



Ariel Announcements

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Engage Learning * Expand Minds

Welcome to Week 3 Families and Caregivers,

The Wodonga School Community, like the rest of Australia, was saddened by not being able to come together for the 2020 Anzac Day remembrance. I would like to acknowledge our Defence families, past and present, and pay our respects to all of Australia's war heroes. This year, our tribute was digital which we posted on our school's Facebook page. Thank you to our Student Leadership group and staff who created the tribute.

<https://www.facebook.com/WodongaPrimarySchool/videos/1532299593603132/>



REMOTE LEARNING

As we settle into a new normal, the school is further developing our support and assistance for students and families. You may have already noticed the developments made in your child's Google Classroom, where teacher videos and instructions are in the form of video messages and instructions from teachers. Our staff are working hard to ensure there is differentiation in the learning and that we provide prompt feedback to our community.

SUPPORTS FOR PARENTS

We have created some helpful "Loom" videos for parents to access in order to support their child's remote learning.

Loom videos are short videos of the computer screen with a staff member's voice laid over the video providing explanations. You can access these via Compass. Simply click on the "Community" icon (two person silhouette) and then on School Documentation. Under the Remote Learning Tutorials folder there are a number of folders: Essential Assessment, Google Classroom and Reading Eggs to assist you.

There is also a Loom Video there on how to use reading strategies when listening to children read, focused on F-3.

Step One:



: listed for each of your children to explore the portal.
your mobile phone number and email address up to date

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Step Two:

Remote Learning Tutorials For Parents

This folder contains the following:

 F-3 - How to use reading strategies when listening to children read.

 Essential Assessment

 Google Classroom

 Reading Eggs

POWER INTERRUPTION: West Wodonga

It has been brought to the school's attention that some areas of Wodonga might have short-term power outages tomorrow (April 28th) in West Wodonga. **Affected families**, please postpone learning during these times, and if this is too challenging, resort to some quiet reading and writing time with your children.

ATTENDANCE CHECK: Remote Learning

Every morning when your child logs onto Google Classroom they will see the morning welcome message from their classroom teacher. This is a consistent practice across all 40 classrooms at Wodonga Primary School. Students are asked to write "Good Morning" on their 'Stream' so that the classroom teacher knows they have logged on. It's important that we do this so we can track the engagement of students who are remote. Well done to all students and families who have made this a part of their currently daily practice already!

Here is an example of a morning message from OS6.....



Mathew Bramich
07:28

Good morning OS6! I hope you had a wonderful weekend and enjoyed both the fine weather on Saturday and some important rain on Sunday. I am looking forward to another week of learning with you all, we have some interesting lessons planned, including a Principals Task on Friday with Mr Williams.

This is today's timetable

- Reading
- Writing
- Fruit Snack & Movement Break
- Computer Lab
- Maths
- Lunch Break
- Discovery
- Wellbeing

Have a wonderful day today. As part of your morning checkin today, I want you to do two things;

1. Say good morning to me and comment with something you'd like to share from the weekend.
2. Click reply on one other student's post to say good morning to them.

Have a great week all, keep safe!

Damian Duncan, Principal

GOOGLE CLASSROOM UPDATE

Thanks to everyone for your positive attitude during the roll-out of Google Classroom. We are continually refining the use of this resource in response to feedback from students, parents and teachers. The following two points are important things to be aware of;

- Work will be uploaded each Sunday evening for the following week. This will mean that work from the previous week will no longer be available in your child's 'Classroom'. They can however access anything attached when handed in, by going to 'Google Drive'.
- Teachers appreciate it if you can 'hand in' any items that are listed as assignments. These items have a 'clipboard' as the icon.

A Video explaining these items further can be accessed by clicking on the following link or accessing them on Compass in the School Documentation folder; [click here](#)

This video explains how to hand-in items of work (assignments), or access them on Compass in the School Documentation folder; [click here](#)

Matheu Bramich, Learning Specialist Year 3



We are ready to READ at Wodonga Primary School. After a change in the digital platform and some delays with usernames/passwords, the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge is up and running.

As you know, reading helps ensure children develop important foundational skills that set them up for school and for life. Just as importantly, reading also helps our kids imagine, explore and learn more about the world around them.

Tomorrow, you will be sent an email where you can view your child/children's Premier's Reading Challenge username and password, the booklists and other information regarding the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge.

We are aware that access to books is difficult during this time, but you may search for books on websites such as;

- **Story Box Library**
 - Username - **WodongaPS**
 - Password - **0037**
- **Storyline Online**
 - www.storylineonline.net/
- **Borrow Box**
 - Upper Murray Regional Library membership required

All enquiries regarding the Challenge are to be forwarded to Wendy in the Library.

Wendy Plunkett, Library Technician

DEVICES & INTERNET

A big reminder to families who need to borrow a computer or have no internet at their home. Please make contact with the school by emailing your needs to wodonga.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

2021 PROSPECTIVE ENROLMENTS

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all students and their families who are considering joining the Wodonga Primary School community in 2021 and beyond. Choosing the right school for your child is an important decision and we look forward to sharing this journey with you.

Our information sessions, school tours and enrolment interviews provide a fabulous opportunity to view our facilities, see our students in their learning environment, and ask any questions you may have about Wodonga Primary School.

However, as we continue to be vigilant to mitigate the spread of this Coronavirus (COVID-19), it is important to adhere to the protocols associated with social distancing, good health and the Victorian Government's Lockdown requirements. Therefore, all onsite information sessions, tours and enrolment interviews are cancelled until further notice.

We would like to apologise for any disappointment this may cause. We are currently working through a range of alternatives to provide families with information about the enrolment process for Wodonga Primary School.

We will communicate more with the community around online information sessions and enrolment information soon.

Christine Forrest, Foundation Transition Coordinator