



# Ariel Announcements

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**Engage Learning \* Expand Minds**

Welcome to Week 3,

We have a busy week ahead celebrating our precious mothers and connecting with our community through events honouring the importance and respect held for our mums.

## MOTHER'S DAY STALL: TOMORROW!

Tomorrow, our stall will be open to all students to purchase a gift for Mum, if they wish to. This year, the stall will be held in the PLC. Students can bring a maximum of \$10 to purchase a gift and we recommend bringing a plastic bag to "hide" and transport the gift home. We will be running a make-up sale on Wednesday morning in the Year 6 Pod space for students who missed out or forgot to bring their money on Tuesday.



**Our Parents Social Group have already setup the Mother's Day stall in readiness for tomorrow!**

## EDUCATION WEEK 2021: May 23-28

As per last week's Newsletter, Education Week kicks-off with our Foundation 2022 Parent Information session, hosted by the WFGS at The Cube Wodonga. Please use the Facebook link to access the registration for this event, however it may be most useful for our families' relatives and friends (as our existing families probably don't need to attend the information session).

## 2022 FOUNDATION ENROLMENT PROCESS FOR EXISTING FAMILIES

Today, all families should have received a Compass message with a link to a Google Form Survey which allows our existing families to notify the school of any siblings who'll be commencing at our school in 2022. The information obtained through the Google Form Survey will assist the school in preparing its enrolment capacity for 2022. Thank you in advance for filling out this form prior to Friday May 21<sup>st</sup>.

*Collaboration \* Culture \* Challenge \* Community \* Curiosity*

## STAFFING

This week we send-off Courtney Younie (Year 6 teacher - W12) to enjoy family leave. Courtney was scheduled to commence her leave later this term, however this Friday will be Courtney's last day at school. We wish Courtney and her family the very best in her new adventures into motherhood!



## SQUADS

Today our student leaders ran another SQUADS session where students from F - 6 intermingled for 45-minutes. Today's focus was revisiting our knowledge and use of the Learner Qualities. *Students getting to know students from other year levels* was the Student Voice Feedback. We also continue to have a greater focus on emphasising our House Teams.



Enjoy your week,

*Damian Duncan*, Principal

## USING CSEF FOR EXCURSIONS / CAMPS – YEARS 4/5/6

As excursions come up during the year, the school uses the CSEF funds (\$125 per child, per year) to pay for the cost of excursions/sports, as per DET guidelines. But with camps for Years 4, 5 & 6 being held later this year (Terms 3 & 4), you may prefer to use the funds for camps, which means that as excursions arise, you will have to pay for the excursion and leave the residual CSEF to go towards the payment for camp.

Please contact Faye in the office if you wish to use your child's CSEF funds towards camp instead of excursions.

*Administration Team*

## NAPLAN 2021

Next week all students in Year 3 and Year 5 across Australia will be completing NAPLAN 2021.

In 2018, WPS transitioned to Online NAPLAN where our students and staff access the testing portal and assessment online. Our students have all participated in a practice test and test familiarisation through the NAPLAN testing demonstration site.

We know students will draw upon the learnings from not only this year but their previous years of learning as they complete the NAPLAN tests. We wish all our Year 3 and Year 5 students good luck for the testing window.

*Christine Forrest*, NAPLAN Coordinator

## CANTEEN UPDATE

Our School Council Canteen Taskforce met last week to discuss a number of things including the amount of money students are bringing to spend on snack items (**recess time**) at the school's canteen. As canteen recess sales at school are a snack and not a main meal, we are introducing a \$5 maximum limit that students can spend at snack items. This will ease congestion at the canteen window and ensure students are purchasing a snack that they can consume within the recess play-time. Some students who buy many items do not finish their purchase before they are due to return to class meaning purchased food can often go wasted.

The Canteen staff will monitor this and speak with students who have extra money, which will be returned to them. Snacks are just that, and supplement a student's main lunch items.

**REDUCED MENU:** The reduced menu will unfortunately continue until our bank of volunteer helpers increases in the Canteen. If you are able to help, please contact the school office between 9am and 2pm and ask for Sindy or April.

## WINTER SPORTS 2021

The Winter Sports Program is well and truly up and running for 2021 with our Year 5/6 students busy learning their chosen sport, training and participating in match play. The final logistics of the program have now been finalised and a Compass Event with all the specific program information has been published for consent/payment.

We would appreciate your prompt response to the Compass Event in support of our program.

**Parent/Carer Assistance:** Some of the sports in our program will require parent assistance for the four afternoons we are off-site, and also for Carnival Day.

Teachers coordinating sports that need parent/carers assistance will be sending out an Expression of Interest through Compass to the families of students in these sports. If you are able to support our program by assisting with this request, please respond to the communication that will be sent out by the teacher in charge of your child's sport.

*Blake Maxwellworthy*, PE Coordinator



## KIND STUDENT OF THE WEEK

This week's KIND student is Indi Taig from BR1. Indi was being very kind to students in the courtyard last week.

THANK YOU Indi for caring for our students!

## WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 14 MAY 2021

Wodonga Primary is proud to be taking part in the National Walk Safely to School Day. Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way. We have access to some great crossing near our school that are attended to by council crossing supervisors.

Regular exercise like walking with your child, not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 14 May 2021!

Please note, that this is different to the previous Walk to School events and teachers will not be present at checkpoints around the school.

We look forward to seeing as many students as possible either walking, riding or scooting to school on Friday the 14th of May.

For more information, visit [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)

*Amy Hill*, Coordinator

### 2021 School Camps Update

We are happy to confirm that School Camps for Years 4, 5 and 6 for 2021 will proceed (fingers crossed nothing happens with the Pandemic).

As per previous years, to ascertain attendance numbers there will be an Event on Compass created for each camp where a non-refundable deposit can be paid to 'book' your child into the camp. Once numbers for each camp are finalised a final payment will be calculated and another Event will be created for the remainder of the Camp balance to be paid. To give families a guide, the cost of the 2019 camps were:

Year 4 - \$150

Year 5 - \$250

Year 6 - \$360

| Year Level | Location  | Proposed Dates                                | Deposit Amount & Due Date      | Camp Balance Due Date    |
|------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Year 4     | Echuca    | September 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> | \$50 - July 16 <sup>th</sup>   | August 27 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Year 5     | Borambola | July 20 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup>      | \$50 - May 7 <sup>th</sup>     | June 18 <sup>th</sup>    |
| Year 6     | Melbourne | November 1 <sup>st</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup>    | \$75 - August 20 <sup>th</sup> | October 15 <sup>th</sup> |

As with everything in today's climate, these camps are subject to government restrictions. If a camp is cancelled due to COVID-19 a full refund including deposit will be issued.

## COMPASS 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 |
|------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Year 2 Excursion 1     | May 13     | Mi1/Mi2         | <a href="#">Consent &amp; payment required</a> \$35.00 | <b>May 1</b>               |
| Year 2 Excursion 2     | May 14     | Mi3/Mi4/Mi5/Mi6 | <a href="#">Consent &amp; payment required</a> \$35.00 | <b>May 1</b>               |
| Winter Sports Carnival | May 14     | Year 5/6        | <a href="#">Consent &amp; payment required</a> \$18.00 | May 12                     |
| Akoma Schools' Chorus  | June 19    | Year 3/4 Choir  | <a href="#">Consent &amp; payment required</a> \$51.50 | June 18                    |
| Year 5 Camp Deposit    | July 20-22 | Year 5          | <a href="#">Deposit required</a> \$50.00               | <b>May 7</b>               |

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# National Simultaneous Storytime

...from space!

Wednesday 19 May 2021 [www.alia.org.au/nss](http://www.alia.org.au/nss)

## Give me some Space!

PHILIP BUNTING

#NSS2021  
#1MillionKidsReading

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## Silly Sock Fundraiser

*Organiser: Gemma Kilner – with help from Autumn Press, Katie Stewart and Ashton Carey*

**When? 4<sup>th</sup> May – 13<sup>th</sup> May**

**Socks can be purchased at lunchtime Tuesday and Thursday**

**Where? WPS Courtyard**

**How much? \$5.00 per pair.**

**What for?**

**Royal Children's Hospital  
Melbourne**

