WANGALA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday August 5th, 2022

Dates to Remember

Friday 5th August
District Athletics Day

Friday 5th August
Newsletter released

Wednesday 10th August
School Assembly

Wednesday 10th August
Year Three Camp (returning Friday)

Thursday 11th August
Professional Practice Day – no students at school

Monday 15th August
Science Week

Thursday 18th August
Geelong Music and Movement Festival

Monday 22nd August
Book Week 'Dreaming with Eyes Open'

Monday 29th August
Year Six Camp (returning Friday)

Ange Casha – Connect Up Family and Community Engagement Worker - Bethany

From the Principal

I visited the junior classroom today to give one of the students a token as I had witnessed this student helping another when they dropped something in the yard. While I was in the classroom Miss Margetts explained that they have been looking out for 'gotcha' moments in the classroom where they caught each other showing random acts of kindness. This is so warming to see, and it made me wonder what we could all learn from this.

During the week Miss Margetts, Mrs Sobczynski, Miss Wise and I visited each classroom to observe the teaching and learning and to help each other continually improve as teachers. We all believe that we can be better than we were the day before and have learnt so much from each other during our classroom visits. It was also wonderful, as the school Principal, to spend time in each classroom and chat with students about their learning. We have some amazing teachers and students and it was great to celebrate that through our visits. I personally look forward to spending more time in the classroom in the coming months.

Coming up next week is our Professional Practice Day. On this day the staff are all coming together to work on the inquiry curriculum. Inquiry learning leans into our school values of 'community mindedness' and 'future focused' where students are given the opportunity to learn about the world around them and the impact they have on their world, while thinking about how that can give back and make our world a better place. The inquiry curriculum is also designed to develop a range of skills students can apply to investigate and problem solve. The other element of our learning on Thursday will be around building student voice and agency across the school. Students in schools with strong student voice are three times more likely to experience self-worth, and five times more likely to experience engagement in school.

We welcome Ange Casha who is a Family and Community Engagement Worker for the 'Connect Up Program' at 'Bethany Community Services'. Ange will be joining the Wangala team on Monday's and Tuesday's and is able to help out those families that need some extra support. Ange will be working closely with our Wellbeing Officer, Kim Dugan, so make sure you say hello to her when you see her.

Steven King
Principal

Don't Forget!

Our Professional Practice Day will be on Thursday, 11th August with no students in attendance on that day.
Unfortunately, we are unable to offer our Outside School Hours Care – whole day program on this day due to low demand.

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

Arriving late to school may not seem to be a big deal, but overtime this can have huge implications on your child's education.

On the day that your child arrives late to school they enter the classroom on the 'back-foot' often having missed important messages delivered at the beginning of the day and the opportunities to connect with their peers. They will often have missed important steps in the daily routine, such as changing readers or preparing for the learning of the day.

Your child's late arrival to class can cause anxiety for your child who walks into the class who have already started their day, whilst also disrupting the class and teacher who need to 'catch up' your child.

A reminder that if your child is late you must bring them to the office and sign them in late. Please do not take your child directly to the classroom.

From the Middle Class

The middle students started their work on poetry by writing some animal alliterations this week. Alliteration is when you use the same letter or sound at the beginning of words. What alliteration can you come up with?

Many mad monkey mums made milk – Judson

Six silky, small, slimy, slithering snakes sleeping – Keyana

A funny, fat, fast, floppy and fluffy flamingo – Pixie

Well Done Airlie!

Congratulations to Airlie who took out first in the Long Jump and second in the 200m today at the District Athletics!

Well done on a great effort to all who participated!

Learn Auslan with the Juniors!

At your next Birthday celebration, have a go at signing the 'Happy Birthday' song!

Our juniors have made some visuals to help you learn it!

You can learn also to finger spell the Birthday person's name!

Happy Birthday To You!

Well done to all our Star Students for this fortnight!

At each assembly we present students who have displayed positive behaviours from our 'Positive Behaviour Matrix' with 'Star Student' awards.

We also have special 'Principal Awards' and awards for outstanding 'Hands on Learning' participants.

Our friends from the 'Geelong English Language Centre' are also presented with a special award at the assembly.

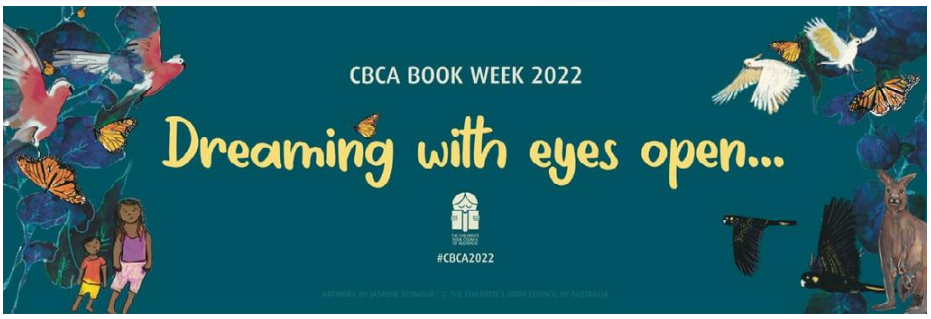
Well done to all of you!

Prep 2023

Over this term we will conduct regular prep enrolment tours. If you know of anyone in our community who is considering enrolling for 2023, encourage them to make an appointment to come in for a tour or collect an enrolment form from the office. Parents and carers can visit findmyschool.vic.gov.au to find their local school.

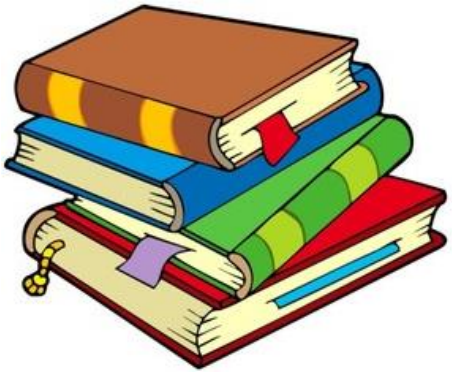
The dates for our transition program next term will be released very soon!

Confirmation letters will be sent to all enrolled students next week. Make sure you don't miss out!



Book Week

Book Week is coming up fast! This year we will be holding a 'Book Week Dress-Up Day' where we hope everyone can come dressed as a character from a book. Further information will be sent out soon!



Geelong Music and Movement Festival 2022

Our budding performers will be taking stage at the 'Music and Movement Festival' at Costa Hall, Deakin University on Thursday, 18th August 2022. Tickets are now available through the 'Geelong Schools Music and Movement Festival Concert 2022 – Geelong Arts Centre'. When booking please note that our school is booked for session 7, 18th August 1:00pm to 2:30pm. Tickets are five dollars each.

If you have any queries about the audience tickets, please contact the 'Geelong Arts Centre Box Office'. Parent/carer consent is required and the cost of this experience is $8. Consent and payment is via Compass. Students are asked to dress in sport gear (sport socks, sport shoes, sport skirt, shorts, leggings, tracksuit, sporting top, sport headband, wristbands in any colours, or exercise gear of your choice), BUT with some 'Halloweeny' spooky head-dress, hair, mask or make up on their head. They will be dancing in this costume so they need to be able to see and have it stay on by itself. No props are to be carried.

Allison Whytcross – Arts Teacher

For everything Wangala, don't forget to check our socials!

Rovers Basketball Club is running a free 'Come and Try Day' for children aged between 6 and 14 later this month.

Rovers Basketball Club train at Armstrong Creek School, Wangala Primary School (in our gymnasium) and Western Heights College, and plays in the Geelong United Basketball competition. They have a strong junior program focusing on participation, with boys' and girls' teams Under 10 all the way through to senior competitions

Family Cooking Classes Opportunity

We have the opportunity for families to participate in the 'School Breakfast Clubs Cooking Classes' program.

This program will bring families together to learn life-long healthy eating habits and gain cooking experience to build confidence in the kitchen and beyond.

The program aims to provide a hands-on environment, where families will cook and enjoy a meal together during each session.

This free program is fully funded by the Department of Education and Training. Sessions will be run after school, one day per week for four weeks during the school term.

They will be delivered by a trained Foodbank Victoria Facilitator and will include take-home recipes and a weekly food hamper.

To secure your position, please send an expression of interest to wangala.ps@education.vic.gov.au by Friday 12th August.

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