



WODONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

Damian Duncan - Principal

Welcome to Term 3. We trust you had a relaxing and safe school holiday break, it definitely was very wintery!

National NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year, to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. NAIDOC week annually falls during our school holidays, so our school celebrated and recognised our first peoples in the last week of last term. Our specialist subjects (Art, PE, Music, Lab, STEM and Japanese) ran a special curriculum around our Indigenous community that week and our generalist classrooms incorporated NAIDOC themes all week long. The Victorian Curriculum has embedded indigenous learning throughout the year, beyond NAIDOC week. Here are some pictures of our school's celebrations.



2023 Country Fair (Fete) - SAVE THE DATE

Late last term we announced that our school is having a Fete / COUNTRY FAIR. A team of parents are organising the Fair and aiming to provide a fun community event here at school on **FRIDAY 27th of OCTOBER, 5PM TO 8PM**. There will be rides, stalls, food, fun events and all concluding with fireworks on the Wilson street oval at 8pm. More information on the Fete will be shared during Term 3 and early Term 4. Any parents who wish to assist in the organisation or volunteer on the evening for a window of time please email me via the school email address wodongaps@education.vic.gov.au

Starting tomorrow, Mrs Wakefield in the art room is running a competition for a Country Fair poster. This competition is open to years 3-6 and the art room is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays of the first three weeks of next term. Students are also able to work on their poster at home if they want to.

POSTER COMPETITION

Design the poster for the:
Wodonga Primary School 2023 Country Fair
Friday 27th October 2023
5pm to 8pm
Food - Fun - Rides

Use the information above in the poster.

Think about including pictures of:

- Food
- Fun
- Rides
- Showbags
- Prizes
- Animals
- Market stalls
- Music and dance

**OPEN TO
YEARS 3 - 6**

ART ROOM OPEN AT RECESS ON
TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY
DUE THURSDAY 27TH JULY

Come up with a Catch Phrase for the event!

Yard Supervision

Some students are still entering the yard earlier than 8:30am and we urge these families to monitor this as these students are unsupervised and our duty of care to families has not commenced. Our playground is open from 8:30am each day, which is when staff commence yard duty. It's our understanding that the students entering the yard early are using the TheirCare (Gym) gate. TheirCare staff and leadership at the school are monitoring this.

Parent forum on safety in the yard

As I mentioned last term we are eliciting parent voices via a Parent Forum. We are inviting any parents or caregivers who are interested in participating in the forum on Thursday 3rd of August at 3:30pm in our PLC. This time was chosen to assist attendance of parents at the form (after pick up). The school will provide supervision of attendees children in the Wilson pod. The forum will explore parent perspectives of safety of students in the yard.

Canteen

Another call for HELP! We are in dire need to get parent assistance in our canteen. Our canteen relies on the assistance from helpers to ensure our canteen is viable and continued. Please consider volunteering in our canteen so the school does not face losing the service. Please call or drop into the office or canteen

Mobile Phones

At this morning's assembly, students were reminded to hand their mobile phones into the office at the beginning of the day. Last term we had an exceptional number of students who did not put their phones in the office storage. We ask that parents of students who bring phones to school follow our **policy**. Thanks!!

100% Attendance Semester One

Congratulations to the students who didn't miss a day of school last semester!!! Your commitment to your learning is commendable, and your ability to dodge illness!! Great job!!



Students with 100% Semester One Attendance

Maths

Maureen Murray - Mathematics

WPS Maths Newsletter Challenge #8

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 one of the videos, pause at any time to consider the prompts and questions together, and complete the suggested activities?

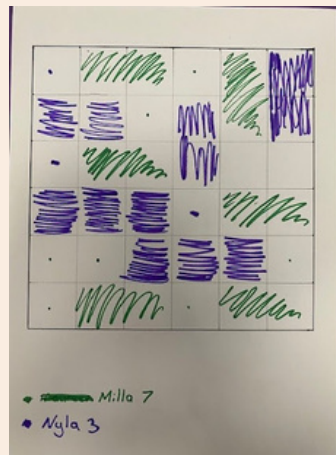
<https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/pages/mathscots>

Weekly Maths Challenge: Time

W.P.S challenges its students and families to complete the Imparium Game and be the player with the highest score!

Follow the link or scan the QR code to enter the challenge!

<https://forms.gle/tBAfzS7bBPqb6qmk6>



Purpose: *To use our knowledge of odd and even numbers to help us understand logical reasoning.*

What you need:

- a piece of paper
- 2 different coloured textas

Instructions:

Watch this [LoveMaths Video](#) to find out how to play this game and to give you an example.

Bonus learning:

This game requires you to create a 6x6 grid to play on. If you are in Years 3, 4, 5, 6 - consider what length the sides of your grid should be and what size each square inside the grid could be. What makes it easiest to draw the grid?

Assembly Celebrations



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



Charlie received this weeks GEM award

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
CSU Future Moves	July 19	Year 6 Students	Consent on Compass	17/07
School Swimming	July 17,19,21	CH1, BR2, MI1, OS2	CH1 & BR2 Compass details MI1 & OS2 Compass details	12/07
School Swimming	July 24,26,27	CH2, BR1, MI2, OS1	CH2 & BR1 Compass details MI2 & OS1 Compass details	19/07
Federation Conference – PUPIL FREE DAY	July 28	Whole school	Pupil FREE DAY – No School	N/A
School Swimming	July 21, Aug 2,4	CH3, BR4, MI3, OS3	CH3 & BR4 Compass details MI3 & OS3 Compass details	25/07
Year 5 Camp	Aug 7,8	Year 5 Students	Consent and payment details	31/07
Year 6 Camp	Aug 8,9	Year 6 Students	Consent and payment details	31/07
School Swimming	Aug 7, 9, 11	CH4, MI4	CH4 & MI4 Compass details	01/08
School Photos	Aug 7, 8, 9	Whole School	School Photos details to come	N/A
School Swimming	Aug 14,16, 17	CH5, BR6, MI5, OS6	CH5 & BR6 Compass details MI5 & OS6 Compass details	08/08
School Swimming	Aug 21, 23,25	CH6, BR5, MI6, OS5	CH6 & BR5 Compass details MI6 & OS5 Compass details	15/08
Father's Day Stall	Aug 30	Whole School	Held in PLC	N/A

