



WANDONG
Primary School

School Weekly

News

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ROAD SAFETY TRAFFIC & PARKING



RAIL STREET CROSSING

Use the NEW Rail Street Pedestrian Crossing when travelling to and from school. Using the crossing ensures safe arrival and clear visibility for drivers.

CHURCH CARPARK SAFETY

Reverse parking only for child safety. Drive at walking pace at all times. Children must not walk through carpark without an adult.



PARKING

Bus stop relocated back to Rail Street.
Alternative parking: Church Car Park or Wandong Avenue or L.B Davern Reserve (short walk to school).

DISABLED PARKING

Disabled Parking Spaces on Affleck Street is strictly **reserved** for vehicles displaying a valid Disabled Parking Permit.



KISS AND DROP

Available along Rail Street. Access via the designated gate only. Follow all parking signs and instructions carefully at all times.

ACCESS GATES

Rail Street gates for general access. TheirCare (OHSC) via Rail Street gate.
Administration Building via Affleck Street gate.



REMINDERS

Walk or ride to school when possible to reduce traffic congestion around the school.

COUNCIL & SIGNAGE

Council is monitoring the area. Follow all traffic and parking signage. Your cooperation keeps our school community safe.



SAFETY EXPECTATIONS

Hand-holding encouraged for younger children. Be respectful of the shared community space. Arrive early for a calm, orderly environment.

STAY INFORMED

Check school communications regularly for updates on access and parking changes throughout the year.



Premier's READING CHALLENGE 2026

What an Incredible Achievement!

What a fantastic year of reading at Wandong Primary School!

We are absolutely thrilled to share the wonderful results of this year's Premier's Reading Challenge.



139
STUDENTS

successfully completed
the challenge!



8,918

BOOKS READ
across our school!

What an outstanding achievement and a wonderful reflection of our students' enthusiasm, dedication and growing love of reading.



YEAR LEVEL READING CHAMPIONS

We would like to extend a special congratulations to our Year Level Reading Champions, who logged the highest number of books in their respective year levels:

Foundation

Sophie
Yates

Grade 1

Bryce
Koeleman

Grade 2

Jaelyn
McIlvain

Grade 3

Blake
Gray

Grade 4

Nathan
Mazurek

Grade 5

Hunter
Shevlin

Grade 6

Jack
Johnson

WINNING CLASSES

We are also incredibly excited to recognise **12B, 34C and 56C**, who achieved an amazing **100% class completion rate!** Every single student in these three classes successfully completed the challenge. To celebrate this wonderful team effort, these classes have earned a

Casual Clothes Day on Friday 16 October!

★ **12B** ★

★ **34C** ★

★ **56C** ★

A huge congratulations to every student who participated, and a heartfelt thank you to our families and teachers for encouraging and supporting reading throughout the challenge.

While the Premier's Reading Challenge may be over for another year, we hope our students continue to discover the joy, imagination and endless possibilities that come from opening a good book.

Happy reading, everyone! ♥

We are a
**Victorian
premiers'
reading
challenge
school**



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WHAT'S ON WHAT'S DUE



October	2026
Tuesday 6th to Wednesday 14th	Somers School Camp – selected students only
Monday 10th October to Friday 4th December	Bike Ed is Back! 
Monday 12th to Friday 16th	Glasses for Kids
Wednesday 14th	Northern Metro Region Track and Field Championships – selected students only
Thursday 15th	Foundation – Pevan and Sarah Concert
Thursday 15th	Whittlesea Division Basketball Finals – selected students only
Friday 16th	Foundation Bounce Camp – consent and payment due today
Friday 16th	Grade 1 / 2 Overnight Camp. Camp Weekaway – consent and payment due today
Friday 16th	Grade 3 / 4 Camp. Log Cabin Camp – consent and payment due today
Friday 16th	Grade 5 / 6 Camp. The Ranch – consent and payment due today
Monday 19th	Young Leaders Day at Wallan Secondary College – selected students only – consent due
Tuesday 20th	PAFA Meeting at 9:15am
Wednesday 21st	Young Leaders Day at Wallan Secondary College – selected students only
Monday 26th	Scholastic Book Club Issue 7 closes today – online orders only

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November	2026
Tuesday 3rd	Public Holiday Melbourne Cup – no school
Friday 6th	Working Bee: 1/2B, FD, 5/6H 
Thursday 12th	Funfields – 2026 End of Year Pool Party – consent and payment due
Friday 13th	Awareness Day – World Diabetes Day – see below flyer for more details
Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th	Grade 3 / 4 Camp. Log Cabin Camp
Friday 20th	Foundation Bounce Camp
Friday 20th	200 Nights of Reading due
Monday 23rd to Tuesday 24th	Grade 1 / 2 Overnight Camp. Camp Weekaway
Wednesday 25th to Friday 27th	Grade 5 / 6 Camp. The Ranch
December	2026
Friday 4th	Working Bee: FS, 1/2M, 3/4G 
Monday 7th 	Wandong Christmas Concert at 4:30pm
Tuesday 8th	Statewide Transition Day
Wednesday 9th	Pizza in the Park – 200 Nights of Reading (A-K Surnames)
Thursday 10th	Pizza in the Park – 200 Nights of Reading (L-Z Surnames)
Wednesday 16th	Grade 6 Graduation – Dinner at Hogans Hotel, followed by Graduation Ceremony at the Wallan Secondary College Auditorium.
Thursday 17th 	Funfields – 2026 End of Year Pool Party
Friday 18th	Last Day Term 4 – Dismissal at 1:30pm

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mrs Morrow



Welcome back to Term Four! Longer days, warmer weather and a calendar filling quickly can only mean one thing: a busy and rewarding finish to 2026 at Wandong. I hope everyone enjoyed a happy break and some time doing the things they love.

Daylight saving has arrived just in time for our return, so getting back into routines while it is still light outside might take a little adjusting. And that's just the adults. Guilty as charged!

My holidays included plenty of horses, dogs, fresh air and time with special people. My young horse, Nina, has just turned four, and getting to know her has been such a rewarding part of these past few weeks. Watching her learn reminds me of our students tackling something new. There is plenty of curiosity, a little uncertainty and growing confidence with each small success.

There were also long walks with the dogs, beautiful local views and quieter moments at home. Family time included visits with two very cute little people, with the dogs happily joining in to supervise playtime and accept cuddles. Between the horses and dogs, personal space remains fairly limited!

Looking through my holiday photos, I'm grateful for those everyday moments: fresh air, a good laugh, a small achievement and time with those we love.

With camps, transition activities, celebrations and plenty of learning ahead, there is much to look forward to this term.



Principal's Message Continued



CAMP ADVENTURES AHEAD

Excitement is building as our Term 4 camps draw closer! For many students, camp is one of the most anticipated experiences of the school year. It offers the chance to explore somewhere new, try different activities and make memories with friends, while taking some important steps towards greater independence.

The learning begins well before the first activity. Packing a bag, keeping track of belongings, following a shared routine and spending time away from home all help students develop confidence and responsibility. Sometimes the biggest achievement is trying something unfamiliar, asking for help or discovering, "I can do this!"

Camp also provides wonderful opportunities to practise teamwork, kindness and resilience. Students learn to encourage one another, work through challenges and appreciate the different strengths everyone brings. Our school values of Pride, Curiosity, Gratitude and Kindness will travel with us, shaping how we participate and care for one another.

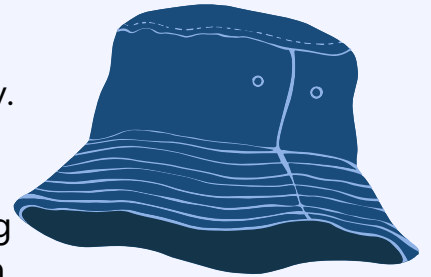
Of course, there will also be plenty of laughter, stories and memorable moments. Sharing these experiences can strengthen existing friendships and create new connections beyond the classroom.

We look forward to seeing our students embrace camp with curiosity and courage. A heartfelt thank you to the staff who put so much time and care into planning and supporting these experiences. Their commitment makes these opportunities possible for our students.

HATS: NO HAT, NO PLAY!

With Term 4 underway, please ensure your child brings their clearly named school hat every day, in line with our SunSmart Policy.

A quick check that hats are still in school bags, still fit and still have a readable name will help keep everyone ready for outdoor learning and play. Replacement hats can be purchased through the uniform shop if needed.

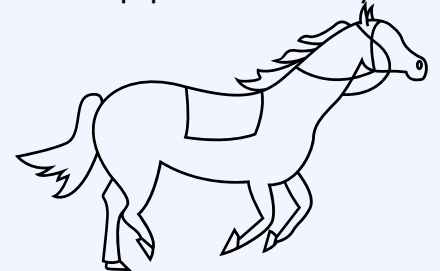


MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY: TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER

The school will be closed on Tuesday 3 November for the Melbourne Cup public holiday.

Monday 2 November remains a school day.

Attendance is traditionally lower on the Monday before Melbourne Cup Day, so we will run an alternative program for students attending.



If your child will be absent on Monday, please record their absence on Compass in advance to assist with planning and attendance follow up.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM FOUR

Please check the 'What's On and What's Due' section at the top of our newsletter each week. Term Four is full of events, many requiring payment and consent through Compass.

Payment and consent deadlines are final. Late additions or extensions cannot be accommodated once an event closes. Each event involves detailed planning, including risk assessments, staffing, supervision and confirmation of participating students and volunteers. Meeting deadlines helps us finalise these arrangements and provide safe, well organised experiences for everyone.

Thank you for keeping track of upcoming events and completing the required steps on time.

PLANNING FOR 2027

Planning for 2027 is well underway. We are reviewing enrolments, staffing, programs and class structures to provide the best possible learning experiences for our students. With our 2027 Foundation cohort full, we are preparing to grow from 20 to 22 classes. Recruitment is already underway and almost finalised to secure teachers for the year ahead.

Accurate enrolment numbers are essential, as changes can affect our funding, staffing and class arrangements. If your child currently in Foundation to Year Five will not be returning to Wandong Primary School in 2027, please notify the school in writing as soon as possible.

CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2027

A huge thank you to families who have already made their voluntary 2027 Curriculum Contributions. Your support helps us provide valuable learning resources and opportunities for our students, and we are very grateful.

Once the Early Bird offer closes at the end of October, the polos will be added to Compass Canteen so eligible families can select their child's House and size and place their order. We will definitely notify families when this is on compass. Orders placed after this date will cost \$45, with delivery in Term Two, 2027.

CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR 2027 NOW FINALISED

Planning for our 2027 classes is underway. Extensive consideration goes into class structures and student placements, with staff carefully reviewing academic progress, friendships, wellbeing and individual learning needs.

Our aim is for every child to have at least one nominated friendship connection. Requests inform our planning, but we cannot guarantee every preference, and requests for particular teachers are not accepted. Students will have an opportunity to visit their 2027 classrooms and meet their new teachers later this term. Further details will be shared closer to the day.

As communicated previously, once placements are finalised, changes will only be made if an administrative error has occurred.



Attendance Type	Approved by DET	Evidence Required	Notes / Clarifications
Illness or accident	Yes	Parent notification acceptable	Medical certificate may be requested if absences become frequent or ongoing
Medical or dental appointments	Yes	Appointment note may be requested	Approve where appointment cannot reasonably be scheduled outside school hours
Cultural or religious observance	Yes	Parent notification	Recognised cultural and religious observances. Prior notification preferred
Suspended student (school initiated)	Yes	School record	Recorded as an approved absence in line with suspension guidelines
Bereavement or funeral attendance	Yes (with approval)	Parent notification	Requires principal approval. Support offered as required
Truancy	No	Not applicable	Follow up required. Meetings and attendance improvement processes apply
School refusal	Yes (with approval)	Parent notification	Requires principal approval. Approved where a plan is in place to address causes
Family holiday during school term	Yes (with approval)	Parent notification	Principal approval required. Learning plan may be required if extended or repeated
Long term travel (over 10 days)	No unless exempted	DET exemption approval	Must be approved prior to absence
Leisure activities (shopping, visiting relatives)	No	Not applicable	Not an acceptable reason for absence
Oversleeping or transport issues	No	Not applicable	Recorded as an unapproved absence
Looking after siblings	No	Not applicable	Not an acceptable reason for absence
Parent choice to keep child home	No	Not applicable	Includes fatigue without illness
Home schooling (not registered with VRQA)	No	VRQA registration required	Student must be enrolled or formally registered





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& co.

WELCOME to TERM 4!



We hope everyone
enjoyed the break! ♥



LUNCH ORDERS ARE BACK!

STARTING FROM THE WEEK OF

5TH OCTOBER



Some changes have been made
on the Flexischool app.

Please check for the latest
menu, ordering days and details.



Making school lunches easy!

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CAMPING PROGRAM CAMPS DEADLINE

The deadline for camp payments
and consent is fast approaching!

DON'T MISS OUT!



CAMP DEADLINE EXPIRES ON
FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER!

ISSUE 7 OPEN NOW!

Free Book offer!



SCHOLASTIC

SCHOLASTIC Book Club



SCHOLASTIC Book Club LOOP for Parents

Here are eight easy steps for ordering via LOOP:

- 1 Log in, or create a new account
- 2 Follow the Wizard to set up the child's profile
- 3 Click the ORDER tab, select the child's school & class
- 4 Add the child's first name and last initial
- 5 Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue
- 6 Apply any promotional codes that have been earned
- 7 Make a payment via credit card
- 8 Await order arrival at the child's school

ORDER

NOW

SCHOLASTIC Book Club

Type 1 Diabetes AWARENESS DAY

Friday 13 November

Ahead of World Diabetes Day
on Saturday 14 November

Also World Kindness Day!



WEAR A
TOUCH OF BLUE

Gold coin donation



GUESS
THE NUMBER OF
LOLLIES
IN THE JAR



Gold coin donation
per guess

The lolly jar will be given
to the closest person!

Let's come together to raise awareness,
support those living with Type 1 Diabetes,
and help make a difference in our
school community.

Small actions
make a big impact

WORLD DIABETES DAY
Saturday 14 November



More awareness.
More support.
A kinder
future.

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Christmas CONCERT!

2026

A SPECIAL NIGHT OF

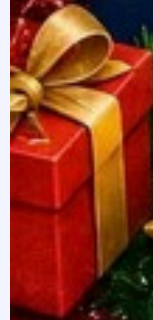
SINGING, DANCING &
CHRISTMAS CHEER!

ADD IT TO
YOUR
calendar!

★
7TH
DECEMBER
—>>><<<—
.....
4.30PM

WEAR YOUR
BEST
Festive
Gear!

★ *Let's come together* ★
TO CELEBRATE THE MAGIC
of Christmas!





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PAFA

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Soma Paterson



PAFA Meeting – 2026

At our recent PAFA meeting, we discussed upcoming fundraising events and ideas for supporting Term 4 school initiatives. We reviewed the success of past activities and brainstormed new ways to involve our school community.

Thank you to all the parents who attended and shared their ideas!

If you would like to join our next PAFA meeting, don't miss out! It is on 20th October 2026. We'd love to welcome you!



Thank you to all the parents/carers who have donated their yellow shirts. However, we will no longer be accepting these for second hand uniform sales.

UPCOMING

TERM 4

ZOOOPER DOOPER DAYS

Every THURSDAY starting
October 8th 2026

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

October 14th 2026
3:00pm – 3:45pm
at old Art Room

PAFA thanks you for your continued support of our fundraising efforts!

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OFFICE

NOTICES

OFFICE HOURS: 8:30am until 3:55pm

Admin Team

Picking Up Children

Please help our admin team!

In exceptional circumstances and emergencies, at times children need to be collected from school early. Please help our wonderful administration team by ensuring that this is not done during the break times of **11:00–11:30am** and **1:45–2:30pm**.

When children are outside playing with their friends, they do not hear the announcements and it is difficult to have a staff member unlock classrooms to collect bags and belongings.

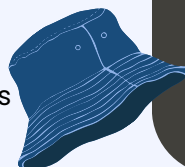
Please help support our classroom programs by waiting until **3:30pm** to collect children. The admin area is growing quite hectic in the afternoons with families collecting children early.

Thank you in advance for your support and understanding.



Reminder – Hats Term 4

We would like to request parents/guardians of students to pack a set of spare uniform items in their child's bag, including a waterproof bag (plastic bag). We have limited spare uniform at the office. If your child has recently needed to borrow items from our sick bay, please wash and return them to the office as soon as possible.



IMPORTANT: – Mobile Phone/Watch/Device Policy

In 2020, DET introduced strict restrictions on the use of any device with access to a cellular system, with or without a physical connection to a network. Where students bring a device of this type to school, it **MUST** be placed in secure storage at the office.



IMPORTANT: – Student Information

It is very important we have up-to-date information for all students. Please check Compass and update current home & email address, phone numbers & medical details.



IMPORTANT: – Policies

All current WPS Policies can be viewed through our school website

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UNIFORM

COMPASS CANTEEN



Admin Team

How to Order on Compass Canteen

- Log into the **Compass App**.
- On the home screen, select **Canteen** or go to More and then select Canteen.
- Click on the Canteen button and select **Get started**.
- Select **Student, then Next**.
- Select **Sitting** – choose the next date if the current one is closed (e.g. Pizza Day).
- Select the sitting **type** (Uniform, Team Shirt, Pizza Day, etc.)
- Select **Sizes** (if ordering uniform).
- Click **Next**.
- **Click on the required item** (e.g. Bomber Jacket, pizza).
- **Add** item.
- Repeat for other items.
- Proceed to review order.
- Select Confirm and Pay, and follow the payment steps.

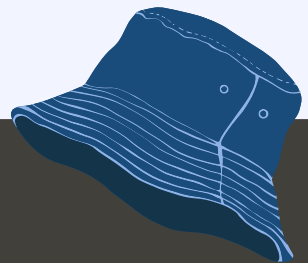
Select Customise when ordering uniform or team shirt.

- If ordering a team shirt, include the player number in the special instructions.

Collecting and Naming Items

If you order a bag, the order can be placed in your child's or their sibling's tub for convenience. If not, you'll need to supply a bag or make arrangements to collect.

Please remember to put your child's full name on their uniform. Please don't use initials, as this makes it harder for us to identify the owner.



When ordering uniforms through Compass, use the Canteen section. See instructions at left for how to order.

Going paperless helps reduce waste and conserve natural resources.

Please Note:

If your order date is closed, select the next day – even if it's a weekend!



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2027 WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL TEAM SHIRT!



ORDER ON COMPASS CANTEEN NOW



The WPS Team Shirt is available for students in **Grades 3 – 6 ONLY**, and can be worn on sport days, unit sport days, interschool sports competitions, district, division and regional sporting events.



Each shirt will have the student's **LAST NAME** (no nicknames) printed on the back with a number of their choice.



The cost of the 2027 Team Shirt is **\$45** and we are taking orders on **COMPASS CANTEEN** now.



We have a number of sample sizes available at the office.
YOUTH 8, 10, 12, 14,
ADULT XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL.
(Sizes go up to 8XL)



**** Please note, this is not a compulsory uniform item ****



HOW TO ORDER...

- 1 Open up the 'Community' tab within your Compass account and click on the 'CANTEEN' link.
- 2 If you are new to 'Canteen' it will prompt you to 'Get Started'
- 3 From here, you will select what child the order is for then click next
- 4 Next you will be asked to 'SELECT SITTING'. Please select 1st Nov 2026
- 5 Select 'TEAM SHIRT 2027' then next
- 6 Select 'ADD ITEMS'
- 7 Select 'PROCEED TO REVIEW ORDER'
- 8 *****IMPORTANT*****
Within the 'SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS' Box, please place the number your child wishes to have on their shirt.
- 9 Add order.

IT'S THAT EASY.

*** IMPORTANT ***



SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

e.g. 22

Within the '**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**' Box, please place the number your child wishes to have on their shirt.



Shirts will be delivered within the **first week of Term 1 2027**.



Note ORDERS CLOSE
31st October 2026



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**OUR HOUSE POLOS LOOK
EVEN BETTER FROM THE BACK!**

ARKELL



WANDONG

DAVERN



WANDONG

LIGHTWOOD



WANDONG

PICKETT



WANDONG

SHOW YOUR HOUSE PRIDE

JUST \$30



Complete your 2027
Parent Contributions
by **30 October**



Order through
Compass Canteen



Delivered before our
first House events
in Term 1, 2027



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MUSIC

Guitar/Vocal/Piano/Drums



PIANO LESSONS at Wandong Primary School

Piano lessons are now available
during school hours.



Lessons are available for students of all levels,
from **beginners to advanced**.



FREE no-obligation trial lessons available.

ABOUT THE TEACHER

- ✓ Bachelor of Music – University of Melbourne
- ✓ Over 7 years' experience teaching
- ✓ AMEB exam preparation or learning for enjoyment

Drums, Vocal, Piano & Keyboard Teachers

We would like to inform you that, we have found a piano teacher, contact the school for further details.

We understand the value of music education and are actively exploring options to resume the other programs in the future. We will keep you updated as soon as more information becomes available.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

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**14
Days
\$14**

T's & C's Apply

TIMETABLE

MONDAY Strong AF	TUESDAY Fiit AF	WEDNESDAY Strong AF	THURSDAY Met Fiit	FRIDAY Strong AF	SATURDAY
5:15AM	5:15AM	5:15AM	5:15AM	5:15AM	
6:15AM	6:15AM	6:15AM	6:15AM	6:15AM	
9:30AM	9:30AM	9:30AM	9:30AM	9:30AM	
5:30PM	5:30PM	5:30PM	5:30PM	5:30PM	

Scan to join

