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WODONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

Damian Duncan - Principal

We have a lot happening at school currently which is keeping staff and kids busy!! We have a lot of the events this week and in the coming weeks, which are about connecting with families and celebrating a great year of learning of our students. Here's a snapshot of the 'fun'...



The Hands on Learning Group

Step Up

On Monday all our year levels "stepped up" to their 2024 year level. While in these classrooms the students learnt about what life at school next year will be like. Focusing on similarities to their 2023 classroom, and what will be new and exciting next year. Please note, the classrooms the students stepped up to are not their 2024 classroom, or 2024 teacher.

Foundation Transition

Today marks the 3rd transition of our 2024 Foundation students and next [Tuesday December 5th](#), will be their final transition day where on this day the newbies will meet their 2024 classroom teacher, know their room placement and the friends they'll have in their classroom next year.

Reach for the Stars

Mr Sarkis has an exciting incursion happening this week for our year 3 and 4 classes. The students will be studying aerospace science and also building rockets (child friendly rockets). Check out Facebook for the amazing rocket creations.

2023 Award Ceremony

On Wednesday we'll have our annual Awards Ceremony. The awards are a special initiative to acknowledge students who have excelled in 2023. There are three classroom level awards which include, The Endeavour Award, The Citizenship Award and the Academic Awards. Students from across our school will also be awarded Specialist awards acknowledging excellence in the extra curricular subject. The parents of students receiving awards have been notified via Compass (by teachers). **NOTE: Due to the impending inclement weather, we will have the Award Ceremony in the Gym.**

Year 6 Graduation

It will be an exciting day for our Year 6 students on Thursday (30th) when we host the Year 6 Graduation. Direct communication to families of Year 6 students has been thorough over the past month. On Friday the Year 6 students and staff are off to Tangambalanga for their pool party. **NOTE: Due to the impending inclement weather, we will have the Award Ceremony in the Gym.**

Head Start

All our Year 6 students who are enrolled in a government secondary school will participate in a full week of transition to the Middle Years next week (mon-fri).

School Concert

Our school concert is on Monday the 11th of December on the Brockley Oval. As tradition dictates, our students will have some fun performing some Christmas jingles on the back of the truck. The concert starts at 5:30pm and will run for an hour. All are welcome to come and enjoy a low key fun evening. **NOTE:** Our school normally has a Christmas Raffle, however due to the Country Fair this term and the amazing support of families to our school, we have opted not to have a raffle this year to cut down on donations and pressure on our community. Thank you for your understanding.

Semester 2 Reports

Your student's Semester 2 reports will be available on Compass on Monday the 11th at 3pm. The school will send out a Compass notification alerting families to the reports being ready.

Meet the Teacher and 2024 Class Placements

On Wednesday the 13th of December our students will go to their 2024 classroom and meet their 2024 classroom teacher. On this day, families will be notified by Compass of their child's classroom teacher for next year. A lot of work and diligence has gone into this process and we trust our families respect the executive decisions the school has made to set all our students up for success in 2024.

Class Party Day - Colour Run

Our Colour Run is happening on Friday the 15th of December. All students are welcome to participate, all they need to do is wear white clothes that day (and maybe pack a towel and a change of clothes). Further information regarding the Colour Run will be communicated to parents in next week's Newsletter.

Last Day of the 2023 School Year

Our last day of school for this year is Wednesday the 20th of December. School dismisses at 2:30pm on this day.

Have a great week, and I'll be sure to see many of you at our events.

Damian

Stationery Packs

Tomorrow, all parents will receive a compass notification outlining the Stationery Pack process for 2024. Our preferred provider is Albury/Wodonga Office Choice, however parents are still able to source their own packs if they wish to. Parents will be able to order and pay online this year, there will be a live link to the ordering portal in the post. Hard copies will also be sent home with students on Thursday. If you have any queries please contact the school office.

COVID/ILLNESS

Jenny Martin - First Aid Officer

There is at present an increase in community transmission of COVID-19 in Victoria.

You can help us keep our school as safe as possible by taking 2 important steps:

1. Ensure your COVID-19 vaccinations are up to date.
2. If your child shows symptoms of COVID-19, please ensure they stay home and get tested. The easiest way to test is to use a rapid antigen test (RAT). We have RATs available at our school for collection (one box per family due to smaller supply). You can also buy RATs at supermarkets, pharmacies and other retailers.

If your child has symptoms but tests negative, please ensure they stay home until they no longer have symptoms.

If the RAT test result is positive, please ensure they stay home for at least 5 days and until there are no more symptoms.

Thank you for your support – these steps will help us all stay well.

Fundraising



Amy Rimel from M13 is cutting her hair to fundraise to help sick kids throughout Australia. Not only will Amy's lovely locks be used to make a wig, your donations to the cause that means so much to her, will allow Kids with Cancer Foundation to continue with their financial support of families that have a child suffering cancer.

Please donate to my fundraiser, and share with your family and friends, together we can all make a difference. <https://fundraise.kidswithcancer.org.au/s/4845/4901/e>



ASSEMBLY CELEBRATIONS



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



Dom was our yard Environmental Hero of the week!



Olivia was the winner of a \$20 Book Club Voucher for before and after school borrowing



Our 2024 Computer Lab mentors - Congratulations..



Congratulations to Ashton who is our GEM card receiver 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 Awards Ceremony | Nov 29 | Foundation – Year 5 | Parents will be notified by class teacher this coming Wednesday. Please see flyer | N/A |
| Year 6 Graduation | Nov 30 | All Year 6 Students | Compass Event Details | Closed |
| Year 6 Pool Party | Dec 1 | All year 6 students | Compass Event Details | 28/11 |
| End of year School Concert | Dec 11 | Whole School | 5.30pm on the Junior Oval | N/A |
| Colour Run day | Dec 15 | Whole School | Event information to come | N/A |
| Last day of term | Dec 20 | Whole School | School finishes for the year at 2.30pm | N/A |



MONDAY 5.30 PM 11TH DECEMBER 2023

WPS SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Junior School Oval - Brockley Street

