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WODONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Principal's Message

Damian Duncan - Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

We have reached the end of the school year! As this is the final newsletter for 2023, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our school community for your connection and support of the school. Our mission is to educate students with the highest quality of instruction and inclusion. Our staff have been pivotal in making this happen, but could not do it alone without the unwavering support of our parents and caregivers. A huge thank you to our families for 'being there' for your child/ren and the school.

Farewell

Next Wednesday we will be formally saying farewell to staff from Wodonga Primary School. We have two retirements and other staff who are moving away from the region or have professional opportunities to work in a different setting. We will thank our outgoing team members as a staff, however, I trust you join me in saying goodbye to the following staff members:



Tracey Chadwick
retiring after 25 years
of service to
government education,
25 at Wodonga Primary
School.



Hani Mir Herbert
retiring after 35 years
of service to
government education,
16 at Wodonga Primary
School



Blake
Maxworthy



Karen McLeod



Nicola Hayes



Tara Chambers



Courtney Younie



Jack Davis



Grady Bryant

School Concert

Our school concert is **TONIGHT!** As tradition dictates, our students will have some fun performing some Christmas jingles on the back of the truck on the Brockley Oval. The concert starts at 5:30pm and will run for an hour. All are welcome to come and enjoy a low key fun evening.

Semester 2 Reports

Your student’s Semester 2 reports will be available on Compass on **TODAY** 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 later in the 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. Buses are running early this day too.

2024

School commences for all students Tuesday the 30th of January. Staff return for Professional Learning and preparation on Monday the 29th. The school office is open the week prior. Below are the office hours that week.

Monday 22nd Jan - Thursday 25th Jan 10am - 2 pm

Have a break and be sure to come back to us in the New Year, rested and safe!!!

Damian

2024 Stationery Packs

Chantal Gardner, Business Manager

All students should have now received the information regarding the 2024 stationery pack process. This was also sent to all families via compass and hard copies are available from the office.

So far, we have had online orders placed for over 375 students. We strongly encourage all families to do this in the next week. If you are having difficulties with the website please contact Office Choice on 6056 3195. Orders are due next Wednesday 13th of December.

A reminder that if you choose to source your own stationery for your students, please let the office know.

Sport

Blake Maxworthy - Sports Coordinator

Year 4-6 SWIMMING TRIALS 2024

Very early in Term 1 next year, on Wednesday 7th February, students in Years 4,5,6 will have the opportunity to participate in the annual Swimming Trials. These trials are to qualify to represent Wodonga Primary at the Upper Hume Division Swimming Championships on Friday 16th February. Both our school trials and the Division Championships will be held at Waves Wodonga.

Our WPS swimming trials are for competent swimmers who can confidently swim 50m in a specific stroke. Swimmers will need to complete the 50m in their selected stroke/s within a certain time to be eligible for selection in the Division team. I will be holding a meeting on Tuesday 12th December at lunchtime for all current Year 3,4,5 students (2024 Yr 4,5,6) who are interested in registering to participate in the trials. I will then create and publish a Compass Event with all Swimming Trial event information for families to consent/pay for participation in the trials. This event will be open throughout the school holidays giving families a substantial amount of time to consent/pay prior to the closing date.

If any families have any questions surrounding the trials or about the Division level of competition please don’t hesitate to contact me.

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
End of year School Concert	Dec 11	Whole School	5.30pm on the Junior Oval	N/A
Colour Run day	Dec 15	Whole School	Foundation to start 9.10am. Students are asked to wear an old set of clothes to school (to wear for the colour run) – light coloured tops will colour the best!). There will be NO NEED to buy a white top – just wear what you have.	N/A
Last day of term	Dec 20	Whole School	School finishes for the year at 2.30pm	N/A