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# WODONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Principal's Message

James Harris - Acting Principal

Welcome to Term 2!

We eased in with a 3 day week for students and as usual the school kicked back into action from day 1 with engaged students eager to get back into learning.

On Tuesday we had a massive representation of WPS staff and students at the ANZAC Day march, a huge thanks to all who attended. WPS acknowledged ANZAC Day at this morning's special Assembly including the opening of our ANZAC Memorial. A huge thanks to Anna Makin for her organisation of everything ANZAC.

We have a big few weeks ahead with our 2024 Foundation Information Session, Mothers Day Stall, 3 to 6 Cross Country and 5/6 Winter Sports. Further details can be found in this newsletter.



# Anzac Day

Anna Makin - Defence Mentor

Today we acknowledged the sacrifices our Service Women & Men have made for our country at our ANZAC Day Assembly. We had special guests in attendance including:

Dr Helen Haines - Federal Member for Indi  
Mr David Martin - OAM  
Major Damien Tudehope  
Brendan Johnson - Warrant Officer Class 1  
Bryony Cooke - Defence member and Family Services  
Mr Jamie Wolf - President of Wodonga RSL  
Mr Nathan Prosser - Memorials in Stone Wodonga

At the commencement of assembly we also officially opened our Defence Family Memorial. We thank our guests and families who attended as well as the students who spoke.



## Year 6 to 7 Transition Information from WMYC

James Harris - Acting Principal

Families who missed the WMYC On Show Event in Week 8 can use the link below to access some of the Q & A from the Event.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ROpgxIX88c>

All 6 to 7 transition information can be found on the **Year 7 Transition Page**

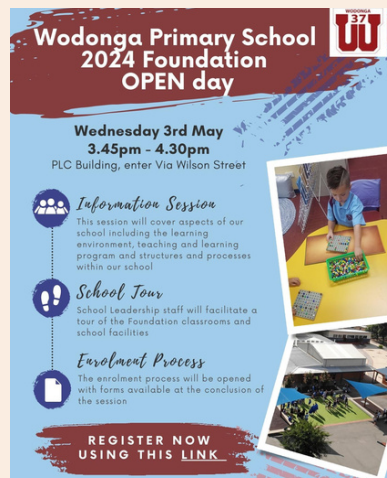
WMYC will be providing another opportunity for families to tour their campuses in Week 2 – Thursday 4th May – 3.30-4.30pm.

***All Year 6 families should now have recieved the year 6-7 placement information pack via compass. A reminder that all year students need to return their year 7 "Application for placement" forms by the 12th May.***

# 2024 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS

Christine Forrest - Assistant Principal

This Wednesday 3rd May WPS will be holding our 2024 Foundation Information Session and school tour for prospective new families to our school. The flyer below provides more information to families that may currently have a child that is due to start Foundation in 2024 and the link to **register attendance at the session.**



## Current WPS families 2024 process

Thankyou to those families that already have students at WPS and an additional child due to start in Foundation for 2024. Just a reminder to those families to please complete the registration **HERE** and the WPS administration team will co-ordinate the enrolment forms for you and they will be sent home with the listed eldest child on the registration form.

All 2024 Foundation forms will be due back to the school by **Friday 28th July.**

# Student Leadership

Maureen Murray - Student Leadership Coorindator

## Lions Junior Public Speaking

This term Wodonga Primary School is once again delighted to participate in the Lions Junior Public Speaking Competition. Students from Years 3-4 and Years 5-6 are invited to prepare a speech ready to present it in June (date to be confirmed).

The competition begins with an in-school Stage 1 competition. The winners from the Years 3-4 and the Years 5-6 sections then go on to compete against other students from our area, with those winners moving on to the Regional competition stage.

This year the topics are:

Years 3-4: Oh no – you've turned into a Giant!

Years 5-6: Strange World Records set in History.

The flyer with information about the rules of the competition, along with entry forms, can be collected from the WPS office or downloaded by following the links. Please submit entry forms by the 20th of May so that we can schedule time for the competition and keep participants informed of important updates. Students do not need to provide a written copy of their speech.

# SPORT

Blake Maxworthy - Sport Coordinator

## CROSS COUNTRY

Our annual WPS School Cross Country for Year 3-6 students is scheduled to take place at Willow Park on Thursday the 11th May. A Compass Event with all the event details is available for our community to access, with consent/payment due by midnight on Tuesday the 9th May.

Program for the Cross Country (Times are approximate, so please allow 10-15 mins either side of these programmed times if you are planning on dropping in to watch your child participate in the event).

Year 3/4 Cross Country Program (Races completed in Year/Gender Groups):

Yr. 3 Girls	09:30 - 09:45 am	(2km)
Yr. 3 Boys	09:45 - 10:00 am	(2km)
Yr. 4 Girls	10:00 - 10:15 am	(2km)
Yr. 4 Boys	10:15 - 10:30 am	(2km)

Year 5/6 Cross Country Program (Races Completed in Age/Gender Groups):

10 Yr Boys and Girls	10:45 - 11:00 am	(2km)
11 Yr Girls	11:00 - 11:15 am	(3km)
11 Yr Boys	11:15 - 11:30 am	(3km)
12 Yr Girls	11:30 - 11:45 am	(3km)
12 Yr Boys	11:45 - 12:00 am	(3km)

## WINTER SPORTS

The annual Year 5/6 Winter Sports program got underway last week with our students gathering in their sport groups for the first time, getting to know their Sport leaders (teachers in charge of the sport this year) and the other students that they'll be working with during the program. During the term, students participate in 4 off-site afternoons where they compete in matches against other schools. These experiences, together with our on-site afternoon training sessions, all combine to provide our students with a team sport experience that culminates with the Winter Sports Carnival on the first Friday of Term 3.

All event details are available in the Winter Sports Compass Event that has been published for our Year 5/6 community. Any additional information (such as carnival programs) will be sent directly to our Year 5/6 community through Compass and email as required throughout the program.

Could consent/payment please be made prior to Thursday 11th May.

Any questions/concerns regarding either of the above events please don't hesitate to contact myself or our front office, particularly if you require assistance with consenting or payment for these events.

## SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA STATE TRIALS

During the next 2 weeks selected students from our school will be competing in the first round of the Victorian State Team trials in their selected sport. Email communication has been sent out to these families confirming the details of these trials. Our WPS community would like to wish our students participating in these trials the very best of luck with their endeavours.



# MATHS

Maureen Murray - Mathematics

## WPS Maths Newsletter Challenge #1

Welcome students and families to the Maths Newsletter Challenge. At W.P.S, our students and teachers work hard every day to be the best mathematicians they can be. In this pursuit, our teachers instil in our students, the proficiency of **REASONING**, as the way mathematicians communicate and share our understandings and ideas. Beginning in Term 2, we are offering you a new and exciting Maths challenge to complete as a family each week.

Solutions, or more importantly, your **Reasoning and Strategies** can be posted via the link that has been added to the Home Reading Log (every student already has a QR code to access the Home Reading Log), or by following the QR Code with each week's challenge. If digital logging is not for you, you can hand in hard copies to the office by Friday each week. You can include written or typed information or photos.

Please ensure that any responses submitted include full names of all students involved. Spot prizes will be awarded at some Assemblies throughout the term for families who share their reasoning when working on the Challenges.

### This week:

#### 20 Wins!

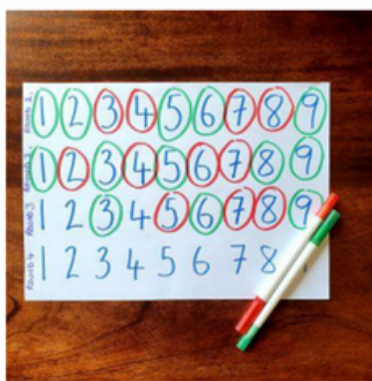
Purpose: To develop number sense as you try reaching a total of 20. You must try reach 20 yourself but also prevent your opponent from reaching 20.

#### What you will need:

- Paper
- Coloured Pencils
- 2 players

#### Instructions:

1. Create a number line from 1 to 9 – space the numbers some distance from each other on the page.
2. Assign a different coloured pencil to each player.
3. Players take it in turns to encircle a number using their coloured pencil and add these figures to the sum of their previous choices – once a number has been encircled it cannot be used by the other player.
4. Players must try reach 20 themselves but also prevent their opponent from reaching 20. If nobody can reach 20 exactly then the player who is closest to 20 wins.
5. Create a record table to keep score.



Example of what the game board looks like

Example of what the record table looks like

#### Maths Tip #01: Mathematical Language

Looking to help bring Numeracy into your everyday activities at home?

Visiting playgrounds, having your child helping at home, providing rich and meaningful situations can help develop specific language skills related to Maths. Some activities to help with this include:

- Use specific terms eg: "Please get the 'one litre' milk bottle from the fridge" or "Grab a '500 gram' bag of pasta from the shelf".
- When cooking, talk about the measurements used eg: cups, teaspoons, millilitres etc.
- Use language to describe our child's movements to develop spatial awareness eg: climb 'over', slide 'between', walk 'under' etc.
- Use recycling items to develop concepts such as 'same' and 'different' eg: paper, plastics, food etc.

# Wodonga Primary School 2024 Foundation OPEN day



**Wednesday 3rd May**

**3.45pm - 4.30pm**

PLC Building, enter Via Wilson Street



## *Information Session*

This session will cover aspects of our school including the learning environment, teaching and learning program and structures and processes within our school



## *School Tour*

School Leadership staff will facilitate a tour of the Foundation classrooms and school facilities



## *Enrolment Process*

The enrolment process will be opened with forms available at the conclusion of the session

**REGISTER NOW  
USING THIS LINK**



Wodonga Primary School



(02) 60 480 300



[www.wodonga-ps.vic.edu.au/enrolment.html](http://www.wodonga-ps.vic.edu.au/enrolment.html)



## 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
Slow Food OS5	May 01	Year 3 OS5	Information on Compass	Closed
Foundation 2024 Information Session	May 03	N/A	Held in the PLC 3.45PM – 4.30PM	N/A
Slow Food OS6	May 04	Year 3 OS6	Information on Compass	Closed
Slow Food OS3	May 08	Year 3 OS3	Information on Compass	Closed
Forces in Action Incursion	May 09	Year 2	Compass payment and Consent	05/05
Slow Food OS2	May 11	Year 3 OS2	Information on Compass	Closed
Slow Food OS1	May 15	Year 3 OS1	Information on Compass	Closed
Mothers Day Stall	May 10	All year levels	Stall will be held in the PLC	N/A
WPS Cross Country	May 11	Year 3 – 6	Compass Payment and consent	9/05
Education week	May 15 – 19	All year levels	More information	N/A





*Mother's*

DAY STALL

WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY

Items range from \$1 - \$10