



School Dates:

Thursday 11th September
Are You Okay Day?

Thursday 18th September
Foundation BBQ

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

Monday 6th October
Term 4 Starts

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

Dear Families,

Parent Opinion Survey

Thank you to all the families that have completed our survey so far. Please remember that we want to hear about both the celebrations and areas for improvement. We have over 500 families, and in the past, we have usually received between 80 and 100 responses. Can we beat that in 2025? It is one response per family. We would love to hear from every family. Log in to Compass to find the link and password.

Uniform Reminder

At Wallan PS, our school uniform is an important part of creating a sense of belonging, pride, and equality among students. Research and our own experience show that when students wear the correct uniform consistently, it not only fosters school pride but also supports positive behaviour and learning in the classroom.

Over the past few weeks, we have noticed that some students are not meeting our uniform expectations, which were established in consultation with our School Council. We ask for your support in addressing the following:

- Full school uniform must be worn each day – please refer to our policy available online.
- Year 6 students have the privilege of wearing plain black bottoms (shorts, pants, skirt). These must be *plain black* with no logos, stripes, or designs.
- Short length should be between the knee and the hip – please review this with your child before the warmer months.
- Fake nails are not safe for school and are not permitted.

In previous years, students who arrived out of uniform were provided with loan items from the office to wear for the day. While we have not been able to run this program recently, items will be available again in Term 4. If you prefer your child not to access this program, please ensure they are in the correct uniform each day.

If you need support with uniforms, please contact Michelle in the office, who will be happy to assist.

Thank you for your support in upholding our uniform expectations and helping us maintain a strong sense of pride, respect, and positive behaviour at our school.

Common Curriculum Day

We participated in the Mitchell and Murrindindi network Common Curriculum Day in recent weeks. This was a great opportunity for all of our staff to connect with staff from 20 different schools across the network. By collaborating, we get to develop our skills and knowledge whilst also sharing our expertise with our colleagues.

By collaborating as a network, we are able to access a variety of high-quality speakers, which provides various options for teachers to participate in professional learning across the day in various areas such as student well-being, literacy, numeracy, trauma-informed practices, First Nations perspective, AI and much more. All of this knowledge is then built back into classroom practices to further develop our learning environment for each and every child. We are a community of continual learning!

Staff Update

Thank you, Piper for all your time with our students. Piper has moved to a school closer to home and we wish her well with the next steps of her career.



We welcome Tianah Messina as our Principal Team Personal Assistant (PA). This role is an important addition to our growing school community. The Principal Team PA will support the Principal Team with organisation and communication, whilst ensuring we further develop to ensure information is shared clearly and in a timely manner with families. Tianah will also have other administrative roles and assist in coordinating school events and key activities.

By strengthening communication and streamlining administration, this role will allow our leadership team to spend more time focusing on what matters most—teaching, learning, and wellbeing.



Welcome to Busra Taylor, who has taken over from Michelle Preston in First Aid as Michelle transitions into a finance role. Busra oversees our First Aid area at the school, including policies, procedures, and medication administration, as well as responding to bumps and sore tummies that can occur.

First Aid Reminders

At Wallan Primary School, the role of our First Aid team is to report any treatment administered via a notification from Compass. For head knocks or serious injuries, parents will be contacted directly by phone.

Please note: First Aid staff do not provide detailed explanations of how an injury occurred. If you have questions, please contact your child's classroom teacher. If they are unsure, they will follow up and the classroom teacher or one of our leaders will contact you.

If you are visiting the school and witness an incident/injury, we kindly ask that you do not contact another child's family. This can cause unnecessary stress. Please allow the school to follow its processes to ensure all children are safe, cared for, and that any events are properly investigated.

Thank you for your support.

EOI Canteen & OSHC

Over the past few weeks, we have been running an Expression of Interest process for our Canteen and Out of School Hours Care programs. This occurs every 3 - 5 years. We are pleased to announce that the school council has completed this process and have selected our successful companies. Congratulations to Hungry Hampers and Big Childcare. These are our current suppliers and they stood up well in the application process. The school council is excited to start our next contract with these companies.

We are now in the process of reviewing our cleaning contract and in 2026 we will review our uniform contract.

Kind regards, Tanya Kirkright - Principal

Book Week & Book Fair

A huge thank you to Tracey Nihill and Paul Kearney for all their work in organising our recent Book Week activities, including our visiting author and the much-loved dress-up parade. Thank you also to our families for supporting the day, the students looked amazing, and our teachers showed plenty of creativity too, as you can see below!

We were fortunate to welcome back Adam Wallace, a well-known author and illustrator, who built on the cartooning skills he shared with our students in previous years.

Our Book Fair was also a great success. Thank you to Sandra Hosking, Emma Conley, Tracey Triffet, Tracey Nihill, and Paul Kearney for generously giving their time to help run it during breaks across the week. Many happy faces were seen browsing and purchasing books, which also helps to raise valuable funds for our school.





And some of our teachers...





Some More Celebrations So Far this term:

- **Kylie Captain - Student Leaders**
 - Kylie shared her story of growing up as a First Nations child and how she dreamt BIG. She celebrated her successes to date, emphasising the importance of resilience, perseverance, and the power of never giving up, all while DREAMING BIG.
- **Student Leaders visit Beveridge PS**
 - Our Student Leaders visited Beveridge PS this term to work with the student leaders from our network schools. This was run by our Student Support Service Team, and we are very grateful for the time they dedicate to our schools and students.
- **Sport Activities**
 - Hoop Time - The Basketball squad represented our school this term.



- Athletics Carnival - Our students went and represented us in track and field events. Here are just a few of our ribbon winners...

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FUNDRAISING!

Cookie dough orders are CLOSED!

THANK YOU!! We have sold 1113 tubs of cookie dough, generating \$4452 for the school to allocate towards resources for your children.

If you ordered cookie dough, this will be delivered to the school sometime between midday and 2pm on Friday, 12th September. As soon as it arrives, we will start to collate orders. As soon as orders are ready, you will get a notification on Compass and Facebook.

All cookie dough must be collected on Friday, 12th September, as it needs to go in a fridge or freezer, as we do not have space at school.

We aim for this to be between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm, but we will keep you posted.

CONGRATULATIONS to our top sellers!



Rank	Name	Group	Tubs Sold
1st	Chase-Reid Baboth	3A	50 Tubs
2nd	Seth Price	1C	44 Tubs
3rd	Jaxson Tullo	Foundation C	41 Tubs

REMINDERS:



Container Deposit Scheme Wallan Primary School

Wallan Primary School students will be collecting 10c drink containers to raise money for a whole school reward. By collecting 10c drink containers, the students are learning to care for the environment and how to correctly recycle.

Step 1:
Collect eligible drink containers. Must have 10c logo on the back.

Step 2:
Find refund point and donate to Wallan Primary School (C2000012986)
Or
Drop in cohort bag and staff will take bottles to refund point.

(No Alcohol)



Term 4 IMPORTANT DATES:

- Monday 6th October - Term 4 starts 8:45 am
- Wednesday 8th October - Whole school dance - in cohort sessions
- Thursday 9th October - Maloga Art First Nations Program (Every Thursday)
- Wednesday 15th October - 1st 2026 Foundation Transition Session (9:45 - 10:45 am)
- Monday 20th October - Year 1-3 Peter Combe Concert
- Wednesday 22nd October - 2nd 2026 Foundation Transition Session (9:45 - 10:45 am)
- Friday 24th October - Student Leaders at Wallan Secondary College
- Wednesday 29th October - 3rd 2026 Foundation Transition Session (9:45 - 10:45 am)
- Friday 31st October - World Teachers Day
- Monday 3rd November - NO SCHOOL - Pupil Free Day (Teacher's PPD)
- Tuesday 4th November - NO SCHOOL - Public Holiday
- Thursday 6th November - Whole School Sport Day - Dress in House Colours
- Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th November - Mitchell Council Traffic Safety Show for Students
- Wednesday 26th November - Step Up to my new Cohort Space
- Wednesday 26th November FOF - Festival of Fun - 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- 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.