



Ariel Announcements

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Engage Learning * Expand Minds

Welcome to Week 9,

This term has definitely flown by and we are down to our last two weeks of school. A lot of work has gone into setting our students up for success during this term which included;

- Our Community Night “Magic Maths”
- Teacher Led conferences
- Our camps program
- Formation of Student Leadership programs
- And most importantly, the establishment of our wonderful learning cultures in our classrooms.

TERM 1 YEAR LEVEL ASSEMBLIES

Don't forget to connect with your child's learning and our school through attending our Year Level assemblies this week. It's a great opportunity to send positive reinforcement to our students around learning. Your involvement is truly important to the success of our school.

The schedule is again included for your information.

Commencement Time	Monday March 25 th	Tuesday March 26 th	Wednesday March 27 th
9.15am		Year 2	Year 3
12.15pm	Foundation	Year 5	Year 6
2.15pm	Year 1	Year 4	

EASTER HAT PARADE & RAFFLE

Easter Raffle books have been sent home with the eldest child in each family. We are asking every family at WPS to sell one book of 10 tickets. Tickets are just \$1 each and winners will be drawn at our Easter Hat parade on the last day of term, Friday April 5th. Additional raffle books are available from the office.

If you are able to donate items to help us make up lots of Easter prizes, we'd appreciate your support. All Easter goodies and raffle stubs/money are to be handed into the office by April 3rd. Proceeds from the raffle will go towards purchasing film-making equipment in the STEM area.

In WPS tradition, students are encouraged to create an Easter Hat at home with their family and bring it to school on that day. As a whole school, we will parade around the gym from 9:10am to 9:45am. Please mark this special WPS tradition on your calendars.

*Collaboration * Culture * Challenge * Community * Curiosity*

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2019

Last week, we conducted our SC AGM (Annual General Meeting) whereby we elected our new executive members for 2019. The parent engagement on School Council is a vital part of our school governance and we look forward to a healthy and rewarding year with the following team of councillors: Parents - Greg Pinkerton, Trish McGuire, Sarah Maybury, Reid Bedson, Corrie Pierce, Emily Bramich, Beth Laverick, Crystal Egan; and Staff – James Harris, Bridget Glass, Maureen Murray.

Congratulations to your parent members who were elected as office bearers within Council. All school councillors are open may approach any school councillor. We will update our website with all photos after the next SC meeting.



President: **Greg Pinkerton**



Vice President: **Trish McGuire**



Secretary: **Sarah Maybury**

I thank this team of parents and teachers in anticipation of a great year ahead.

Have a great week,

Damian Duncan, Principal

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Not all disrespect towards women results in violence. But all violence against women starts with disrespectful behaviour. Disrespect starts with the beliefs and attitudes we develop from a young age. Our children form their beliefs from the world around them – what they hear, see and talk about; and from the stories, people and experiences that are an integral part of their childhood.

We just want what's best for them. Though sometimes, without meaning to, we ignore disrespectful behaviour, prefer not to get involved or make excuses to protect our children. As parents, family members, teachers, coaches, employers and role models, we can have a positive influence on young people and set the standard for what is and what's not acceptable, right from the start.

Some important things to highlight in our conversations with children:

- The importance of respect between people, no matter what their age, gender or background.
- Having the confidence to speak out against disrespectful attitudes and behaviours.
- That male intimidation, humiliation or aggression towards females is not OK and should not be tolerated.
- The need to respect personal privacy and boundaries in relationships.

As notified in previous school newsletters and school insights, WPS are hosting a parent information session about our next Respectful Relationships units. Parents and carers are welcome to join the information session on **Tuesday March 26th (tomorrow) from 5.00 - 5.45pm in the PLC.**

Christine Forrest

NAPLAN ONLINE: Coordinated Practice Test

The NAPLAN Online Coordinated Practice Test is being held prior to schools moving from pen and paper tests to online tests. It is an opportunity for schools to become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test platform and to identify any technical or administrative issues. Wodonga Primary School has passed our technical readiness survey and will be participating in the next stage through the Coordinated Practice Test.

This Thursday March 28th, Year 3 and Year 5 students will complete the Coordinated Practice Test using our school netbooks to trial the online platform. The test stage allows us to identify any further technical supports required before moving forward. The test is a compilation of subject areas and is administered in a non-threatening environment. Please contact Christine Forrest or your child's class teacher if you have any further questions.

More information about the Formal 2019 NAPLAN process will be provided to families early next term.

Christine Forrest

ACTIVE APRIL: Registration & Consent

The Premier's Active April is a Victorian Government initiative that encourages Victorians to participate in 30 minutes of physical activity each day during April.

To complete the registration, we recommend you visit:

www.activeapril.vic.gov.au/schools to download the Information for Parents

flyer that explains the health and wellbeing benefits of joining Premier's Active April and outlines the great incentives and prizes you can win by registering.

This year, our school will be participating in Premier's Active April and we are asking students to join their school team and get more active and join the fun.

There are two options below showing you how to register and join our school team. Please contact the school if you need further information.

Registration and Team Details

Log in / Register	activeapril.vic.gov.au
Team ID	wodonga-primary-school
Team Name	Wodonga Primary School

Once registered, students will have the option to join multiple teams. We encourage you to register your whole family and create a family team as well, enabling you to share the experience and keep each other motivated.

How to join our school team:

1) If your family is already registered:

Log in to the Active April web or mobile app using the student's username and password

Go to the Teams page and select "Request to join a Team".

Enter the Team ID (see above) and click "Send Request"

A notification will be sent to the teacher who created the team. After the teacher accepts the request, the student will see the team details when they next log in.

2) If your family are not registered

Register at activeapril.vic.gov.au – register yourself first, then register family members.

Once registered, your child can use their unique username and password to access the Activity Tracker and program incentives.

In the top right navigation, change "Logged in as:" to the relevant child's name. You'll now be viewing the Activity Tracker app as though you are logged in as this user. NB: you may need to refresh the page to see this.

Go to the Teams page and select "Request to join a Team".

Enter the Team ID (see above) and click "Send Request".



A notification will be sent to the teacher who created the team. When the teacher accepts the request, the student will see the team details when they next log in.

Let's all get active together this April!

VISUAL ARTS: Wodonga Show

Collaborative artwork was entered into the Wodonga Show last weekend. Congratulations and well done to the Grade 3s and 4s for their large collaborative tiled work, gaining a Highly Commended for their year group. Congratulations also to a group of Grade 6 girls, as their collaborative piece of work inspired by Keith Haring called "The Connection Globe", was given Third Place for their age group.

Kirsty Wakefield, Arts Coordinator



GUESS HOW MANY EGGS!

Have you had a guess yet to see how many Easter eggs are in the jar?

Students can come to the office each snack and have a guess for 50c! The winner will be drawn at our whole school assembly in Week 10.

Ije Williams, FROGS Coordinator



TESSELAAR BULB DRIVE

Remember to order your spring bulbs via the Tesselaar link below. All proceeds will facilitate garden upgrades to the school's entry. Order forms are available from the office, or you can order directly online following the link: www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/WodongaPS

Orders close on April 5th, 2019 and bulbs will be delivered directly to your home address. The fundraiser is brought to us by Tesselaar with a good percentage of the total sales' dollars being returned to the school. We look forward to being able to create a more inviting entrance to our school grounds with your support.



WMYC YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS 2020

Missed the WMYC information session? You can watch the full presentation on their YouTube channel. For further information about our transition program please refer to their website:

<http://www.wmyc.vic.edu.au/year-7-information-evening-2019/?fbclid=IwAR2-fn3286d2hlpQwFUsunVreozZmos9LE2cuLJiTxMkottuqr50Tx7upJc>

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
Olden Days Dress-Up	March 26	Year 1	No cost / 9am parade in the Ariel Centre	N/A
NAPLAN Practice Test	March 28	Years 3 & 5	Online 'test' practice sessions	N/A
Federation Student Voice	April 2	Student Leaders	Consent required / no cost	April 1
Community Walk	April 4	Foundation	Consent & payment , \$4	April 2
Easter Hat Parade	April 5	Whole school	Wear your Easter hat to assembly	N/A
Easter Raffle	April 5	Whole school	Egg donations / tickets due by.....	April 2
Last Day Term 1	April 5	Whole school	2.30pm finish	
Easter Monday	April 22	NO SCHOOL	Public Holiday – NO SCHOOL	
Term 2 commences	April 23	WHOLE SCHOOL	9am – 3.15pm, regular school day	
Science Discovery Dome	April 24	Year 5	Consent & Payment , \$10	Apr 19
Anzac Day	April 25	WHOLE SCHOOL	Public Holiday – NO SCHOOL	
School Day	April 26	WHOLE SCHOOL	9am – 3.15pm, regular school day	
Bendigo Discovery Centre	May 3	Year 2	Consent & payment \$33	May 1