



# Ariel Announcements

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Engage Learning \* Expand Minds

Welcome to Week 5 families and friends!

We are so excited about this week, where there are many opportunities to connect with families and celebrate learning at Wodonga Primary School. We are proud of our school and look forward to sharing our many great learning practices with the wider community. Be sure to try and come to some activities across the course of the week.

**Wodonga Primary School values parent participation and involvement.**  
**Education Week is a great time for our school to share many of the engagement initiatives at Wodonga Primary School.**

SUNDAY MAY 19	MONDAY MAY 20	TUESDAY MAY 21	WEDNESDAY MAY 22	THURSDAY MAY 23	FRIDAY MAY 24
<b>Parent Information Session</b> 10.00—11.00am <i>PLC (Wilson St Building)</i>	<b>Whole School Assembly</b> <b>Art Show</b> <b>Musical Performance</b>	<b>Bedtime Story Night</b> 6.00pm <i>Library</i>	<b>Career Aspirations Dress-Up</b> (all day—whole school) <b>Simultaneous Story Time</b> 11.00am <i>Courtyard</i>	<b>Community Night</b> <b>TEAM focus</b> 6.00pm <i>Ariel Centre</i>	<b>ACTIVE WPS DAY</b> <b>Walk to School</b> 8.30-8.50am Various starting points
Informative parent session providing prospective 2020 Foundation families with detailed information about Wodonga Primary School. <b>Please RSVP before May 17</b> by calling 02 6048 0300.	School choirs and special musical performance at 9.10am in the Courtyard.  Student artwork displayed in the Ariel Centre. Opening ceremony held during the Assembly.  Viewing on Monday & Tuesday, 8.45am – 3.45pm		Students from Federation of Government Schools are invited to consider their career aspirations and come to school dressed-up in character/uniform.  Keep an eye out on Year Level communications for specific activities.  Shared reading Australia-wide Alpacas with Maracas	Families invited to join us in the Gym to take part in a range of interactive, fun activities that promote teamwork and collaboration.	Meet our staff at designated points and walk to school together.  Share a healthy fruit snack in the courtyard afterwards.  <b>More details in the newsletter, Facebook and Compass soon.</b>
			<b>2020 Japanese Tour Info</b> Session—Yrs 4/5 5.00pm <i>PLC</i>		<b>Staff V Students Game</b> 11.30am Wilson St Oval  <b>5/6 Sport Launch 2.00pm</b>  A Year 6 class will compete against our staff in a game of kick-ball rounders.  Get along and support our students as they participate in the first Winter School Sports of 2019.

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At this morning’s assembly, we were treated to some special musical performances from our choir singing the “Welcome” song from the Dhungala Choral Connection Song Book. Mr Silver also had a special performance for us this morning with RAPA (Regional Academy of Performing Arts) performers doing a choreographed dance in front of our entire school. Caitlyn from RAPA talked about how she followed her dreams and aspirations to become employed in a career that she loves..... dancing. This ties in with the Education Week theme “Celebrating Careers”.

Collaboration \* Culture \* Challenge \* Community \* Curiosity



It was lovely to see the great turnout of families, giving our students an opportunity to perform before a greater audience.

## COMMUNITY NIGHT

On Thursday evening we'll be hosting a family night in the Ariel Centre.

The theme is "Teams" and families will be challenged with unique activities that will require family members to work successfully as a team using their collaboration skills.

The night is built around fun, extending our focus on improving student's abilities to collaborate in a variety of ways.

Great prizes will be awarded to families who collaborate through all 12 activities!!





**TURN TAKING**

*Show respect and value for the skills, experiences, creativity and contributions of group members.*



**ENCOURAGING SELF & OTHERS**

*Assist others in solving problems and achieving team goals by sharing credit for ideas with group members.*



**ACTIVE LISTENING**

*Listen to and acknowledge the feelings, concerns, opinions and ideas of others, by giving eye contact and responding respectfully.*



**MEANINGFUL LEARNING**

*Learners acquire knowledge and skills, apply it, and retain it.*



**SHARING & PARTICIPATING**

*All group members equally give and receive ideas, opinions and feedback to and from each other.*



## REBEL GIRLS

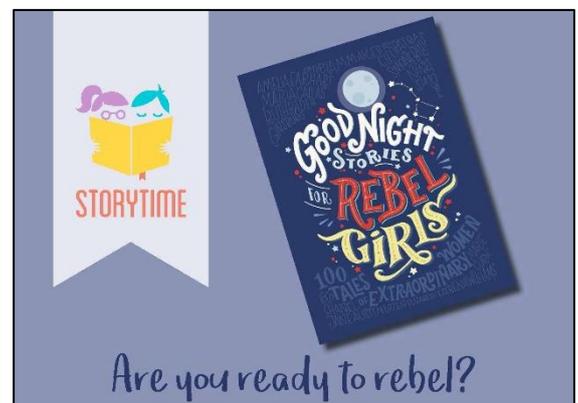
Parents and children are invited to join us for an extra special night time 'Storytime' reading of Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls, a book introducing us to 100 remarkable women and their lives. A selection of stories will be shared and discussed by local men and women who are rebelling against gender stereotypes. What if the princess didn't marry Prince Charming but instead went on to be an astronaut or an activist?

This event is aimed at children aged 0 to 12 years.

**When:** Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup>, 6.00 – 7.30pm

**Venue:** Wodonga Library

Please see the attached flyer for full details.



Have a great week,

*Damian Duncan*, Principal

## 2020 ENROLMENTS

It was wonderful to have so many prospective families join us at our 2020 Foundation Information Session yesterday. We are always very proud to showcase the excellent teaching and learning programs that occur at Wodonga Primary School and to share with families the learning environments that are well established within our school.



Over the coming weeks we will be welcoming many families through our classrooms with formal enrolment interviews and tours.

Existing families who have students starting Foundation in 2020 are able to now collect their enrolment forms from the office, please ensure you provide a copy of the Birth and Immunisation Certificates when returning the forms. New families will need to book an enrolment tour. This can be done through the front office. We look forward to welcoming many new families to our Wodonga Primary School Community. Enrolments close on August 31, 2019.

*Christine Forrest*, Transition Coordinator

## NAPLAN 2019: Years 3 & 5

Congratulations to all our Year 3 and Year 5 students who participated, and our staff who supported the 2019 NAPLAN tests. Our transition to Online NAPLAN was very successful and the students seemed at ease with navigating the new platform and test devices. Parents of Year 3 and 5 students will receive an individual report in August about your child's results. The test results will give families and the school a snapshot of how students are progressing - individually, as part of our school community and nationally.

At WPS, we will be using the results to celebrate success, inform our planning and address areas that may require improvement across the school. Well done again to everyone involved.

*Christine Forrest*, NAPLAN Coordinator

## WALK TO SCHOOL DAY: May 24<sup>th</sup>

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.



You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

**Join WPS on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 8.30am and Walk Safely to School with us!** Drop-off points to meet staff walking to school are at:

1. RBR Party Hire- Thomas Mitchell Drive
2. Bluey's Bait & Tackle- Thomas Mitchell Drive
3. Sacred Heart Church - Beechworth Road; school side of road so no crossing of Beechworth Road is required.

## EARN & LEARN 2019

We are again participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn campaign for 2019. Simply collect stickers as you when you pay for your groceries at any Woolworths Store, and pop them onto a sticker sheet (available from the school office), fill the sheet and bring it into school. At the completion of the campaign (June 25<sup>th</sup>) we can apply to receive brand new sporting equipment based on the number of stickers collected.

When the campaign ran in 2017, we collected over 38,000 stickers – which equated to just under 1 full sticker sheet per student at school. Let's see if we can collect 1 full sticker sheet per child this year – go WPS!



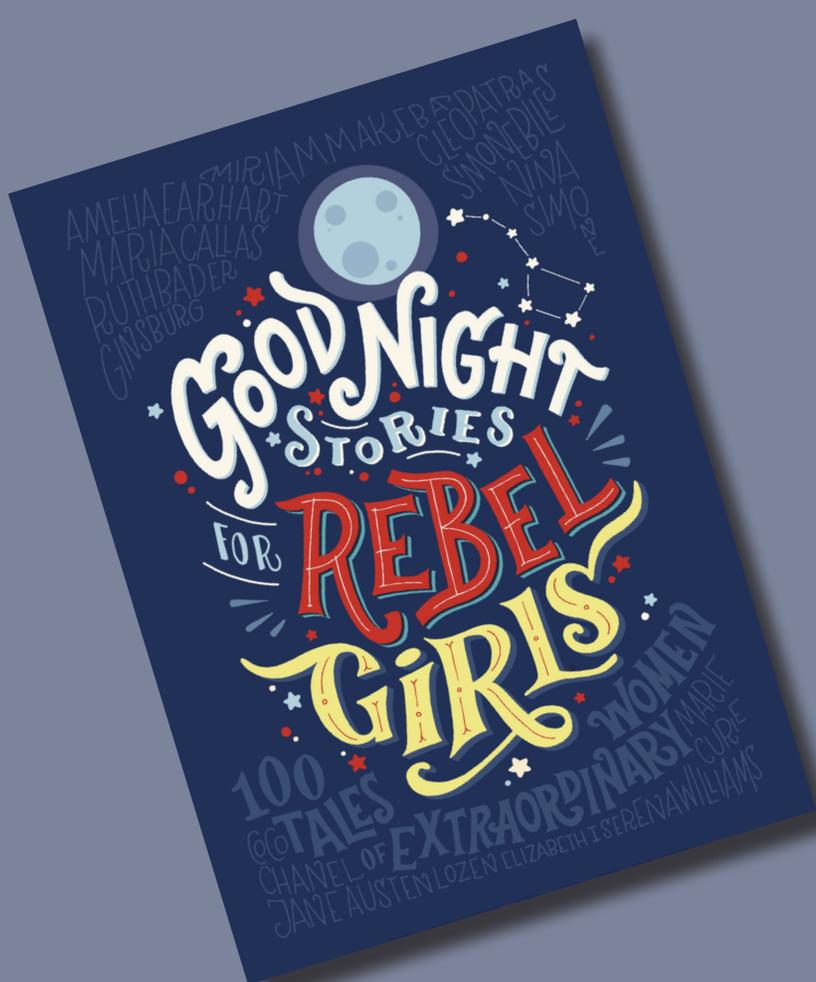
## REMINDERS

### Stay in touch with Events / Activities – using Compass as your information base

Event / Activity	Event Date	Who	Information on Compass	Consent / Payment Due Date
Education Week	May 20-24	Whole School	<a href="#">Refer to the attached Timetable</a>	N/A
Winter Sports	24/5, 7/6, 14/6, 19/7	Years 5/6 Various Venues	<a href="#">Consent &amp; payment required</a> \$12	May 22



STORYTIME



# Are you ready to rebel?

Thursday, July 4

6pm to 7.30pm, nibbles from 7pm

Wodonga Library

Cost: Free

Bookings essential

[https://wl2019\\_rebelgirls.eventbrite.com.au](https://wl2019_rebelgirls.eventbrite.com.au)

What if the princess didn't marry Prince Charming but instead went on to be an astronaut or an activist? What if the jealous stepsisters were supportive and kind? And what if the queen was the one really in charge of the kingdom?

Children and parents alike are invited (dressed in your PJs if you wish!) to join us for an extra special night-time Storytime reading of *Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls*, a book that introduces us to 100 remarkable women and their extraordinary lives. A selection of stories will be shared and discussed by local men and women who are rebelling against gender stereotypes to succeed in their chosen pursuits.

Aimed at children aged 0 to 12 years with their parents and caregivers.

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