Welcome
Welcome back everyone for what is sure to be an amazing year! It has been wonderful seeing all our familiar faces back in the school yard. I particularly extend a very warm welcome to our new families.

Parent Info Night/Meet and Greet
We will be holding 2 parent information sessions next Tuesday 14th February. We encourage you all to attend. This will be a great opportunity to meet your child’s / children’s teacher/s, get valuable information on class routines and to quickly touch base on how everyone is settling in. Teachers will be available for an informal chat/meet and greet after school from 3:15pm - 4pm and again from 5pm - 6pm. Looking forward to seeing you all there prior to your valentine’s day plans.

Swimming Carnival
The students in Years 3-6 have now nominated which events they would like to participate in at next week’s Swimming Carnival (Thursday 16th February). Prep to Year 2 students will join us at 12pm. There will be a range of novelty events in the smaller pools for these students. Parents will be able to nominate their child in Prep-2 to compete in a modified 25 metre event in the big pool.

We encourage students to wear their house colours on the swimming carnival day.

HOUSE COLOURS
Hume = Red
Murray = Yellow
Victoria = Green
Barkley = Blue

Swimming Lessons
As a community located near the river we place a high level of importance on water safety and believe it is very important that all our students are working towards being confident swimmers. As such please be advised that all students will participate in Austswim lessons during Term 4 (different to previous years). The cost associated with the swimming lessons will be invoiced to families in Term 4 (previously billed at beginning of year with fees). Changing our swimming lessons to be only in Term 4 allows for our classes to start the year off on the right foot by allowing the staff and students to develop relationships (critically important), and consistency with class/school routines. We thank you for your support of this change.
Badge Presentation for School Leaders this Friday
The presentation of the Leadership teams badges will take place tomorrow at Assembly. We will be presenting the following positions:
School Captains and Vice Captains, Sports Captains, House Captains and the Indigo Shire Representative.

This year we have also elected/nominated class representatives from every year level to assist our Year 6 leaders. Congratulations to all of these students we are proud to have you all as a part of our school.

Reading Eggs Troubleshooting
It’s great to see so many families getting into using Reading Eggs/Eggspress at home. Some families have experienced difficulty with using the program. Please feel free to pop in so we can help to ‘try’ and solve any issues you may be having.

Bluearth
We are hoping to run this great program again in 2017. To reduce the pressure on our families we have applied for a grant to cover this cost. We hope to hear back soon on its status.

School Facebook Page
All important messages will be provided in our fortnightly newsletter, however, if you have access to Facebook I encourage you to ‘like’ our school page. While this is not compulsory, it is a great way to get important information on school events and last minute reminders on a more frequent basis. For assistance with setting this up or if you have any questions, please contact Josh in the office.

New Staff
Well done to all our new staff for such a wonderful and professional start to the year. They have all settled in beautifully to our own special Wahgunyah Way of doing things. If you are yet to meet them, please introduce yourself and say hello.

Angela Grantham—Business Manager
Claire Edwards—Prep/1 Teacher
Michael Hay—Year 1/2 Teacher
Laura Tregoning—Year 3/4 Teacher
Greg White—Cleaner
Warren Eyles—Volunteer Grounds and Maintenance

If you’ve got any questions please don’t hesitate to pop in and see me. My door is always open.

Josh Reid
Principal

Parent/Grandparent/Carer Volunteers
Volunteers are an important part of a school community. Involvement in schools by parents and carers helps children achieve the best possible learning outcomes. I encourage anyone in the community to come into our school and offer their assistance in a range of areas. You may like to listen to reading, help with math, do some gardening, mow lawns, blow leaves or even teach the children to play chess. Please speak to a classroom teacher or drop into the office and offer your assistance. The more the merrier.

If you are interested in volunteering you may be asked to apply for a Working with Children (WWC) check.

BOOKCLUB
The first bookclub for 2016 has gone home today. All orders need to be returned to the office by next Friday the 17th of February. If you have any queries see Ange in the office.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

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**Wahgunyah Primary School Parent Group News**

Who is the Parent Group? The Parent Group is made up of parents, carers and family members of Wahgunyah Primary School students who gather informally once or twice a term to organise special events such as lunch orders, Mother’s Day/Father’s Day stalls and to also discuss ways our families may be able to raise much needed funds for our school.

The Wahgunyah Primary School Parent Group would like to invite all parents, carers and family members, new and old, to our first meeting of the year.

**When:** Wednesday 15th February

9am – meeting will go for approximately half an hour

**Where:** Multi purpose room at the school

This really is a fantastic way to be involved directly with the school and contribute to all of our children’s experience at school. Even if you can’t always attend our meetings, we’d still love you to be a part in any way you can. Hope to see you there!

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**Junior Golf**

The Rutherglen Golf Club is running a junior golf program open to children between the ages of 7 - 15, who wish to learn the skills and etiquette of golf.

**When:** Saturday 25th February at 8am

Sticks and balls will be available

Please bring along hat, water, sunscreen and lace up shoes

Please contact Heather Eggleston on 0427 331 452 for more information

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**Piano & Guitar Lessons**

- Australian Music Examination Board (AMEB) accredited
- Classical tuition or just learn how to play music for leisure
- Lessons delivered at school.

For further information - Phone Anne Morley on 0458 232 346
AMAZING OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR REGION!

Wahgunyah Primary School as a partner in the Rutherglen Early Years Network is delighted to bring **The Resilience Project** to Rutherglen on the 27th February at the Rutherglen Memorial Hall.

The Resilience Project is highly recommended for students (around Year 5 and upwards), parents and community members. As we value this program so much, our entire staff will also be attending this event.

*The Resilience Project* aims to engage parents, and in fact all of us, in how to better equip their child/ren or ourselves to be more resilient through the three strategies of empathy, gratitude and mindfulness, which are applicable to not only children of all ages, but adults as well.

*The Resilience Project* endeavours to address resilience through supporting individuals to develop their mindfulness, skills and confidence.

Every presentation of *The Resilience Project* has been a sell-out, so get in quick to secure a ticket at just $10 per person. It seriously will be the best $10 you have spent in quite a while.

See the next page for more information.

Tickets are available from the office. Get in quick!
Proud Partners of REYN

* St Mary's Primary School Rutherglen
* Rutherglen Primary School
* Wahgunyah Primary School
* Rutherglen Kindergarten
* Wahgunyah Country Buddies
* Rutherglen OSHC
and Indigo Shire

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THE

RESILIENCE PROJECT™

helping young Australians to be mentally healthy

Monday 27th of February 2017
7pm
$10/person

Rutherglen Memorial Hall

Tickets available from

Rutherglen Primary School, St. Mary’s Primary School, Rutherglen High School, Rutherglen Kindergarten, Wahgunyah Primary School, Country Buddies Wahgunyah

For more information contact
Emily Harris 02 6032 9428
www.theresilienceproject.com.au
www.facebook.com/resiliencep/

“I have never felt this inspired as a teacher in my 16 years in the profession.” Claire Bilanook

“Soooo easily the best presentation we have ever had at our school.” Taylah – Demascan College

“I cannot believe the presentation I watched tonight. I cried and I laughed. The most engaging 90 minutes I can remember. I could have listened to you talk all night.” Linda, Parent – St. Helena Secondary College

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‘Come & Try’ Day!

How would you like to try Calisthenics for FREE!?  
(1st CLASS FREE FOR NEW STUDENTS ONLY)

Date: Monday 13th February 2017

Where: Rutherglen St Mary’s School  
78-89 High St, Rutherglen

Time: 7 years and under 4:30 - 5:30PM  
8 years and over 5:30 – 6:30PM

Calisthenics combines the best aspects of sport and performing arts. Calisthenics is uniquely Australian and promotes team work, self-confidence and friendship. Team members develop an appreciation for music, dance, acting, strength, flexibility and performance skills.

Murray River Calisthenics Club is a brand new club inviting students to come and be a part of this exciting new club.

For further information contact:

Jess Colman on 0414447238 or  
Kelli O’Meara on 0429991446

Calisthenics Victoria Inc.
Miss Edwards F/1
Wonders of Wahgunyah 2017

The students are very excited to have received their 2017 green WOW card. We will be rewarding them for going above and beyond in all three areas of our School Values.
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Our school community is proud to Take a Stand Together.

BULLYING. NO WAY!
SAFE AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS. TOGETHER.

Friday 17 March 2017
www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

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• $125 for primary school students
• $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef