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# WODONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Principal's Message

Damian Duncan - Principal

Welcome to Week 5,

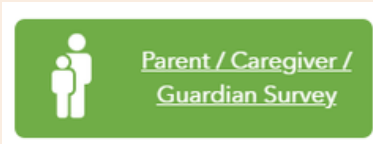
We had a lovely celebration of some students this morning at our whole school assembly. Our two Lions Club Junior Public Speaking champions were recognised at our assembly where Sandra Temple congratulated all participants and presented Lucy and Audrey with their high achievement certificates. Lucy and Audrey will be competing at the next round of this competition in Beechworth this Sunday (13th of August).



### Camps

This morning our Year 5 students headed off to Ovens to enjoy the Valley Homestead camp. Tomorrow morning our Year 6 students will head up there too for some fun and adventure. Thank you to our families for your support in readying the students, and a huge thank you to all staff attending the camps who are making a wonderful experience for our students.

### 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.

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 this **week**.

**Fete Poster Competition**

Myself, Mrs Wakefield, Mia, Rylan and Millie had the tough job of judging our Country Fair poster competition. Well done to Adella on your lovely poster and being the artist behind our marketing campaign. competition and don't forget the Fete is on FRIDAY 27TH OF OCTOBER.



**Yard Matters**

At this morning's assembly I addressed a couple of safety issues. I am now asking for parents who this may affect at home to support our message of non-contact and no bike/scooter riding in our yards.

There have been growing concerns about students who ride or scoot to school and are riding their bikes/scooters in our yard. If your child rides or scoots to school, can you please reinforce walking their bikes to the bikes shed. This is not a great distance for students if they use the Mitchell Street gate or the Cherry Tree Lane double gates.

Year 3 to 6 Yard Duty Teachers have noticed a lot of aggressive and overly physical contact happening in games on our senior oval. To keep all our students safe while in our care, we are reinforcing our non-contact expectation of sporting games on our premises.

# Literacy

Melisa McInnes & Alecia Williams - Literacy

## 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.



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](http://www.lamontauthors.com.au) and select 'Buy our Author's Books' up until the 18th August.

## 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.



# Maths

Maureen Murray - Mathematics

## WPS Maths Newsletter Challenge #12

Cooking is a great way to have fun, learn new skills and develop maths for a purpose. You might like to have your child help you make dinner or do some baking. This can help them to learn about:

- units of measurement including litres, cups, grams
- temperature
- time - how long do we need to cook this?
- fractions - half or quarter of a cup for example

## Weekly Maths Challenge: Finish my graph

W.P.S challenges its students and families to share understanding of data representations. Follow the link or scan the QR code to enter the challenge!

<https://forms.gle/KGh8iwbLzS92pTDk7>



**Purpose:** To explore the features of graphs to display data

**What you need:**

- Pictograph (supplied)

**Instructions:**

We did a survey of a class. These are the results.

How many children are in the class? Explain your answer. Could there be more than one answer?

What do you think was the question we asked the students?

Extension: Fill in the missing features of the graph.



Amelia is this weeks maths weekly challenge winner



# LIBRARY

Wendy & Tracey

## Celebrating Children's Book Week 21st – 25th August

Each year, schools and public libraries across Australia spend a week celebrating Australian authors and illustrators – these books are known as the shortlisted books. Shortlisted books are judged by a panel of literary experts and a winner is chosen from each category see poster below. We will announce the winners at our Book Week assembly.



The best part about Children's Book Week is our Book Week dress up day! Childrens are invited to come dressed up as their favourite book character or come dressed as the theme 2023 "Read, Grow, Inspire" on Tuesday 22nd August.

We will be parading our costumes around the COLA starting at **9.30am – Family and Friends are welcome to attend!**

We will also be hosting a SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR during BOOK WEEK. Book are on sale before school, lunchtimes and after school commencing from Monday 21st – 25th August in the library.





# Assembly Celebrations



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



Jackson received this weeks GEM award



Well done to Destiny who took home this weeks Environmental Hero award



Pippa 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
Year 6 Camp	Aug 8,9	Year 6 Students	Consent and payment details	Closed
School Swimming	Aug 7, 9, 11	CH4, MI4	CH4 & MI4 Compass details	Closed
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, OS6	CH6 & BR5 Compass details MI6 & OS5 Compass details	15/08
Book Week Dress up	Aug 22	Whole School	Please see Newsletter	N/A
Father's Day Stall	Aug 30	Whole School	Held in PLC	N/A





CHILDREN'S  
BOOK WEEK

#CBCA2023

# SHORTLIST 2023

CBCA BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARDS



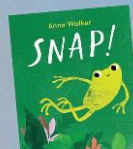
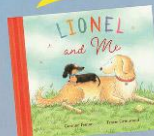
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## YOUNGER READERS



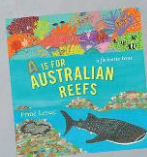
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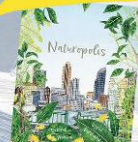
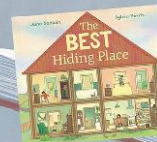
## PICTURE BOOK



## EVE POWNALL AWARD



## NEW ILLUSTRATOR AWARD



ARTWORK BY MATT OTTLEY  
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**NEW SPOTS  
FOR STUDENTS  
IN 2023**

**PIANO  
LESSONS  
@  
WPS**



We now have limited places  
available for students to  
learn piano at WPS during  
school hours starting in  
Term 3

**IF YOU ARE  
INTERESTED PLEASE  
FILL OUT A  
REGISTRATION FORM  
AT**

**[wodonga-ps.vic.edu.au/lessons](http://wodonga-ps.vic.edu.au/lessons)**