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WODONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

Damian Duncan - Principal

Welcome to Week 4,

It's all things Country Fair this week at Wodonga Primary School. The students are buzzing with excitement and we look forward to an amazing experience for our kids. Thank you to our wonderful Country Fair committee, you are doing a fantastic job in preparing for Friday.



Some updates for families in preparations.

Stall Volunteers:

We've had a great response to families helping out on our stalls. We appreciate families giving up half an hour during the Fair. We have a few spots to fill so our stalls and catering goes smoothly. We need a few more volunteers for the following stalls/activities:

- Pony Rides
- Carnival Foods
- Slushies/Popcorn/Fairy Floss Stall
- High Tea

If you are able to lend a hand for a short while on Friday night, it will assist in the night going smoothly for all. Please click the following link if you can help out [**VOLUNTEER FORM.**](#)

Children Supervision at Fair:

The students will be having a great time at the fair and we urge families to ensure they are somewhat supervised, even though they are on school premises, they are parent responsibility. We have instructed the students to stay on the Brockley oval, COLA and Eating area around the Gym. We can't have students unsupervised in the other parts of the school, especially with the pyrotechnic people setting up for the fireworks on the Mitchell oval. Thanks in advance for your help with this.



At this mornings assembly we showed some of the different showbags available.

Stall Donations:

Thanks to all the families sending in donations for the stalls. It is great that the students are feeling a part of the Country Fair. A reminder if you haven't already, here is the list of donations per year level.

Year	Stall Name	Donations Required
F	Lollie Jars	1 jar filled with lollies from each student
1	Bake Sale	Cakes, slices etc. School will send home ingredients stickers, freezer bags and plates. NOTE: families from other Year levels can contribute to the bake stall.
2	Mini golf	Bags of lollies from parents e.g snakes, lolly pops, wrapped lollies.
3	Spider Drinks	1.25 or larger bottles of Soft drink from students . Vanilla Ice-cream to be dropped to the school by Wednesday 24th October
4	Slushies / Popcorn / Fairy Floss	Sugar Paper Cups & Paper straws
5	Lucky Duck	Lucky dip prizes (funky pencils, lolly bags, fiddle toys, knick knack items etc)
6	Hair colour station	Coloured and glitter hair spray.

Cake Stall:

The Year One stall is the cake stall. We are calling on any other families who wish to provide cake/slices or scones to the stall. Please collect a pre-prepared plate/gab/ingredients package from the office if you can.

Parking:

In the event that parking is stretched on Friday afternoon, we can suggest families use the racecourse grounds as an overflow option. This is located on the corner of Brockley street and Hamilton Smith drive. The “blue tree” is a landmark that might help families navigate where to park.

2024 Student Placements - LAST WEEK TO DO THIS

Families have one more week to email me any parent request for pairing or separations for the 2024 school year. This is not compulsory, but an opportunity for families to support setting up their child for success.

- Reminder note:** There are three types of parent requests the school will consider when using parent input into the process.
- Parents can request a separation. Valid reasons why their child would not learn to the best of their abilities if in the same classroom as a particular student.
 - Parents can request a pairing. This requires both sets of parents to put in writing a request for their children to be in the same classroom.
 - Parents can request a type of teaching style. This requires a description of the attributes their child learns best with, parents are unable to request a particular teacher (by name)

All previous year’s requests made by families need to be re-submitted. Families with twins may also consider letting the school know about their desire for their children to be placed together or apart. The deadline for parent requests is **Tuesday October 31st.**

On Tuesday the 17th of October all students had a voice regarding their placement by nominating five (5) learning partners which they rank from 1 to 5. This initiative is to support students transition between year levels confidently knowing they have a familiar and supportive face in the class with them.

COUNTRY FAIR

Parent Squad

It's Fair week!!

There's lots of final preparation happening for the fair this week. Some reminders:

- Most stalls will be cash only, so come prepared. EFTPOS will only be available at The Showbags and Roast Dinner/Potato stalls.
- Lots of entertainment so bring a chair or picnic blanket!!!
- Still accepting bunting, if you have made some up, please drop to the office.
- Pre-purchase ride tickets available until Thursday. Ride tickets will be distributed to Adults from 2.30pm - 4pm on Friday in the courtyard.
- Roast Dinner/Potato Vouchers: Vouchers will be distributed to students on Wednesday afternoon- please remember to bring them with you on the night and don't forget your plate/cutlery.

LITERACY

Mel McInnes & Alecia Williams

How lucky are we to have Atticus in CH4 in our school who's Ma has kindly donated a new book to our library "The Curious Explorer". Atticus's Ma, Dorothy Roddy is a local illustrator who created the art work in this picture story book. Thank you Atticus and Dorothy for this beautiful book to add to our school library.



Toileting

Jenny Martin - First Aid

Due to some increasing issues with students soiling or wetting themselves, we will be reinforcing the current procedure:

- If a student presents to the first aid room wet or soiled, and they DO NOT have a change of clothes/underwear in their school bag, the parents will be called to come to school to supply clothes or take the student home.
- If the student has a change of clothes/underwear in their school bag they will be guided to change/clean themselves in the toilet in the first aid room and then returned to class.

We are having to reinforce this procedure to best structure the use of the first aid room toilet, to be able to fully assist students with diagnosed medical conditions.

Your assistance with getting your child cared for in a quick and personal manner will be very much appreciated.

Maths

Maureen Murray - Mathematics

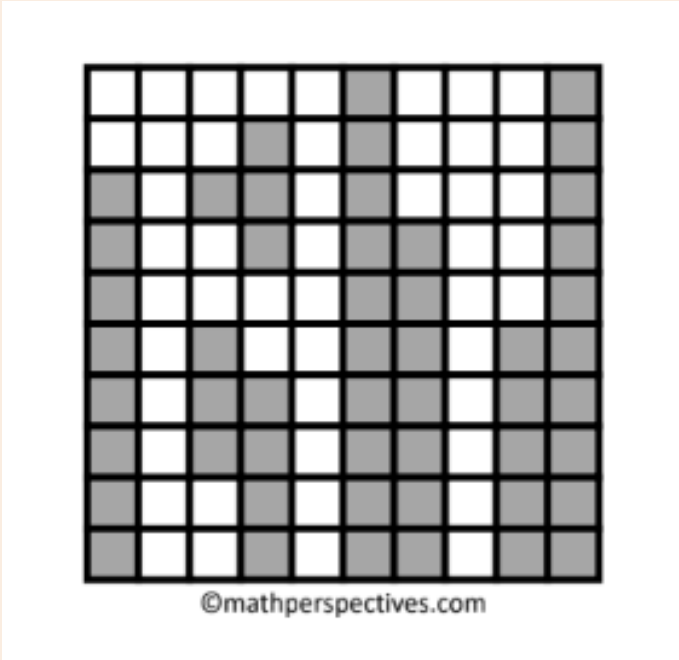
A message about developing a growth mindset for Maths learners. - from Limitless Mind (Jo Boaler, 2019).
“Parents regularly praise their children by telling them how smart they are in order to build up their self-confidence. We now know that when we praise children for being smart, they first think, “Oh good, I am smart, “ but then later when they struggle, fail or mess up in some way, as everyone does, they think “Oh, I am not so smart”; they end up constantly evaluating themselves against this fixed idea. It is fine to praise children, but (try to) praise what they did and not them as people. Here are some alternatives for use in situations where you may feel the need to use the word “smart”. “

Fixed Praise	Growth Praise
Can you divide the fraction? Wow, you are smart!	You can divide fractions? That is great that you have learned how to do that.
You solved that tricky problem like that? That is so smart!	I loved your solution to the problem; it is so creative.
You (he, she, they) have a degree in science? You (he, she, they) are a genius!	You (he, she, they) have a degree in science? You (he, she, they) must have worked really hard.

Weekly Maths Challenge:What do you see?

W.P.S challenges its students to think differently!
Follow the link or scan the QR code to enter the challenge!
<https://forms.gle/pepqeAyuzcjE87TC7>

Purpose: To think about maths in different ways and to explain or justify your thinking.
What you need:
Image provided



- Instructions:**
As a family, discuss this image.
What might it represent? Why?
- What number sentences might you create?
 - Can you tell a story about it?
 - Anything else that comes up

Please share your ideas with us in the google form or hand in a hard copy to the school office.

ASSEMBLY CELEBRATIONS



This week's Happy Card Recipients.
Congratulations to everyone who received this good news.



Jed & Connor are our GEM winners of the week



Millie is our Library Winner this week



Stella is our Environmental SuperHero 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
WPS school Fair	Oct 27	Whole School		N/A
OS1 & OS2 Discovery Excursion	Nov 1	Year 3	Compass Event details	30/10
OS3 Discovery Excursion	Nov 1	Year 3	Compass Event details	30/10
OS5 & OS6 Discovery Excursion	Nov 1	Year 3	Compass Event details	30/10
Kanga Cricket	Nov 2	Select year 6 students	Compass Event Details	31/10
HU1 & HU2 Water safety	Nov 7 - 9	Year 4	Compass Event Details	02/11
HU3 & HU4 Water Safety	Nov 7 – 9	Year 4	Compass Event Details	02/11
HU5 & HU6 Water Safety	Nov 7 - 9	Year 4	Compass Event Details	02/11
WI1 & WI2 Water Safety	Nov 10 -14	Year 6	Compass Event Details	06/11
WI4 & WI5 Water Safety	Nov 10 -14	Year 6	Compass Event Details	06/11
WI3 & WI6 Water Safety	Nov 10 14	Year 6	Compass Event Details	06/11
EL1 & EL2 Water Safety	Nov 15 – 17	Year 5	Compass Event Details	10/11
EL3 & EL4 Water Safety	Nov 15 – 17	Year 5	Compass Event Details	10/11
EL5 & EL6 Water Safety	Nov 15 – 17	Year 5	Compass Event Details	10/11
Foundation Transition	Nov 14, 21,28 & Dec 5	New foundations for 2024		N/A
Wodonga Gold Cup Public Holiday	Nov 24	Whole School	No School on this day	N/A
Year 6 Graduation	Nov 30	All Year 6 Students	Compass Event Details	16/11
Year 6 Pool Party	Dec 1	All year 6 students	Compass Event Details	28/11
End of year School Concert	Dec 11	Whole School	Event information to come	
Colour Run day	Dec 15	Whole School	Event information to come	
Last day of term	Dec 20	Whole School	School finishes for the year at 2.30pm	N/A



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SHOWBAGS



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\$15



*Please be advised outer bags may look different to picture

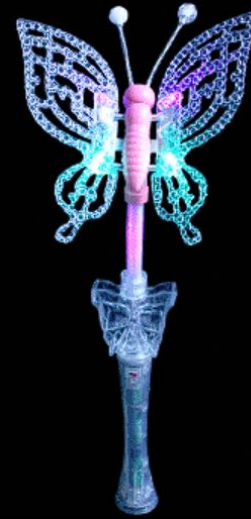
GLOWSTICKS



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Light up Pixel Swords

**Image may vary slightly to actual wand*



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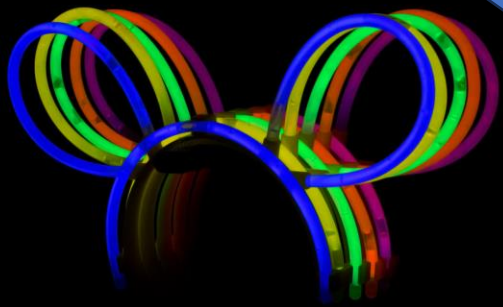
Butterfly Wand



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Candy Glow Spiral Spinner

Bunny Ear Headband



\$3

Jumbo Glow Rings



\$2

Wide Glow Wristbands



\$1