



School Dates:

Friday 9th May
Year 1 Museum Excursion

Friday 16th May
Education Support Day
Thank our ES Staff for their work in administration or student support.

Monday 9th June
Public Holiday
NO SCHOOL

Tuesday 10th June
Curriculum Day
NO SCHOOL

12th - 13th June
Year 2 Camp
Weekaway Camp

Friday 13th June
Network Student Leaders
Day at Wallan PS

16th - 18th June
Year 4 Camp
Sovereign Hill

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 2!

Welcome back to Term 2! It's hard to believe we're already in Week 3, with the term getting off to a fast start following a number of public holidays.

This term is shaping up to be a busy and exciting one, with a range of events and learning opportunities planned. Our Year 2, 4, and 6 students are looking forward to their camping programs, and there are also several incursions and excursions happening across year levels to enrich classroom learning.

Term 2 is also a formal reporting period. Families will receive a digital report via Compass later this term, providing insights into each student's progress in both wellbeing and learning.

We look forward to another term of growth, connection, and achievement together!

Clarity around our Leadership structure in 2025.

In previous years, our leadership team included staff dedicated specifically to either Wellbeing or Teaching and Learning. In 2025, we have a new leadership model designed to provide more holistic support for our students.

Under this new approach, leaders are assigned to specific year level cohorts, allowing them to support both the wellbeing and learning needs of your child. This ensures a more consistent and connected experience for students and families.

If you have any questions, concerns, or believe your child may need support in any area, your first point of contact should now be your child's classroom teacher. They may be able to assist you or redirect you to the right person. If you need to see another staff member the next step is the PLC cohort leader

Wednesday 2nd July
Foundation Event
Milo's Birthday!

Friday 4th July
End of Term 2

Monday 21st July
Day 1 of Term 3

Check our website
for more dates.

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2026
ENROLMENTS!**
See the Office
now for more
information



and then your Executive Team member who is a Learning Specialist/Assistant Principal dedicated to your cohort. They are best placed to assist with both academic progress and wellbeing matters.

We look forward to working in closer partnership with families through this more integrated approach.

Cohort/Group	PLC Leader	Executive Member
Foundation	Lilly Matthews	Melanie Gibson & Katelyn Shephard
Year 1	Tim Azaris	Melanie Gibson & Katelyn Shephard
Year 2	Lauren Lancaster	Taylah Bryne
Year 3	Oliver Todorovski	Paul Kearney
Year 4	Rachael Noble	Ben Jewell
Year 5	Adam McNamara	Rhys Gibbs
Year 6	Brianna Taylor	Tracey Nihill
Specialists	Karen Kennan (Leah Stacey while Karen abs)	Nez Yon

Thank You – ANZAC Day Services

A sincere thank you to all the families, students, and staff who attended and supported both our school ANZAC service and the community service. Your presence was a powerful show of respect and remembrance.

It was especially moving to see our students take part with such maturity and pride. Their involvement is a vital part of keeping the ANZAC legacy alive. By learning about the sacrifices made by those who served, and sharing these stories with future generations, our students help ensure that the spirit of courage, mateship, and resilience continues to be honoured.

Lest we forget.

Year 6 Camp Adventure!

Last week, our Year 6 students embarked on an unforgettable camp experience, packed with adventure, teamwork, and lots of fun. From the moment they arrived, students embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and resilience.

Throughout the camp, students participated in a range of exciting activities, including canoeing, team sports, abseiling, rock climbing, and laser tag. These activities not only tested their physical abilities but also encouraged them to support



one another and work as a team.

A huge thank you goes out to our wonderful staff, whose dedication and support made this camp a safe, smooth, and positive experience for everyone involved. Your efforts are deeply appreciated.

Well done to all of our Year 6 students for making this camp such a success—we are so proud of you!



Mother's Day & Special Person's Day

This weekend, we celebrate **Mother's Day and Special Person's Day**—a time to recognise the incredible people in our lives who care for, support, and inspire us every day. Whether it's a mum, grandma, aunt, carer, or another special person, we thank you for the love and guidance you give our students.

We have a stall running at school later this week where your child can purchase items for their special person if they choose. Just remind them to hide them in their room until Sunday. We hope everyone enjoys a wonderful weekend filled with appreciation, connection, and a little bit of spoiling!

Principal's Long Service Leave

I'd like to let our school community know that I'll be taking some Long Service Leave this term to travel to Italy. While I'm away, Mrs. Tracey Nihill will be stepping in as Acting Principal. I know the school is in excellent hands with Tracey, and I'm very grateful for her leadership during this time.

As for me, I'll be doing some very important research into Italy's finest pizza, pasta, and gelati. Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,
Tanya Kirkright Principal

Welcome to Our New Education Support Team Members

We are excited to welcome several new Education Support (ES) staff members to our school community! They will be working across all year levels to support students in both their learning and wellbeing. We are incredibly grateful for the diverse skills and experience they bring, which further strengthens our already fantastic ES team.

To ensure ongoing growth and consistency, our ES team is supported by dedicated ES leaders who guide the team through professional learning sessions. These sessions provide opportunities to share ideas, work through real-life scenarios, and implement strategies aligned with our whole-school focus. This collaborative approach ensures our ES staff are well-equipped to make a meaningful and lasting impact on student outcomes.

We are thrilled to have our new team members on board and look forward to the positive contributions they will make across the school. Welcome to: Michelle, Jorden, Grace, Shelby and Monica.

Real Schools Visit – Building Stronger Relationships

We were pleased to welcome back Daniel, our Real Schools educator, who spent time working in classrooms across the school. Daniel modelled strategies that support our focus on *affective interactions* and the power of the language we use when engaging with students. His visit reinforced the importance of *restorative conversations* in our school—recognising that as an educational system, our goal is always to teach and support growth. At the same time, we acknowledge there is still an important place for logical consequences when needed.



Daniel has been working with us for over 18 months, and we're now approaching the halfway point of our three-year partnership with Real Schools. The impact of this work is already being seen, not only in improved student interactions but in the way our whole school community approaches behaviour and relationships.

He was incredibly impressed by the respectful and positive behaviour demonstrated across all year levels, and made particular mention of the maturity and leadership shown by our Year 5 and 6 students. This feedback is a credit to our students, staff, and families who continue to embrace the principles of restorative practice.

We look forward to continuing this important work as we build a culture of respect, responsibility, and genuine connection.

Thank You – Easter Fundraiser Success!

A big thank you to our amazing FAF (Friends and Families) team for organising and running our Easter fundraising activities and raffle. Thanks to their hard work—and the generosity of our school community—we raised just over **\$950** for our school! We're especially grateful to our FAF team members, who give their time as parent volunteers, and to everyone who donated Easter eggs and prizes. Your support helps make these events so successful and brings our school community together in such a positive way. Thank you again for your kindness and enthusiasm!



ANZAC Community Service



Supporting Student Well-being: Introducing MHIPS

At Wallan Primary we are committed to supporting the wellbeing of our students both academically and emotionally. We are excited to discuss the work we have been doing with the Mental Health in Primary Schools (MHIPS) initiative. This is a program designed to provide additional support for students' mental health and well-being within our school community. This is run by our Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead, Miss Rachael Noble and Assistant Principal Mrs Melanie Gibson, who both have a strong passion for student wellbeing.

MHIPS focuses on early intervention, equipping educators with the tools to recognize and support students experiencing emotional challenges. We have a lot of current programs supporting mental health at Wallan Primary, including Coffee the support dog, School Wide Positive Behaviours, Respectful Relationships, The Hub, our school social worker, First Nations projects, Team building, warm welcome, Real Schools and student directed lunchtime clubs. In Term 2, we will be introducing a new project called 'Dash', which is a fun and interactive 9-week program for some year 5/6 students. It aims to deepen community connections and belonging for young people.

Stay tuned for more information on how MHIPS will be integrated into our school throughout the year.

Teaching Excellence Program 2025

Our school values the learning and development of our staff, and the positive impact this has on student outcomes and school improvement.

We are proud to share that Tim Azaris and Rachael Noble have begun their professional learning journey through the [Teaching Excellence Program](#) at the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership.

This program enables teachers to advance their capabilities and excellence in teaching. Through the program, Tim and Rachael will grow their knowledge of teaching practice by participating in 10 in person days of professional learning and inquiring deeply into 2 areas of their practice, using the evidence-informed practice, generative AI, First Nations' perspectives, student engagement tools and discipline-specific learning. They will also be inspired by national and international experts in the field of education through 2 dedicated conferences.

We look forward to working with Tim and Rachael to implement their knowledge and skills from the program to continue to support student outcomes and wellbeing at our school. We are proud that we have Tim and Rachael, as well as Lauren L and Adam (2024) representing our school and supporting the Academy in raising the status of this amazing profession!

NEW SCHOOL IN 2026 - (interim name) WALLAN EAST PS

A new Primary School is opening up in Wallan in 2026. 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 Wallan East zone and currently attend Wallan PS you do not have to move to Wallan East 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 Wallan East 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 Wallan East 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 enrolment 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.](#)