

**Next Weeks Events**

- Monday**– STEM Incursion Gr 3-6
- Tuesday**— Classroom Helper training session 9.15am
- Wednesday**—Foundation Assessments
- Thursday**—
- Friday**—

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- February 2021**
- 14th– STEM Incursion Gr 3-6
- 15th– Parent Helper training
- March 2021**
- 3rd– Foundation Parent Interviews
- 14th– Labour Day Public Holiday
- 15th– Harmony Week
- 24th– School Photos

**Classroom Helper Training**  
**Tuesday 15th Feb at 9.15am in the Central Learning Space**

If you would like to help in the classrooms, we would LOVE to have you! In order to do this, you need to have completed a training session with Mrs Egan.

If you have already done this please see your class teachers to negotiate the times you can help. If you have not done the training, we are having a session on Tuesday 15th February at 9.15am. Everyone is most welcome.

All classroom helpers must have a current Working With Children Check, available online through the Department of Justice.

All parent helpers will be required to be fully vaccinated for Covid and wear a correctly fitting face mask at **all** times while in school buildings, as per DET Operational guidelines.

These requirements can change at any time and helpers will be notified of any changes.

**Friday Assembly**

Assembly will be held on the basketball court at 2.50pm, with parents and carers able to attend.

There will be NO Web Ex feed.

**What's New in this Issue**

- ◆ Classroom Helper Training
- ◆ Friday Assembly
- ◆ TEAM Picnic
- ◆ Awards
- ◆ Principal's Report
- ◆ From the Art Room
- ◆ 2023 Foundation Info Session
- ◆ 2023 Foundation Sibling Enrolments
- ◆ Sentral Parent App

- ◆ SWPBS
- ◆ A Window into Foundation B

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**TEAM  
Family  
Picnic**

# Weekly Awards

## Student of the Week Awards will be presented to:

**Sebastian Stokes** for following teacher directions and always being ready to learn. What a fantastic start to the term, Seb!

**Gus Williams** for his enthusiasm and engagement during learning since the first day back. Keep up the amazing effort Angus!

**Nate Kirchhoff** for the exceptional effort he has applied to all assessments and tasks this week. Keep up the brilliant work Nate!

**Charlotte Gannon** -Thank you for constantly contributing to our class discussions and sharing your wonderful ideas! Keep it up!

**Ollie Clark** for actively listening and eagerly engaging in classroom discussions. You have made a sensation start at UPPS Ollie, Keep it up!

**Jemi Stokes** for being a super responsible helping hand. You did an amazing job, thanks Jemi!

**Keira Mouser** for the fantastic positive 'can-do' attitude you have brought to the start of school! Keep up the fantastic work!

**Lily Green** for being a great friend and making sure new students feel welcome and supported. Thank you Lily.

**Tilly Davis** for making a wonderful start and setting an example in 5/6R. Great Job Tilly!!

## Values Awards will be presented to:

**Benji Di Clemente** for showing patience and kindness and making sure he includes others in his discussions. Great work Benji

**Natalie King** for always being a kind and caring classmate to everyone, and making our new students feel welcome! Thank you!

**Samuel Di Clemente** for showing respect to your friends by playing nicely together. Well done, Samuel!

**Arabella Warner** for always making an effort to ensure everyone has someone to play with. Keep up being an awesome friend Arabella!

**Maria Zmejkoska** -Thank you for always offering help to other students in our class and making them feel included! Well done !

**Chanel Dimitrieski** for being so incredibly kind and welcoming to new students in the class and around the school. Thanks Chanel!

**Ava Ryan-Kennedy** for always being inclusive of others. Thank you for consistently displaying kindness Ava!

**Benji Robinson** for inviting people who needed a friend to play with him. Thanks for including others, Benji.

**Ruby Anderson** for being respectful and kind at all times. Love your work Ruby!!

## Special Principal's Awards will be presented to:

**Grade 5/6R** for your outstanding start to the school year and the positive way you have dealt with changes to your class. Excellent effort!

**Cooper Kynoch-McAdam** for showing responsibility and respect through making excellent choices in the playground. Super effort Cooper!

# Principal's Report

What a wonderful afternoon we had last Friday at our annual picnic!!!!

It was fantastic to have our families join us at school on a beautiful sunny day, in a warm and friendly atmosphere. THANK YOU to everyone who was able to join us!!!

Our 'Parent Helper' information session will be held next TUESDAY at 9.15 am. This training session is being provided for any parents who would like to assist in our classrooms this year. All parents who help at school require a Working With Children Check and need to check in with the QR code and show their vaccination tick. I am looking forward to meeting with any parents or carers who would like to come on board!

As we continue through the term, and the challenges that COVID is presenting us, I would like to sincerely thank our families for their support and cooperation. Our Rapid Antigen tests have finally arrived, and we are recommending that students are tested twice weekly. Every student is able to access to a packet of tests. Any parent/carer who has not yet picked up their child's test pack, please call into the office to do so, or ring so we can arrange delivery. I am very thankful for the patience and understanding everyone extended as waited for the to arrive. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

After completing our TEAM program last week, we have dived into routine learning this week. Teachers have commenced some assessment tasks with students to ensure that learning tasks are targeted correctly for each student.

Exciting news – staff had their first information session on The Resilience Project, this week. Mental wellbeing is a critical contributor to improving school outcomes. This program will be implemented this year. The focus of the program is on prevention, rather than intervention.

The goals of this program are:

1. Significant increase in our children's daily use of gratitude strategies and their sense of gratitude.
2. Build confidence and self-esteem.
3. Build knowledge and the ability to express emotions.
4. Foster strong relationships at school and at home.
5. Develop more supportive classroom environments.

We will be providing an information session early in term 2 for our families.

Our AUSLAN lessons started this week and students are already embracing this new knowledge. Students enjoyed their first session and are eager to learn more!!

Assembly this year will be held on the basketball court at 2.50pm. Family members are very welcome to come along and join us. We will no longer be using WebEx for assemblies!

2022 has started extremely well. There's a very positive feeling in the school.

Please stay safe! Be kind!  
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## From the Art Room

Now that art smocks are no longer communal in the art room, please organise an art smock for your child/ren.

While a waterproof smock is preferred, an old t-shirt is suitable for most materials we use. Please ensure the smock you choose is easy for your child to put on and take off independently.

### 2023 Foundation Information Session Tuesday 29th March—7pm

We are holding an information session for 2023 Foundation enrolments. The session is aimed at new families who would like to have a tour of the school, but all current families are welcome to attend if they like.

If you know of any family or friends who are considering enrolling in Foundation in 2023, please have them contact the school office so we can forward an invitation to them for the session.

Thanks

### 2023 Foundation Sibling Enrolments.

Please see the office for enrolment forms for current and past families needing Foundation places for next year. To secure your place, they must be completed and lodged with the office by the end of term 1. If you do not lodge your form before the end of term 1 you may not be able to access a place.

Out of zone enrolments from new families need to contact the office and leave their details before the end of term 2 to be considered for a place, depending on places available.

## Sentral Parent App

All families should be accessing the Sentral Parent App for all their information. If you are having trouble with the App please contact the office.

Thanks

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## This week's SWPBS Value is Respect.

Students are practising ways to ask to play and to also invite others to play with them. Before going out to play students organise who they are going to play with. Teachers also encourage students to look for someone who needs a friend. The friendship pole or seat is a place to go if you are alone and need to find a friend.

As a parent, you can help teach your child to be more inclusive by encouraging them to reach out to other students in their class and within the school. This could be by sitting with someone at lunchtime who may be lonely, or making someone feel valued by something they said or did. Even the smallest act of kindness- like a smile- can make someone feel included.

# A window into



## Foundation



Foundation students have settled into school life very nicely. They are learning new routines quickly and making new friends.

On the first day of school students searched high and low all over the school for the green sheep! They finally found him in the classroom reading a book in the book corner! They quickly learnt their way around 'big school' after that exciting adventure!

Students have been learning about our school values: We know that when we are using our quiet voices inside, we are showing respect. When we tidy up and push our chairs in, we are being responsible. If we do not get a turn the first time, that is okay, we can have a turn next time - we are being resilient.

Here is one of nursery rhymes we have learnt:



**Roses are red,  
Violets are blue,  
Sugar is sweet,  
And so are you.**





## 2022 Voluntary Contributions

Information came home in regards to the DET approved Voluntary contributions for 2022.

Voluntary Contributions are per student and do not need to be paid until term 1 2022.

You can find the information in the resource folder on the Sentral Parent App.

If you are experiencing any financial hardship please call Gail on Monday-Wednesday for assistance.

## Please use Classroom Doors to enter and exit the main building.

The office can be a very busy place during drop off and pick up.

**We ask that all students enter and exit their classrooms through their external classroom doors and not through the office and the central learning space.**

This is particularly important on days we have the Central Learning Space set up for activities like the cooking program. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Absence Notification

The DET Attendance policy requires us to contact parents any day their child is absent without explanation, ON THE DAY.

All roles will be marked right after the morning bell, any student arriving after the bell MUST be signed in by an adult at the office.

Parents/Guardians will need to contact the school no later than 9.30am to explain their child's absence. This can be done via the Sentral Parent App or via phone to the school office, or direct email to the school or your child's teacher. You can also send a written note in with a sibling.

All notes require a brief explanation of your child's absence as we must code it for the different reasons. A date is also essential for legal reasons.

If we have not received a notification of an absence you will be sent an SMS message, which you can reply to, or you can reply via any of the methods above.

## Privacy Policy reminder for 2022

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website [Link here](#)

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages.

## Hats are Compulsory!

The school Sunsmart policy states that all students will wear a broad brim hat at all times they are outside from the **start of September until the end of April**.

Peaked caps are **NOT** acceptable at any time.

Any student without a hat will have to stay undercover or in the gazebo.

Hats are available from the uniform shop for \$7



## Working With Children Check

We require all school volunteers to have a current WWCC. Applications are available from the Department of Justice website. If you are new to the school and already have a WWCC you will need to add the school to your card. This can be done online or over the phone, with the Dept of Justice, and they will advise us via mail.

## Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

It is important that funding made available in 2022 supports students to participate in school trips, camps and sporting activities this year rather than being held for future years. This funding can also be used in conjunction with any funding accrued from previous years. Please note these activities will only take place if they meet COVIDSafe requirements.

**If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.**

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact Gail in the school office on 5783 1358 and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page](#).

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

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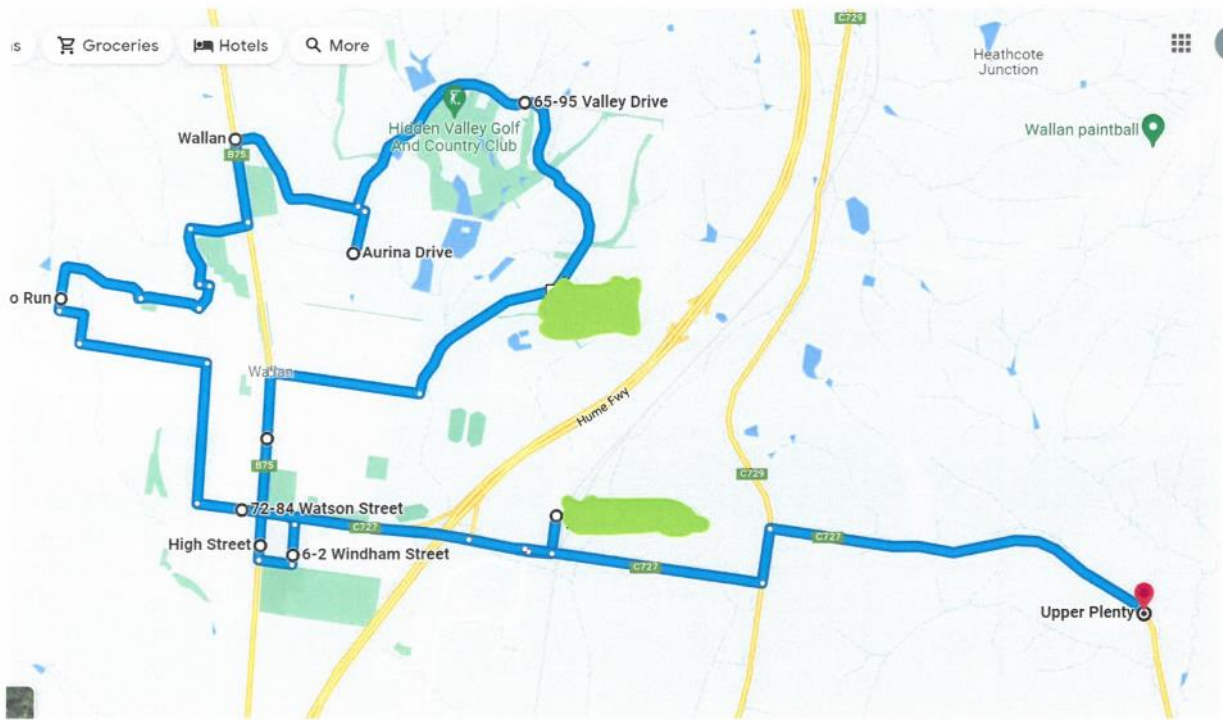
## Bus Service

We were advised yesterday that the bus route has been changed by PTV.

The bus company is currently impacted by Covid and they have lost about half their drivers, so services may also be affected due to this. Please be patient waiting at your bus stops.

### Wallan STS Route 7

#### Wallan School Special Town Service



### Acacia Way Bus Service on The Wallan Secondary College Grey Bus

stop	am	pm		
1	8:00		Wallan Train Station	Station St Wallan
2	8:03		Mc Carthy Crt	Watson St PTV Bus Stop
3	8:05		WSC	WSC Bus Bay High St Wallan
4	8:07		V Line	High St Wallan PTV Bus Stop
5		3:32	Windham/ Queen St	Bus Shelter
6	8:12	3:35	Cavello Cres	Valley Drive
7	8:13	3:36	Lookout Rise	Valley Drive
8	8:15	3:38	Valley Dr Bus Shelter	Valley Dr /Hidden Valley Blvd
9	8:18	3:41	The Outlook	Valley Drive
10	8:19	3:42	Uno Crt	Valley Drive
11	8:21	3:44	Aurina Dr	Bus Shelter
12	8:25	3:48	Springridge Boulevard	PTV Bus Stop
13	8:26	3:49	Grevellia	PTV Bus Stop Pretty Sally Drive
14	8:27	3:50	Stewart / Roulston Way	PTV Bus Stop
15	8:28	3:51	Silver Top / Roulston Way	PTV Bus Stop
16	8:29	3:52	Poa/Roulston Way	PTV Bus Stop
17	8:30	3:53	Acacia Way	PTV Bus Stop
18	8:28	3:54	Darraweit / Rouston Way	PTV Bus Stop
19	8:32	3:55	Darraweit / Pretty Sally Dr	PTV Bus Stop
20	8:35		WPS	Dudley St Bus Bay
21	8:40		WSC	WSC Bus Bay High St Wallan
22	8:55	3:15	UPPS	UPPS
23		3:22	Wallan Train Station	PTV Bus Stop
24		3:30	WSC	WSC Bus Bay High St Wallan

Jan 2022\*

Arrive at UPPS @ 3:00





Early Days is a series of FREE workshops for parents and other family members of young children (0-7 years) who are on the autism spectrum. They are also suitable for parents who feel their child may be on the spectrum but have not received a formal diagnosis.

**My Child and Autism Workshop for Parents**

**Part 1: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022:**  
9.30am-2.30pm  
**Part 2: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022:**  
9.30am-2.30pm  
*\*must attend all workshops*

**Progression to School Workshop for Parents**

**Part 1: Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022:**  
10.00am – 11.30am  
**Part 2: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022:**  
10.00am – 11.30am  
*\*must attend all workshops*

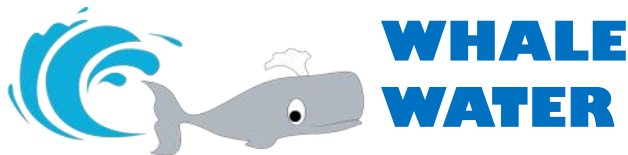
**Understanding Behaviour Workshop for Parents**

**Part 1: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022:**  
7.30pm – 9.30pm  
**Part 2: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022:**  
7.30pm – 9.30pm  
**Part 3: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022:**  
7.30pm – 9.30pm  
*\*must attend all workshops*

*It is highly recommended you attend the "My Child and Autism" workshop prior to attending any other workshops*



For more information about these workshops or other workshops and to register  
<https://www.amaze.org.au/support/early-days/>



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**Internet Banking**

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**BSB:** 633 000

**Account Number:** 1544 88 100

In the **reference** section please put in your name as this is how we know who the payment belongs to.