



School Dates:

Tuesday 29th July

Foundation 100 Days!!

Wednesday 30th July

Student-Led Conferences

NO SCHOOL

Only attend the conference.

Friday 1st August

Year 1 Breakfast

Year 2 Excursion

(some classes)

National Principals' Day

7th & 8th August

Year 2 Excursion

(some classes)

18th August

Book Week Dress Up Day

15th & 21st August

Adam Wallace Author Visits

Friday 22nd August

Curriculum Day

NO SCHOOL

Thursday 11th September

Are You Okay Day?

Dear Families,

Week one of Term 3 has kicked off well, with all students participating in their Monday 'Wallan Warm Welcome' and resetting high expectations for success in the term. It was great to walk around as part of our learning walks and see students settled and engaged in their learning. There are many exciting events taking place this term, from our Foundation's 100 days of school to our Year 6 students planning to run their own market stalls. Keep an eye on Compass so you are aware of what is occurring for your student this Term at Wallan PS.

**100
DAYS OF
SCHOOL!**

Our [website](#) is up to date with our calendar for the year. Please log in and check what events are scheduled.

Foundation Enrolments

Foundation enrolments for 2026 were due on Friday, so now it is time for our team to begin developing classes for 2026. If you have an application in for enrolment, we will start sending out our confirmation letters in line with the DE timeline. You will be invited to come to the office to collect your 2026 Foundation student's T-shirt to wear now, to get them excited for their transition to school in 2026. If you have not dropped in your enrolment papers, please contact the office now.



Every Day Counts! *The importance of regular school attendance.*

At Wallan PS we prioritise regular school attendance. We will work with families to ensure students are in class enjoying all the benefits that brings. Attending school every day means experiencing what counts – the learning, friendship, fun and

Thursday 18th September
Foundation BBQ

Friday 19th September
Early Finish 2:30pm
End of Term 3.

Monday 6th October
Term 4 Starts

Check our website
for more dates.



opportunities that can shape your child's future.

We understand that there are times when your child will need to miss school but to ensure minimal disruption to their education, please consider scheduling family holidays or medical/dental appointments outside of school time. If your child is well enough to attend but is worried about friendships or schoolwork please encourage them to come to school. Avoiding school can make these feelings worse and can create a negative pattern of behaviour.

If your child is having difficulty attending school, talk to their teacher about getting support. We know that parents and carers can be juggling challenges daily to get your children to school. If your child must miss school, notify us as soon as possible via Compass so we can work together to support them.

For more information about the importance of everyday attendance, see [Attendance and Missing School](#).

Who Do I Contact?

In 2025, Wallan Primary School has introduced a new leadership structure designed to better support our students' wellbeing and learning. Each year level team now has a dedicated member of our Executive Team who oversees both the wellbeing and academic progress of students in that cohort. This means there is one key leader working closely with the teachers and students in each year level, allowing them to develop a deep understanding of each learner's needs.

This approach ensures stronger and more consistent support, as the Executive Team member can follow up on any concerns, advocate for students, and bring relevant information back to our leadership discussions. Ultimately, it allows us to respond more effectively and personally to each child's needs—both in and out of the classroom.

If you have a concern or question about your child, we kindly ask that your first point of contact is always the classroom teacher. If further support is needed, the next step is to connect with the PLC Leader for your child's year level. From there, the Executive Team member overseeing the cohort can assist if needed. This structure allows us to work together efficiently while ensuring the right people—who know your child best—can respond quickly and effectively.

We ask for your understanding as we balance classroom time and leadership responsibilities. The best way to contact us is via email. We will respond as soon as possible. If your concern is urgent or of a high-level nature, please call the office to leave a message—our

team will ensure it reaches the right person promptly.

Kind regards, Tanya Kirkright - Principal

Who is my best contact?

FOUNDATION

1. Your Classroom Teacher - Email through Compass
2. PLC Leader - Lilly Villaroel - Lillian.matthews@education.vic.gov.au
3. Executive Member - Katelyn Shephard - Katelyn.Shephard@education.vic.gov.au

YEAR 1

1. Your Classroom Teacher - Email through Compass
2. PLC Leader - Tim Azaris - Tim.Azaris@education.vic.gov.au
3. Executive Member - Lauren Lancaster - Lauren.Lancaster@education.vic.gov.au

YEAR 2

1. Your Classroom Teacher - Email through Compass
2. PLC Leader - Erin Cooper - Erin.Cooper2@education.vic.gov.au
3. Executive Member - Paul Kearney - Paul.Kearney@education.vic.gov.au

YEAR 3

1. Your Classroom Teacher - Email through Compass
2. PLC Leader - Olivera Todorovski - Olivera.Todorovski@education.vic.gov.au
3. Executive Member - Paul Kearney - Paul.Kearney@education.vic.gov.au

YEAR 4

1. Your Classroom Teacher - Email through Compass
2. PLC Leader - Rachael Noble - Rachael.Noble2@education.vic.gov.au
3. Executive Member - Rhys Gibbs - Rhys.Gibbs@education.vic.gov.au

YEAR 5

1. Your Classroom Teacher - Email through Compass
2. PLC Leader - Adam McNamara - Adam.Mcnamara@education.vic.gov.au
3. Executive Member - Rhys Gibbs - Rhys.Gibbs@education.vic.gov.au

YEAR 6

1. Your Classroom Teacher - Email through Compass
2. PLC Leader - Bree Taylor - Brianna.Taylor@education.vic.gov.au
3. Executive Member - Tracey Nihill - Tracey.Nihill@education.vic.gov.au

Reminder:

School Email: wallan.ps@education.vic.gov.au (Subject write 'Att: INSERT STAFF MEMBER'S NAME')

School Phone: 5783 1232

What is the VTLM 2.0?

The Victorian Teaching and Learning Model (VTLM) 2.0 is a framework for teaching and learning in Victorian schools, focused on evidence-based practices to improve student outcomes and wellbeing. It replaces the previous VTLM and is structured around two key sets of elements: Elements of Learning and Elements of Teaching. Here's a breakdown:

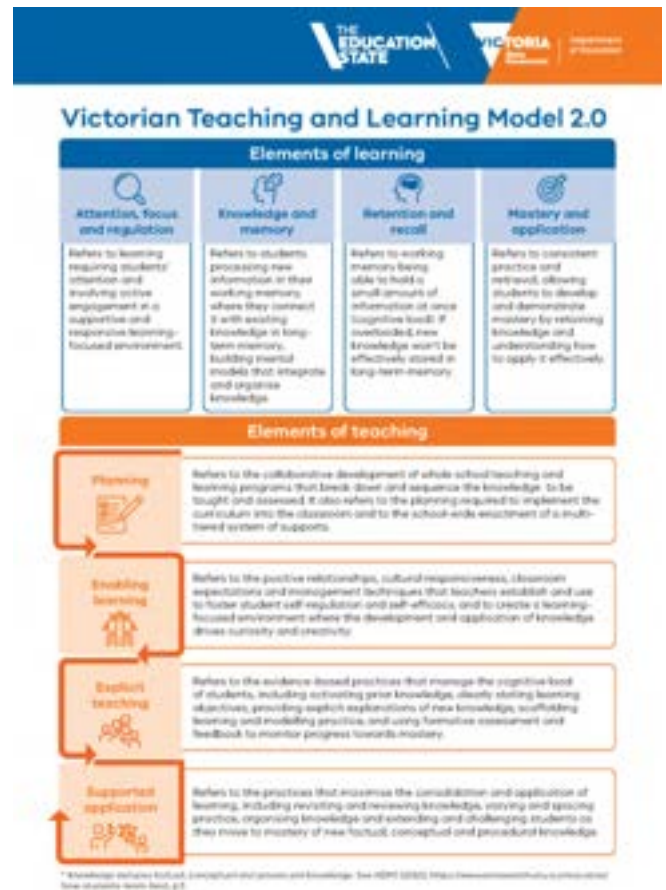
VTLM 2.0 Structure:

Elements of Learning:

This component emphasises the cognitive science, neuroscience, and educational psychology behind how students learn.

Elements of Teaching:

This component focuses on evidence-based teaching practices that effectively support learning. These include planning, enabling learning, explicit teaching, and supported application.



Key Aspects of VTLM 2.0:

- **Explicit Teaching:**
 - A core element of the VTLM 2.0, with guidance on explanation and modelling of new content.
- **Evidence-Based Practices:**
 - The model is informed by contemporary evidence about effective teaching and learning, including insights from school leaders and practitioners.
- **Victorian Lesson Plans:**
 - These are being developed to exemplify the VTLM 2.0 in core curriculum areas, and some are already available on the Arc platform.
- **Alignment with Existing Frameworks:**
 - The VTLM 2.0 builds on and integrates with existing frameworks like the Positive Classroom Management Strategies (PCMS).
- **Vision for Learning and Wellbeing:**
 - The VTLM 2.0 also includes a Vision for Learning and Wellbeing that guides the development of a high-performing and inclusive teaching culture.

How it's used:

- **School Improvement:** Schools can use the VTLM 2.0 to inform their school improvement priorities and practices.
- **Professional Learning:** The model provides a framework for professional learning conversations and reflective practice.
- **Classroom Practice:** Teachers can use the VTLM 2.0 to guide their planning, teaching, and assessment of student learning.

What happened at school during the holidays?

Our team of builders popped in to complete some upgrades around the school. Thank you for your fundraising efforts. Due to this, we were able to install split systems in all classrooms in the BER/ ABC centre. This means that all our classrooms now have both cooling and heating capabilities, not that we will be using the cooling function for a few months in Wallan 😊.

We have our school's First Nations image, '[Our Future](#)' designed by Nakia Cadd, on our new gymnasium. Indoors, we had netting installed in the top section to prevent balls from getting stuck in the beams.

In our little gym, we have improved the upper level by re-cladding the walls to reduce the likelihood of balls getting stuck here. Our builders have returned several buckets of balls before adding the cladding, which was a bonus!



FUNDRAISING COMING SOON!



YEAR 4 END OF TERM 2 ARCADE GAMES.

At the end of Term 2 our Year 4 students shared their arcade creations with other classes. This was the culmination of their inquiry unit. Have a look at their clever creations which included rules, tickets, prizes and so many more features!



NEW SCHOOL IN 2026 - (interim name) WALLAN EAST PS NOW HAS AN OFFICIAL NAME **Muyan Primary School.**

A new Primary School is opening up in Wallan in 2026, Muyan PS. Parents and Carers can refer to the [Find My School](#) webpage to see how the new school is zoned.

We have had many questions about what this looks like. More information will begin to be available in the coming terms. However, what we can clarify at this stage is:

- If you live in the Muyan zone and currently attend Wallan PS you do not have to move to Muyan PS you can choose to stay at Wallan PS for the remainder of your schooling.
- If you have a Foundation student starting in 2026 and you live in the Muyan PS zone and you have a sibling enrolled in Wallan PS in 2026 you can enrol your Foundation student at Wallan PS if you choose.
- If you live in the Muyan PS zone and are planning to complete an enrolment application (when they are available) please let us know as this will impact our 2026 planning.
- If you want to attend Wallan PS in 2026 and do not live in our zone you can complete the enrollment application and we will work through the Department process to see if you can be accepted in line with the Department timeline.

Information for parents and carers can also be found here:

[Starting School](#)

[Enrolling in school](#)

[Enrolment frequently asked questions.](#)