



# Ariel Announcements

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Engage Learning \* Expand Minds

Dear Wodonga Primary School community,

Welcome to Week 4. We are glad to report we have settled classrooms that are well into the rigour of learning! Today's newsletter will continue to communicate systems and structures in our school that is helpful information to families.

Please follow the following two links to see our physical classroom layout and also the yard supervision map.

- a. [School Map](#)
- b. [Yard Supervision Areas](#)

## 2022 TEACHER LED CONFERENCES

Next week, we are running our annual Teacher Led Conferences. We see the connection made between school and home as vital for the success of our learners. To accommodate families remotely, this year's Teacher Led Conferences will be conducted via Zoom meetings. However, exceptions can be made for families who require a face-to-face meeting. Families who request a face-to-face meeting are required to be vaccinated in order to enter buildings at our school.

### Teacher Led Process:

1. Families will receive a Compass Newsfeed today with a link to the Conference booking system.
2. Families choose a time for their child/ren's conference: **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February or Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.**
  - There are three times slots each morning (8:20am, 8:30am and 8:40am)
  - The afternoon timeslots are from 3:20pm to 4:50pm.
3. On Monday February 21<sup>st</sup>, families will receive an email and Compass Newsfeed providing families with a link to the Zoom meeting for their morning or afternoon timeslot.
4. When families log into the Zoom meeting, you will be placed into a "waiting room". When it's your scheduled time, the classroom teacher will allow you into the Zoom meeting.
5. The meetings are for 10 minutes where the classroom teacher will update you on how your child has settled into school this year and their current learning needs. IF families need additional time to talk with the classroom teacher, please let the teacher know and we can schedule additional meetings.



\* please note that all students who have had and SSG are not required to schedule a meeting.

## MASK PROVISION FOR STUDENTS

Provision of masks to students has been supplemented by the school, however our stocks are now exhausted. Parents are reminded that they need to purchase and provide these to students in Years 3-6 if they are choosing to wear them. Thanks for your support.

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## YEAR 5 BORAMBOLA CAMP: March 2-4

Thank you to our Year 5 parents and caregivers for your prompt replies to the request for information last week. The school is happy to confirm that the 2022 Year Five Camp to Borambola will proceed on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. With recent policy changes at the State level, please note that school camps are a user-pays event as school camps are now defined as “Extra-Curricular Activities” and are not a formal part of the curriculum.

At this point in time, we have 50% of our attending Year 5 families who have consented and paid for the camp. We urge the remaining families to get on Compass and do this as soon as you can. The **due date for consent and payment is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February**. Further information including COVID-safe measures, packing lists and medical forms are to follow.

## YEAR 4 CAMP: March 15 & 16

The Year 4 Camp is scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Year 4 families, communications regarding the camp will be sent directly to you via Compass this week.

## NATIONAL APOLOGY DAY

At this morning’s assembly, our student leaders led our school in acknowledging the National Apology

### Charli addressed the background:

*On this day in 2008, former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd apologised on behalf of the nation for past laws, policies and practices that have impacted upon Australia’s First Nation’s Peoples, particularly members of the Stolen Generations.*

*Today marks the fourteenth anniversary of the National Apology to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and is a significant day in Australia’s history.*

### Jack addressed the apology:

*We will now read part of former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd’s speech from 13<sup>th</sup> February 2008:*

*We apologise especially for the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, their communities and their country.*

*For the pain, suffering and hurt of these Stolen Generations, their descendants and for their families left behind, we say sorry.*

*To the mothers and the fathers, the brothers and the sisters, for the breaking up of families and communities, we say sorry.*

*For the future we take heart*

*A future based on mutual respect, mutual resolve and mutual responsibility.*

*A future where all Australians, whatever their origins, are truly equal partners, with equal opportunities and with an equal stake in shaping the next chapter in the history of this great country, Australia.*



Have a great week,

*Damian Duncan*, Principal

## FOUNDATION PHOTOS: February 15<sup>th</sup> (tomorrow)

Tomorrow, Leading Image Photography will be at our school taking photos of all 2022 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).

We look forward to seeing their smiling faces tomorrow morning.

Regards, *Christine Forrest*, Foundation Transition

## CSEF – CAMPS, SPORTS, EXCURSION 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 (please see the document attached). Sign and date the form, and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF process for 2022 closes on June 24, 2022. We will need to photocopy your Centrelink Card when you return the form.

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/carer concession card being validated successfully with Centrelink on the first day of either Term 1 (31 January 2022) or Term 2 (26 April 2022).

If you applied for the CSEF at WPS in 2021, you do NOT need to complete an application form in 2022, 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:

- Changed family circumstances, such as a change of custody, change of name or change of concession card number.

For more information, please visit <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

*Paula Van Willenswaard*, Finance Officer

## HOME LEARNING PROGRAM

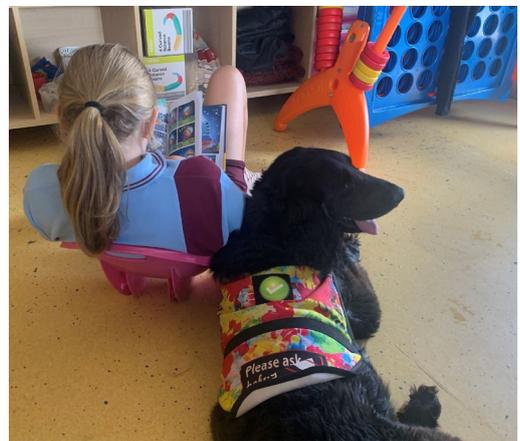
Thank you to all the students and parents/carers who have logged their reading in the past week. It has been great to see so many families engaging in the school's new Home Reading initiative. We encourage families to make reading a regular routine and logging this experience with your child at home. We will be collecting and using the data over the year to ensure classroom libraries and the school library have books available that are of interest to the students, so the more data we have, the better we can cater for the interests of our students and encourage the love of reading.

To further support this and with a focus on **Years 3-6**, we ask that you click on this link with your child and fill out the quick survey for us to gain a more detailed insight into your child's reading interests. This is because in these year levels, most of the time levelled home readers are not taken home and students purely select from interest.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Z\\_-UcmurRiUinz9Z5q849pLVfmlfzTFvESxENZVk9fl/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Z_-UcmurRiUinz9Z5q849pLVfmlfzTFvESxENZVk9fl/edit?usp=sharing)

We hope you have enjoyed looking over the new Home Learning website. There is a lot of information on there that can support parents/carers with reading at home. We will focus on one area each week and this week we are looking at 'What is Home Reading at WPS?' Under the first 'green pin' of "Home Reading" there are suggestions on how often and how long to share a book with your child. We understand all family routines are different. Here are some suggestions where home reading may fit for your family eg. consider reading before school whilst at breakfast time, in the car or whilst cooking dinner. Reading is great when purposeful, you might find reading a recipe together is a great way to connect and read for purpose.

*Lisa Harrison & Alecia Williams*, Literacy Lead Teachers



Barkley enjoys reading too

## GEM AWARD



Mia and Mia from EL3 received the GEM certificate this week.

## SECOND-HAND UNIFORM DONATIONS

The school is in desperate need of second-hand uniforms to provide to families. If you have items at home that your child/ren no longer need, please consider sending them to school. Items should be in good wearable condition. Thanks in advance.

## SPORT UPDATE

**DIVISION SWIMMING:** The Upper Hume Division Swimming Carnival is being held this Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February. The students who were successful in being selected for our WPS Division team are:

Adella Churches	Charlotte Moore	Ciara Delany	Ava Copeland
Indi Benson	Bianca Walsh	Ruby Cardwell	Jimmy Hart
Benjamin Davey	Darcy Thorpe	Kye Linssen	Blake Maybury-Crow

We wish our students all the very best for when they compete on Friday.

**SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA – STATE TRIALS:** School Sport Victoria is once again offering students in Years 5 and 6 the opportunity to trial to be part of the Victorian State Team in a variety of sports.

All Year 5/6 families today received a Compass message and email that includes all the information for the registration process. If this is something of interest, please read all the information provided in the message carefully.

*Blake Maxworthy*, PE & Sports Coordinator

## 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
Brass & Woodwind Tuition	Weekly	Selected students	<a href="#">Payment &amp; consent</a> required	Mar 28
Division Swimming	Feb 18	Selected students	<a href="#">Consent &amp; payment</a> required \$6.50	Feb 16
Bogong Leadership Camp	Feb 18-20	Selected students	<a href="#">Consent required</a> , no cost	Feb 14
Hidden Creatures Workshop	March 1 & 4	Year 4	<a href="#">Consent required</a> , no cost – opt in	Feb 18
Last Day of Term 1	April 8	All students	<b>Early finish, 2.30pm</b>	N/A
Public Holiday	April 25	Whole School	<b>Anzac Day</b>	N/A
Pupil Free Day	April 26	Whole School	<b>Staff Professional Development</b>	N/A
First Day Term 2	April 27	Whole School	<b>School starts at 9.00am</b>	N/A