



Ariel Announcements

No. 1 ~ February 1, 2021

Engage Learning * Expand Minds

Welcome to 2021 at Wodonga Primary School.

It's great to be back at school and returning to some of our structures and routines. A huge thank you to our community for your support during COVID restrictions, as well as preparing your children for the start of school. Last week our classrooms and yard play was very settled. Additionally, our teachers and staff have done a wonderful job of setting up classrooms and learning spaces ready for kids. They look bright and welcoming, ready to ENGAGE LEARNING and EXPAND MINDS.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

We have seven new staff commencing at our school this year, along with four staff members returning from leave. Please make them welcome and be sure to say "hi" if you see them at school in the coming weeks, or at our "Community Night".



BRENDON PEISLEY
WI6



MOLLY HARI
EL6



CASSANDRA QUINE
CH6



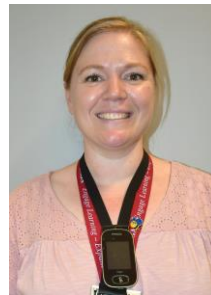
TARA CHAMBERS
HU6



LAURA DARMODY
MI1



LACHLAN MEEHAN
OS5



OLIVIA GUILLE
HU3



KIRBY HILLIER
BR5

*Collaboration * Culture * Challenge * Community * Curiosity*



ERIN COOPER
Guidance Officer



LAURA RAMPLING
WI1



GRADY BRYANT
MI5

2021 CLASSROOMS

Over the break, we have added another two classrooms to our school. The addition of a 6th Year 5 Class and a 6th Year 6 Class is due to increased enrolments. We now have six classrooms at every year level across the school.

Classes are identified by the building in which they are housed, eg. Year 2 classrooms are in the Mitchell Building, so their names begin with MI, where MI stands for Mitchell.

- Cherry Building (Foundation) = CH1, CH2, CH3, CH4, CH5, CH6
- Brockley Building (Year 1) = BR1, BR2, BR3, BR4, BR5, BR6
- Mitchell Building (Year 2) = MI1, MI2, MI3, MI4, MI5, MI6
- Osburn Portables (Year 3) = OS1, OS2, OS3, OS4, OS5, OS6
- Huon Portables (Year 4) = HU1, HU2, HU3, HU4, HU5, HU6
- Elgin Portables (Year 5) = EL1, EL2, EL3, EL4, EL5, EL6
- Wilson Building (Year 6) = WI1, WI2, WI3, WI4, WI5, WI6

Please see the school map at the end of the Newsletter for a full overview of the school.

TUTOR LEARNING INITIATIVE (TLI)

The Department of Education has launched a “catch-up” learning program in response to the impact on student learning in 2020. All schools across the state of Victoria have been partially funded and directed to implement a tutoring program for eligible students. Our school has embraced the initiative and put in place six tutors that will work across our school providing critical support to students who meet the criteria. We are very excited to run this level of support in our school and look forward to monitoring its success across the entire 2021 school year.

As the initiative is new, there are still components that are still being communicated to school. We'll know more over the coming weeks. So, if your child talks about being in a small group with a teacher other than their classroom teacher, it may be the TLI Tutor. Communication to parents and further information will be provided when it's at hand. Our Small Group Tutors are:



**ROSEMARY
CHURCH**



**HANI
MIR-HERBERT**



**LYN
DERWENTSMITH**



**CATHY
RUSSELL**



**MERYL
WILCOX**



**KATE
CHARLTON**

ANNUAL COMMUNITY NIGHT

Our annual back-to-school Community night is planned for Tuesday the 9th of February. This will be a night of fun, and a great opportunity for families to connect with the school, and fellow parents. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions we are unable to provide the free BBQ, so we are asking parents to bring a picnic dinner if they wish.



We aim to make the night short and sweet, as it is a school night. The following is an overview of the evening. Please be sure to social distance when on-site, as well as wear your mask if you can't keep your distance. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

5.00pm	Classrooms open for families to explore
5.30pm	Welcome in Courtyard
5.35pm	Explore Activities: 7 activities around the school
6.15pm	Picnic time and socialise
6.30pm	Prizes and farewell

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our final School Council meeting for the 2020 Council group will be held during the week of February 15-19th at 6pm. Councillors will be advised via email. This meeting will be a culmination meeting for councillors who contributed to our school governance throughout 2020. We will thank our outgoing councillors and discuss outstanding business from the past two months. Information around the 2021 School Council structure and nominations will be outlined in the next newsletter.

SLOW FOOD: Year 3

Our Year 3 Slow Food program commences this week. OS6 (Mr Bramich) commences on Tuesday followed by OS5 (Mr Meehan).

Slow Food is running on Thursdays (theory sessions) and Fridays (cooking in the WMYC Huon Campus kitchens). It will be a rotating schedule where two classes will participate in the program each week. Parents will soon be provided with a calendar explaining which days their child's class will be involved in the theory and cooking sessions.

The cost of the program is \$150 for the whole year. Please pay at the school office before the end of Term 1. And if you're eligible for CSEF, please check with Faye in the office prior to paying.

Have a great week,
Damian Duncan, Principal

HOME READING AT WPS IN 2021

As part of our focus on literacy and also community connection to school, we have started a review of the WPS homework and Home Reading policies. The school council currently has a task force aligned to Home Learning and we are looking to launch an online reading hub that can support families at home with age appropriate support / references to help with reading with your child at home.

As part of this support, the school will work alongside the task force and school community to strengthen our understanding of the importance of home reading and what is the ideal frequency and duration for your child to read at home. The Home Learning task force is looking at some great initiatives to support and encourage children to read at home in 2021.

We encourage families to read to and with their child each night and we will continue to communicate the task force progress and updates through the school newsletter.

Christine Forrest, Assistant Principal/Curriculum Coordinator

FOUNDATION PHOTOS

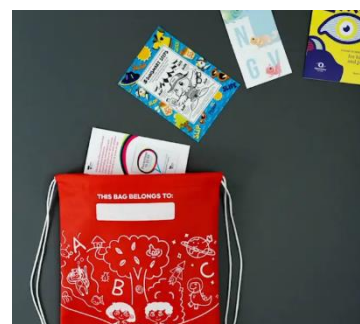
On Monday February 15th, Leading Image Photography will be at our school taking photos of all 2021 Foundation students for our database. The purpose of these photos is to ensure we have updated identification of all students in Compass and other school programs. These photos are not available for parents to purchase. However you will still be able to see your child's photo on their Compass landing page.

Our annual school photos will be taken in Term 3 when parents will be given an opportunity to purchase copies (more details then).

Christine Forrest, Assistant Principal

FOUNDATION BAGS

Last week, all Foundation students took home their very own 'Prep Bag' from the Victorian Government. A great initiative that provides free library books and key information for Foundation families to support in the transition to school.



PARENT & RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION SCHEDULE

We hope that you have enjoyed some time to rest, re-connect with family and friends, and are ready for the new adventures the school year has for us! Please find attached, the information from Gateway Health about parenting programs that are available and will be running throughout Term 1.

Kind regards, The Wellbeing Team

UPDATES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

3/4 CHOIR

As mentioned in this morning's assembly, Year 3/4 Choir kicked off at lunchtime today and is open to all Year 3 and 4 students who submitted an expression of interest form in 2020. Students who have not submitted a form, are still very welcome to come along provided they take a form home to get signed (these will be available at rehearsal).

Due to such a high volume of students interested in 3/4 Choir, only those students who have demonstrated a high degree dedication and effort during rehearsals will be invited to continue singing in Choir in Term 2.

This means that students who wish to participate throughout 2021 (not just in Term 1) including special choir performances and experiences will need to attend all rehearsals unless they are absent or have a valid excuse.

A big thank you to Tara Chambers (Year 3) for lending her musical skills to the choir this year.

PERFORMANCE CHOIR (YEARS 5 & 6)

WPS is really excited to be launching a new performance group open to all students in Years 5 and 6 who love singing and music and want to perform for others.

To get this exciting group off the ground Mr. Silver will be joined by Year 6 teacher (and musician) Laura Rampling. Rehearsals start at lunchtime on Friday 12th February.

Look out for a signup sheet that will be coming to all classes this week.

WODONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL

PERFORMANCE CHOIR 2021

A new opportunity for Year 5 and 6 students!

For students who love music and want to perform awesome songs for others.

Friday Lunchtimes in Term 1



PERFORMANCE CHOIR SINGUP SHEET!

NAME	CLASS
 <p>Look out for this form in class!</p>	



SCHOOL BANKING

Following recent announcements from the Victorian Minister for Education, we regret to inform you that schools will no longer run a School Banking program in 2021.

eCANTEEN

REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR CHILD'S CLASS SO THEIR LUNCH IS DELIVERED TO THE CORRECT CLASSROOM!



We will continue to use eCanteen for parents to submit lunch orders online through from the convenience of home any time. Simply logon to eCanteen.com.au and setup your account.

The system can be used on any device without the need for installation. It is mobile compatible as a free simple App. The eCanteen online ordering system is designed with parents in mind. Many of its features are designed to make the process of ordering from the canteen convenient and simpler for parents.

Families are encouraged to follow the link above to setup their User Account. You can use a current email or Facebook account to set this up, avoiding the need to create new passwords.

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
Swimming Trials	Feb 3	Years 4-6	Consent & payment required \$7.50	TODAY
Community Night	Feb 9	Whole community	See flyer in newsletter	N/A
Slow Food Program	Various	Year 3	Consent & payment required \$150.00	April 1
Brass & Woodwind Tuition	Term 1	Selected students	Consent & payment required \$82.40	Feb 7
Foundation Photos	Feb 15	Year F	11am onwards – please wear school uniform	N/A

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2020, you do not need to complete an application form in 2021 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2021 or you did not apply in 2020.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2021.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



Wodonga Primary School Plan 2021_V1

.....marks Student Entry Gates

Brockley Street ↑

Years F-2 Oval

Courtyard

Mitchell Building: Year 2

Elgin Ext: Year 5

Osburn Ext: Year 3

Wilson Building: Year 6

Osburn Building: Year 3

Years 3-6
Oval & Cricket Pitch

Clean	Store	PE Store
Girls		
Boys		
Ariel Centre Meeting Rm		ARIEL CENTRE (GYM)
Canteen Sindy/April		PHYS ED Blake Maxworthy
Foyer		
CLUB 37		MUSI C aron
Off	Store	

Eating Area

Brockley Building: Year 1

Office Entry

STAFF CAR PARK

TUTORS

↓ Mitchell Street

↓ Wilson Street

Last update: January 25 2021

STEM
Khamal Sarkis

TECH
Chad

JAPANESE
Elyssa Webster

Cherry Tree Lane ↓

FROGS

Shed



HU4
Cara Pfeiffer

HU3
Olivia Guile

CH4
Amy Rooke

CH5
Jess Townsend

CH7
Kirsty Wakefield

CH3
Bridget Glass

CH6
Cassandra Quine

CH2
Danielle Slocombe

CH1
Maddi Crothers

OFFICE 1
PSYCHOLOGIST / GUIDANCE
Fiona Stanley / Erin Cooper

OFFICE 2
ENGAGEMENT SUPPORT LEADER
Ryan Gordon

HU5
Arlene Wilson

S/R

HU6
Tara Chambers

HU2
Carissa Fox

S/R

HU1
Natasha Dedic

EL3
Melisa McInnes

S/R

EL4
Stefani Telford

EL2
Joanne Russell

S/R

EL1
Nick Mammone

EL5
Rebecca Perston

S/R

EL6
Molly Hari

OS1
Ingrid Clark

S/R

OS2
Sabrina Jarrett

WI5
Jo Coleman

WI6
Brendon Peisley

WI1
Laura Rampling

WI4
Lauren Donohue

WI2
Courtney Younie

WI3
Tina Way

PROF LEARNING CENTRE
PLC

COMPUTER LAB
Emma Walker / Stacey Anderson

LIBRARY
Wendy Plunkett & Tracey Chadwick

WELLBEING
Elaine Payne

LIBRARY OFFICE

BR4
Dannielle Hines

BR3
Chris Moxey

BR2
Elisabeth McGuire

BR5
Kirby Hillier

BR6
Alecia Williams

BR1
Varina Petersen

MI5
Grady Bryant

MI6
Alisha Watson

MI1
Laura Darmody

MI4
Nicola Hayes

MI2
Katrina McGrath

MI3
Lisa O'Donnell

OFFICE
Maureen Murray
Alicia Hayes
Amy Hill
Meryl Wilcox
Kelly McGregor

STAFFROOM

Staff Toilets

FIRST AID

Administration

Business Mgr
Chantal Gardner

Principal
Damian Duncan

Christine Forrest

James Harris

Jye Williams

OFFICE

BOARD RM

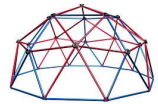
OS4
Karen McLeod

OS5
Lachlan Meehan

OS3
Ashleigh Landgren

OS6
Matt Bramich

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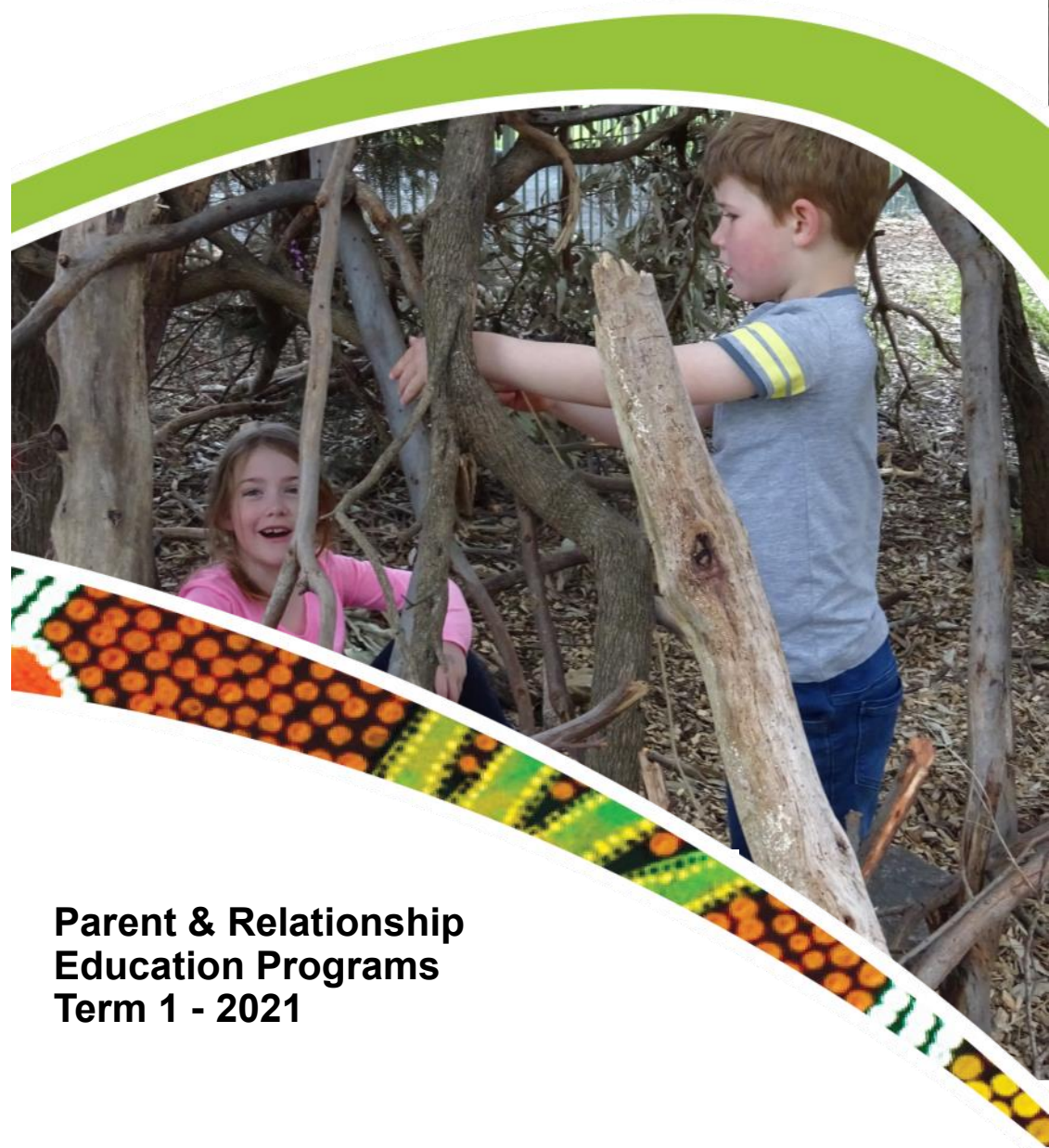
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**Parent & Relationship
Education Programs
Term 1 - 2021**

Parent & Relationship Education Programs –Term 1, 2021

(bookings essential for all programs)

Program	Venue	Date	Time	Phone:
Positive Parenting Telephone Service (PPTS)	Free call telephone service	Ongoing	day & evening appointments	1800 880 660
WODONGA				
Tuning in to Kids emotionally intelligent parenting (2-10 years)	Gateway Health Training room (G10) 155 High St, Wodonga	Saturdays 27th February to 27th March 2021	10am - 12pm	Intake Team (02) 6022 8888
Tuning in to Teens Emotionally intelligent parenting (10+ years)	Gateway Health Training Room (G10) 155 High St, Wodonga	Tuesdays 23rd February to 30th March 2021	6pm - 8pm	
Bringing Up Great Kids	Gateway Health Training Room (G10) 155 High St, Wodonga	Thursdays 25th February to 1st April 2021	10am - 12pm	
Mother Goose (0-2 years)	Gateway Health Conference Room (B1) 155 High St, Wodonga	Wednesdays 3rd February to 31st March 2021	10:30am -11:30am	
ONLINE via ZOOM				
Emotion Coaching Connecting With Our Teens (10+) (2 hour workshop)	Online via Zoom (invite via email)	Tuesday 19th January 2021	10am - 12pm	Intake Team (02) 6022 8888

Please note that registrations for group programs is essential as spots are limited due to Covid-19 safety protocols. Please contact our intake team on (02) 6022 8888 for any questions or to register your interest.

