WANGALA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday October 7th, 2022

From the Principal

It has been wonderful to have everyone back this week, having enjoyed some nice weather and refreshing over the school break.

Term Four is shaping up to be a very busy term with much happening. Our 'Swimming Program' will be held in November which will see our students going to the 'Geelong Aquatic Centre' over a two-week period for intensive swimming lessons. We're very lucky to have secured this time slot leading into summer and the time we all enjoy water activities more. Further details will be released around this shortly.

We will also see our 2023 Prep students visiting for their transition program. I am excited to announce that we will be adding on an extra class next year, seeing a new classroom teacher added to our staff. I hope that I can share with you what this will look like in 2023, once we have recruited our new teacher.

Next Friday is our Curriculum Day, with staff undertaking an update training for CPR, and 'Community Understanding and Safety Training' (CUST). CUST is designed to be an introduction to ongoing learning and engagement with Aboriginal perspectives throughout the curriculum through meaningful collaboration between local communities and schools. This will continue to assist us to build strong foundational skills and knowledge within our curriculum.

Our gymnasium car park is due to be completed at the end of next week, with asphalting and line marking during the week. This is very exciting for our school. We will also have some new works completed to install a ramp leading up to the gymnasium and will also have our main doors altered to be automatic.

In even more exciting news, I am pleased to report that we have received significant funding to install a path around our oval which will also have several sensory, play and exercise panels and equipment at stations around it. This comes through an 'Inclusive Schools Grant' we applied for earlier this year. See below some images of panels and equipment we plan to install. Our students sure are lucky!

Steven King
Principal

Dates to Remember

Tuesday 11th October
School Council Meeting at 4pm

Wednesday 12th October
Assembly at 2.45pm

Wednesday 12th October
Prep Transition via WebEx

Friday 14th October
Curriculum Day

Wednesday 19th October
Geelong Cup public holiday

Friday 21st October
Middle excursion to the Marine Discovery Centre

Friday 21st October
Newsletter released

Friday 21st October
'Totally Random' program for 5/6s

Wednesday 26th October
Assembly at 2.45pm

Wednesday 26th October
Prep Transition via WebEx

Friday 28th October
'Totally Random' program for 5/6s

Friday 4th November
'Totally Random' program for 5/6s

Friday 4th November
Newsletter released

Monday 7th November
Two week Swimming Program begins

Tuesday 15th November
School Council meeting

Friday 18th November
Newsletter released

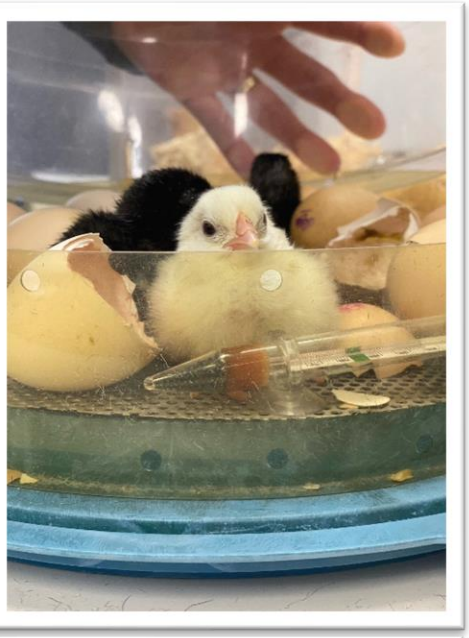
Wangala Primary School acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land we are on, the Wadawurrung people, and thank them for sharing their long lasting culture with us as we learn and grow together.

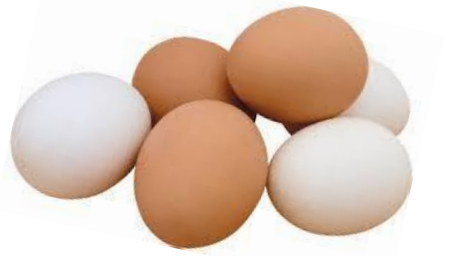
Why did the chicken cross the road?

To help our Juniors learn about life cycles!

On Monday we received a special delivery from Henny Penny Chicken Farm. We received three gorgeous one day old chicks and other eggs in an incubator. We have cared and provided for the eggs and, much to our delight, came to school on Wednesday morning to find three more chickens hatched! So far our chickens are named Whitney, Britney, Daisy, Netty and Sunshine.

Stay tuned for more cuteness!





Geelong English Language Centre Celebration Day!

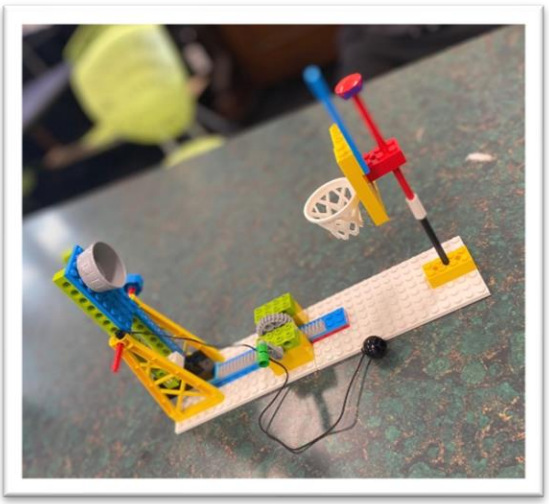
On the last Wednesday of term, our friends at the Geelong English Language Centre held a 'Celebration Day' at Wangala Primary School with many visitors coming along to help celebrate the great work they have all done. Our Wangala students and visitors were treated to a special singing performance which will be performed at the upcoming Geelong Region Principal's Forum. Well done GELC!

Delicious Procedural Writing in the Middle Classroom!

The Middle students have been learning about procedural texts. This week they wrote a recipe for fairy bread, then followed the recipe to create a delicious snack!

A REMINDER THAT ALL STUDENTS SHOULD NOW BE WEARING HATS WHEN OUTSIDE!

We have a strict 'no hat, no play' policy that will see students without the correct broad-brimmed hat, needing to sit under the shade sail in our outdoor assembly area.



From the STEAM Room

We have started Term Four with a BANG in STEAM! All kids were fully engaged in their lessons as they tested out the new Lego kits that arrived over the holidays. So much fun was had! We can't wait to use them again and tap into our creative sides! Who doesn't like Lego!!

Wangala Primary School Intensive Swimming Program 2022

This term all students will have the opportunity to participate in swimming lessons at the 'Geelong Aquatic Centre' in Newtown. The program will run across two weeks with a total of ten sessions. Sessions will run for forty-five minutes each.

The program is an integral part of our Physical Education Program at Wangala Primary School and is fully endorsed by our School Council. The cost of the program has been heavily subsidised by the school (50%). All students are encouraged to participate unless they have a medical condition that prevents them from attending.

The cost of the program is $40 which includes the cost of the bus and entry to the pool. This needs to be paid for by Friday, 21st of October. Please contact the office if you are unsure if you can access any CSEF funds to subsidise the cost.

Permission and further details have been posted to Compass this week and students will come home with a form today which needs to also be completed and returned by Friday, 21st October to assist with grouping students.

Feel free to contact me should you have any further questions. A note with further information will be sent in the coming weeks.

Andrea Hueston – Physical Education Teacher

DATES AND TIMES

Week 6 7th – 11th November	45 min 1:45 – 2.30pm
Week 7 14th – 18th November	45 min 12.00 – 12.45pm

Visual and Performing Arts

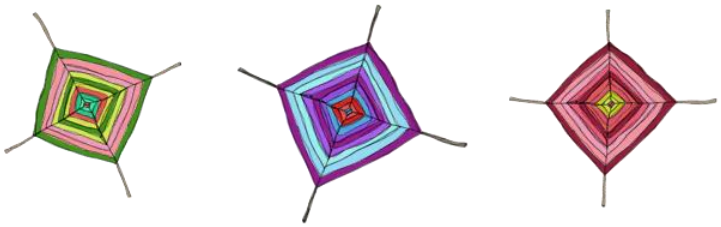
In visual arts we are all going to learn about TEXTILES! Textiles are one of the oldest art forms. They are built from fibres that can be from natural resources, man-made or regenerated.

We used textile to make things that are helpful to our lives and can be decorative. Weaving, dying, knitting, sewing are some of the skills we use to make textile art.

We will be collecting materials to use in our art projects such as spare material (all types), small sticks, feathers, wool and string. If you have anything you can donate, please send it along to be delivered to the art room. Thanks!

At the end of Term Four, we are going to have a showcase of talent from Wangala Primary School. Students will have the opportunity to perform their own items, class items and whole school items to our school community. Stay tuned for more information coming soon!

After the success of our last lunchtime disco, we will be having another one in our gymnasium on the last Thursday of each month!



HANDS ON LEARNING

Look at some of the amazing mosaic creations our Hands on Learning crew have started to create this week.

These will be placed up in our HoL area to brighten up the space!

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

2022 Deakin University Diwali Festival

Friday 28 October, 6pm–9pm, Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus

This is a free, family-friendly community event with:

- cultural performances
- DJ
- food and market stalls
- free activities and henna art
- rangoli artwork display
- and a spectacular fireworks display!

Please register early to guarantee entry

deakin.edu.au/diwali

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW

FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.

PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).

FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.

SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.