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WODONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

James Harris - Acting Principal



Hello to all families, staff, students and friends of WPS!
We have another big few weeks ahead so it is important to keep an eye on the Newsletter and Compass for updates.

On Sunday we say thankyou to all of the mothers, grandmothers, carers and maternal figures in our lives by celebrating Mother's Day. We hope you all have an amazing day, please see details below regarding the WPS Mother's Day Stall.

Good luck to our 3,4,5,& 6 students participating in the WPS Cross Country on Thursday. We look forward to seeing as many families down at Willow Park cheering on our students. Further details on the event including age-group times can be found in the Compass Event or in last week's Newsletter.

Next week we will "Move, Make & Motivate" our way through Education Week. There are many engaging activities planned for the week including a Silent Disco, Open Maths Morning and Yard Activities. Further in the Newsletter is information on the week including a schedule.

WELCOME - MISS KEAN

At the end of last Term we farewelled Bridget Glass as she took Maternity Leave. Over the break she welcomed a baby boy! Congratulations to Bridget and Toby.
Kathleen Kean will be the teacher of Wilson 1 for the remainder of the year. A warm welcome from the WPS Community to Kathleen.



EDUCATION WEEK

Next week we will celebrate Education Week. Education Week is an annual celebration of education in Victoria. This year Victoria will celebrate Education Week from Sunday 14 May to Saturday 20 May.
This year's theme is 'Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate', which celebrates physical activity, hands-on learning and student voice in education.

WPS will celebrate this week with a number of events and activities including the following:

Education Week Assembly

All families are invited to attend our weekly assembly where we will launch Education Week through some fun activities.

Silent Disco

On Wednesday all students are invited to participate in the Silent Disco. There is a Compass Event on for families to pay and consent for this incursion.

Open Class Maths Morning

All parents and carers are invited to come along and join in with your student’s class or classes for an engaging Maths lesson on Thursday morning from 9:00 - 10:00am. There is no requirement to sign in or out at the office for this event, please just make your way to your child/ren’s classrooms.

Yard Activities

During various breaks throughout the week our Specialist Teachers will be ***moving, making & motivating*** with our students through a variety of activities in the yard. Be sure to ask your child/ren about these during the week!

5/6 Sport

On Friday afternoon our Winter Sport for Years 5 & 6 begins. We invite all parents and caregivers to come along and support our students as they play their allocated sport against other schools in the region. Specific sports and locations can be found in the Compass Event.

<div>Wodonga Primary School Education Week</div> <div>WODONGA 37 UU</div> <div>Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate'</div>					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
First Block 9.00 - 11.00am	Education Week Assembly 9:00 - 9:30am		Silent Disco Year 2/3/4	Maths Open Class 9:00 - 10:00am	
Lunch	Computer Lab - Just Dance	Japanese - Kendama*		STEM - Paper Planes	*
Middle Block 11.40am - 1.40pm			Silent Disco Year 5/6		
Recess	Art - Sticky Note Art*	P.E - Obstacle Course + Throwing Accuracy		*	
Last Block 2.15 - 3.15pm			Silent Disco Foundation		5/6 Winter Sport 1:15 - 3:00pm

2023 MOTHER’S DAY STALL

All classes will be timetabled to attend the Mother’s Day Stall in the PLC on Wednesday. Gifts will range from \$1.00 to \$10.00. If you would like your child to purchase an item from the stall please give them money and a plastic bag to pop their gift in afterwards. We ask that students bring a no more then \$10.00 to this store.

SLOW FOOD - Year 3

Year 3 have commenced their slow food program with both OS5 & OS6 participating this week. The students participate in theory lessons before putting into practice what they have learnt at Wodonga Senior Secondary College. This week the students enjoyed making Honey Oat bars and french toast for their first experience of the program.



Student Enrolment Forms

Jenny Martin - Enrolments

If you have not returned your Yr 1-5 student enrolment information form, please do asap, so the information can be updated, and then filed away. Even if there are no changes, sign the form and return to the Admin office.

Student Leadership

Maureen Murray - Student Leadership Coordinator

SUNSHINE WALK CUPCAKE SALE THANK YOU

The Student Leaders would like to thank everyone for your support of the Cupcake Sale on Friday. Families and staff who made cupcakes, principals and teachers who helped sell on the day and students who bought cupcakes on the day. We raised an amazing \$332 to add to our team's fundraising efforts.

Music

Aaron Silver - Music Teacher

WPS Silent Disco: Moving Together for Education Week!

To celebrate this year's Education Week theme of Move, Make and Motivate! we are excited to be bringing our school community together for a very special event: our first ever WPS Silent Disco!

This inclusive event will be held at school on Wednesday 17th May during school hours. Each year level will participate in one of the three sessions held throughout the day.

To help the event run smoothly please help by logging consent and payment for the event on Compass as soon as possible.

What is a Silent Disco?

Instead of having loud music playing at the front of the space, each student will be given their own pair of Silent Sounds headphones to borrow for the session. Moving around the space, students will be able to choose between 3 different channels of music (and control the volume of their headphones) with the touch of a button.

To ensure this is a truly inclusive event for all students to enjoy, a sensory/calm space will also be available for students who need a break or need a change of environment during the event.



Maths

Maureen Murray - Mathematics

WPS Maths Newsletter Challenge #2

Maths Tip: Number Recognition

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

Playing with cards is always a fun activity, particularly on a rainy day or school holidays. Some activities to help build your child's automatic number recognition may include:

- Play number games like 'SNAP!', 'UNO', 'SNAKES & LADDERS' etc and using the language of numbers eg: this is what '5' looks like
- Order numbers on a dice or set of playing cards from smallest to largest, or largest to smallest, and talk about which number comes before and after eg: "Oh you flipped over a 1 and a 5. Pushed together this is the number 15. What comes before 15? What comes after 15?"

Weekly Maths Challenge: ADD or SUBTRACT!

W.P.S challenges its students and families to practice their skills of addition and subtraction through this card game.

Scan the QR code to find out more and enter the challenge!

Purpose: To practice the numeracy skills of addition and subtraction.

What you need:

- Deck of cards
- Record Sheet
- Two to four players

Instructions:

The aim of the game is to have the highest total after 20 rounds.

1. Design a record sheet for each player.
2. Take out the jokers and picture cards from a regular deck of cards and then shuffle the pack (ACE = 1).
3. Each player starts with 15 points.
4. Player 1 begins by taking a card from the top of the pack and will add or subtract depending on the value and colour of the card they picked. The RED cards require players to SUBTRACT the value shown and the BLACK cards require players to ADD the value shown.
5. Players will take it in turns to draw a card and record the calculation and work out their running total.
6. Repeat this process until everybody has gone 20 times (If you run out of cards, then just shuffle the pack again).
7. At the end of 20 rounds, the person with the highest total wins!

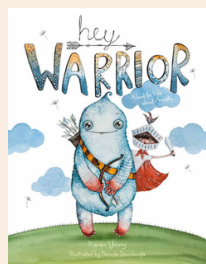


Wellbeing

Wellbeing Team

Whole School Wellbeing focus - Anxiety

Our whole school focus this term is around children understanding what anxiety is and what it does to our bodies. But more importantly, how we can use our 'warrior shields' to help reduce our anxiety. We will use the 'Hey Warrior' text to help children work on their skills to know about and deal with anxiety.



The Hey Warrior text is a book written for kids and adults about anxiety. Kids can do amazing things with the right information. Understanding why anxiety feels the way it does and where the physical symptoms come from is a powerful step in turning anxiety around. Anxiety explained, kids empowered.

Each class within the school have their own Hey Warrior kit, which includes the Hey Warrior book, Hey Awesome book and the plush Amygdala (A-mig-da-la).

We encourage each family to read the text Hey Warrior, together with their children, and explore anxiety together, which can be found on the WPS Wellbeing website.

Engage Learning - Expand Minds

ASSEMBLY CELEBRATIONS



Congratulations to our Happy card recipients



Henry is our Maths Challenge spot prize winner!



Congratulations to Jaxon, Alesha & Ayyash who are winners of our library raffle

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
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
RIN-PA & A.YA Excursion	May 12	Taiko Students only	Compass payment and consent	10/05
Winter Sports	May 12 – Jul 14	Year 5 & 6 Students	Compass payment and consent	10/05
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
WPS Silent disco	May 17	All year levels	Compass Payment and consent	15/05
Willow Park Excursion	June 6	Year 1 Only	Compass Consent	06/06





Mother's

DAY STALL

WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY

Items range from \$1 - \$10