



Last day of Term 4 is tomorrow, 17th December. Students will be dismissed at 1:30pm on this day.

The Sunraysia bus lines will run the school buses at 2.15pm, therefore parents will need to make alternative arrangements for picking up children.

Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to our MWPS community

2021 is just about over and what a year it has been!

Such a mix of experiences and emotions for us all. Remote Learning presented many challenges but together, we did a super job!

I do hope you are able to have a break with your families/friends. Enjoy the freedom of being with loved ones and let's hope 2022 is a much better year!

- Parents/Carers, Thank you so much for your support this year. Let's hope 2022 is a year where our parents will have many, many opportunities to be alongside us, in the classrooms.
- Staff – I am immensely proud of all of you. Thank you so much for your professionalism and resilience throughout 2021.
- And most importantly THANK YOU OUR BEAUTIFUL STUDENTS for making every day at West worthwhile and bringing us such joy!



Merry Christmas everyone

Thank you and good luck to the following MWPS staff.

The following staff are leaving West and I would like to wish them all the best for 2022. I would also to **say a very, very big thank you** to each of them, for everything they've done for our students and our entire school community. These people have contributed a great deal to West and we appreciate their passion and commitment they have shown.

We will miss them greatly.

Sarah Crisp – Sarah has taught at West for 7 years. She has obtained a promotion at Mildura Primary School and will become their *Learning Specialist*.

Maddy Mayne – Maddy has taught at West for 4 years. She is taking 12 months leave from West and has obtained a position in an IB school in Darwin.

Karen Becker – Karen has taught at West for 2 years. She is taking leave for 12 months from West

Sam Brinsmead – Sam has taught at West for 12 months. He is heading off travelling in 2022.

Rachel Eastwell – Rachel has taught at West for 9 months. She is joining her fiancé in NSW and will be teaching at St Edwards Primary School in Tamworth.

Harry O'Brien – Harry is a Teacher Aid and has worked in many classrooms, supporting our children. Harry is moving to Melbourne.

Good Luck and Thankyou



We welcome the following new staff for 2022

Bronte Earl - G4 - Bronte has taught in NSW for 10 years and most recently, Red Cliffs East PS.

Bianca Douglas – G5 - Bianca is a Graduate Teacher and just has recently returned from teaching in London for 2 years.

Olivia Highdale – G2 - Olivia is originally from Mildura but has been teaching in Cloncurry QLD for 2 years

Colleen Harris – PE - Colleen has taught for many years, both in Mildura and in Melbourne.



We also welcome back the following teachers who have had a baby and been on Family Leave.

They are such outstanding teachers, having them back in our school, even for just one day each week, is a wonderful outcome. They bring such energy and passion to West.

- **Amber Clark** – G1 Friday
- **Bridgit Wakefield** – G6 Friday
- **Chanelle Marwood** – Literacy Support
- **Elyse Carter** – G6 Thursday

Thank You & Good luck to all of our MWPS families who are leaving us.

Some of our families are leaving us after a long relationship. We thank these families for working alongside us throughout their child's education at West. Best of luck for the future.

Good Luck Grade Six Students

This Friday we say Farewell to our Grade Six students. Although it is sad to see them go, it is also a very exciting time for them. And we just love it when they return to say "HI" in later years. Just this week, we had many spend the day with us, which was terrific!

Best of luck gr 6 students, we will miss you!



Australian Maths Competition

The children's certificates for the Australian Maths Competition have arrived just in time. We would like to invite you to our final assembly to celebrate our Maths Extension students' achievements.

The students will be awarded their certificates and provided with a report on how they performed.

The ceremony will be held on Friday 17th of December at 9:00am (Gym)

We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind Regards,

Luke Jeffers & Barry Johnson



2022 Classes

Today your child met his/her class and teacher. The new classes had a lovely time with their teacher and their new class. Everyone was so very excited about 2022.

Staff spend a great deal of time when forming the classes. It is quite a complex process. Every child identifies 3 friends they wish to be with, and we make sure they are with 1 or 2 of these children. Most classes of the same year level work closely each other (without a wall between them), so they have lots of opportunity to be with children from their own class and the class next door. In fact, they often work together as one BIG group.

All of our teachers are fantastic, and we are so very excited with our 2022 team. It's going to be another super, duper year at West.

Grade Prep L -Lynelle Logan

Grade Prep P - Lauren Piscioneri

Grade Prep S - Sharon Brennan

Grade 1T - Trudy Sakkas

Grade 1J -Jacinta Kolpin 4 days & Amber Clarke 1 day

Grade 1A - Adriana Cavallo

Grade 2N - Nikisha Dempsey

Grade 2O - Oliva Highdale

Grade 3L -Lindi McHugh

Grade 3K - Kristin Holland

Grade3/4L -Lisa Allen

Grade 4T- Tracy Pope

Grade 4B - Bronte Earl

Grade 5N - Nick Blackie

Grade 5B - Bianca Douglass

Grade 6R - Rachel Parker 4 days & Bridgit Wakefield 1 day

Grade 6N - Nikki Gladman 4 days & Elyse Carter 1 day

P.E. - Colleen Harris

Art - Lisa Saunders

Music – Meagan Murray

Literacy Coach & Reading Support - Libby O'Connor

Reading Support - Renae Mills

Digital Technology - Darrel Branson

Assistant Principal – Luke Jeffers (Luke will be in an Acting principal role from mid-March, until end of 2022)

Assistant Principal – Amber Lucey

Principal – Anne Robinson

16th December 2021

Important Dates

17th December

- Last Day Term 4 - Early Dismissal 1.30pm

31st January

- Term 1 begins - All students

Grade 4 Lake Cullulleraine Activity Day

On Tuesday, the Grade 4s finally got to have their activity day! We spent the day at Lake Cullulleraine enjoying the warm weather with lots of swimming, team games, playing and enjoying each other's company. A highlight was the water squirters and our yummy lunch and afternoon tea. Everyone headed home very tired after our wonderful day!



Staff V's Student Dodge Ball Championships

On Wednesday the 15th Mildura West held its first ever teacher vs student dodgeball championship match. With a massive crowd in attendance, they saw both teams battle fiercely for the ultimate supremacy. It was a back and forward battle, but in the end, there could only be one winner and the winning team were the STUDENTS!!! It was such a great atmosphere, and everyone showed great skill and sportsmanship.

