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WODONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

Damian Duncan - Principal

Welcome to Week 5,

We had a great week last week celebrating Education at Wodonga Primary School. Thanks to all the families who came along to our open maths classrooms, and our specialist activities. A particular highlight was the SILENT DISCO on Wednesday. The kids had a ball and so did all staff who attended! A huge shout out to Mr Silver and our wonderful Luke Merriman who DJ'd with Silverbeat.



Student Led Conferences

This year's Student Led Conferences will be held on Thursday the 15th of June and Friday the 16th. Please pop these dates in your diary as next Monday we'll be sending out the COMPASS Conference booking link for all families to make an appointment with their child's classroom teacher. We aim for all kids to share their learning with a family member, where celebrations can be made as well as communicating next steps in learning.

Lost Property

As the winter weather is really settling in, it's very important that families label their children's clothing, jumpers especially. The days start off cool, then as the temperature warms up during the day, jumpers come off. At this morning's assembly I addressed this issue with the students. Thanks for being diligent with this, as we can return jumpers to kids when the garment is named.



Lucas Proudfoot Incursion: Circular Rhythm

This Wednesday (24th) we are excited to welcome Lucas Proudfoot to our school to immerse our students in an element of Australian Indigenous culture. Circular Rhythm is a solo performance where Lucas presents Indigenous Australian culture in a dynamic, fun and informative show. Students learn about different aspects of Australian Indigenous culture through contemporary and interactive musical performance. Students will be engaged in an interactive show for an hour session. Full cost is \$6.60. Full payment needed to be received by tonight 22nd May 2023 If you have any Credit or CSEF funds available, the balance has been adjusted accordingly.

Staffing

As James Harris shared with you in last week’s newsletter, the teacher shortage is having an impact on our school. We have had a tough time for the last few weeks, however, fingers crossed, staff absence has eased off. However, Casual Replacement Teachers (CRTs) are still in very short supply. The school will continue to aim to run all our daily learning opportunities for our students through the wonderful commitment of our staff. I would like to formally acknowledge the flexibility, generosity and amazing resilience of our staff on days we are challenged by the teacher shortages. THANK YOU teachers, education support staff, administration staff and fellow principals!!!!

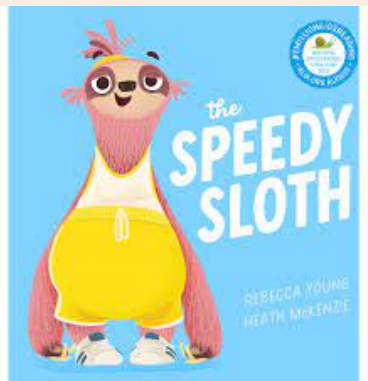


Literacy

Melisa McInnes & Alecia Williams - Literacy

National Simultaneous Storytime

This Wednesday 24th May at 11am is the National Simultaneous Storytime. All classrooms will read The Speedy Sloth at the same time and gain their own classroom library copy for everyone to enjoy the book. All students across Australia will engage in this great initiative of reading this book for enjoyment and promoting engagement in reading.



Messages for Students

Admin Team

We are receiving a high number of phone calls to pass on messages to students at the end of the day. If possible, can messages please be given to the children prior to school. Calling up students at the end of the day is disruptive to class time.

Student Leadership

Maureen Murray

ALL SPORTS COLOURS DAY – JUST LIKE A FOOTY COLOURS DAY BUT BETTER

Next Tuesday 30th May, the student leaders are asking all students and staff to come dressed in the colours or uniforms of your sports team. This might be your footy, rugby or soccer team or it might be your netball, basketball or softball team. Or maybe your athletics, gymnastics, calisthenics or 10 pin bowling team. Whatever sport you are into as a spectator or participant – this is your chance to show your true colours!

Please bring/send along a gold coin donation to support our Sunshine Walk Team. Remember you can join the team by following the link here. We would love to have you join us on 12th November.

Lions Junior Public Speaking Competition

The in-school competition will be held here in mid-June (date to be confirmed). Students wishing to participate need to collect an information sheet and entry form from the office. The entry form should be returned to school before the end of next week please. Speeches do not have to be ready until the day of the competition, however students are encouraged to prepare them with time to practice several times before the day.

A reminder of the topics for this year.....

Years 3 - 4

Oh no – you’ve turned into a Giant! One morning you wake up and something has happened, and you are now a giant. Just like the BFG in Roald Dahl’s book or the giant in Jack & the Beanstalk! How did this happen? What’s it like being a giant? What do you do while you are a giant? Do you stay that way? Tell us your story of being a giant.

HINT: Use your amazing imagination to tell us your story.

Years 5 - 6

Strange World Records set in History – There are many world records held for many things – some strange and wonderful records over the course of history. Choose one and tell us about it. (A world record is usually the best global and most important performance that is ever recorded and officially verified in a specific skill, sport, or other kind of activity.)

HINT: Maybe you are the person setting the record, or perhaps the person judging. You might just be in the crowd at the event. How did this record begin? Who holds the record? Has it been broken?

While some of the details may be fictional - it must be based on the facts of a real record held by someone.

Sport

Blake Maxworthy - Sport Coordinator

The Upper Hume Division Cross Country is scheduled to occur at Willow Park on Friday the 2nd June. Successful students were informed last week and celebrated this morning at our school assembly. A Compass Event with all the event details is available for families to access, with consent/payment due by midnight on Wednesday 31st May.

Program:
Race starting time is 12.15 pm with 9 -10 girls. Followed by..... 9-10 boys, 11 girls, 11 boys, 12 girls and 12 boys.
The anticipated time between events is between 10-12 minutes.

We wish all our students the very best in this event!

ATHLETICS AGE CHAMPIONS

At this morning's assembly we were able to celebrate the success of individual students at our recent Athletics Carnivals. Students earn points for participating in events at the carnival. 1 point for participation and additional points for placing anywhere between 1st and 16th in an event. The Age Champion medallions celebrate the success of the students who earned the most points in their age group at the athletics carnival. Our 2023 runners up and Champions were:

| AGE DIVISION | | |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | CHAMPION | RUNNER-UP |
| 9 Yrs Girls | Ella Way | Addie Robinson |
| 9 Yrs Boys | Koby Pearce | Eli Cook |
| 10 Yrs Girls | Porscha Abel | Indi Loveday |
| 10 Yrs Boys | Duke Benson | Asha Polkinghorne |
| 11 Yrs Girls | Quinn Saltmarsh | Emily Sanday & Milla Williams |
| 11 Yrs Boys | Jhet Ardern | Jack Way |
| 12 Yrs Girls | Ruby Cardwell & Ella Polkinghorne | Kalle Taylor |
| 12 Yrs Boys | Hunter Richardson | Noah Brune |



LUNCHTIME SPORTS EQUIPMENT

This term has seen the introduction of a new lunchtime sports equipment initiative. Each Year level has received 3 sports equipment kits with a significant amount of new equipment in them for our students to enjoy playing with during their break times. The photos show what equipment is included in each kit. All the equipment is labelled with class names in the hope that it also helps develop responsibility for shared belongings within our school and can assist in having our equipment last for a long period of time. The feedback from our students is overwhelmingly positive so far, with our playground a sea of yellow during break times.



WPS Maths Newsletter Challenge #4

Learning Maths Together

The Mathscots animation series has been developed to support families to engage in numeracy and to build stronger connections around mathematics learning. Why not watch some of the videos, pause at any time to consider the prompts and questions together, and complete the suggested activities?

<https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/pages/mathscots>

Weekly Maths Challenge: Showing Halves

W.P.S challenges its students and families to find as many possibilities for the different ways of cutting a rectangle. Scan the QR code or click on the link to enter the challenge!

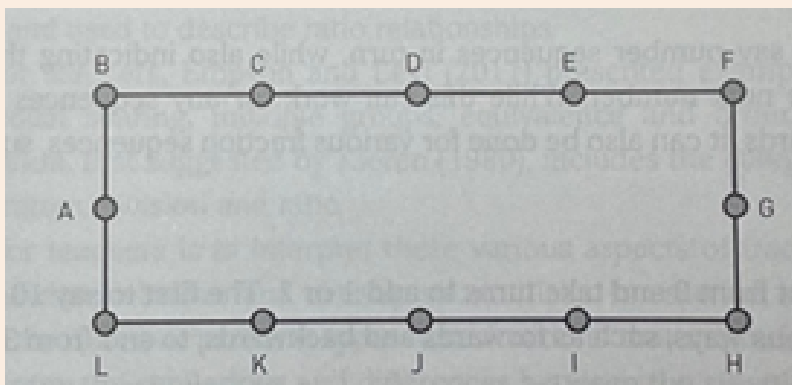
Scan the QR code or click on the link to enter the challenge! <https://forms.gle/zvn44TFrNzSzNFMR8>



Purpose: To use my knowledge of fractions to cut a rectangle into halves.

What you need:

- the rectangle photo

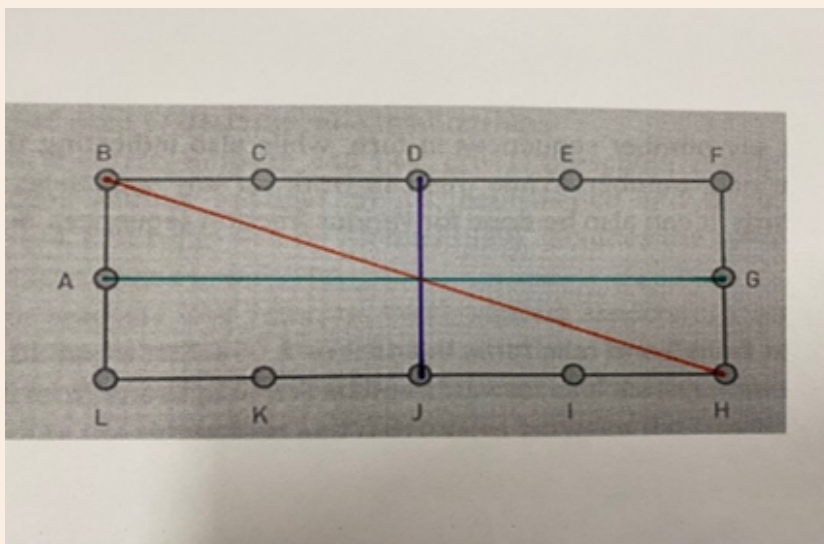


Instructions:

Using a single line to cut this shape into halves, start at one letter and finish at another. Write down the letters at the ends of your lines. Give as many different possibilities as you can.

Extension: Can you create halves of the rectangle with a line that bends? OR

You could choose a different fraction like thirds or quarters and see how many ways you can divide the rectangle.



Assembly Celebrations



Congratulations to our Happy Card recipients this week



Emily and Hannah were our home reader winner this week. Keep up the good work girls.



Emily was lucky enough to win our basketball shoot out this week



Well done to Bentley our Environmental Hero



Nate and Amelia are our Library Raffle winners this week

EVENT NOTIFICATIONS

Stay in touch with Events / Activities – using Compass as your information base

| Event / Activity | Event Date | Who | Information on Compass | Consent / Payment Due Date |
|------------------------------|------------|-------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Lucas Proudfoot | May 24 | Whole School | Compass payment and consent | 22/05 |
| Footy Colours Day | May 30 | Whole School | Wear sports colours – gold coin donation | N/A |
| Upper Cross-Country Division | June 2 | Selected Students | Compass payment and consent | 31/05 |
| Willow Park Excursion | June 6 | Year 1 Only | Compass Consent | 06/06 |
| Public Holiday | June 12 | All Students | | N/A |
| Hoop Time | June 13/06 | Selected students | Compass payment and consent | 31/05 |
| Pupil FREE day | June 16 | All Students | Student LED conference – more info to come | N/A |
| Last day of Term | June 23 | All Students | School finishes at 2.30pm | N/A |
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