



# Ariel Announcements

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Engage Learning \* Expand Minds



This week is the last week of Term 2! We have had a successful term at WPS with lots of great opportunities for students. We commenced the term with 17 students participating in an Educational tour of Japan, and we are finishing the term with three students participating in the State Cross Country Championships, and a bus full of excited kids off to see the Wizard of Oz in Melbourne. Thanks to our families for your support and engagement in all that we do at WPS.

Reminder: School concludes on **Friday June 29<sup>th</sup> at 2.15pm** and we return to school (students included) on **Monday July 16<sup>th</sup>**.

At today's assembly, we acknowledged great attendance from our students. Over 80 students have 100% attendance this semester while Year 2 took out the Year Level with the greatest attendance (95%).



## STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

We had a record number of families attend the mid-year Student-Led Conferences. A whopping 84% of our community attended their child(ren)'s conference. It was a great opportunity for our students to share their progress in learning with their families. If you did not have your conference last week, please see your child's teacher to book a time. If you had a Student-Led Conference and you wish to have a further conversation with your child's teacher, you are welcome to do so at your convenience.

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

## SEMESTER ONE REPORTS

At midday on Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, your child's report was uploaded to Compass. You can access the report via your child's portal and then by clicking on the *View Academic Reports* link. The report may be read online or can be printed. The reports provide an outline of your child's progress over the past six months. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions around the report.

## ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The leadership team have commenced the mid-year review on our school improvement initiatives. We are looking in particular at our progress in Mathematics and where we are at in meeting the annual targets of student outcomes. With the introduction of our new Mathematics assessment, Essential Assessment, we are looking deeply into:

- A. the coverage of the curriculum
- B. teacher capacity
- C. student outcomes

We are keen to ensure that all students are making progress throughout the year. As you would have read in your child's reports, a heavy focus on Mathematics has been undertaken this semester.

## PUPIL FREE DAY

On **Friday July 27<sup>th</sup>**, all Federation Government Schools in Wodonga are attending a Curriculum Day where teachers from across the schools will come together to participate in Professional Learning. Please note, that there is **no school on this day**.

## THANK YOU

This week Kristy Ashton, who has been running a support program called "Wisdom Kids" will be finishing up. Kristy has been volunteering her counselling support for specific students at school this semester. We want to show Kristy our gratitude and appreciation for her support to the students of our school by formally thanking her - thank you Kristy and all the very best!

## STAFFING UPDATE

We welcome two new teachers to our community next term! Sabrina Jarrett will be replacing Meredith Blake in Year 1, and Maddi Crothers will be replacing Alyce Jones in Year 2. Both Sabrina and Maddi have both worked at our school and have been inducted to the school over the last few weeks. Welcome Sabrina and Maddi!



Sabrina Jarrett



Maddi Crothers

The school is currently in the process of filling the Assistant Principal position made available through my appointment to Principal (which officially commences next term). The process should conclude this week and once this is done, the current vacant Year 5 teaching position will be filled.

## SWIMMING PROGRAM

As per last week's newsletter, F-3 swimming commences next term. Compass Event Insights went live to families of OSM, 2WA, 0MK and 2LS. Families of these classes, please provide permission through Compass and pay \$25.

Students with sufficient CSEF credit, have already had the cost covered, but parents are still required to provide consent.

All other F-3 swimming Event Insights will go live to families three week's prior to their swimming week. Students in Years 4-6 will commence swimming in 4th term. Further information will be provided to these families late Term 3.

WEEK	DATES	POOL TIME 12.15 - 1.15pm	POOL TIME 1.15 – 2.15pm
1 / 2 * Pupil Free Day on Friday 27/7	Fri 20/7* Mon 23/7 Wed 25/7	OSM, 2WA	0MK, 2LS
3	Mon 30/7 Wed 1/8 Fri 3/8	0NH, 2AW	0KC, 2RP
4	Mon 6/8 Wed 8/8 Fri 10/8	1MB, 3CM,	1KR, 3BG
5	Mon 13/8 Wed 15/8 Fri 17/8	1MM, 3JR	1AW, 3AR
6	Mon 20/8 Wed 22/8 Fri 24/8	0CP, 2AJ	0BS, 2HM
7	Mon 27/8 Wed 29/8 Fri 31/8	3KM, 1RC	

Have a great week and happy holidays,

*Damian Duncan*

## MATHEMATICS ICAS ASSESSMENT: YEARS 3-6

As part of our commitment to continuous improvement, and in line with our Annual Implementation Plan focus on Mathematics, we have decided that in 2018 all students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will have access to the Mathematics ICAS assessment by the school. There will be no cost to families.

Every year, thousands of schools participate in ICAS, giving an international benchmark that can be relied upon. We believe by all these year levels accessing the assessment, it will provide our students, teachers and school an additional source of data to support our focus in the teaching and learning in Mathematics.

The sitting date for Mathematics assessment is Tuesday 14th August. Parents will not need to register, it will be completed by the school. Parents have the option to 'opt out' for your child if you wish, however we strongly encourage that all students in Years 3-6 participate. Please contact Christine Forrest if you have any ICAS questions.

*Christine Forrest*

## ATTENDANCE ACCOUNTABILITY

Last week's newsletter included a fact sheet for parents and carers regarding the new legislation around **Same-day Notification of Unexplained Student Absences**. The document clearly outlined the responsibilities of the school and parents regarding non-attendance. Our school will be notifying families of any unexplained absence via SMS prior to 10am each day. It is essential that families read the fact sheet and ensure the school has your current mobile number(s) and/or alternative family arrangements.

### NOTE:

1. Students **who arrive late to school (after 9:00am)** will need to be signed-in by an adult at the office, otherwise they will be marked as unapproved late and parents will be notified.
2. Students who have two families (split living arrangements) should note that both families will be notified.

## MAGNETIC MOVES INCURSION

Last Thursday, was the final day of the SySTEM Connect- Girls In STEM program where the response was incredibly positive. The girls created their own input devices using Makey Makey kits. These allowed them to control computers using different materials as part of the circuit, including their own bodies! They also learnt about computer science by exploring binary numbers and created/decoded secret binary messages. Then, we headed off to the Wodonga Senior Secondary College to participate in some fantastic activities including burning different elements to create different coloured flames, putting out fires using chemical reactions, and changing the pH levels of a solution with our own breath!

On top of that, we observed dry ice freezing all sorts of things like oranges, flowers and even bubbles! We had a great time, learnt lots and are very grateful to Leanne, Renee and the WSSC staff and students for their help. Can't wait for next year's program!



*Khamal Sarkis*, STEM Teacher

## SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

If you have any good quality school uniforms that your children have outgrown, please consider donating them to the school. Thanks in advance.

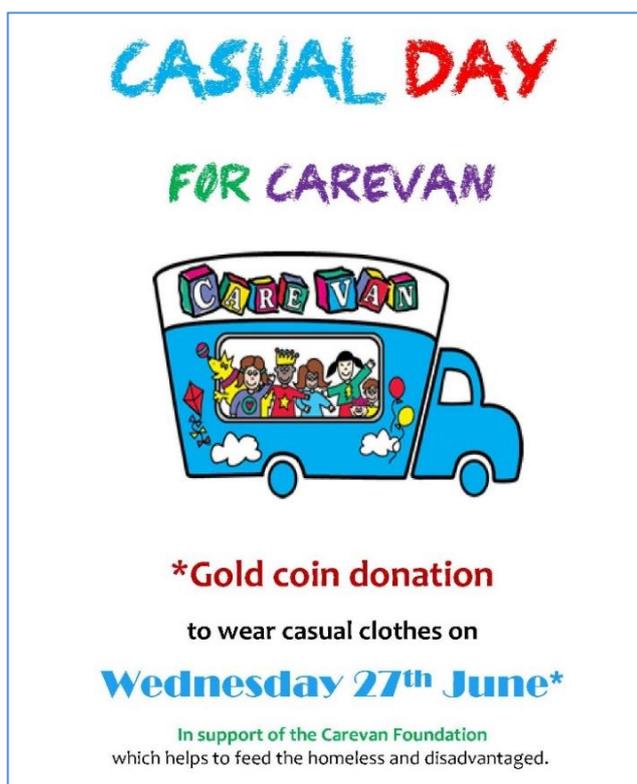
## LOST PROPERTY

We have many, many items of Lost Property that has accumulated over the school term, please look-in at the Library to see if your child's "lost" item is there prior to purchasing a replacement item.

Any uncollected items will be donated to charity.

## CASUAL WEAR DAY

See details below for Wednesday this week!



**THE SCHOOL CANTEEN IS CLOSED ON FRIDAY JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup> FOR STOCKTAKE**

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

Event / Activity	Event Date	Who	Information on Compass	Permission / Payment Due Date
Care Van Casual Day	June 27	Whole School	Gold coin donation	N/A
Wizard of Oz	June 27	Elected students	Closed	Closed
<b>Last Day Term 2</b>	<b>June 29</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>2.15pm finish</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>First Day Term 3</b>	<b>July 16</b>	All students	9am start	N/A
Science Discovery Dome	July 17	Year 1	\$5.50 <a href="#">Consent &amp; pay</a>	June 29
Science Discovery Dome	July 17	Year 5	\$10.00 <a href="#">Consent &amp; Pay</a>	June 29
Water Safety	Jul 20,23,25	OSM, 0MK, 2WA, 2LS	\$25.00 <a href="#">Consent &amp; Pay</a>	July 17
<b>Curriculum Day</b>	<b>July 27</b>	<b>Whole school</b>	<b>Pupil Free Day</b>	<b>N/A</b>
ICAS English	July 31	Elected students	\$9	Closed
ICAS Mathematics	August 14	Years 3-6	No cost	N/A
Boite Chorus Performance	Sept 12	3/4 & 5/6 Choirs	\$45 <a href="#">Consent &amp; Pay</a>	Sept 10