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WODONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

Welcome to another week of learning at Wodonga Primary School,

A huge congratulations to those who participated in the District Cross Country on Friday, we are proud of every single person. A huge thanks to Mr Maxworthy for his tireless efforts behind the scenes in organising this event.

With the King's Birthday Public Holiday on next Monday this is our last chance to remind all families to book a time for your child's Student Led Conferences if you haven't already done so. Further details can be found in the newsletter, and please remember that Friday 16th June is a Pupil Free Day.

Currently, teachers are busy completing final assessments and writing School Reports, these will be made live on Compass on Monday 19th June. Communication will be sent out via Compass when these Semester Reports are available.

As mentioned in previous Newsletters, we are currently riding a wave of both student and teacher illness. This has also impacted our Administration team. Due to the overwhelming amount of parents calling the office for non-urgent messages, to assist the school in the successful operations of our administration office, parents please read the message below to assist with this issue.

Here's to another amazing week of school, we hope all families enjoy their well earned Long Weekend.

STUDENT EARLY PICK UPS/LEAVERS

If you require to collect your child from school before 3.15pm, please do not call the office and ask for your child to be called to the office.

You will need to come into the Admin office and sign your child out on the iPad, then go to the classroom and collect them with the early leaver slip.

The student(s) will not be called over the PA as this interrupts the classroom and other class areas.

Thank you for your understanding.



Year 3 enjoying more slow foods!

Student Led Conferences

Student Led Conferences will be held on **Thursday the 15th** of June and **Friday the 16th**. The booking times are as follows...

Thursday 15th: **3:30pm to 7pm (some teachers only until 6pm)**
Friday 16th: 8:30am to 1:00pm (some teachers to 2pm)

The booking times are slotted for 10 minutes per student and we encourage families with multiple children to put a break between their children to accommodate travel between the classrooms.

Our COMPASS Conference booking link is active 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.

National Consistent Collection of Data

Annually, every school in Victoria is required to participate in the National Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD). This process involves submitting data based on students enrolled at WPS who have a diagnosed disability. This data is important as it informs our school wide inclusion practises school wide and impacts our disability inclusion funding. To ensure that our student records are up to date, please follow this link for a very brief questionnaire.

<https://forms.gle/22fnHxx8p282Tpkv9>

This link will also be sent as a text to all families in the coming days.

Toilet Use at WPS

Recently there has been an increase in the misuse of our school toilets. The behaviours of concern are various, but the mostly vandalism, students invading others privacy, and poor toileting skills. This issue was addressed today during our whole school assembly. WPS would also appreciate it if parents/carers could also have a discussion with their child around the appropriate use of toilets.

Public Holiday / Pupil Free Day

Monday 12th of June King’s Birthday and Friday the 16th reporting to parents



SPORT

Blake Maxworthy - Sport Coordinator

DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

On Friday the 2nd of June, 61 of our students competed at the Division Cross Country event at Willow Park in Wodonga. All the races had in excess of 100 competitors, which created challenging race environments, particularly at the start of the race as all runners attempted to find their place in the pack. All our students were incredibly determined and rose to the occasion, with many finishing inside the top 40 and some outstanding performances resulting in top 12 placings. The students who finished in the top 12 in their race will now progress to participate at the Regional Cross Country Championships in Benalla on the 16th of June.

A big thank you to the parents and community members who came to offer their support at the event, it's always very much appreciated.

Congratulations to all our students for your outstanding effort at the Cross Country!



**I have not received the official placings from the convenor of Friday's Cross Country yet so I am unable to include who qualified for Regional in any communication. I will make sure those students are recognised in the Newsletter in Week 9 together with a Regional Cross Country Report.*

Maths

Maureen Murray - Mathematics

WPS Maths Newsletter Challenge #6

Asking Questions to Investigate

Looking to help bring Numeracy into your everyday activities at home?

Asking your child questions will encourage them to investigate maths related concepts. Try asking questions such as:

- What shapes can you see?
- How could you measure this?
- How will we find half?
- What is the best way to share this?
- How tall can you build a tower before it falls?

Weekly Maths Challenge: Perimeter of a Rectangle

W.P.S challenges its students and families to calculate the perimeter of a rectangle based on its area.

Scan the QR code or follow the link to enter the challenge!

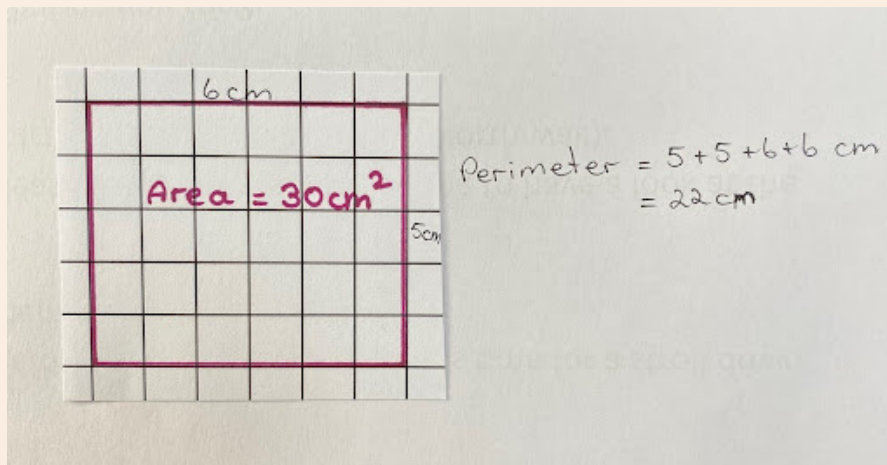
<https://forms.gle/A4SjAZNFuQWHgaQMA>



Purpose: To think about the different perimeter dimensions of a shape given the area of it.

What you need: A piece of paper

Instructions: The area of a rectangle is 30 cm^2 . What might the perimeter be? Give at least 3 different possibilities.



This week's Maths Newsletter Challenge winner was Lachie. Well done Lachie - we hope you enjoy your prize!



Student Leadership

Maureen Murray -Student Leadership Coordinndator

Lions Junior Public Speaking Competition

The in-school competition will be held here on June 20th at 9am. 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 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.

Enrolments

Jenny Martin - Enrolments

FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS 2024

Just a friendly reminder if you have taken an enrolment form for Foundation 2024.

Please complete and return as soon as possible with a copy of the child’s birth certificate and immunisation history.

If you have forgotten to register for a Foundation enrolment 2024, and you have children already at WPS, please come and see Jenny in the Admin office so you name can be added to the list and collect an enrolment form.

Wellbeing Team

Early Help – Information for Families

Early Help is a short-term, evidence-based intervention for children aged 0-12 years and their families. The program focuses on the strengths of the families and works alongside and towards mutually agreed and achievable goals.

Early Help is a voluntary program and can include individual support, group work or counselling depending on what the family may need.

This may include:

- Developing and maintaining routines
- Emotional regulation
- Interactions between family members
- Activities that promote healthy relationships
- Boundary setting in a variety of environments
- Supporting children to meet developmental milestones
- Connect you to the community and everything it has to offer

How do I find out more?

- You can self-refer by contacting the Early Help team at Junction on 02 60437400 or at earlyhelp@junction.org.au
- Speak to the Wellbeing team at Wodonga Primary School and they can help refer for you- more information at the end of this newsletter

Assembly Celebrations



This weeks Happy Card Recipients, well done to everyone who received a Happy Card this week



Our at home readers this week Lola, Olivia & Cohen.



Arlo from CH5 received this weeks GEM award



Jackson & Ella are the lucky library borrowers 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
Willow Park Excursion	June 6	Year 1 Only	Compass Consent	Closed
Public Holiday	June 12	All Students		N/A
Hoop Time	June 13/06	Selected students	See compass for details	N/A
Pupil FREE day	June 16	All Students	Student LED conference – Please book through compass	N/A
Last day of Term	June 23	All Students	School finishes at 2.30pm	N/A





How do I find out more?

For a referral to Early Help;

- Speak to your school, kinder, childcare, or maternal-child health.
- You can self-refer by contacting the Early Help team at Junction 0260437400.

talk to **EARLY
HELP** now

“*Let's work
together to
empower your
family*”

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EARLY HELP PROGRAM





The aim of the program is to upskill families, providing tools and strategies to empower families based on their goals, needs and wishes. We provide parents with possible tools and strategies to help with common family struggles to build on their knowledge, skills and confidence.


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“We can support you to navigate hard stuff in life and build strong connections in your family”



Early Help is a voluntary program. Involvement could include individual support, group work or counselling depending on what the family want. We can support to link you in with longer-term services and navigate referrals with you if required.

