



6TH NOVEMBER 2023, NO. 30

# WODONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Principal's Message

Damian Duncan - Principal

Welcome to Week 6,

At this morning's assembly we acknowledged the families who worked tirelessly on the Country Fair for the many months leading up to the event. The school acknowledges the huge amount of personal time put in by these families prior to the fair, during the fair and cleaning up on the Saturday after the fair. Our appreciation comes physically in the form of a small gift (plant), however, our gratitude goes beyond a simple thanks!! Well done and thanks to the Thompson, Pierce, Ahrens, Bennetts, Lyon, Kilday, Harris and Kemp families!!



### Schooling 2024

Parents choosing to transfer their child/children to another school in 2024, please advise Jenny in the Admin office. Do this ASAP as the class groupings will begin in November and there are forms that need to be signed to transfer your child to their new school.

### Class Placement 2024

Parent requests for pairing and separations closed last week. Thank you to the families who communicated a request.

### Term 4 - Busy Busy

A word of advice, or coaching if you'd like... Term 4 is a busy time at school and there are a lot of events and initiatives happening to finish off this school year, while also preparing for the 2024 school year. Please keep an eye on the school event calendar in our newsletters to ensure you as a parent/carer, or your child/ren don't miss out.

### Phone Messages

Term 4 is an increasingly busy time for the office team. Unfortunately we are experiencing a high number of phone calls daily requesting we pass messages onto students. This is adding increased workload demands. In preparation for each school day please ensure your child is aware of the after school arrangements either verbally or with a note in their bag. This will help us tremendously.

# Remembrance Day

Anna-Clare Makin - Defence Mentor

Wodonga RSL Remembrance Day Service will be held at Woodland Grove this Saturday 11th November commencing at 10:45 am. Lilly Tudehope from HU4 will be laying a wreath with her family and reading a poem "The Army Child" that she has written with her mum, Donna Tudehope.

Wodonga Primary School Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on Monday 13th November 2023 at 9:00am. Families are welcome to come along.

# Maths

Kade Livermore - Mathematics

## Weekly Maths Challenge: Shapes

Looking to help bring Numeracy into your everyday activities at home

- Being a mathematician, a learner of maths, requires us to be curious and to seek new understanding. At WPS we talk about learning as a process of going into the learning pit and putting in the hard work to get out the other side with new knowledge and skills.
- When we get into the pit, we know we are in a place of struggle and learning, where we will make mistakes and have to persist. Using all our maths strategies to get out of the pit again is a fulfilling and proud moment for any mathematician.
- Please encourage the mathematicians in your life to ask the hard questions to get into the pit and then think about how they can connect, persist and use their strategies (including all the resources at their disposal) to get out again. Celebrate the struggle and the mistakes because that is how we grow our brains.

## Weekly Maths Challenge: Just Gridding

W.P.S challenges its students and families to have fun with this game - Just Gridding!

Follow the link or send your game card to the office to enter the challenge!

<https://forms.gle/5ckLbcjuKSMi4o9u7>

**Purpose:** To practice the numeracy skills of addition and place value.

### What you need:

10 sided dice or deck of cards

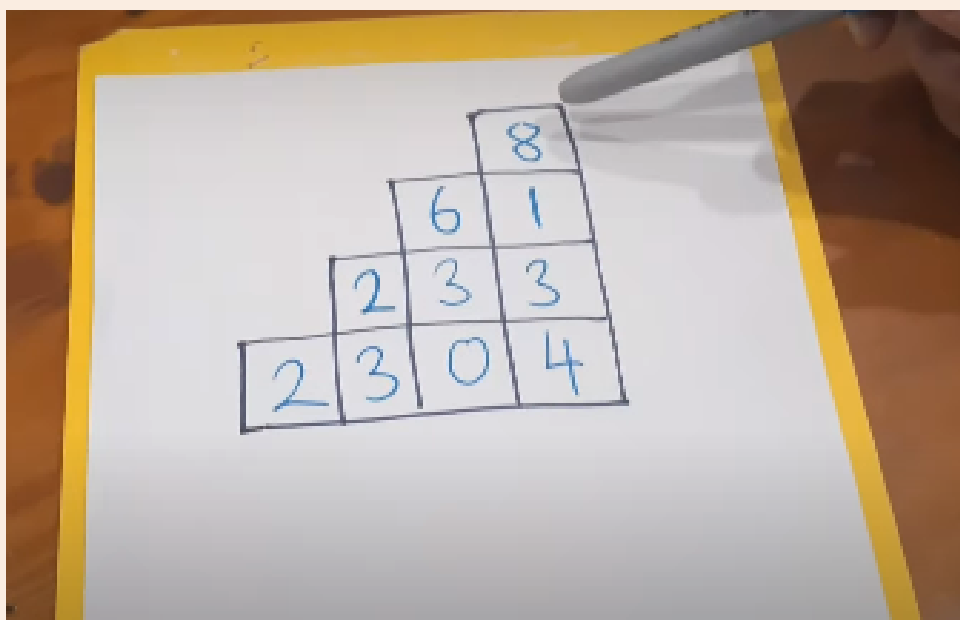
Paper to record

Texta or pencil

### Instructions:

Check out the link to this video for a great explanation and demonstration on how to play!

<https://youtu.be/0pp8tA-VF-Y>



# Sport

Blake Maxworthy - Sports Co-Ordinator

## KANGA CRICKET

On Thursday the 2nd November, 50 Year 6 students participated in the Wodonga District Kanga Cricket Tournament. The weather was perfect for cricket with some exceptional skills on display throughout the day. Our students thoroughly enjoyed playing against students from all the other schools in our District, with the camaraderie and sportsmanship between the schools a highlight of the event. Congratulations to our students for representing Wodonga Primary so positively in what was a great event for our community.



## TABLOID SPORTS

On Friday the 3rd November our F-2 students engaged in their Tabloid Sports morning. The morning began with the Super Shuttle Relays, where 6 students from each class raced from end to end passing the baton to see who was the fastest class. All our #1 classes won the Relays this year, Congratulations CH1, BR1 and MI1!

All our students then participated in different activities run by our student leaders and their assistants. It was wonderful to see all our students with smiles on their faces, having fun being physically active with their classmates and our student leaders continually developing their leadership skills throughout the morning. Each class recognised 2 students who had consistently displayed our KIND rules, learner qualities and values and good sporting behaviours by awarding them the 'Good Sports Award' at the end of the event.

Thank you to all the community members who came along to support the event, it was a wonderful morning for our students and our WPS community.



## YEAR 4-6 WATER SAFETY

The Year 4-6 Water Safety Program begins tomorrow, Tuesday 7th November, with our Year 4 classes the first group to engage in the program this term.

Our Year 6 Compass Event close tonight at 12pm and our Year 5 Compass Event closes on Friday for their respective programs so please check that you have consented/paid for your child/ren to attend this very important program.

The skills learnt during this program could save the life of your child or another person in need.

Please ensure you are sending the required items to school with your child/ren each day of the program and that all items are clearly named.



# ASSEMBLY CELEBRATIONS



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



Harper is our GEM winner of the week



Audrey is our Environmental Hero of the week



Flynn is our Library Winner this week



Nyla & Clinton are our maths challenge winners 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 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| HU1 & HU2 Water safety          | Nov 7 - 9                   | Year 4                   | Compass Event Details                  | closed                     |
| 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,<br>21,28 & Dec<br>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                        |