



Ariel Announcements

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Welcome to Week 6

We have commenced the week a little soggy, let's hope it dries out a bit later in the week for our Upper Hume Division Cross Country event. Thank you to all our families who joined us last week for our Education Week celebrations. It was great to see so many of our families on site and connecting socially with the school, as well as taking a peek in our classrooms to see some learning occurring. Please check our Facebook Page for photos of...

- The Big Breakfast
- Open Classrooms - Tuesday and Thursday
- Our 3/4 Performance Choir in the Courtyard
- Simultaneous Reading
- Winter School Sports carnival.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

We are entering into our reporting season at school. Teachers are working hard on preparing to write your child's mid-year report. **Mid-year Reports** (Semester Reports) will be live on Compass on **Friday June 17**. The reports are a reflection of teacher judgement of your child's acquisition of the Victorian Curriculum. They are a progress report for families to identify learning strengths and challenges.

Accompanying Semester 1 Reports are our annual **Student Led Conferences**. They will be occurring on Thursday June 9, after school and into the evening (3:30pm – 6:50pm) and on Friday June 10 (8:30am - 12:00pm). **A reminder that the 10th of June is a Pupil Free Day.**

Student Led Conferences are an important part of our reporting requirements where parents and caregivers see the nuances of their child/ren's learning and have an intimate look at examples of their child's progress. Student Led Conferences are designed for students to have a voice in explaining their current learning and their successes. It is also a time that parents and caregivers can ask questions and also celebrate achievements. If parents need a more in depth conversation with their child's teacher, please ask this of the teacher at the end of the conference and a time will be booked the following week to further explore any concerns/information.

Today you would have received a Compass Newsfeed directing you to a link where you can book your Student Led Conference. We strongly urge you to book a conference time with your child's teacher, therefore sending the message to our children the importance of school and being a learner. If you have any challenges booking a conference time, please email your child's teacher, or contact the office.

- [Profile](#) (Attendance, Schedule, Reports)
- [Send email to Levi's teachers](#)
- [Add Attendance Note](#) (Approved Absence/Late)
- [View Academic Reports](#)
- [Book Parent Student Teacher Conference](#)



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GEM

Our GEM student of the week for this week is Amelia L from Year 5. Great job Amelia on showing empathy to our school.



Have a great week, and be sure to get on and book your Student Led Conferences.

Damian Duncan
Principal



NATIONAL SORRY DAY & RECONCILIATION WEEK

Last Thursday, 26th of May was National Sorry Day. As a school we did various activities in our classrooms as well as combined year level art works coordinated by Mrs Wakefield. Three of these artworks were unveiled today at our assembly where we not only recognised Sorry Day but also National Reconciliation Week. The remaining artworks will be completed on Mrs Wakefield's return and will be displayed throughout the school.

Reconciliation Week (27th May - 3rd June) is a time where everyone is encouraged to 'Be Brave and Make Change.' We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation and together we can build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures and futures.

Carlee Hill, Wellbeing & Engagement

LIONS JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Congratulations to all the students who competed in the Lions Junior Public Speaking competition on Wednesday. The judges were very impressed with the quality of the speeches, including the research undertaken and the presentation. We would like to thank the Wodonga Lions Club members; Julie Wilkins (chair/host), Marie Furze (judge), Marie Archer (timekeeper) and Geoff Young, guest judge from the Wodonga Apex Club. Our winner for Years 3&4 was Lousse Anne Esteibar and the runner up was Mia Nelson. The winner for Years 5&6 was Emma Hortle with Audrey Catherwood the runner up. Lousse Anne and Emma will go onto the district competition next term.



Maureen Murray, Student Leadership Coordinator

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LATE ARRIVALS & EARLY DEPARTURES

As from Monday 30th May 2022 parents will no longer sign in/out students on paper, we will be utilising the functions of Passtab which will streamline processes at the office and increase child-safe accountability. The process is quick and easy, two iPads located at our front office are available to access this and our friendly office staff are here to assist you.

COMPASS

Just a reminder to parents/carers that you can log that a student will be absent via Compass. If you are having trouble logging in or need assistance with navigating Compass, our friendly office staff are here to help you.

Adding an Absence Note or Approval on Compass

If you know that your child is going to be absent from school (e.g. scheduled family holiday, medical appointment, illness), you can enter notes and approvals in advance. That way, it will eliminate the need to contact the office/teacher, as is all recorded online (unless it relates to Covid cases).

To do this from your Compass homepage:

- If you are using the Compass app, click on 'More' (bottom right corner), and then click 'Open in browser'
- Underneath the student's photo, click on the 'Add Attendance Note/Approval' link. (View photo below)
- This will take you to the Attendance screen, with a pop-up window to enter details of the note or approval.
- Select the applicable date range and the reason.

Where possible, attendance notes should be entered prior to the absence/lateness occurring.

Edie Allen

- Profile (Attendance, Schedule, Reports)
- Send email to Edie's teachers
- Add Attendance Note (Approved Absence/Late)**
- View Academic Reports
- Order Photos
- Book Parent Student Teacher Conference

Attendance Note Editor

Note Details

Person: Edie ALLEN

Reason: Medical/Illness

Details/Comment: Feeling unwell - have a medical appointment this afternoon

Potentially Affected Sessions

Activity	Start	Finish
OSGEN_05A (Yr 5 Gene...	08/02/2021 09:00 AM	08/02/2021 12:00 PM
OSGEN_05A (Yr 5 Gene...	08/02/2021 12:30 PM	08/02/2021 03:30 PM

Important Notice

In clicking 'Save', you understand, certify and accept that you are a listed parent/guardian for this child, and the information above is correct, and this online approval does NOT constitute a medical certificate, and students enrolled in VCE are required to submit a medical certificate to the school in addition to this approval; and any fraudulent action or intentional misuse of this feature may result in administrative, criminal and/or civil action against you (by your registered school, affiliated entities and/or the product issuer).

Start: 08/02/2021 09:00 AM

Finish: 08/02/2021 03:30 PM

Save Cancel

Any absence or lateness you are unsure about, will need to be resolved via a phone call to the school office on (02) 6048 0300.

LIBRARY - Victorian Premiers Reading Challenge

[Here are the rules students need to follow to meet the Challenge.](#)

- All Wodonga Primary School students have been [registered](#) for the challenge.
- Usernames and Passwords have been generated for all students
- Each year level must read a certain number of [books](#) during the Challenge;
 - **Years F-2** : 20 challenge books and 10 choice books
 - **Years 3-6** : 10 challenge books and 5 choice books
- Students in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 can read books by themselves or with someone else.
- Get a coordinator at your school to [verify](#) that you've read the books you've registered online.



Happy reading! *Wendy Plunkett*, Library Technician

PE & SPORTS NEWS

DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY

This Friday, June 3rd, 60 WPS students will compete in the Upper Hume Division Cross Country Event. This event will take place at Willow Park Wodonga with races scheduled to start at 12:15pm.

Spectators are welcome to attend the event to cheer on our students.

Any WPS community members who would be available to assist the Event Director as a Course Marshall on the day please contact our front office or Mr Maxworthy directly via email. (This role would involve occupying a station on the course to assist in maintaining supervision of the runners during the race and ensuring they are all completing the course correctly).

The 1st 12 place getters in each age group will progress to the Regional Cross Country in Benalla on Friday 17th June.

We wish all our students the very best of luck in the event!

SSV AFL TRIALS REPORT



The WPS community would like to congratulate Ben Star, Jett Bradshaw and Kye Linsen on their achievement of progressing through to the 3rd round of trials for the Victorian State Australian Football Team.

On Sunday 29th May the 3 boys travelled to Bulleen in Melbourne to trial against some of the finest young footballers in our state of Victoria. From all accounts the boys gave their all, putting their high-quality football and teamwork skills on display for the selectors.

At the conclusion of the day the selectors named Kye Linsen to progress through to the 4th and second last round of trials. Kye will once again travel to Melbourne this Sunday 5th June to compete in this competition.

We would like to further congratulate Kye for this outstanding achievement and wish him the best of luck as he aims to qualify for the final round of trials.

Blake Maxworthy, PE & Sport Coordinator

CHOIR NEWS

Exciting Event for 3/4 Choir Members!

Mr. Silver and Mrs. Chambers are excited to be able to offer a special opportunity for 40 - YR 3/4 Choir students to go and see 'BYTEsized Productions' presentation of Disney's, The Lion King Jnr at the Albury Entertainment Centre on Saturday 25th June.



After singing "I Won't Grow Up" from Matilda the Musical, we are keen to give our 3/4 Choir the opportunity to see a real life musical.

Students who are interested will need to pay the ticket price to the front office to ensure we can all sit together.

Students will also need to be dropped off and picked up from the event (more information will be provided closer to the date!).

A Compass event is now live and numbers need to be known ASAP, so please confirm or decline by the end of the week if possible to help us know the numbers. We only have 40 tickets so, if need be, these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Please know that this event is optional and we understand may not be possible for many choir students- especially as it is on a weekend and in the holidays.

Please "decline" the event if your child cannot (or does not wish to) attend the event.

There are also a limited number of adult tickets. If you are interested in coming, please send an email to aaron.silver@education.vic.gov.au to find out how you can come along too.

Aaron Silver & Tara Chambers, Choir Leaders

YEAR 6 CAMP

The Year Sixers have arrived in Melbourne and have enjoyed exploring the CBD as well as going up The Eureka SkyDeck. The weather certainly hasn't dampened their spirits and they look forward to a night playing Ten Pin Bowls and playing arcade games.

Tomorrow they're off the Markets, a river cruise on the Yarra, Melbourne Museum and IMAX followed by pizza on Lygon street. Wednesday will see them visit City Hall prior to heading home.

We thank all teaching and ES staff along with the parent helpers for assisting in making the camp happen. A special thankyou to Mel McInnis for doing an amazing job in organising the camp.



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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
Year 6 Camp	May 30-Jun 1	Year 6		N/A
COVID Vaccination Clinic	May 31	All	Open from 2pm – 6pm	N/A
Division Cross Country	June 3	Qualified students	Consent & payment required \$7.50	June 1
Student LED Conferences	June 9 & 10	Whole School	Bookings open on Compass now	N/A
Winter Sports	June 17	Year 5/6	Closed	N/A
Choir – Lion King	June 25	YR 3/4	Consent & payment required \$25.60	June 13
Pupil Free Day	June 10	Whole School	Student Led Conferences	
Public Holiday	June 13	Whole School	Queen's Birthday	
Pupil Free Day	June 21	Whole School	Professional Practice Day for Teachers	
Last Day of Term 2	June 24	All students	Early finish, 2.30pm	
First Day Term 3	July 11	Whole School	School starts at 9.00am	