



WODONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

Damian Duncan - Principal

Welcome to Week 9,

This morning's whole school assembly was HUGE with lots of celebration and announcements. It was great to see so many families at the assembly this morning to enjoy our first Taiko performance for the year. Well done Mrs Webster and Team Taiko!



As we near the end of Term, please familiarise yourselves with the upcoming events and reminders

Year Level Assemblies

Don't forget the year level assemblies are in the last week of this term.

Term 1 - Week 11	Monday 3rd of April	Tuesday 4th of April
9.10am - 10.00am	Year 3	Year 6
10.10am - 11.00am		
LUNCH		
11:45am - 12.40pm	Year 5	Year 1
12:45pm - 1:45pm		Foundation
RECESS		
2.20pm - 3.10pm	Year 4	Year 2

- Note: no whole school Assembly monday this week

Easter Hat Parade

Our annual parade is on Thursday the 5th of April in our COLA. Have fun at home making a creative easter hat!!!! See attached flyer.

Easter Raffle

We have resurrected the Easter Raffle this year. Tonight your child will bring home a book of 10 raffle tickets with instructions for parents on the front of the tickets. All money and raffle tickets are due back at school by Thursday the 5th of April.

We have commenced taking donations of easter eggs and chocolates for the prizes. Please send along donations at your earliest convenience. Our wonderful parent volunteers will be wrapping up the prizes on the 5th of April.

Thursday 5th Dismissal

School dismisses on the last day of Term at 2:30pm.

NAPLAN

We have wrapped up NAPLAN for 2023. Students in Years 3 and 5 sat the standardised tests last week, with absent students doing their make up tests today. A huge thank you to Mrs Forrest for the seamless coordination, our teachers and families at home in keeping this process less stressful for our students.

Dogs on School grounds

Please don't bring dogs onto school grounds please. Faeces and potential "doggie disputes" are risks we avoid by not having dogs on school grounds. Additionally to this, our therapy dog, Barkley will be able to focus on his duties in supporting our students.

School Council

On Wednesday afternoon we will have our 2023 School Council Annual General Meeting . At this meeting we will elect our new School Council President and office bearers. We will also welcome the following school new councillors...

- Grant Davies
- Katharine Campbell
- Corissa Kilday
- Heather Clarke
- Jye Williams

Following the AGM, we will have our first School Council meeting with agended items.

Parent Payment Update

In 2022, we surveyed our school community seeking feedback on the scheduling of parent payments to school. It was unanimous that our community would welcome the separation of Parent Voluntary Contributions and Stationery Pack payments.

In the coming weeks you will receive a Compass notification regarding the Parent Voluntary Contribution process for 2023. We have enacted *Compass Pay* feature to assist families in making this process easier. This being said, families can still pay in person at the office or create a payment plan if necessary. More information in future newsletters regarding this.

MEET THE TEAM

Principal Class staff and their responsibilities



Damian Duncan - Principal

- Building Leadership Teams
- School Improvement Team
- School Council
- Assistant Principals
- Wodonga - Indigo Network of schools Executive Committee member
- Strategic Plan - Annual Implementation Plan
- Year Two coordination
- Specialist Programs



Christine Forrest - Assistant Principal

- Curriculum Planning and assessment coordinator
- Preschool to School Transition coordinator
- NAPLAN coordination
- Foundation & Year One coordination
- Coordination for EAL and TL1 program initiatives
- Literacy Team Member



James Harris - Assistant Principal

- Building Practice Excellence
- Year 6 to 7 Transition coordinator
- Timetables and Schedules
- Year Five & Six coordination



Jye Williams - Assistant Principal

- Positive Climate for Learning
- Diverse Learners Leader
- Disability Inclusion coordinator
- Wellbeing & Engagement coordination
- DSM
- Year Three & Four Coordination

Have a great week!
Damian

LITERACY

Alecia Williams & Mel McInnes

Home Reading is starting off strong at WPS this year, with over 4000 logged entries just this term. This has increased by 39% since this time last year. It is great to see how engaged our young readers are at building lifelong habits of reading for pleasure whilst continuing to develop their reading skills at home.

Well done to Clare CH2, Sidney MI4, Lucy HU2 and Deegan WI3 who were our spot prize winners for this week, they received a book of their choice to keep!



Next term we begin our Write Wodonga initiative early and engage with one of our 3 authors that will be talking to students at WPS over Terms 2-3. We will partake in a virtual presentation with Anh Do on 10th May providing students with an insight to his creativity and inspirations for his work, his career, and popular and new titles. Our students have generated some questions that were sent in for Anh Do to answer in his presentation. We are very excited and can't wait to see how these author visits influence our young writers at WPS.

NAPLAN Year 3 & 5

Christine Forrest - Assistant Principal

Congratulations to all our Year 3 and Year 5 students for your efforts and attitudes towards the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).

With all sessions being conducted last week we were able to finalise most of the assessments within the first week. Today we conducted some additional catch up assessments.

We are proud of how well the students attempted the assessments online and applied themselves during the testing environment and test conditions. Due to the earlier assessment window in 2023. Results will be available to schools and families earlier than usual. We will communicate with families when we receive the results.

Year 1

Matt Bramich

To celebrate the conclusion of the Year 1 Discovery unit, Then and Now, on **Tuesday 4th April** Year 1 students are invited to come dressed in the style or fashion of a bygone era. This could be a schoolchild from the early 1900s, it could be a worker from the 1980s or any other idea you and your child come up with. This will be held on the same day as our Year 1 assembly. This will enable families to come and enjoy the effort our students and their families have gone to. A parade will be provided at this time.

WELLBEING

Lisa Smith, Cara Pfeiffer & Dette Humphries

Harmony Week

To celebrate diversity, inclusion and multiculturalism.

On Tuesday the 21st of March we are asking everyone to wear something orange to celebrate Harmony week!

Bring in a 'show and tell' lunch of food that is important to your culture!

Regulation Support' at Wodonga Primary School

Wodonga Primary School values the importance of student Wellbeing and Engagement, and understands the pivotal role it plays in positive student outcomes.

As a school we have been developing our knowledge, and building students' skills in using regulation strategies to help support them in the classroom and yard, ensuring success with their social, emotional and engagement needs.

As a regular part of our day, we help students to remain engaged by utilising regulation supports - such as calm down spaces, movement breaks, relocating to other rooms, and restorative chats. These strategies are not a punitive measure, they are being utilised to support the student to successfully engage throughout their day.

In the past, you may have received a Compass 'Reset Card' notification to communicate that your child needed support in regulating. Wodonga Primary School has made a move to change the naming of this to 'Regulation Supports' as it better describes the school's process. Within these communications, staff will be able to communicate with families around the strategies that have been utilised in the classroom or the yard to ensure your child can regulate, and re-engage with their learning.

When a 'Regulation Support' communication is received, we encourage families to have a conversation with their child about how their day has gone, what went well and what could be improved. We also welcome you to touch base with your child's classroom teacher to discuss regulation strategies for your child further.

Emotional Literacy-Emotional Literacy is being able to recognise and name our emotions. Please click [here](#) for further information!

Foodbank

Through Foodbank Victoria, WPS have the opportunity to provide free food hampers to ALL WPS families at ANY time. There is no limit as to how many of these hampers you can access over time. If you would like a food hamper (up to two per family per order), please request one via the form found [here](#). Please see the photo provided as to what is included in the hamper. Collection times will be communicated by phone and pick up will be from the front office.



ASSEMBLY CELEBRATIONS



Congratulations to our Happy Card Recipients



Rocco our CH6 Library Raffle winner!



Jase is our Environmental Hero award 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
3/4 Athletics Carnival	March 24	Year 3 & 4 Students	Compass consent and payment	22/03
Woolpack Inn Museum	March 28	Year 1 Students Only	Compass Consent and payment	27/03
5/6 Athletics Carnival	March 31	Year 5 & 6 Students	Compass Consent and payment	31/03
School Camp	April 5/6	Year 4 Students	Harrietville – Feathertop Chalet	Closed
Foundation Sumsion Garden	April 5	Foundations Students	Compass Consent and payment	28/03
Easter Hat Parade	April 06	All Students	COLA Area @9.15am	N/A,
Last day of Term	April 06	All Students	Early Finish 2.30pm	N/A





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EASTER HAT PARADE



THURSDAY APRIL 6TH STARTING AT 9.15AM
COLA AREA

