



Ariel Announcements

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Engage Learning * Expand Minds

What a fantastic start to the school year we've had. Our school aims to Engage Learning and Expand Minds, and from the onset we've managed to start the year with this motto coming alive.

Thanks to the 385 families who attended our Community night on Tuesday. Feedback from students and families has been overwhelmingly positive and we acknowledge the efforts families put into being challenged by our mathematical experiences in the various areas across our school. We aimed for families to engage in the mathematical processes and thinking that students use when entering an opened-ended learning experience.



A special well done to Toby Thorpe who along with his father, persisted in the "Nine Colours" activity. Here's a photo of Toby who continued to persist at home.

Additionally, I'd like to acknowledge and thank the Wodonga Lions Club for being

part of the night! Their voluntary commitment to our school helped tremendously on the night. Thank you Julie and your team!

SCHOOL STRUCTURE

Attached to the Newsletter is our School Structure which outlines the broad roles of our staff as well as the flow of communication for families. The communication tree assists families to identify key people for communications regarding their children. The structure also supports students within our school as each year level has Principal class support, a Learning Specialist, and ultimately their classroom teacher.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council contributes toward the direction of our school and is an important component in ensuring the big picture of our school's direction is achieved. This year, we have four parent positions available on School Council (Duration: 3 positions are for 2 years, and 1 position is for 1 year). If you wish to be part of the governing board of our school, please drop by the office and pick up a SC Nomination form after 12pm tomorrow. School Council is a great way of being involved in many aspects of Wodonga PS.

Full details of the SC Election process is attached.

*Collaboration * Culture * Challenge * Community * Curiosity*

LEADERSHIP

This year, the Leadership Structure of our school continues to provide support to families, teachers and students from various vantage points.

- James Harris, Assistant Principal's role focuses on *Building Practice Excellence*. James is aligned to Years Five and Six.
- Christine Forrest, Assistant Principal's role focuses on *Curriculum Planning and Assessment*. Christine will be aligned to Foundation and Year One teachers, students and families.
- Jye Williams, Assistant Principal's role focuses on a *Positive Climate for Learning*. Jye will be aligned to Year Three and Four teachers, students and families.

Another element of Leadership at our school is the continuation of the leadership roles entitled "Learning Specialists". These roles are a DET statewide initiative aiming to build transformational leadership capacity in schools at the classroom level. Every year level including the Specialists (Art, PE, Music, Japanese and STEM) have a Learning Specialist. The attached Communication Tree explains the flow of leadership and classrooms so families can identify their contact points and the school's commitment to improving outcomes for all.

							
Cara Pfeiffer Year F	Alecia Williams Year 1	Alisha Watson Year 2	Mat Bramich Year 3	Molly Hari Year 4	Brendon Peisley Year 5	Ryan Gordon Year 6	Khamal Sarkis Specialists

Over the next few newsletters, I'll be sharing other new initiatives of the school to support our school improvement goals.

PLC LINK LEADER

This year, our school has a special responsibility to the Department of Education schools through its commitment to improving the education system in which we work.

Wodonga Primary School was a Professional Learning Community Pilot school from 2016 to 2017, whereby our school focused on developing a positive learning culture of its staff in order to improve teacher practice.

The Department has acknowledged our work and has appointed one of our staff members to be a Link Leader where we are charged with supporting other schools in their school improvement initiatives and improving student outcomes. Maureen Murray is our Professional Learning Community Link Leader who'll be sharing our practices with other schools as well as visiting schools to support them in building a positive adult learning culture. It's a great opportunity for our school and we are very proud of the appointment of Maureen to oversee this important work.



I will be on leave from the 18th of February for two weeks. James Harris will be Acting Principal while Brendon Peisley will be Acting Assistant Principal during my absence. The school is in great hands!

Have a great week,
Damian Duncan, Principal

CSEF: Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund

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 seekers 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.**

TO APPLY: Complete a CSEF application form, available from the school office. We will need to photocopy your Centrelink Card when you return the form.

Any queries, please contact Faye at the school office on 6048 0300.

VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOL'S STATE TEAM NOMINATIONS

Please see full details at the end of this newsletter.

DEFENCE SCHOOL MENTOR 2019

My name is Meg Foster and I am the new Defence School Mentor (previously called the DSTA) at Wodonga Primary School. While I am new to the area, I have worked in schools for a number of years in different roles, including as a Primary Teacher.

I look forward to working with and supporting our Defence students and families at Wodonga Primary School in 2019. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to new Defence families to the school and of course welcome back to our current Defence families.

Megan Foster, DSM

REMINDERS

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 12	Selected students	Consent & payment \$13.50	Feb 12
Slow Food	Weekly	Year 3	Payment required \$150	Apr 5
Brass Tutoring	Feb 18 onwards	Selected students	Payment required	Feb 15
Bogong Leadership Camp	Feb 22-24	Selected students	Consent required	Feb 15
Year 6 Camp	Mar 4-6	Year 6	Consent & payment balance \$285	Feb 22
Year 5 Camp	Mar 4-6	Year 5	Consent & payment balance \$200	Feb 22
Year 4 Camp	Mar 7 & 8	Year 4	Consent & payment balance \$100	Feb 22

Victorian Schools State Team Nominations

February 11, 2019

Dear Parents,

The Victorian Schools State Team Nominations for 'The Big 4' (Basketball, Australian Football (AFL), Soccer or Netball) due date is fast approaching. Other sports also offering State Trials are Cricket and Tennis. If you would like to nominate your child/ren in **Grade 6**, to trial in any of these sports please email me. It is essential your child/ren participate in the sport outside of school and have a good skill set and understanding of the game. I must stress that it is not a 'come and try' day. It is an expectation that the students who attend trials have base fitness and good skills.

The process is mostly completed online through SSV (School Sport Victoria) and Cricket Victoria. If your child/ren wish to trial for any of the listed sports please contact me as our school is strictly limited to three (3) students per sport. Please note, for the Big 4 there is a \$25 non-refundable payment required when nominating your child/ren, this is to cover administration fees and the cost of running the trials.

Important dates:

- Big 4 - Football, Basketball, Soccer and Netball trials to be held in Term 2 during April (official dates to be confirmed). **Online registration 1st March.**
- Cricket trials to be held mid-March. **Online registration 1st March.**
- Tennis trials to be held in Wodonga on a date to be confirmed. **This trial is not online.**

Please email me prior to **15th February** to indicate your child/ren's interest.

Once I have considered all applications and conducted our own school trials I will contact you regarding official registration of your child/ren in their chosen sport. I will then also keep you updated with official dates for the trials as soon as they are confirmed by the organiser.

Please note, it is the parent's responsibility to take their child to trials. If your child/ren are successful in being selected please be aware there will be further costs for travel, uniform and administration.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

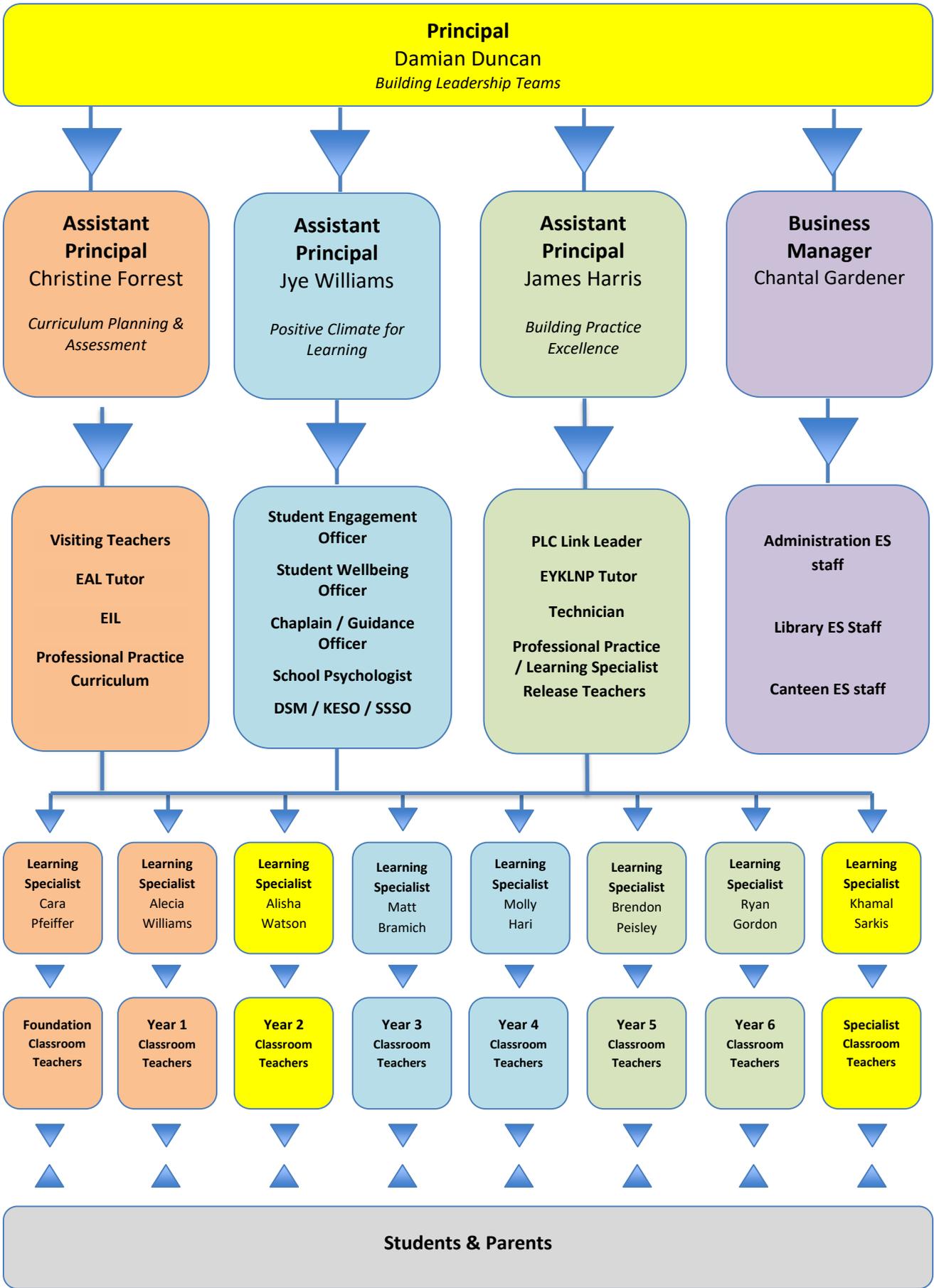
Thank-you,

Blake Maxworthy

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Wodonga Primary School - 2019 Communication Tree





WODONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION 2019 TIMELINE

EVENT	DATE
a) Notice of election and call for nominations	Monday February 11, 2019
b) Closing date for nominations	Wednesday February 20, 2019
c) Date positions declared or election announced.	Thursday February 21, 2019
d) Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	Tuesday February 26, 2019
e) Close of ballot	Tuesday March 5, 2019
f) Vote count	Thursday March 7, 2019
g) Declaration of poll	Friday March 8, 2019
h) Special council meeting to co-opt Community members (the principal will preside)	Monday March 18, 2019 (prior to SC meeting)
i) First council meeting to elect office bearers (the Principal will preside)	Monday March 18, 2019

Schedule 4 Notice of Election and Call for Nominations 2019

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Wodonga Primary School.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school office and must be **lodged by 4.00 pm on February 20th**.

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted via the school's website and Compass. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

If a ballot is required, information will be provided by February 26th .

Membership category	Term of office	Number of positions
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2019 and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021.	3
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2019 and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020.	1
DEECD employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2019 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021.	1

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.



Damian Duncan
Principal