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WODONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

Damian Duncan - Principal

Welcome to Week 4,

Congratulations to our Foundation students for reaching their 100 days of school! It's been a wonderful morning celebrating the great start our students in Foundation have achieved. We acknowledged our youngest students at the whole school assembly and also in the classroom where there was a lot of 100 activities happening. Thanks to our families who came along to enjoy and celebrate the learning of the kids.



Your Opinion Matters



Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement.

The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate.

Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. All families are invited to participate in the survey. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

The link to the survey will be sent home via Compass next week, the school appreciates our families providing the feedback.

REMINDER: 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. At the bottom 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.

Country Fair Fete Poster Competition

Myself, Mrs Wakefield and two student leaders have the tough job this week to decide the winner of our Fete Poster Competition. Here are a couple of samples of the entries. The winner will be announced at next Monday's assembly. Thank you to our students who participated in the competition and don't forget the Fete is on **FRIDAY 27TH OF OCTOBER**.



WRITE WODONGA AUTHOR VISIT

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.

www.lamontauthors.com.au and select "Buy our Author's Books". All orders must be completed by 18th August to receive the books to be signed during Adam's visit.'"/>

We only have a few more weeks until our visiting author Adam Wallace arrives at Wodonga Primary School. In order for you to have your very own signed copy you can order and purchase any of his books through www.lamontauthors.com.au and select 'Buy our Author's Books' up until the 18th August.

WPS Maths Newsletter Challenge #11

This week we are experimenting with counting patterns using a calculator. Digital technologies such as calculators are great ways to engage students and provide self-checking and monitoring when in the practice zone.

Weekly Maths Challenge: Close your eyes and count

.W.P.S challenges its students and families to close your eyes and count. We are learning about counting patterns. Follow the link or scan the QR code to enter the challenge!

<https://forms.gle/jhE6h83H2NymSRgn6>

Purpose: To practise counting patterns.

What you need:

- A calculator
- A pen or pencil and paper

Instructions:

Warm Up: Type “5 + 2 = = = =” into the calculator. Can you see what happens? Each = should add 2 more to the total. This is called the constant function, you will use it to create your number patterns.

Counting pattern 1: Type “13 + 1” into the calculator. On your paper, write 13, then under it write your prediction of the answer. Press = and see if you were correct. Keep predicting the next number in the pattern and pressing = to check your answers. What is the counting pattern?

Additional counting patterns: You can use the same system to investigate other counting patterns.

Start at 7, adding 2s

Start at 13, subtracting 3s

Start at 134 adding 7s

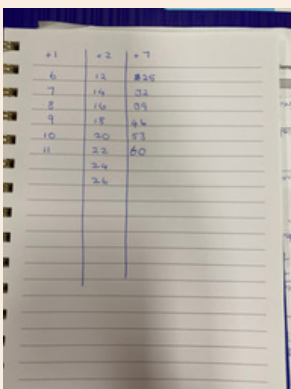
Close your eyes and count: Now that you are experts at counting using the calculator, have a go with your eyes closed. Type 2 + 1 into your calculator (older students might start with a larger number), have your finger ready at the = button and close your eyes. Say the next number in the pattern aloud as you push the = button (no peeking!). When you have done this a few times, check and see if your predictions are the same as the calculator.

Keep going with other numbers and adding different amounts each time. How many steps in the counting patterns can you get up to?

Example:

Here is a short video showing the constant function on the calculator.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uOk86SjOKjoQ6O8atEErXghSW91U0dzy/view?usp=sharing>



+1	+2	+7
6	13	20
7	15	27
8	17	34
9	19	41
10	21	48
11	23	55
	25	62
	27	
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	31	



Wellbeing

The Wellbeing Team

This term our whole school focus is on Embracing Failure. Failure is an important and critical aspect of the learning process and crucial for brain development.

The unit has been introduced at the school assembly last week and the lessons are being taught in the classrooms all term. Our students will be embracing “Failure Fridays” where they will work on activities from a ‘choose your failure’ choice board and then will talk and reflect on what they experienced and how what they learned from their failure.

Students have been introduced to being a “YETI”. The idea is that we all have something we are YET learning how to do. For example:

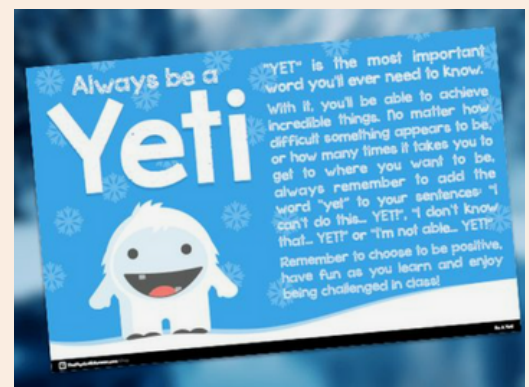
“I haven’t learned how to make..... YET”

“I haven’t learned how to draw..... YET”

“I don’t know how to YET”.

Families are encouraged to participate and help support the children by asking about the mistakes and failures they have made. You can model that adults also make mistakes and experience failures by talking about any situations that have arisen from your day and how you managed it, how it made you feel, what you learned and what you would do differently next time.

There are a number of films and videos that explore the idea of failures and having a growth mindset. Watching these as a family allows for an opportunity to explore these themes in greater depth together. We look forward to hearing from classes each week at our upcoming assemblies, when they share how they have failed and what YETI skill they are still developing.



Student Leadership

Maureen Murray - Student Leadership Coordinator

The Wodonga Primary School Community team taking part in the Sunshine Walk in November would like to let you know of this year's major raffle.

Tickets are \$5 each or 2 for \$10.

The prize list includes:

1st Prize - Huon Creek Retreat accommodation & Miss Amelie Gourmet voucher (RRP: \$1,590.00)

Two nights luxury accommodation for two at Huon Creek Retreat, includes wine, breakfast and Miss Amelie Gourmet meal voucher.

This link takes you direct to site to purchase raffle tickets.

Don't forget you can sponsor our team for the walk here.

Or join our team here.



Assembly Celebrations



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



Lucy received this weeks GEM award



This weeks home readers receiving a spot prize



Willa is the library winner of the 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
School Swimming	July 21, Aug 2,4	CH3, BR4, MI3, OS3	CH3 & BR4 Compass details MI3 & OS3 Compass details	Closed
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
STEM Incursion	Aug 17	Year 5 & 6 Students	Compass payment details	14/08
School Swimming	Aug 21, 23,25	CH6, BR5, MI6, OS5	CH6 & BR5 Compass details MI6 & OS5 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



TOP 75 GROWTH MINDSET MOVIES & VIDEOS for CHILDREN



Big Life Journal

Animated Films

- ☐ 1. Zootopia (2016), PG
- ☐ 2. Sing (2016), PG
- ☐ 3. Leap! (2016) or Ballerina, PG
- ☐ 4. Moana (2016), PG
- ☐ 5. The Good Dinosaur (2015), PG
- ☐ 6. Meet the Robinsons (2007), G
- ☐ 7. Inside Out (2015), PG
- ☐ 8. Trolls (2016), PG
- ☐ 9. Frozen (2013), PG
- ☐ 10. Brave (2012), PG
- ☐ 11. Storks (2016), PG
- ☐ 12. UP (2009), PG
- ☐ 13. Finding Dory (2016), PG
- ☐ 14. Finding Nemo (2003), G
- ☐ 15. Chicken Run (2000), G
- ☐ 16. Stick Man (2016), G
- ☐ 17. Rock Dog (2017), PG
- ☐ 18. Kung Fu Panda (2008), PG
- ☐ 19. Coco (2017), PG
- ☐ 20. Cars 3 (2017), PG
- ☐ 21. Kiki's Delivery Service (1989), G
- ☐ 22. Secret World of Arriety (2010), G
- ☐ 23. Wall-E (2008), G
- ☐ 24. Ferdinand (2017), PG
- ☐ 25. Turbo (2013), PG

Featured Films

- ☐ 26. Hotel for Dogs (2018), PG
- ☐ 27. Dolphin Tale (2011), PG
- ☐ 28. Queen of Katwe (2016), PG
- ☐ 29. Cool Runnings (1993), PG
- ☐ 30. The Neverending Story (1984), PG
- ☐ 31. Hidden Figures (2016), PG
- ☐ 32. The Martian (2015), PG-13
- ☐ 33. Walt Before Mickey (2015), PG
- ☐ 34. Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken (1991), G
- ☐ 35. Fly Away Home (1996), PG
- ☐ 36. Rudy (1993), PG
- ☐ 37. Pay It Forward (2000), PG-13
- ☐ 38. The Blind Side (2009), PG-13
- ☐ 39. The Lord of the Rings (2001), PG-13
- ☐ 40. The Karate Kid (1984), PG
- ☐ 41. October Sky (1999), PG
- ☐ 42. Wonder (2017), PG
- ☐ 43. Greatest Showman (2017), PG
- ☐ 44. Because of Winn-Dixie (2005), PG
- ☐ 45. Charlotte's Web (2006), G
- ☐ 46. The Wizard of Oz (1939), Not Rated
- ☐ 47. The Little Prince (2016), PG
- ☐ 48. The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl (2005), PG
- ☐ 49. Anne of Green Gables (1986), Not Rated
- ☐ 50. The Secret Garden (1993), G

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Featured Films (continued)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 51. Matilda (1996), PG | <input type="checkbox"/> 71. Pathway Transformation Initiative - Growth Mindset by Fullerton College |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 52. A Wrinkle in Time (2018), PG | <input type="checkbox"/> 72. Growth Mindset Video on YouTube by infobundl |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 53. School of Rock (2003), PG-13 | <input type="checkbox"/> 73. Learning and the Brain by Learning and the Adolescent Mind |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 54. Ramona and Beezus (2010), G | <input type="checkbox"/> 74. Sesame Street: Janelle Monae - Power of Yet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 55. Akeelah and the Bee (2006), PG | <input type="checkbox"/> 75. C.J. Luckey - The Power of Yet |

Short Animated Films

- ☐ 56. Piper (2016), G
- ☐ 57. Soar (2014), G
- ☐ 58. The Boy Who Learned to Fly (2017), G
- ☐ 59. Let Me In (2008)
- ☐ 60. For The Birds (2001)
- ☐ 61. KIWI! (2006)
- ☐ 62. The Gift (2016)
- ☐ 63. Jinxy Jenkins & Lucky Lou Short Film (2014)
- ☐ 64. Elmo Doesn't Give Up (2017)

Videos

- ☐ 65. Famous Failures by Motivating Success
- ☐ 66. Understanding Talent by sportscotland
- ☐ 67. Fixed vs. Growth Mindset: The Natural Talent Myth! by Make Up Your Mind
- ☐ 68. You Can Learn Anything by Khan Academy
- ☐ 69. How Many Times Should You Try Before Success? by fundersandfounders
- ☐ 70. Grit: The Key to Your Success by Florida Virtual School

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