



# The Slate

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## Pathways to the future

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December



Hi Everyone,  
This will be our last Newsletter for the year. It has been a very successful year with our motto being realised – safe, happy and learn. It has been lovely to

watch our kids grow and flourish into gorgeous individuals and to be part of their learning journey.

I could not have wished for a more supportive and committed staff to work with...they are the very best! I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tahnee and Kylie for their dedication in teaching our students. I am sure you will agree, we will miss them dearly next year and wish them all the best.

In saying that, we will welcome back Mrs B in 2020. She will be back from teaching in New Zealand for the past year. We look forward to hearing about all her adventures and antics she got up to.

Staffing 2020 – at this stage We will be teaching in one classroom next year. Sometimes there will be two staff members and sometimes three staff members teaching in there.

Wendy Walker *Principal (full time)*  
Jules Bowers *Teacher (3 days per week)*  
Lisa Baker *ES (full time)*  
Jan Cashen *BM (1 day per week)*  
Tanya King *Cleaner (1 hour per day)*  
Specialists Programs - Heather Earles *MACC*,  
Katrina Davies *MARC* will be based at our school.

It has been a year of deep reflection with our school review and we have a definite direction for the next four years. I thank all families who have supported our school over the year and wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas! See you in 2020!!

Wendy

**IT'S NOT OK  
TO BE AWAY**



### End of Year Excursion – The Circus Big Top

Tomorrow we are going to Albury to see The Flying Fruit Fly Circus *“Back in the Big Top.”* This is an all day excursion.

We will be leaving school by bus at 9.45am to go to the Big Top at Hovell Tree Park. We will have a quick lunch, then go in and see the performance.

After the performance, we will go for a quick walk to Oddies Park for a snack and a play before heading home. We will be back at school around 3ish. We are really looking forward to this. All students are to dress in school uniform.

### Swimming – POOL PARTY

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December



To cap off our swimming program, we have organised a pool party at WAVES in Wodonga. This

will be a whole day excursion, leaving school at 9am and returning around 3pm. We are booked in to the pool from 10am until 2pm. Please pack enough food for the entire day – swimming uses a lot of energy and students will be hungry.

Attached to this newsletter is a permission form. Please complete and send back to school. Parents are welcome to attend – just need to pay pool entry fee.

### End of Year Concert and Grade 6 Graduation



Our Christmas Concert will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. In continuing the tradition at Springhurst Primary School, we will have Grade

6 presentation, some carols, a visit from Santa and a light supper to follow. We will be asking for families to bring a plate to share on the night. The evening will start at 6pm. We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

### **Transition Day**



Next Tuesday is the state wide transition day. All Grade 6 students attend their chosen secondary school for 2020 and all 2020 Foundation students attend their chosen primary school for the entire day. We warmly welcome our four Foundation students and I'm sure our Grade 6 students will have a great time at their secondary schools. Students attending Rutherglen High school in 2020 will have 2 transition days – Tuesday and Wednesday.



### **Grade 6 Dinner and Bowling** **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, we have organised to have our traditional bowling and dinner with the grade 6s. Bowling will be at 5.00 followed by dinner at around 6pm. Dinner this year will be at Hollywoods where the students can order a pizza or pasta, dessert and a drink. School will pay for the bowling but students will need to pay for their dinner. If students have all courses, it usually costs around \$20. Staff will be travelling from school into bowling so if you would like us to drive your child in to Wangaratta, please let us know. Parents will need to arrange to pick up their child from Hollywoods around 7.30pm. Well...you may have heard that I lost last year. Not this time. Bring it on ...

### **Junior Room**

Week 9! Wow how fast has this term gone? We are starting to prepare for Christmas festivities, finalising assessments and wrapping up readers and library borrowing. In maths, we have been enjoying problem solving and reflecting on the skills we have learnt this year.



Our Science Expo was a huge success with students involved in experiments



exploring states of matter and the properties of materials.

We have been reading some plays and I have been doing running records with the students to determine their achieved final reading level for the year.

We have continued to enjoy our transition visits from our new 2020 Foundations. They have settled in beautifully and after our state

wide transition day they will be ready and raring to go in January.

We are all buzzing with excitement with our circus excursion, Waves pool party and End of Year Concert coming up! A big thank-you to the whole school community for making me feel so welcome and supported during my time at Springhurst Primary School. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2020 and beyond.

Kylie

### **Senior Room**

Just like that the year is coming to an end. We have had a really busy few weeks yet again as we have been finishing off end of year assessments for data and reports. In literacy, we have been looking at figurative language and poetry. Everyone has been producing some fabulous pieces of writing which will be made in to their own little books.

In maths, we have finished up volume and capacity and have been working on subtraction and multiplication.

We finished off our integrated units last week with a little science celebration and by all accounts everyone had an amazing time. The year 6s have also been busy creating their Prezi's for presentation night in the last week. I can't wait to see them. We have lots of super exciting things coming up over the next few weeks so it should be a fun filled end to the year. I would like to thank all the families in the school community for making me feel so welcome over the last 2 years. It has been an absolute joy to teach the kids here and I will certainly miss them all. I hope everyone has a lovely Christmas and relaxing break.

Tahnee

### **Kids' Council**

A reminder: Super doopers are back! Same price. 40 cents. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



### **Birthdays**

We wish all these students a very happy birthday for their birthdays in December. 16<sup>th</sup> Logan (10), 26<sup>th</sup> Aiden W (10) and 27<sup>th</sup> Ollie (8). Hip, hip, hooray!!!

## Dates for your calendar:

- 6<sup>th</sup> December Excursion: The Circus Big Top  
 10<sup>th</sup> December State-wide Transition Day (all day) Grade 6 and Foundation Students  
 12<sup>th</sup> December Pool Party – WAVES  
 13<sup>th</sup> December Chinese  
 16<sup>th</sup> December Reports sent home  
 17<sup>th</sup> December Grade 6 Dinner and Bowling  
 19<sup>th</sup> December Grade 6 Graduation & School Christmas Concert  
 20<sup>th</sup> December Last Day School – dismiss 1.30pm  
 2020  
 28<sup>th</sup> January – Teachers start  
 29<sup>th</sup> January – Students start

## Reports

School reports will be sent home in the last week of term. If you would like to discuss these with any staff members, please do not hesitate to let us know.

## School Photos

School photos will be sent home with the school reports in the last week of term.



## A contemporary logo for Wangaratta



### Marketing *the* Rural City of Wangaratta

Council has adopted a Marketing Strategy aimed at achieving population, investment and tourism growth in the Rural City of Wangaratta.

Implementation of this strategy is well underway, with marketing campaigns to begin later this month.

Council also committed to formulate a meaningful logo through consultation with the traditional owners of our land and other community stakeholders.

That consultation has occurred and the above logo will be presented to the December Ordinary Meeting of Council.

### Consideration of a new logo

- The above logo is a modernised Cormorant, representing the meaning of Wangaratta
- The logo also reflects the meeting point of the Ovens and King Rivers.
- It is a flexible contemporary logo that would be used in marketing campaigns, promotional material and as the official logo of Council.

### Making a decision

Councillors will consider a recommendation to adopt the logo on Tuesday, 10 December from 6pm at the Wangaratta Government Centre.

All member of the public are welcome to attend or watch online on Council's YouTube Channel.

For more information visit [www.wangaratta.vic.gov.au](http://www.wangaratta.vic.gov.au)

## Robotics & Coding Holiday Program



**WHEN:** 21st and 22nd Jan 2020

**9.30am – 2.30pm each day**

**Where:** Wangaratta Regional Study Centre,  
218 Tone Rd

**Cost: \$60** (All profits go to the program)

### Robotics & Coding 2 day Holiday Program

Learning & exploring VEX IQ robotics, & coding for Grade 5 & 6 students

Design, build, code & drive robots. Learn about creating apps & games and explore technology in an informal, creative & social environment.



### Learn & Play STEM Inspiration

Enjoy Teamwork & collaboration while learning digital skills for the future

### Brought to you by DTAC:

A local collaboration working together towards common positive outcomes for our community

Limited places, so get in quick.

### Register by contacting:

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