



"Working Together for a Better Future"

WEDNESDAY 27th March

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School Dates:

28th March
Last day of Term.

Monday 15th April
First Day of Term 2

Thursday 25th April
ANZAC Day
Public Holiday -No school
Students can attend the
Wallan town memorial
walk in uniform

Monday 20th May
Curriculum Day - No
School

Check our website for
more dates.

A Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

Thank you for all your support on a great start to 2024. We appreciate the time you have put in to set up routines in your house and get your children to school each day, on time and ready for learning. We have seen a decrease in late arrivals across the term which is a great improvement for our children and helps them settle into the day.

There have been so many celebrations this term from visits to the Mitchell Library, incursions from various companies and people such as the Brain Man, and Carlton AFL players, excursions and lots more!



We will hold an end-of-term assembly on Thursday 28th March at 9 am. At this assembly, we will also draw our raffle winners. Thank you to Jade and the FAF (Family and Friends) group for their organisation of this raffle to support our school. A big thank you to Tracey Nihill who has donated our bikes, scooters and helmets. Thank you to all the families that have donated Easter Eggs for our prizes.



Community Feedback

Every year at this time I like to do a 'pulse' check. We send out a survey on Compass for families to fill out so we can collect feedback on the positives in our school so



we can celebrate as a team. We also like to reflect on the feedback around areas for improvement. The feedback this year was extremely positive and it is great to be able to share this with the staff and acknowledge all the hard work and extra time they put into our school for our students/ your children.

Families also let us know of areas for improvement. It was great for our team to reflect that we were aware of many of these concerns and already have put strategies/plans in place in our end-of-term review to make these improvements.

We announced we would randomly pick out 3 names to win a \$30 voucher each. Congratulations to...
Stacey Scott, Bianca Owens and Lamia Khoder

Thank you for completing the survey.

Thank you and Best Wishes

Stevie Cumming will be moving to another school closer to home in Term 2. Stevie has worked in different year levels across the school over the years and this year has been in the role of a specialist teacher as well as a member of our Wellbeing Team. Stevie has a passion for wellbeing which she has demonstrated in all her roles. I am sure the students you have interacted with have appreciated your time, support and guidance.

Lusia McLean has decided to take some long service leave and then retire starting at the beginning of Term 2. Lusia is an experienced teacher who has taught in various year levels across the school. Over the years I know that she has had a positive impact on many students and I was discussing this with previous WPS families earlier this year.

We thank Luisa and Stevie for everything they have done for the community and our school over the years. Best wishes on your next adventures.

Swimming

Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 students who have participated in the swimming and water safety education program for Term 1. In Term 2 our Year 3 and 4 students will have the same opportunity to participate in this program. Thank Leah Stacey for organising this program to support our students develop their skills around the water.

Harmony Day 2024

What a wonderful celebration we had on the 21st of March to celebrate unity and acknowledge all the different cultures we have at Wallan PS. Thank you to Jessica Phoenix for



setting up our Harmony Day weaving activity in the foyer. We also had some students request to perform their cultural dances. Thank you to our families for arranging the cultural dress and orange items to celebrate this special day.



Kind regards,
Tanya Kirkright - Principal

Welcome to our 2024 School Council Office Bearers

Recently our 2024 School Council met for the first time and voted on our office bearers for 2024. I would like to announce:

- **President: Liarna Talarico**
 - Liarna will continue in the role for another year.
- **Vice President: Amy Ray**
 - Thank you to our outgoing Vice President from 2023 Rochelle Geary.
- **Treasurer: Rochelle Geary**
 - Thank you to our outgoing Treasurer from 2023 Jaspreet Singh for all his time attending Finance meetings in 2023. Jaspreet will stay on School Council as a member in 2024.

Our Members for 2024:

- Principal - Tanya Kirkright
- Staff Members: Jade Griggs, Sandra Allison and Alison Cumberland
- Parent Members: Liarna Talarico, Amy Ray, Rochelle Geary, Jaspreet Singh, Gardenia Sua, Simone Morrison, Dean Murphy, Kirsti Moore.

Curriculum Days for 2024

Please find attached the Curriculum Days and Public Holidays for 2024.

Term 1 2023	Friday 29th March	Public Holiday	No School
Term 2 2023	Thursday 25th April	Public Holiday	No School
	Monday 20th May	Curriculum Day	No School
	Monday 10th June	Public Holiday	No School
Term 3 2023	Wednesday 24th July	Altered School Day	Students only attend for their Student-Led Conference
	Friday 16th August	Curriculum Day <i>(Network Common Curriculum Day)</i>	No School
Term 4 2023	Monday 4th November	Teacher Professional Practice Day	No School
	Tuesday 5th November	Public Holiday	No School

School Photos.

Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken by Arthur Reed Photos on **Tuesday 30th April 2024**.

- There is no need to return any forms or money to school.
- Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the webshop.
- Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.
- Even if you registered last year, you must do it again this year using your child's 2024 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.
- When images are ready to view and in the webshop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.
- Once registered, please wait for notification that 2024 images are online to view before making your purchase.

Have you checked our website lately?

Have a look at our website to see some new articles about our school and watch our clip from Daniel at Real Schools.

Have you checked our Facebook Page lately?

Have a look at our Facebook page to see some school celebrations.

School Cross Country

Wallan Primary School held their Whole School Cross Country on Friday 1st March 2024. The weather was great and thankfully the late cloud cover kept the temperatures down.

The day started with the Foundation students participating in their first-ever sporting event at Wallan Primary School. This race was followed by the Year 1 and Year 2 students. A comment that I found interesting was from a Year 2 student and that was "My heart left my body it was beating so fast". As the day got warmer the age groups got higher. The 9/10-year-old boys and girls were the first of the races outside of the school. This race was very competitive, and a few surprising results were seen. Then we had a break for recess. The 11-year-olds were next with a lot of students jostling at the start line for the best positions. The final race of the day was for students aged 12/13 which also brought some surprising results.

The results for each race were as follows:

Foundation Boys

Bodhi Symons
Royce Mahar
Kyle Peace

Year 1 Boys

Jairus Tufue
Daniel Gudimenko
Reuban Anyanwu

Year 2 Boys

Isaac Madiona
Muhammab Dodhia
Alex De Soya-Gaehl

Boys Under 9/10

Adam Umair
Luzan Nepal
Bentley Cole

Foundation Girls

Cosima Gibbs
Eliza Keenan
Kaylee Noake

Year 1 Girls

Delilah Hollis
Ella Madiona
Zasy Mangyao

Year 2 Girls

Harper Symons
Kayla Gibbs
Lyla Fowler

Girls Under 9/10

Piper Cattarinussi
Imogen Price
Portia Armstrong-Gauci

Boys Under 11

Chase Gray
Saran Sajan
Tavish Gaunder

Boys Under 12/13

Axel Wood-Hiah
Emmanuel Saunders
Jack De Soysa-Gaehl

Girls Under 11

Juliette Camilleri
Isabell English
Akesa Beeson

Girls Under 12/13

Leila Hajar
Sarah Kieu
Zahra Vattackary

Each student who participated gained very valuable points for their house. The final house placings for the day was:

4th Place – MITCHELL

3rd Place – BURKE

2nd Place – HOVELL

1st Place - HUME

Thank you to all the volunteers. Days like this cannot be held without support from the school community. Once again, thank you to all the students and teachers who participated and I hope that you all enjoyed the day.

Holiday Swimming TIPS!

We know many families head away during the school holidays to locations near water, including lakes, rivers and beaches.

To help families stay safe around water during these school holidays, please see the following water safety resources:

- Surf Life-Saving Australia's [Beachsafe website](#) where you can view a location and the closest patrolled beaches (available in 132 languages – click on the 'Select Language' tab). This information is also available in an app that you can download from the Beachsafe website. The app includes videos with tips for visiting Australian beaches, in 8 languages: English, Arabic, Hindi, Korean, Japanese, Malay, Traditional Chinese and Simplified Chinese.
- Vic Emergency's [Get to know our warning signs](#) website, including posters translated into Arabic, Dari, Vietnamese, Simplified Chinese and Traditional Chinese.
- Life Saving Victoria's [Water safety tips](#).

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