



Ariel Announcements

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Engage Learning * Expand Minds

Welcome to Week 7




Well, winter is definitely here folks! Thank you to all our families who have been vigilant around COVID, cold and flu symptoms. As much as we want students at school, preventing the spread of illness is our priority. This morning's Whole School Assembly was held over WebEx due to the cold and wet.

As we are approaching the end of the Semester we look forward to our communication to families regarding the progress of learning. Student LED conferences kick off this process later this week, followed by the formal Semester 1 Written Report which will be available on Compass Friday the 17th of June.

A reminder that this Friday, 10th of June is a Pupil Free Day.



PLEASE be sure to schedule your Student Led Conference on COMPASS asap.

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



GEM (Gratitude, Empathy & Mindfulness) STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Abi Almond received this week's GEM award for showing great Gratitude to Wodonga Primary School! She was seen picking up rubbish and making our school look beautiful!



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FAMILY LEAVE

We wish Jessica Townsend and her family all the very best for the arrival of their 2nd child next month. Friday will be Jessica's last day in MI3. Jess will be replaced by two returning family leave teachers, Molly Hari and Courtney Younie. Welcome back Molly and Courtney.



YEAR LEVEL ASSEMBLIES

We are excited to celebrate learning via our termly Year level Assemblies. These will be held on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd (see schedule below). Parents are welcome to attend as we are holding the assemblies in the gym. With only one year level at time, we will meet space and distancing restrictions in our COVID safe plan. Students who are receiving an award will be communicated to via Compass. When you arrive at the school, please make your way direct to the gym.

	Wednesday 22 nd	Thursday 23 rd
9.10am – 10.10am	Foundation	Year 1
10.15am – 11.15am		Year 3
LUNCH		
12.10pm – 1.10pm	Year 6	Year 5
RECESS		
2.10pm – 3.10pm	Year 2	Year 4

CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS

Child Safety at Our Federation Schools

The new Child Safe Standards and Ministerial Order 1359 begin on 1 July 2022. In preparing to meet the new standards, schools will build on existing child safety strategies, policies and practices to strengthen their culture of child safety and protect children from abuse.

The Victorian Child Safe Standards are being updated on July 1. The schools within the Federation are updating their Child Safe Policy and Code of Conduct.

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback on the documents below:

Draft Child Safe Policy [Child Safe Policy Standard](#)

Draft Child Safe Code of Conduct Policy [Code of Conduct](#)

These two policies were presented to School Council at the May meeting and will be endorsed at the June Meeting (15th of June). All policies can be found on our [website](#).

If you have any suggestions, comments, or questions, please contact wodonga.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Damian Duncan
Principal

MELBOURNE CAMP

Last week our year 6 students travelled to Melbourne. Although the weather was typical of Melbourne, it did nothing to dampen their spirits or the activities during their stay. The students were able to see such sights as the Melbourne Markets, Eureka Skydeck, the Museum, IMAX, City Hall and a river cruise. I would like to thank the students for their exemplary behaviour, teaching/ ES staff and parent helpers for all your assistance and a special thank you to Mel McInnes for doing an amazing job organising the camp.

James Harris, Assistant Principal



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UNIFORMS

With the weather turning so cold, our current stock of second-hand uniforms are being sold quickly. If any of our school community who may have winter uniforms that could be donated, it would be much appreciated.

CANTEEN

Our Canteen ladies, Cindy & April do an absolutely amazing job each day to ensure that students are provided with a choice of different, quality meals. They can only do this if they have assistance from volunteers. If there are any parents/grandparents/carers in our school community that can spare a couple of hours each week to volunteer it would certainly be more than helpful to Cindy and April. A currently Working with Children Check and Covid Vaccination status will be required.



PE & SPORTS NEWS

Division Cross Country

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Division Cross Country on Friday. Our students competed against some of the best distance runners in our region and did incredibly well in the cold, damp conditions.

Some notable results from the event were:

- 2nd - Ciara Delany 10 Years Girls
- 8th - Edith Davis 10 Years Girls
- 10th - Jamie Gilmore 11 Years Boys

These 3 students will now compete at the Regional Cross Country Championships in Benalla on Friday 17th June. We hope the conditions are kind to them and wish them all the very best for this upcoming event.



AFL State Trials Update:

On Sunday 5th June Kye Linszen travelled to Melbourne to participate in the 4th round of the Victorian U12 AFL state trials. 84 of the state's finest young footballers participated in this trial with the squad being cut to 42 players by the end of the day.

In what is an exceptional achievement, Kye was selected to progress to the final round of trials where the state team will be selected.

On Thursday 9th June Kye will travel to Sandringham in Melbourne's south to compete for selection.

Congratulations Kye on your achievement so far, our WPS community wishes you all the very best on Thursday!

Blake Maxworthy, PE & Sport Coordinator

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GYMNASTICS UPDATE

Thank you to all parents who put their child's name forward to take part in the Gymnastics Auditions. Some students are currently participating this term and will continue on into next term. These children are working towards competing at a competition in August. All other students will be invited back in Term 4 to take part in the club and work towards an end of year display. Boys will also be invited to this club in Years 3-6. More information to come late in Term 3.

Lisa Harrison

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
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
Year level Assembly	June 22 9.10am – 10.10am	Foundation		N/A
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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	

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