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# WODONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Principal's Message

Damian Duncan - Principal

Welcome to Week 2,

We welcome the sunny weather, especially last Friday the day of our Winter School Sports Carnival. It was great to get around to most of the sports to see our students enjoying the team comradery and being exemplary role models! A big congratulations to our two champion teams on the day, our Minkey Hockey stars and our League Tag champs.



### Annual Wodonga Federation of Government Schools Conference

All Wodonga Government schools have a pupil free day next **Friday - 28th of July**. There is no school on this day, however, TheirCare is open for bookings.

All Wodonga Primary School staff will be engaged in Professional Learning in areas of their practice. It's a great opportunity for cross-school connections and improving our practices as teachers and educational support staff.

### Parent forum on safety in the yard

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter 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. On the 2nd last page of today's newsletter is an information guide on what you can expect of the forum. The forum will explore parent perspectives of safety of students in the yard.

# Naplan

Christine Forrest - Naplan Coordinator

## Upcoming changes to NAPLAN reporting

Ahead of NAPLAN results for students being released from Monday 17 July 2023, we are sharing with our school community some changes to this year's reporting. These are changes being introduced nationally by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

NAPLAN will continue to measure student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, and grammar and punctuation but the results will now be presented in 4 proficiency levels:

These are

- exceeding
- strong
- developing
- needs additional support.

This change will give schools, parents and carers clearer information that details student achievement against new proficiency levels.

Students' NAPLAN reports will continue to show how they are tracking against their peers and provide an indication of their skill levels against national averages and where we would expect them to be in order to get the most out of schooling. This provides valuable information to teachers about how we can continue to support your child.

Each set of NAPLAN results is an important milestone but it's also important that students know that one result does not define them – these results are about making sure every student gets the support they need so they can continue to get the best from their learning.

When we provide Year 3 and Year 5 families with your child's results, you will also receive information about what the new proficiency levels mean. If you have any questions after the results have been received, please reach out to the school.

## Big Chop Fundraiser

James Harris - Assistant Principal

Millie and her biggest sister Aleah want to donate their hair to "wigs for kids" which help make wigs for kids with cancer as well as raise funds to help families with the costs associated with undergoing treatment. Having one of their favourite people pass away with a brain tumour and their favourite dog have cancer and see how it effected them both has made them both want to do something to help kids that have to go through this.

They will be getting the big chop on Monday the 24th of July at school assembly. We would be grateful if you wanted to support the girls by donating to their cause. You can do so by using the following QR code which will take you to their fundraising page.

<https://fundraise.kidswithcancer.org.au/s/3707/3759/e>





# Literacy

Melisa McInnes & Alecia Williams - Literacy

## WRITE WODONGA AUTHOR VISIT

Today at assembly we announced that We are very excited to have renowned author Adam Wallace visiting our school on Friday 1st September to inspire our students for our annual Write Wodonga initiative.

Adam will be visiting our school on Friday the 1st of September, Adam has kindly offered to personally sign his books for any family. Lamont Authors will support the school in ordering Adam's books to come in time for his visit.



Please use this [Google Form](#) to place an order. If your family would like to order one or more of his titles please indicate which titles by checking the box that corresponds to the book. We ask that you fill out one google form per family, and enter in the eldest child's details for delivery. Payment information will be sent out on Friday 4th August and will need to be received by 3pm on Tuesday 8th of August at the latest to ensure books will arrive in time for Adam's visit.

## CLASSROOM LIBRARIES

Classroom Library Book Trades were a success once again. Students were engaged in preparing their classroom library books and then browsed the selections in all of their neighbouring classrooms before selecting three I PICK books to include in their independent reading collections. Each classroom received new additions to their classroom libraries based on their Reading Survey and students were so excited to receive books they had personally requested.



# SPORT

Blake Maxworthy - Sport Coordinator

## STATE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

On Thursday the 13th of July, Kalle.T travelled to the Yarra Valley to compete in the State Cross Country Championships. It was a fine winter's day in Yarra Glen, although it was cold and the wind was biting at times. The track was incredibly damp and quite muddy in patches which created a slower race pace than many competitors were accustomed to. The conditions proved challenging for the best Cross Country runners in the state, however they dug in and pushed themselves to the limit. In the 12 Years Girls race, Kalle finished 63rd in the state. This is an outstanding achievement and we are incredibly proud of her determination and effort to accomplish this result. Congratulations Kalle!!



## WINTER SPORTS CARNIVAL REPORT

On Friday the 14th July our Year 5/6 students participated in the annual Winter Sports Carnival. By all accounts our students thoroughly enjoyed the carnival experience.

Some notable results from the carnival were Division A runners up in Netball, Australian Football, League Tag and Volleyball.

WPS were Carnival Champions in League Tag and Minkey!

Congratulations to all our students for representing our school so well on Friday, particularly those students who were fortunate enough to be a runner up or a Carnival Champion in their sport!



## F-3 Water Safety

Our F-3 Water Safety Program begins this week.

All students in Years Foundation, One, Two and Three have the opportunity to participate in the annual Water Safety program during Term 3.

Water Safety is an incredibly important component of the Physical Education Curriculum.

Water Safety Compass Events are available online now for payment and consent.

## SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM – Yr 4 & Yr 6 LEAGUE TAG

I have been incredibly fortunate in obtaining another Sporting Schools grant through the Australian Sports Commission for use during Term 3. After considerable interest in the sport of League Tag by our students I have organised a League Tag Program for our Year 4 and Year 6 students to engage in. Each class will access 4 sessions of the League Tag program where they will be involved in skill development, games and activities that will hopefully foster an enjoyment and interest in the game of League Tag or Rugby League and develop within our students a variety of skills and attitudes to assist them in being healthy, active citizens. Stay tuned for program updates in the coming weeks!



# Maths

Maureen Murray - Mathematics

## WPS Maths Newsletter Challenge #9

Sports provide a good opportunity to engage your child in maths, particularly if they are a keen sportsperson. Here are some questions to ask our child when watching or playing their favourite sport:

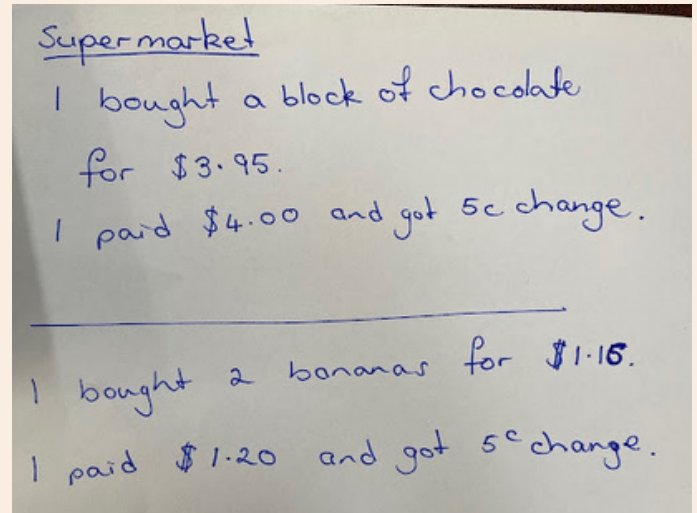
- How does your favourite sport tally the score? What maths is presented on the tally?
- What maths do you use to find the total of the scores?
- Who is one top of the ladder? How is this determined?

## Weekly Maths Challenge: Time

W.P.S challenges its students and families to find as many solutions to the problem as possible.

Follow the link Scan the QR code to enter the challenge!

<https://forms.gle/qik15RcnxhZkpA5f7>



**Purpose:** To use our knowledge of money and change to determine what an item may have cost and what could have been used to pay for it.

**What you need:**

- paper

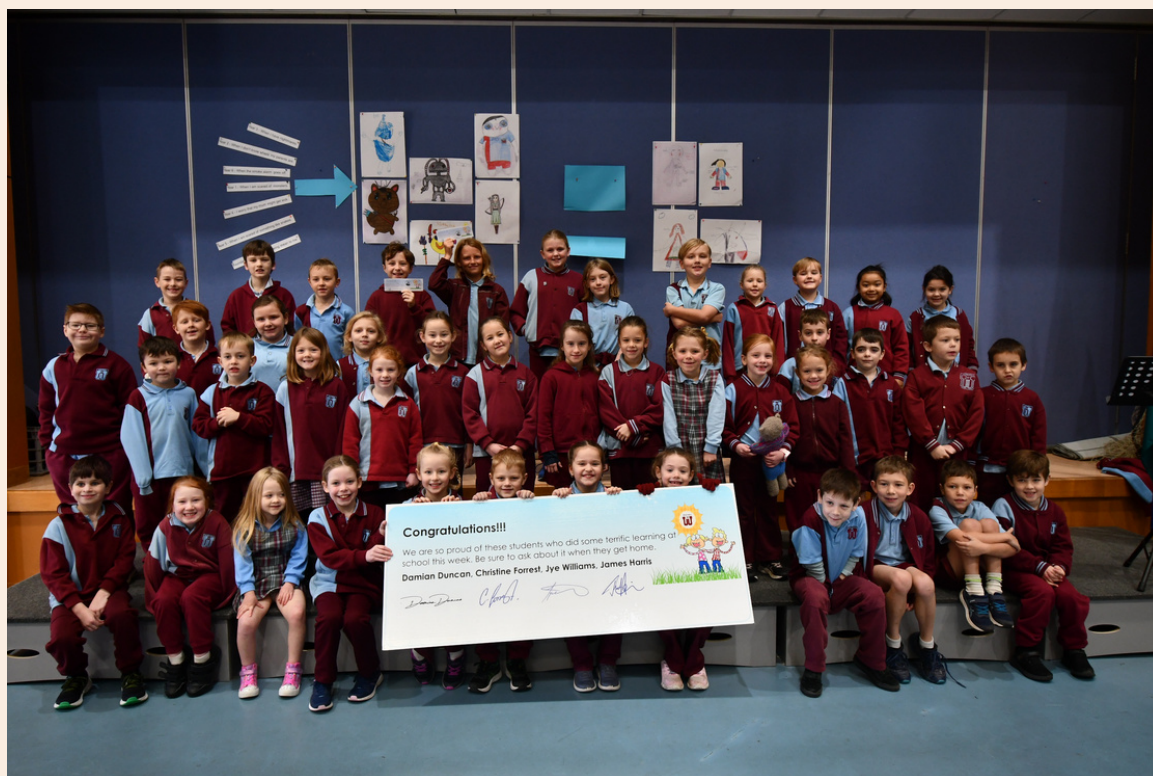
**Instructions:**

I bought something at a supermarket and got 5c change. How much did it cost and how much money did I give to pay for it?



Maths Challenge Winners

# Assembly Celebrations



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



Bridgette received this weeks GEM award



Georgia is our Environmental Hero of the week



Ruby & Jaxon are our Library winners of the week.





## Parent Consultation Forum

### **What is the Parent Consultation Forum?**

Wodonga Primary School recognises the value of parent voice and is introducing parent consultation forums as a means of having dialogue with a committed and informed group of parents on areas of the school which requires exploring. Every parent/carer with a child enrolled at our school has the opportunity to attend the parent forum. By attending a parent consultation forum, parents have an opportunity to work closely with the school by being asked your opinion on a given topic.

### **What happens at the Parent Consultation Forum?**

The forum will be chaired by the Principal, Damian Duncan. The forum will be a constructive meeting where everyone has the opportunity to have their say. Parents are also welcome to attend to listen to the point of views of other school community members. The school aims to make the forum informal and timely. The proposed topic to be explored at the meeting will be discussed in small groups and then openly to the whole group. We will have light refreshments available.

### **What issues can be discussed?**

Our School Council Committee and the school's leadership team will propose topics to consult on via the forums. These topics will be generated by different data the school uses to take on feedback. These are things like Parent Opinion Survey, School Staff Survey and the Student Attitude to School Survey results.

### **Upcoming Parent Consultation Forum:**

**Date:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> of August  
**Time:** 3:30pm – 4:00pm  
**Location:** PLC – Wilson street entrance  
**Topic:** Student safety in the yard

### **What will happen with our views?**

The information on parent views will be collected during the meeting via the sharing protocol and reviewed by the school leadership team. The information from the Parent Consultation Forum will be aligned with Student Consultation Forum data so the school can respond via introducing initiatives or changing/adjusting practices within the school

### **What can I do if I am interested?**

Please email the school to register your attendance so we can prepare for the volume of families attending.  
[Wodonga.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Wodonga.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

We hope you can come along,  
Sincerely,  
Damian

## 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	Closed
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 31, 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 Photo on Compass	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, OS6	CH6 & BR5 Compass details MI6 & OS6 Compass details	15/08
Book Week Dress up	Aug 22	Whole School	More information to come	N/A
Father's Day Stall	Aug 30	Whole School	Held in PLC	N/A

