

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.



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WHAT'S ON
WHAT'S DUE



October	2026
Monday 10th October to Friday 4th December	Bike Ed is Back!
November	**2026**
Friday 13th	Awareness Day - World Diabetes Day - see below flyer for more details
Friday 13th	Foundation AusBike Program - Don't FORGET your bikes!
Friday 13th	Foundation 2027 Transition - Session 3
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	Foundation 2027 Meet the Teacher BBQ at 5:00pm
Monday 23rd to Tuesday 24th	Grade 1 / 2 Overnight Camp. Camp Weekaway
Wednesday 25th to Friday 27th	Grade 5 / 6 Camp. The Ranch



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December	2026
Friday 4th	Working Bee: FS, 1/2M, 3/4G 
Friday 4th	Great Vic Rail Trail between Tallarook and Trawool - consent and payment due
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)
Thursday 10th	Volunteers Morning Tea at 11:00am-11:30am - see flyer below
Friday 11th	Great Vic Rail Trail between Tallarook and Trawool
Tuesday 15th	End of Term Assembly at 9:15am
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

160 new shirts



From our hearts to our school community

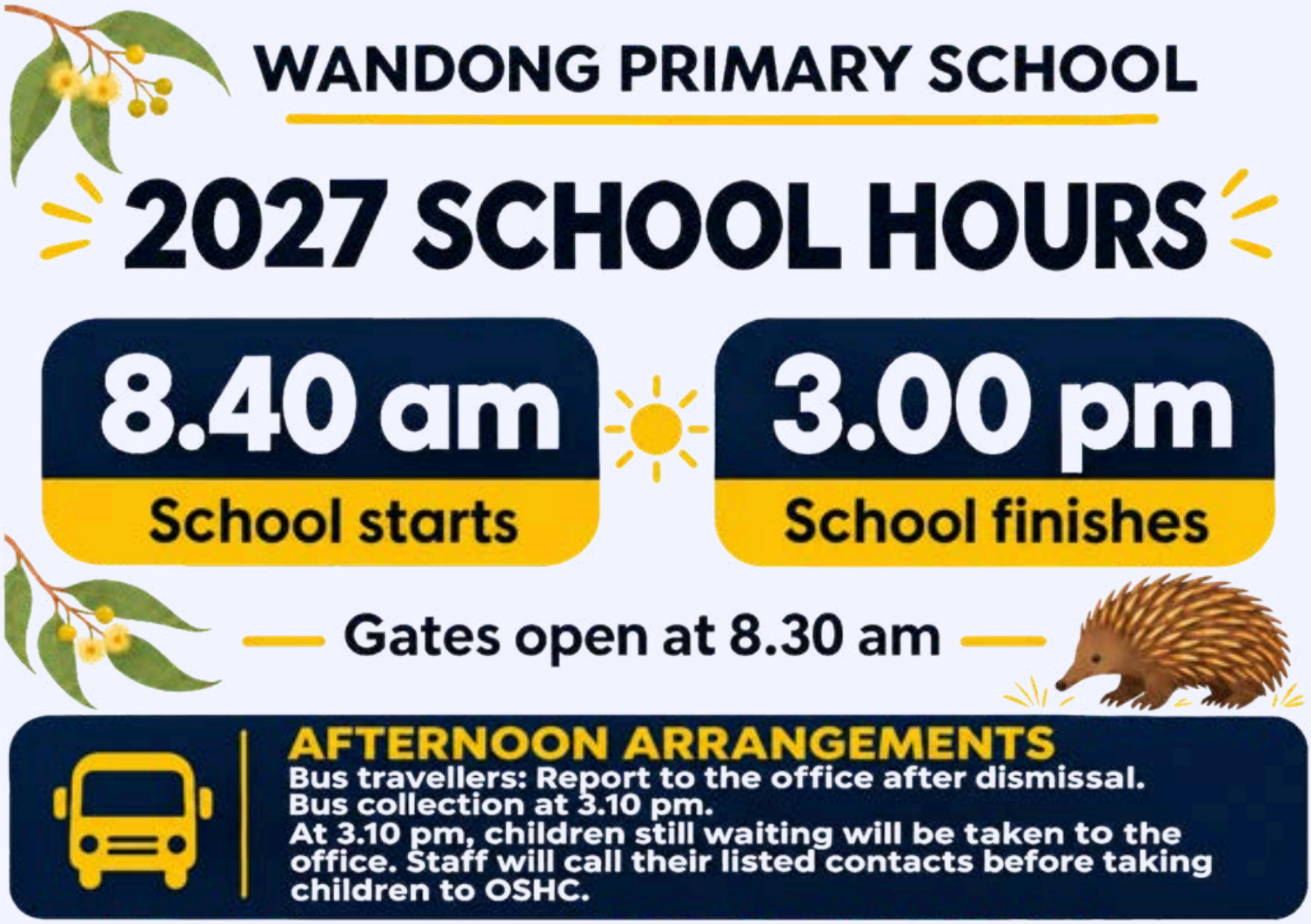
Leading a school is a privilege and a responsibility we take deeply to heart. Behind difficult decisions are careful consideration, many conversations and a commitment to doing the best we can for our students, staff and families.

We know our decisions affect families in different ways. We understand that people will sometimes disagree, and we do not expect everyone to see every decision in the same way. We do hope there is trust that we approach our work with care, integrity and the interests of our whole school community in mind.

We will not always get everything right. We remain willing to listen, reflect and learn, while also accepting the responsibility of making decisions that consider everyone.
We love this school and care deeply about the people within it. Even when the work is difficult, that commitment remains.

Thank you to those who offer kindness, ask questions respectfully and take the time to understand. Those moments of connection mean more than you may realise.

Kelly, Jess and Steph





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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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SEW

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING



World Kindness Day

SEW Learning in 5/6C













World Kindness Day is celebrated on 13 November. It began in 1998 through the World Kindness Movement, following a gathering of kindness organisations in Tokyo in 1997. It encourages people to celebrate good deeds and bring communities together through kindness.

In our SEW lesson, we explored what kindness looks and sounds like. We discussed statements about kindness, explained whether we agreed or disagreed, and listened to different opinions. We learnt that kindness means caring without expecting anything in return—even when nobody notices.

We explored the kindness ripple: one kind action can help someone feel valued, included or supported and inspire them to pass kindness on. Working in pairs, we created lists of "10 Ways to Make Someone's Day", focusing on realistic acts of kindness we could do at school. Kindness is one of our school values.

Here are five ideas to try!

- Invite someone who is left out to join your game.
- Give someone a genuine compliment about their effort.
- Encourage a classmate who feels like giving up.
- Tell a teacher or ES staff member how their help made a difference.
- Make space for a quieter classmate to share their ideas in a group.

One small act of kindness can make a big difference.

Who could you make smile today?

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crumbs & 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!

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



Gold coin donation per guess

The lolly jar will be given to the closest person!

We have a WINNER!

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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AusBike IS COMING TO WANDONG!

More Bikes. More Skills. More Fun!



The **AusBike** program is a national bike education initiative for primary school-aged children (5 to 12 years) created and delivered by AusCycling with support from the Australian Sports Commission.

BUILDING CONFIDENCE, SKILLS & SAFER CYCLISTS!

KEY PROGRAM DETAILS

TARGET AUDIENCE
Children aged 5 to 12, catering for all skill levels from absolute beginners off training wheels to experienced riders.

CORE FRAMEWORK
Built around the CORE4Skills evidence-based model to teach balancing, steering, braking, cornering and road/surroundings awareness.

THE CORE4SKILLS

- BALANCING
- STEERING
- BRAKING
- CORNERING
- ROAD & SURROUNDINGS AWARENESS



AN EXTRA HOUR ON BIKES for our Foundation cyclists!

This will be an extra hour on bikes each Friday, for our Foundation cyclists to build upon and strengthen our Bike Ed program. That's **3 hours** of cycling!

PROGRAM DATES
Fridays, starting next week (Fri. 23rd Oct.) for 4 weeks.

ALL FOUNDATION CYCLISTS
need to have their bike and helmet at school each Friday to participate in this awesome program.

LET'S RIDE!

AusBike | AUSCYCLING | Australian Government

Healthy Kids. Stronger Communities. A Brighter Future.

AUSLAN SPELLING BEE



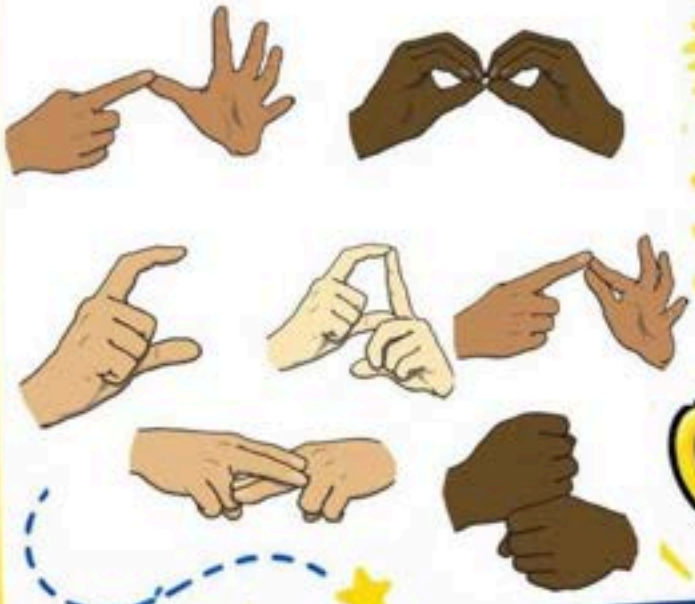
Show off your fingerspelling skills!

Challenge yourself, have fun and be part of the Auslan Spelling Bee!

Lunchtimes
Week 7 & Week 8

In the Auslan Room

Opt in event





Get ready to spell, sign and shine!

Winners for each year level to be crowned

Auslan Ultimate Fingerspelling Champion!

200 Nights of Reading

Final Day to Log Nightly Reading



200 Nights of Reading is a wonderful achievement to celebrate!

To recognise students' commitment to reading throughout the school year, eligible students will be invited to attend our Pizza in the Park celebration.

READ GROW ACHIEVE



To receive an invitation, students' Reading Log books must be checked by their classroom teacher

no later than Friday 20 November.

Please ensure all nightly reading has been recorded and your child's Reading Log book is ready to be checked by this date.

Pizza in the Park

Pizza in the Park will take place over two days, according to students' surnames:

A–K surnames	L–Z surnames
Wednesday 9 December	Thursday 10 December



We look forward to celebrating this fantastic reading milestone with our students!

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

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 26th November 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

ZOOPER DOOPER DAYS
Every THURSDAY starting October 8th 2026

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.

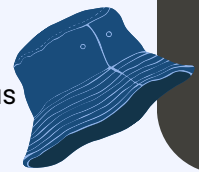
Please help support our classroom programs by waiting until **3:30pm** to collect children. The admin area is growing quite hectic in the afternoons with families collecting children early.

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.

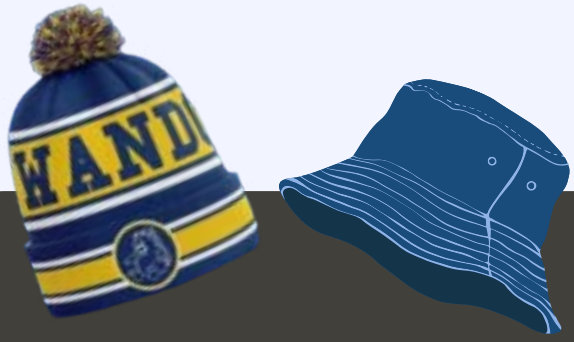
Select Customise when ordering uniform or team shirt.

- 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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MUSIC

Guitar/Vocal/Piano/Drums



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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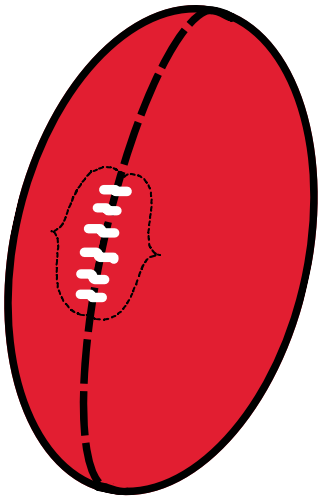
AFTERSCHOOL CARE

THEIRCARE



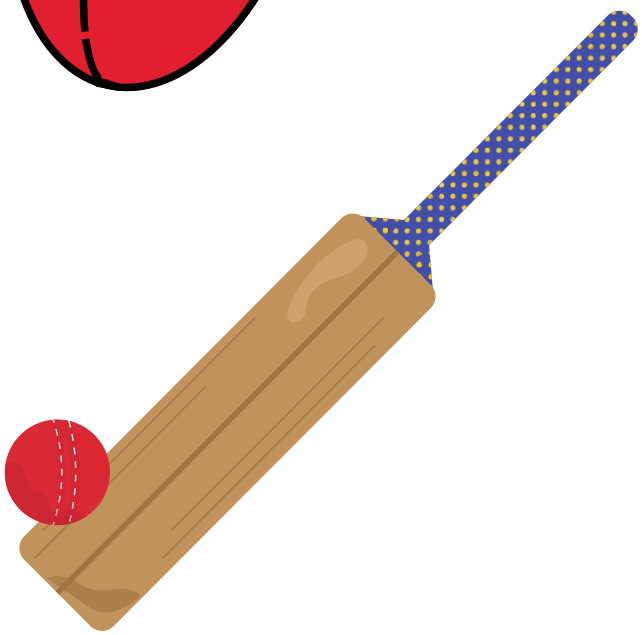
COMMUNITY SPORTS





Come join the fun at Kilmore Cricket Club.





Cricket Blast is back at Kilmore CC

It's that time of year again when Kilmore Cricket Club welcomes back all our local little legends who want to join in the fun of Woolworths Cricket Blast.

Cricket Blast is a skills based program for beginners who are keen to have some fun and learn about the awesome game of cricket.

An inclusive program for both boys and girls, welcoming all abilities from ages 5-10, Cricket Blast introduces cricket in a fun and supportive environment that builds skills and confidence.

When: Every Sunday afternoon, starting Sunday 18th October 2026.

Time: 4-5pm

Where: Kilmore Cricket Ground
Hunts Road Oval
Hunts Road , Kilmore

Head to www.playhq.com and search for Kilmore Cricket Club and Woolworths Cricket Blast and sign up.

If you have any queries please contact Blast Coordinator Cath Mogridge on 0408 855 833.