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WODONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

Damian Duncan - Principal

Welcome to Week 11,

We are officially at the end of Term 1. It feels like this term has flown by with so many wonderful events and school activities. Today and tomorrow our Term 1 Year level assemblies are occurring. We love our assemblies in the COLA where families and students celebrate learning in the sunshine and shade.



Term 2

Next term starts off a little bit differently from other terms and may cause some confusion for families. Please use this table for a clear picture of the dates at the start of Term 2.

Monday 24 th April	Tuesday 25 th April	Wednesday 26 th April	Thursday 27 th April	Friday 28 th April
Curriculum Day (TheirCare operating) **NO SCHOOL**	ANZAC Day Public Holiday **NO SCHOOL**	FIRST DAY TERM 2 All students return	Normal school day	Normal school day

Mother’s Day Stall

We are so excited to be able to run our Mother’s Day stall next term. We will run the stall in the PLC on Wednesday May 10th and Thursday May 11th. Thanks to our wonderful team of parent volunteers for making this a reality for our students and mums!

We are looking for helpers on the stall, so if you can come and support the stall sales, please contact the office to provide your name and available time.

Easter Hat Parade

On Thursday the 6th we will be running our Easter Hat parade, much to the great delight of our students. We welcome our parents to come and watch, please assemble on the roadway near the COLA.

Some important details re the Parade...

- Hats are made at home as a home activity between students, parents and siblings.
- The parade commences at 9:15am. Students will parade one year level at a time, commencing with Year Foundation.
- The students will assemble in the courtyard and parade through to families attending in the COLA.
- At the conclusion of the parade, we will draw the Easter Raffle winners.

***** Please return all raffle books with fundraising money by Wednesday the 5th.**



Hats

Hats are not mandatory in Terms 2 and 3 for play in the yard, however the school does encourage our families to continue sun smart behaviours.

Student Attendance

It has crept up once again, the late arrivals and early departures are becoming commonplace. For students entering the class late or leaving early, it interrupts the teacher and instruction being provided. We are urging families to avoid late arrivals and convenience afternoon pick ups.

Additionally, for most students, being at school from the commencement of the school day provides support and reassurance, as the day’s schedule is outlined to the students first up so the children can use the routine of the day to ground them. Please support our school by avoiding this behaviour.

Student Support Group Meetings:

All students on the Program for Students with Disabilities have termly SSG meetings (Student Support Group), in order to review and outline individualised goals and connectedness to school. Next term, to make bookings of the SSGs simpler, parents can book their SSG via the **COMPASS Conference bookings feature**. Parents who have a student in the PSD program, will have a conference booking alert on their Compass page upon logging in.

The leadership team, classroom teachers and our education support staff have designated times before and after school in weeks 2 and 3 of next term for the SSGs.

Anzac Day

At the end of today’s newsletter, there is information around the Wodonga City Council annual Anzac Day march. Our school proudly marches with our community, acknowledging our defence forces, past and present.

Families are invited to March with Wodonga Primary School alongside our staff and in particular, Anna-Clare Makin (DSM) who will meet all children and families at Huon Hill (Cnr Reid and Havelock Streets) at 10:15am. Children are required to wear full school uniform for the ‘march’.

The march will commence at 10:45am and pick-up afterwards will be near the Water Tower at about 11:00am. Our classrooms are doing some pre-learning around Anzac Day this week. Thanks to Anna for your passion and support. The foyer display looks amazing.....



For the first 3 1/2 weeks of next term I will be on leave. James Harris will be Acting Principal in my absence. Please enjoy a safe and relaxing holiday!

Sincerely,
Damian



SPORT

Blake Maxworthy - Sport Coordinator

ATHLETICS 2023 REPORT

Over the past two Friday's, our Year 3-6 students have participated in the annual Athletics carnivals. Despite wet weather threatening the events at the beginning of both weeks, the skies cleared to provide glorious days for both carnivals. Participation was at an all time high this year with more House points being recorded than ever before. It was wonderful seeing our students challenging themselves at all the various running, jumping and throwing events that the athletics carnival provided. Throughout both carnivals it was overwhelming to see the sportsmanship, encouragement and support on display between our students, with relay teams shaking hands at the end of races, students reassuring each other when they saw a classmate unsure about an event or unhappy with a result and encouraging one another to try again. It was also fantastic to see the celebrations of success and students sharing those moments of achievement. Some outstanding individual performances from our carnivals this year resulted in students achieving new centre records. The following students are new record holders in the events listed.

9 Girls: Rosie Elliot – 100m & 200m
9 Boys: Ryan Felder – Shot Put & Discus
10 Girls: Porscha Abel – 100m, 200m & Hurdles
11 Girls: Quinn Saltmarsh – Triple Jump
11 Boys: Nate White – Discus
Jhet Ardern – Long Jump & Triple Jump
12 Girls: Ella Polkinghorne – 100m
Ruby Cardwell – Hurdles, Long Jump & Triple Jump
Indi Benson – Discus
Chloe Pearce – Discus



Congratulations to those students on their amazing personal achievements.

Both carnivals ran incredibly smoothly, with our teachers working extremely hard throughout the day, supported by the tremendous efforts of the Wodonga Middle Years Year 9 student volunteers. Their efforts certainly contributed to the success of both our carnivals. We'd also really like to thank the parents and community members who assisted at the Discus events at our Year 3/4 carnival when 2 middle years students became unwell. Your contribution really made a difference to the carnival that day! THANK YOU!

After all the House points have been added up from both carnivals, there can only be one Athletics House Champion for 2023 and that house is.....

MITCHELL

Congratulations Mitchell House and to all our students for your exemplary efforts at this years Athletics Carnivals. The House Champion trophy, Age Champion Medallions and Event Record certificates will be awarded to students at assembly early in Term 2.

CROSS COUNTRY

Our annual WPS Cross Country for Years 3-6 will be occurring early in Term 2 on Thursday the 11th May.

The Compass Event with all the event information will be available to our community prior to the holidays to allow ample time for consent/payment prior to the event date.



LIBRARY

Wendy Plunkett & Tracey Chadwick

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

We still have 344 overdue library books missing from our library. Could parents please help the children look for their books and return them by Wednesday so we can start fresh next term. Thank you.

Victorian Premiers Reading Challenge

It has been great to see to many students participating in the 2023 Premiers Reading Challenge. We have already had a handful of students complete the challenge and these students have been rewarded with a “golden ticket” to our Pizza Party in September.

Make the most of your holidays and head down to your local library, they have a large range of challenge books to borrow.

If you are interested in taking on the challenge then pop into the library to see Tracey or Wendy.

The reading rules for the challenge are:

- Students in Year F,1-2 need to read 30 books, 20 of these must be from the challenge list.
- Students in Year 3-6 need to read 15 books, 10 of these must be from the challenge list.

DEFENCE

Anna Makin - Defence School Mentor

All parents and carers are invited to Wodonga Primary School's Anzac Day Assembly and Official Opening of our Defence Families Memorial.

In January this year we were successful in securing the Department of Veterans' Affairs Saluting Their Service Grant.

There currently stands a lone Gallipoli Pine in the front garden of the school. A Memorial is being built and will be dedicated to Defence Families, past present and future, in recognition of their sacrifice and support to the nation.

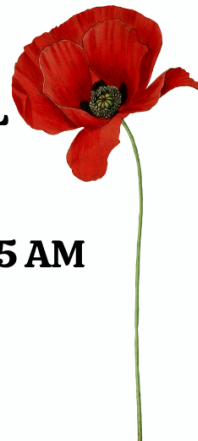
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OFFICIAL OPENING OF OUR DEFENCE FAMILIES MEMORIAL

ON MONDAY 1 MAY 2023 AT 9:15 AM



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 Camp	April 5/6	Year 4 Students	Harrierville – Feathertop Chalet	Closed
Foundation Sumsion Garden	April 5	Foundation Students	Compass Consent and payment	Closed
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
First day of Term	April 26	All Students	Term 2 Begins	N/A
Slow Food OS5	May 01	Year 3 OS5	Compass consent and payment	28/04
Slow Food OS6	May 04	Year 3 OS6	Compass consent and payment	28/04
Slow Food OS3	May 08	Year 3 OS3	Compass consent and payment	28/04
Slow Food OS2	May 11	Year 3 OS2	Compass consent and payment	28/04
Slow Food OS1	May 15	Year 3 OS1	Compass consent and payment	28/04





ANZAC Day 2023

Tuesday, April 25



The day to remember Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations.

- 5.45am** Dawn service in Woodland Grove
- 10.45am** Memorial march down High St
(Form up at RSL 10.15am)
- 11am** Memorial service in Woodland Grove

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*Times were correct at time of printing, but are subject to change.



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EASTER HAT PARADE

THURSDAY APRIL 6TH STARTING AT 9.15AM
COLA AREA

