

NEWSLETTER

2025



Try Always'

Principal's Message

Term 4 Week 3 | 30 October

Dear Parents and Carers,

Brrrr.... A bit of wind and cold weather this week has seen those jumpers and jackets make another appearance. No doubt we'll be talking about how warm it is again soon though.

Grandparents Day

What a wonderful morning we enjoyed last week celebrating Grandparents Day! It was heartwarming to see so many grandparents and special people come together to support the children at our school. Our student leaders did an excellent job leading the ceremony, and the children's beautiful singing, along with their artworks and poetry, truly made the event memorable. The celebration was made even more special by a relaxed morning tea, where our visitors shared quality time with the children and each other over coffee. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our staff for their fantastic organisation of the event. Most importantly, a big thank you to all our guests who attended—we know many travelled from near and far to be part of this special day.

NSW Olympics Unleashed

We were also treated last week with a visit by Jemma Pollard, Australian sprinter. Jemma spoke with the children about the challenges she faced as a youngster with asthma and her beginning running journey, the crew she has around her to inspire and motivate her to do her best, and the goal setting and training she goes through to gradually improve and achieve her dreams. It was very inspiring!

World Teachers Day

As Australia recognises World Teachers' Day tomorrow, I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible teachers at our school—who, I might be a little biased to say, are truly the best! Their dedication, passion, and hard work make a real difference every day in the lives of our students. I also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our P&C for their generous donation towards the staff morning tea, which is a wonderful way to show appreciation for all they do. I encourage you to thank your child's teacher tomorrow.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Breakfast Club operates from 8:15am - Monday – Friday

TERM 4

Friday, 31 October

-  **World Teachers Day**
-  **P&C Pub raffles**

Thursday, 6 November

-  **Kindergarten Transition 9 to 11:30am**

Tuesday, 11 November

-  **Remembrance Day**

Thursday, 13 November

-  **Kindergarten Transition 9 to 11:30am**

Monday, 17 November

-  **Swimming program begins**

Tuesday, 9 December

-  **Year 6-7 Transition Program**

Thursday, 11 December

-  **Life Education Van**

Tuesday, 16 December

-  **Annual Presentation Night**

Wednesday, 17 December

-  **Year 6 Fun Day**

Notes / Payments due

Swimming Program

Please note that while we aim to keep our school calendar accurate, sometimes dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances. We will do our best to inform you of any updates as early as possible.

Attendance Matters

Minutes lost = days lost per year

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

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins
per day



=

3 days

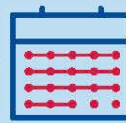


30 mins
per day



=

18 days



Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.

education.nsw.gov.au

Way to go!

Our students are showing up and smashing goals!

TERM4 - Week 1

Did we reach our class attendance



GOAL OF 95% ?

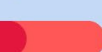


Kindergarten



97%

Year One



87%

Year Two



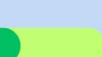
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Year Three



100%

Year Four



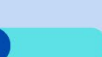
86%

Year Five



100%

Year Six



84%

TERM 4 - Week 2

Did we reach our class attendance



GOAL OF 95% ?



Kindergarten



96%

Year One



100%

Year Two



100%

Year Three



100%

Year Four



84%

Year Five



100%

Year Six



76%

School Swimming Scheme

Organisation for the school swimming scheme, which will take place daily in Weeks 6 & 7, has commenced with permission notes being issued via SchoolBytes last week. Thank you to those parents who have already completed the permission notes – it does help with ensuring everything runs smoothly. The cost to families this year is \$120 per student, with the remaining \$120 funded through P&C donations, money raised from Friday Feasties, and a school contribution. You are most welcome to make payments in instalments if that is helpful. If you need any further support, please don't hesitate to make an appointment with me to discuss how we can help.

Kindergarten Transition

Our first session of Kinder transition commences next Thursday and should be an exciting time for our incoming students of 2026. Mrs Jeffery has been busy organising fun activities to help the little ones settle in nicely. I'm sure it will be a great morning.

EduChat for Years 5&6

Following a successful trial in schools since 2024, Students in Years 5 & 6 now have access to NSW EduChat, a safe generative artificial attendance (GenAI) tool developed by the Department of Education. NSW EduChat is different to other commonly used GenAI tools. It does not just give direct answers to students. Instead, it provides guidance and asks open-ended questions to encourage students to think critically and express their ideas, reasoning, and assumptions. Staff have had access to NSW EduChat for some time now and it is exciting that this tool is now available for students.

I look forward to seeing many parents and community members at tomorrow's assembly, hosted by Year 2/3. The next assembly after that will be K/1 in Week 5.

Have a great weekend,

Regards,

Paul Gray

Paul Gray Principal (Relieving)



WHAT'S HAPPENING: SCHOOL | P&C | COMMUNITY

First Steps

into School at Wongarborb Public!

Kindergarten Transition

Thursday - 6 November
9 - 11:30am



31 October



Our school community is full of gems
celebrate them this Friday 31 October on
World Teachers' Day!



P&C
MEAT RAFFLES
@ PLOUGHMAN'S REST

TICKETS ON SALE
FROM 6PM

FRIDAY, 31 OCTOBER



A BIG SHOUT-OUT TO THE PLOUGHMAN'S REST TAVERN!

A great big thank you for supporting
our P&C and school with a donation
from their recent Trivia Night — we're
so grateful for their community spirit!

THANK
YOU



OLYMPICS UNLEASHED

Jemma Pollard



We were so fortunate to have a visit from an Aussie athlete Jemma Pollard last week!

Jemma has achieved so much in her young career — Bronze at the World Indoor Championships (4x400m), Silver at the World U20 Championships (4x400m), and World Junior Semi-Finalist in the 400m (13th).

Jemma was an inspiring speaker, sharing her story and motivating our students — truly an amazing young sportswoman! We wish her the very best of luck in achieving her future goals!






OLYMPICS UNLEASHED


OLYMPICS UNLEASHED
is coming to our school!

#OlympicsUnleashed
olympicsunleashed.com.au

Welcome
Jemma Pollard -
Australian Athletics
- Aspiring Athlete




NSW Grandparents Day 2025



CELEBRATING OUR WONDERFUL GRANDPARENTS AT WONGARBON PS!





HATS OFF TO OUR INCREDIBLE GRANDPARENTS!



THANK YOU FOR ALL THE LOVE AND SUPPORT YOU GIVE!





OUR GRANDPARENTS MAKE EVERY DAY BRIGHTER!



CELEBRATING THE WISDOM, CARE, AND JOY GRANDPARENTS BRING





Grandparents rock — we celebrate you!

A huge thank you to all the grandparents and special visitors who joined us! We hope you enjoyed your visit as much as we did — your support makes our small school community so special.



Shining Beyond the Classroom



Cupcakes + caring = one sweet success!

One of our students was recently spotted in the local media for running a cupcake stall to raise funds for the Wellington branch of the CWA. Such an awesome effort — we love seeing our students spreading kindness (and cupcakes!) in the community.

Well done Audrey!



Child & Family Services



NDIS Services



At Royal Far West we are dedicated to supporting children in rural and remote locations to access the health and developmental care they need.

We are a non-government provider of developmental health, early intervention, education and therapy services for children and their families. We work collaboratively with you, your family and the professionals who support you.

Our NDIS services offer therapeutic interventions for children aged 2-12 years who have an NDIS plan.

RFW NDIS Services are suitable for children with mild to moderate disability who live in rural and remote areas. The program supports Early Childhood Approach (ECA – previously ECEI) and the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Participants.

Our Services

Speech Pathology

- Learning to speak more clearly
- Understanding and using words and language to communicate
- Reading and writing skills
- Social communication skills to build and support friendships and relationships
- Play skills
- Key word sign and visuals to support communication

Occupational Therapy

- Building gross and fine motor skills
- Play skills
- Self-care skills to increase independence
- Sharing ideas to children who react differently to certain sensations
- Building skills and sharing ideas to support regulation, learning and friendships at school and home

Psychology

- Behaviour and/or emotional difficulties
- Mental health concerns (anxiety, low mood, poor self esteem, poor sleep)
- Social skills
- Parenting support
- Understanding diagnosis
- Adjustment difficulties e.g. transitioning to school

Special Education

- Early literacy
- Functional academics
- Visual systems and signs

Social Work

- Connection to services in your community
- Practical advice and help with benefits, entitlements and finances
- Support with managing family difficulties and crises
- Supporting you to advocate for child's needs

- Eligibility Criteria**
- Child is aged 2-12yrs
 - Child has a current NDIS plan
 - Level of disability is mild to moderate
 - Child lives in a regional, rural or remote location (outside of a capital city)

RFW NDIS services are flexible and offer a range of delivery methods.

- **Telehealth** brings services via technology to your home, pre-school or school, or
- **A week of multidisciplinary face to face therapy** at RFW in Manly, Sydney.

Partnership

We work in partnership with families to develop integrated, high quality therapeutic solutions that meet the needs and goals of the child.

Flexible & Innovative

We are flexible and innovative and will utilise technology where appropriate.

Responsive to family and child's needs

We are responsive, open and easy to interact with – we use our specialist knowledge and skills to work with the family to achieve your child's goals.

Inclusive and Respectful

We believe in mutual respect and promote an inclusive environment that values everyone, no matter where they live and the services they need.



How to get started:

Call us on 1800 500 061

Email us at windmill@royalfarwest.org.au

Go to <https://royalfarwest.org.au/disability-support-services/>

Wongarbon P&C Birthday Bucket

Take the worry and fuss out of birthdays and order a Birthday Bucket - A fun filled bucket filled with Zooper Doopers for the whole class or even the whole school, delivered to the student's classroom on their birthday.

2025 Bucket

cost per class

K-1 - \$8 2-3 - \$5

4-5-6 - \$10

Whole School - \$23

Order Now!



School Administration Office Hours

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

02 6887 8242



Kindergarten Transition Sessions Term 4, 2025

Building Confidence for a Bright Start!

We're excited to welcome our 2026 Kindergarten students to Wongarbon Public School!

Join us for six fun and engaging sessions where your child will:

- ✓ Explore their new classroom and school grounds
- ✓ Meet new friends
- ✓ Enjoy hands-on, playful activities to support a confident start to school

Session Dates and Times:

Thursday, 6 November - 9:00 am to 11:30 am
Thursday, 13 November - 9:00 am to 11:30 am
Thursday, 20 November - 9:00 am to 11:30 am
Thursday, 27 November - 9:00 am to 11:30 am
Thursday, 4 December - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Thursday, 11 December - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

What to Bring:

Morning sessions:	9:00 - 3:00 session (11 Dec):
Morning tea	Morning tea
Water bottle	Water bottle
Hat	Lunch
	Hat

We look forward to meeting you and your child as they begin this exciting start to school life with us at Wongarbon Public School!

☎ Please contact the school office 68878242 if you have any questions.





Remember to:

Protect your
personal information.

Use apps and
games for
your age.

Look after the
devices you use.

Meet Wanda's friends

They have an important
online safety message
for you too!



River the sugar glider



Dusty the frilled neck lizard



Billie the bilby