



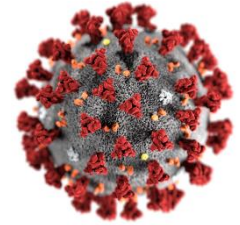
Ariel Announcements

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Engage Learning * Expand Minds

Hello WPS Community,

The Pandemic roller coaster continues to keep us on our toes! Thanks to our families for your support, logging students on at home etc. Managing the learning can be challenging in the home environment. As for students of essential workers, the onsite learning is exactly what students are completing at home. We have a wonderful team of teachers who are volunteering to come in to supervise onsite students.



NOTE: it's vitally important that families who use the school for onsite supervision register their children's attendance via our online form <http://www.wodonga-ps.vic.edu.au/>. This way the school can ensure we have adequate numbers of staff to supervise at school. Thanks in advance for this.

METACOGNITIVE COMMUNITY NIGHT – WALKATHON: Postponed

The re-scheduling of the Community Night and Walkathon will occur once we find out more about the length of the circuit breaker lockdown. At this stage, we are anticipating that school will return to normal on Friday (June 4th), but we can never be certain with this pandemic. Once we have some certainty around the return, we'll reschedule these two events. New dates will be announced in upcoming newsletters.

ROAD SAFETY

We are asking all families of students who walk/ride/scoot to school to speak with their children about using the school crossings. Multiple community members have reported "near misses" to the school of children on roadways crossing unsafely near our school, instead of using the crossings that have supervision. We value the importance of students being healthy and riding/walking/scooting to school, however their safety is extremely important to us. As this problem is occurring outside of school hours, families have the duty of care for their children, so parents please check-in with your children regarding using school crossings. Our health program teaches road safety skills at different times of the year.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

This morning our mid-year Student Led Conference bookings went live on Compass. A notification was sent out to all families. Please log onto Compass and you'll see a notification at the top right hand side your page...

Parent Student Teacher Conference
2021 Student Led Conferences
[Click here for booking](#)

Please continue to be patient and supportive of us during this time, we aim to keep families of our school informed as soon as we have current and accurate information from the Department of Education. Take care all and be safe.

Sincerely, *Damian Duncan*, Principal

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LIONS JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION.

Here is a great way for students to make use of lockdown!

We have extended the timeline for students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 to register to participate in the Lions Junior Public Speaking Competition. Information for the content of speeches is attached along with the registration form. Speeches for Years 3 & 4 should be 3-minutes long and for Years 5 & 6, 4-minutes long. We are planning for the in-school competition to be held in Week 10 of this Term.

Maureen Murray, Coordinator

SPORTS UPDATE

Division Cross Country

Unfortunately, the Division Cross Country has been postponed. Our Division Coordinator is currently attempting to organise a new date for this event. Families will be provided with all the details when a new date has been finalised.

F-3 Water Safety: Term 3

Students from Foundation, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 are scheduled to participate in a Water Safety Program during Term 3. Water Safety is an important part of the curriculum and it is compulsory for all students to attend. The program is subsidised by the Department of Education & Training to assist in making it accessible for all students.

Please keep an eye on Compass for your child/ren's 'Event' which provides details of program dates and times and other supporting information. This Compass Event will require your consent and payment of the \$20 program fee. CSEF can be used to pay for this program, please contact the office to advise. If you have any questions regarding this program or any issues navigating the Compass Event please contact the school office. We appreciate your support of our Water Safety Program.

Blake Maxworthy, PE Coordinator

EVENTS WILL ONLY PROCEED IF COVID-19 LOCKDOWNS ARE LIFTED

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
GRIP Student Leadership Conference	TBA	Selected students	Consent required	May 31
Winter Sports	June 4 & 11	Year 5/6	Consent & payment required \$18.00	CLOSED
Quantum Victoria	June 7	Selected Yr 6 students	Consent required	May 21
Fathering Project Event	June 10	Opt-in	After school event, 5.30-6.30pm – more details in following newsletters	June 8
Hoop Time	June 15	Selected Yr 5/6 students	Consent & payment required \$14.00	June 8
Courage to Care	June 15/16/817	Years 5/6	No Cost – please consent on Compass	June 14
Akoma Schools' Chorus	June 19	Year 3/4 Choir	Consent & payment required \$51.50	June 18
Winter Sports Carnival	July 16	Year 5/6	Back-Up date: July 23 or 26 th	CLOSED
Year 5 Camp Balance	July 20-22	Year 5	Deposit required \$210.00	June 18
In The Groove	August 2	Years 4/5/6	Consent & payment required \$5.50	July 30