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# WODONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Principal's Message

Damian Duncan - Principal

Welcome to Week 7,

The school is a buzz with talk of “Green Sheep” and favourite authors at present. Book Week is a wonderful celebration of a love of literature and the benefits of escaping into a world of fiction, or just filling up on new information. Our Book Week parade is tomorrow morning at 9:15am in the COLA. Thank you to our passionate library staff and our literacy leaders for organising the “hype” around reading.



### Parent, Guardian / Caregiver Opinion Survey

All families were sent an invitation to participate in the 2023 Parent Opinion Survey last week. If you want to provide feedback to the school, here is your opportunity. Positive feedback is also welcome!!!

### Somers Camp

32 of our lucky youngsters are heading off to Somers Camp tomorrow with Mr Johnson. Have a great time kids!!!





### Swimming finishes up this week for F-3

Our F-3 water safety program finishes up this week with the last of our classes heading to the leisure centre for a splash. Thank you to Mr Maxworthy for organising the mountain of logistics, Mr Harris for your timetabling genius and to all staff and parent helpers who got the kids down there and back safely.



### Rubbish in the yard

Over the past couple of weeks students have been reminded of what to do with their rubbish when in the yard. Our grounds have been looking very ordinary of late with substantial amounts of rubbish throughout the yard. Traditionally, we have always been pretty proud of how well our students respect our environment by not littering it, however, lately it's become obvious that this is an area our staff need to revisit in our classrooms. To support the school with this, if families could have conversations at home about doing the right thing, or encouraging others to not litter, that would be great! Thanks in advance for this.



# FETE

Parent Squad

FETE UPDATE – 27th October 5 – 8pm

The rides and ponies have been booked. The showbags and glow sticks have been ordered and we are on the count down towards the fete. It's now time to organise the market stalls:

## Market stalls

The Wodonga Primary social club are looking for expressions of interest for a limited number of market stalls for the school fete.

We are looking for only one stall of each category of goods, and families with a connection to the school will be prioritized.  
Spaces will be 3m X 3m with a site fee of \$35.

Please send an expression of interest to [wodongaprimariefete@gmail.com](mailto:wodongaprimariefete@gmail.com) including details of the type of products, connection to school and a link to your business page.

Expressions of interest close on the 4th of September and stall holders will be notified of the outcome of their expression of interest on the 8th of September.



# CANTEEN

April & Amy

Hello, Parents and Caregivers are you thinking about helping on the Canteen and are a little unsure about what days are available and what duties are required, please keep reading -

We have two shifts available.

- Morning 9am -11.30am - this involves preparing lunches and handing them out, light cleaning.
- Afternoon - 1.15pm – 2.30pm - this involves making snacks for the afternoon and serving the students, light cleaning.

We are currently looking for people on

- Monday - Mornings
- Tuesdays - Mornings (every second week) and Afternoons
- Wednesdays – Afternoons
- Thursdays – Afternoons

The work is easy, and you will get to meet other parents, or come with a friend or grandparent. A working with Childrens check is required it is free and easy to apply for.

# WALKATHON & R U OK DAY

Wellbeing Team

Save the Date- WALKATHON 2023!!

Our Annual Walkathon will be held on Thursday the 14th September in conjunction with Are You Ok Day

Students are encouraged to wear yellow on this day.

Fundraising envelopes will be sent home next week with your child. Funds raised will go towards a new school sign on the corner of Brockley & Mitchell Street.

Our Walkathon Lunch order packs will be available to order on this day through eCanteen- more information to follow in next weeks Newsletter.



# SPORT

Blake Maxworthy - Sport Coordinator

## DISTRICT ATHLETICS

The WPS District Athletics Team has now been finalised. Congratulations to all students who have been successful in qualifying to participate at District level. A Compass Event, with all event information, is available for families to pay/consent. A program of events will be shared with our community closer to the event date.

## MASCOT CHALLENGE

Australian Cricket's Mascot Challenge begins today for our Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 students. This cricket-based challenge has been developed to assist Foundation to Year 2 students around Australia in developing Fundamental Movement Skills and Physical Literacy. The Mascot Challenge promotes active lifestyles and assists students in achieving 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous intensity activity per day as outlined in the Australian Physical Activity Guidelines. The Mascot Challenge helps to achieve this by spending 10 minutes a day developing fundamental skills that will assist students in remaining physically active later in life.

As part of The Mascot Challenge, each day participants will undertake activities designed to challenge them at their own pace in a fun and inclusive environment. To measure their development, each activity has a target that must be achieved before students can move on to the next activity. As part of the program, schools receive easy to follow videos, cards and posters that show each week's activities plus a large tally board for students to track their progress. At the conclusion of the 4 week program students are awarded with their completion certificate and get to keep their green Stars stress ball!

## MELBOURNE STARS VISIT

Today, to kick-off our Mascot Challenge program and as a preview to the summer of cricket fast approaching, the Melbourne Stars visited our Region. BBL and WBBL players along with Cricket Development officers visited our School and delivered a hands-on cricket clinic with our Year 2 students. The visit included our students participating in a cricket clinic, a Q&A with the players, and there were some fantastic prizes and giveaways. It was incredibly exciting having the Stars at our school!



# BUS INFORMATION

James Harris - Bus Coordinator

## Information About Bus Transport to School

If you have a question about bus transport to school, please contact the School Bus Manager, James Harris via [james.harris@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:james.harris@education.vic.gov.au)

There are two types of bus transport to our school; School Bus Program buses (country buses) and Dysons public transport/school buses (for travel within Wodonga postcode 3690).

### How to access a country bus

- You must complete an application for travel which you can get from the front office or by emailing James Harris.
- If Wodonga Primary School is your nearest government primary school and you live more than 4.8km from the school, you may be eligible for free travel.
- If Wodonga Primary School is not your nearest government primary school, you may be able to access the bus if seats are available, however you must pay a bus fare of \$125 per term per child in advance of travel (there are some limited exemptions).
- Access to the bus is not guaranteed and fare payers will be required to give up their seat if it is required by an eligible student.
- Priority of access will be given to full time, eligible travellers; please do not apply for travel 'just in case'.
- You cannot apply for the country bus if you live near a Dysons public transport bus that can take you to school.

### How to access a Dysons public transport/school bus

No application is required but you will need purchase a ticket for travel.

Contact Dysons Wodonga for more information about bus routes and timetables: (02) 6056 3100.

### 2024 travel applications

- Must be handed into the front office or emailed to [james.harris@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:james.harris@education.vic.gov.au) by 14th November 2023 so that they can be processed by the end of the year.
- Seats are not guaranteed and priority will be given to eligible students.
- Applications received after 14 November will be processed in date received order.

### A Reminder to Students & Families

Today all students who use the bus service were briefed/reminded of the following safety precautions. We please ask families to support the following:

#### When lining up, embarking & disembarking the bus, students must agree to the following:

- Stay behind the barriers whilst the bus pulls into the stop and whilst all students disembark.
- Not crowd the doors as soon as they open and allow students to exit safely before boarding.
- If the bus needs to move down the line, return to the path behind the barriers and walk down to where it stops. Do not run alongside the bus as it moves, particularly next to its wheels.

#### To ensure safe travel on school buses, students must agree to the following:

- Not to play on the road at the bus stop or try to get on the bus before it has stopped.
- Make sure you and your belongings are inside the bus at all times.
- Not throw anything from a bus window or have anything hanging out a window.
- Place bags and other belongings in the allocated storage areas.
- Get on and off the bus quietly and in an orderly manner.
- Stay in your seat while the bus is moving.
- Not distract drivers with screaming, shouting or unruly behaviour.
- When you get off the bus only cross the road when the bus has left and it is safe to do so.
- No dangerous or flammable goods are allowed on the bus, for example aerosol cans.
- Travel on the bus service allocated to you, to and from your approved bus stop only. Do not change to one that will take you to a sports or social event.
- Wear a seat belt where fitted.

**To ensure students are considerate to one another and their bus driver, they must agree to:**

- In the morning, arrive at the bus stop 10 minutes prior to departure.
- Not eat, drink or smoke while on the school bus.
- In the morning, let the school and driver know if you will not be travelling home on the bus that day.
- Use a standard conversational tone and not use offensive language or call out to others on board or to passing traffic or people.
- Listen to the bus driver and bus captain. They are responsible for maintaining school bus safety and also have the authority to report any vandalism or misbehaviour including but not limited to bullying, teasing, or aggression.
- Leave your bike in a safe and secure place if riding to the bus stop. Public Transport Victoria and the Department of Education and Training are unable to accept responsibility for the safety of your bike.
- Behaving inappropriately on a school bus places the safety and wellbeing of all on board at risk.

# Maths

Maureen Murray - Mathematics

## WPS Maths Newsletter Challenge #13

- Shapes are everywhere
- Point out and/or ask your child to name the shapes they see in their environment - 2D and 3D

## Weekly Maths Challenge: 3D

W.P.S challenges its students and families to investigate 3D shapes.  
Follow the link or scan the QR code to enter the challenge!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf6w3URvMkQQNjr-45DIvbjepCpSa0WuCiVzjizZea0qY7OJA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf6w3URvMkQQNjr-45DIvbjepCpSa0WuCiVzjizZea0qY7OJA/viewform?usp=sf_link)



**Purpose:** For our older students (Years 3 - 6) to investigate drawing 3D shapes.

**What you need:**

Isometric dot paper (attached) - or see Maureen at school if you are unable to print the paper.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EilloN1-Ohi4YzktDPEmtSgzTLakGErf/view?usp=sharing>

**Instructions:**

Print and use the paper attached, to draw a cube. Can you draw a larger shape made up of multiple cubes? Hint: shading might help here.

**Extension:**

What other 3D shapes can you draw?

If you are feeling creative, you might attempt to create an image made up of different 3D shapes.



# 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 9.15am – 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



Tyler received this weeks GEM award



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



Spot Prize winners from our at home reading



## 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	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 31	Whole School	Held in PLC	N/A
Father's Day Breakfast	Sep 1	Whole School	Held in the courtyard	N/A
Indigenous Literacy Day	Sep 6	Whole School		N/A
PUPIL free Day	Sep 8	Whole School	No School – Theircare is open	N/A
R U OK Day/WALKATHON	Sep 14	Whole School	Details to come	N/A
Meet The Author – Andrea Rowe	Sep 14	HU6 only	Consent required on Compass	11/09

