore PS

Wednesday 26th August
Book Week DRESS UP
DAY!

Tuesday 1st September
Healthy Harold arrives!!
Yr Foundation to 6 attend
over the next few days.

Thursday 3rd September
Father's & Special
Person's Day Stall

Monday 14th September
Curriculum Day
NO SCHOOL

Friday 18th September
Last Day of Term 2
Finish at 2:15pm
FOOTY DAY
DRESS UP!

Check our website for
more dates.

PLEASE CHECK
COMPASS FOR MORE
INFORMATION.

Student-Led Conferences

A huge thank you to all of our families who attended our **Student-Led Conferences** on Wednesday 22nd July. It was wonderful to see so many students proudly sharing their learning, reflecting on their growth and celebrating their achievements from Semester 1 alongside their parents/carers and classroom teachers.

Student-Led Conferences are a valuable opportunity for students to showcase their progress, talk about their learning goals and celebrate their successes. It was fantastic to see our classrooms filled with positive conversations and strong partnerships between home and school.

Thank you to our students, families and staff for making the day such a success. Working together to celebrate learning is one of the many ways we continue to support every child to achieve their best.

Monday - Wallan Warm Welcome

Every Monday morning, all classrooms across Wallan Primary School participate in our Wallan Warm Welcome. This dedicated time provides an opportunity for teachers to reconnect with their students after the weekend and ensure everyone is ready for a successful week of learning.

During the Warm Welcome, teachers check in with students about how they are feeling, chat about their weekend, ensure they have had breakfast and are ready to learn, and teach or reinforce simple regulation strategies to support positive wellbeing. These conversations help build strong relationships, create a sense of belonging, and identify any students who may need additional support.

This simple but effective routine helps students settle into the week, feel connected to their classroom community, and begin each Monday ready to learn.

Welcome Ollie...Coffee has a new friend!

We are excited to now have two therapy dogs visiting Wallan Primary School!

Coffee will continue his regular Monday visits and will also be joining us on most Fridays. We are also delighted to welcome Ollie, who will be visiting during the middle of the week.





DO YOU HAVE A NAME FOR OUR PODCAST?

Drop ideas at the office!

EPISODE #3 Out NOW!

[Check out our intro here.](#)



Having two therapy dogs gives us greater flexibility to support student wellbeing. While Coffee and Ollie will continue to provide whole-school (Tier 1) wellbeing opportunities that all students can enjoy, they will also be able to work with individual students and small groups when appropriate.

Coffee is also launching his **Clean Up Club** this Monday! Students can help keep our school tidy and meet Coffee in the Winter Garden at recess.

Just missing a few minutes a day has an impact!

As we begin the new term, we are once again placing a strong focus on **student attendance**. We encourage every family to set a goal of ensuring your child is on time to school every day. Being on time at school every day provides valuable learning opportunities, helps students build positive routines, and strengthens their connections with friends and teachers.

This week we are also celebrating a special milestone for our Foundation students as they reach **100 Days of School**! We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved during their first 100 days of learning. To celebrate, our Foundation students will take part in a special celebration in the gym on **Wednesday**. We look forward to recognising this exciting achievement with our youngest learners.



A Grand Plan for Our Students

At Wallan Primary School, we are always dreaming big about how we can better support our students and families.



One of our first goals was to create a cooking program where students could learn simple life skills by preparing basic meals such as eggs on toast or toasted sandwiches; recipes they could confidently recreate at home to help themselves and their families.

Thanks to our purpose-built kitchen and the incredible work of Karen and her team, that dream has grown into something even bigger. Our Years 3–6 students are now taking part in what can only be described as "MasterChef" classes! Students are presented with recipes and create an amazing variety of healthy foods, including sushi, rice paper rolls, muffins, smoothies and so much more. Their enthusiasm, confidence and skills continue to grow every week. Now it's time for the next chapter of our grand plan.



Our vision is to provide every student with a healthy fruit snack each morning and, in the future, a nutritious afternoon slice packed with hidden vegetables (*shhh, don't tell the kids that*) to help keep our students energised and ready to learn. Not only will this support healthy eating

habits, but our long-term goal is to reduce the cost to families by providing these snacks at school. We have already begun planning this exciting initiative.



Phase 1 involves asking families to update the school with any food allergies or dietary requirements so we can ensure the program is safe for every child. This will be on Compass soon.

Phase 2 has Karen working hard to source funding, connect with local suppliers and apply for grants to help make this program sustainable.

Phase 3 will involve students in Years 3–6 helping prepare fresh fruit platters and delivering them to classrooms, providing valuable leadership and life skills along the way.

Beginning in Week 6 of Term 3, we will commence a gradual rollout of the program, with one year level participating each day:

Monday: Years 5 & 6 Tuesday: Years 3 & 4 Wednesday: Year 2
Thursday: Year 1 Friday: Foundation

On your child's allocated day, there is no need to pack a fruit snack, as fresh fruit will be provided to every student in their classroom. Our goal is to gradually expand the program to two or three days each week by the end of this year and, if all goes to plan, provide fresh

fruit to every student every day in 2027. We are incredibly excited about what this initiative could mean for our students and our community. If you have any ideas, suggestions or would like to support this program, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office. Together, we can continue creating opportunities that support the health, wellbeing and success of every child.

Foundation (Prep) Bags 2027 design competition NOW OPEN!

The Department of Education is inviting current Prep students at Victorian government schools to enter its [Prep bags 2027 design competition](#).

This is an exciting opportunity for your child to showcase their creativity for a chance to see their design featured on the front of next year's [Prep bags](#). These will be given to thousands of students starting Prep at a Victorian government school next year.

How to take part

Designs must reflect the theme – My year of Prep.
Submissions can be either hand-drawn or digitally designed. It must be your child's original work.
Drawings must be in black marker on white paper.
Digital designs must be in black on a white background.
You can upload your child's submission as either a JPEG or PNG file.



Entries close at 11:59 pm on Sunday 9 August 2026.

To access the competition guidelines and design template, refer to [Prep bags 2027 design competition](#).

The department will judge all entries, with the winner announced later this year.

Find out more

For more information, refer to [Prep bags 2027 design competition](#).

For further enquiries, contact the department's Communications Division by email: backtoschool@education.vic.gov.au

Design Competition - NEW Youth Myki Design

Students aged 5 to 17 are invited to enter a competition to design a new youth myki card. The competition closes on Sunday 2 August 2026.

The winning design will feature on the next youth myki card, which will be available to buy online in 2027.

The Victorian public will be able to vote for their favourite design from 3 shortlisted designs.

The winning student will also receive a \$1,000 prize and the 2 finalists will receive \$500 each.

Find out more

For more information, refer to [Youth myki Design Competition 2026](#).



Something BIG has arrived at Wallan Primary School...

We're excited to announce that Wallan Primary School is taking part in Dairy Australia's Picasso Cows Competition!

Over the coming months, our students will be embarking on a creative journey as they learn about the Australian dairy industry, discover the journey from farm to table, and work together to transform our life-sized cow into a unique piece of art.

Have you got any suggestions for what we can name her?



Whittlesea Show Entries - More than ART this year!

Every year our amazing art team puts entries in the Whittlesea Show for Art. This year we are hoping to submit student entries to the Whittlesea Show in both the Creative Writing and STEM categories.

The Creative Writing competition is open to students from Foundation to Year 6 and provides a fun opportunity for students to express their creativity through writing.

The STEM competition is open to Years 4-6. Students will have the opportunity to design and build a model of a piece of machinery that could be used in farming, encouraging creativity, problem-solving and innovation.

To support students with their entries, the Little Art Room will be open at Thursday lunchtime for students to work on their submissions. We would love to see as many students as possible involved, so please encourage anyone who may be interested in participating.

More information about submission dates will be out in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Have a fantastic day,
Tayler Muir

Whittlesea Show
Creative Writing
Competition

- ✓ Write a fun story!
- ✓ Foundation up to 250 words
- ✓ Grades 2-3 up to 300 words
- ✓ Grades 4-5 up to 500 words
- ✓ Grade 6 up to 1500 words
- ✓ Come to the Little Art room
Thursdays Lunchtime to
work on your writing.

Wallan Primary School logo

Design the Future
of Farming

Calling all grade 4, 5 and six students interested in STEM

- Design and build a model of a piece of machinery that could be used in farming
- Designs will be submitted to the 2026 Whittlesea show

Work on your designs
during lunch Thursdays in
the Little Art Room

STEM

CYBER SAFETY - FREE Parent Session for Term 3 & 4.

We pay for this, so it is **FREE for all Parents/ Carers** to attend online in the comfort of your own home. Log in to compass to register and get the special access link!

PARENT & GUARDIAN WEBINAR

Balancing Life & Tech

Join us to get practical tips to reduce conflict and restore a healthy balance between screens and real life.

**3 AUGUST 2026
7.30PM AEST**

CAN'T MAKE IT LIVE?
Register to receive the recording & resources.

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PARENT & GUARDIAN WEBINAR

Cyberbullying & Resilience

Join us to discover simple strategies to help guide young people to manage their wellbeing online.

**27 OCTOBER 2026
7.30PM AEDT**

CAN'T MAKE IT LIVE?
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PARKING REMINDERS...

To help improve traffic flow and keep our students, families and community safe, please take note of the updated parking conditions on Queen Street. The area at the main school gate is now a No Standing Zone, and the previous parking spaces have been removed. Please do not stop, drop off students or park in this area. Stopping here creates a safety risk, contributes to traffic congestion and may result in an infringement notice.

The middle gate on Queen Street has been designated as a Kiss and Drop Zone. This is a 2-minute stop designed for parents and carers to safely pull over, allow children to exit the vehicle, and then continue on their journey. Drivers must remain with their vehicle and should not leave the car to enter the school. Thank you for your support in following the new parking conditions. By working together, we can create a safer environment for all members of our school community.

