



Ariel Announcements

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Engage Learning * Expand Minds

Welcome to Week 3 WPS Community,

Our school is a place of learning, and it's nice to report that our core business of learning is "humming along nicely". We have settled, engaged students who are being provided with great learning opportunities from our wonderful staff. At this morning's whole school assembly the students listened intently and were respectful of our student leader hosts and staff who addressed the school. Thank you to our families for setting our students up for success! It was great to see a gym full of students in uniform ready for learning.

Pupil Free Day

Our annual Wodonga Federation of Government Schools Conference is **THIS** Friday, July 29th. There is no school for students as teachers will be participating in Professional Learning at the Wodonga Senior Secondary College. TheirCare is open for bookings on Friday.



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

Congratulations to Piper from Year 1 for showing empathy to another student in the playground last week. Piper was witnessed by a yard duty teacher comforting a distressed student near the eating area. Great job Piper!

Environmental SUPERHERO of the Week

Well done and thank you Isaac from CH6 for making an effort and taking the time to look after the environment. Last week Isaac was spotted by the Student Leaders using the eating area and putting his rubbish in the bin. This helps keep our yard clean and stops rubbish from causing damage to the environment. Student Leaders will keep an eye out at each break for students who take care of our environment like Isaac did.



STAFF UPDATE



Last Friday we said goodbye to Nicki Waldron unexpectedly. Nicki has been working in our administration office for the past 6 months. Nicki was trained up in the Communication and Publication role, formerly held by Wendy Jeffery. We are covering this position internally at present while we run a recruitment process. We will update our community of the outcome of this in two weeks time.

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Vaccination

- Vaccinations are strongly recommended for staff and students
- All staff in specialist schools are required to be vaccinated.



Ventilation

- All schools now have their full allocations of air purifiers to cover all classrooms and other higher risk spaces.



Vital COVIDSafe steps

- Face masks
- Physical distancing
- Regular hand hygiene
- Rapid antigen tests recommended for school students and staff when symptomatic, and mandatory for household contacts attending school.

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Mask Wearing – a message from The Deputy Secretary of Education Victoria, David Howes

It is **strongly recommended** by the Department of Health that face masks are worn in indoor settings, with face masks mandatory for those aged 8 and over who are household contacts and attending school. This is because the wearing of masks is effective in reducing the transmission of COVID-19.

It is the Department's expectation that, through to the end of winter, students aged 8 and over and all staff will wear masks when in class, noting that exceptions to the recommendation apply to teaching circumstances when clear communication or when a particular activity requires the removal of a mask.

Masks are not required to be worn outdoors but can be worn when physical distancing is not possible. This expectation should not constrain student participation in the full range of school activities, including music, sport and performances.

Schools are **not required or expected to sanction students or staff** who do not meet this expectation.



Have a great week and remember, it's a four-day school week

Sincerely,

Damian Duncan, Principal

Write Wodonga Visiting Author Leigh Hobbs

We are very excited to have renowned author Leigh Hobb's visiting our school on Thursday 11th August to inspire our students for our annual Write Wodonga initiative. Leigh has kindly offered to personally sign his books for any family. Dymocks will support the school in ordering Leigh's books to come in time for his visit and have kindly offered to donate 12.5% of all sales back to Wodonga Primary School.

If your family would like to order one or more of his titles please fill in this link <https://forms.gle/SnpTaAIEGLE8155d9> and indicate which titles you would like to purchase for your family. We ask that you fill out **one** google form per family, and enter in the **eldest child's** details for delivery. Please have your order in by this **Thursday 28th July**. Families will be sent out an email to indicate the total amount to be paid on Friday 29th July, payment can be taken from this date at the front office. Money will need to be paid no later than **3pm Wednesday the 3rd August** to ensure books will arrive in time for Leigh's visit.

Alecia Williams and Lisa Harrison

Library Borrowing

Congratulations to Blair and Aaron who were our Week 2 & 3 winners of our library raffle. Blair and Aaron earned raffle tickets by coming into the library before or after school to borrow or return books. Next week it might be you!

Looks like our winners have caught the Reading Bug!

Wendy and Tracey



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our official school photo days are August 9th & 10th. Every student is photographed for the school's database and parents are able to order copies by completing the online process.

Please note, since Covid struck, online ordering is the preferred and recommended method for processing orders. This eliminates the risk of losing photo envelopes at home and keeping track of orders at the school end.

You are able to place your order any time from today by using our unique Access Key and then following the options to find your student.

Both individual and family photos can be ordered [online this year](#) but orders must be in by August 8th.

The anticipated photo schedule is attached to this newsletter.

Your School Photo Day is **COMING!**

Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th August 2022

Ordering School Photos has never been easier!

How to ORDER ONLINE

- 1 Go to:
www.leadingimage.com.au
- 2 Click "Order Your School Photos"
and select your State.
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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
Water Safety Program	July 25	CH2/BR2 & MI2/OS2	Consent & payment required \$23.50	CLOSED
Pupil Free Day	July 29	Whole School	Professional Practice Day for Teachers	
Water Safety Program	August 1	CH3/BR3 & MI3/OS3	Consent & payment required, \$23.50	July 27
STEM Excursion	August 2	Selected Yr 6 students	Details available soon	July 28
CSU Check-It-Out	August 3	Year 6 students	Consent & payment required, \$5.00	July 29
Japanese Cultural Show	August 3	Years F/1/2	Consent required , Incursion – no cost	July 31
Water Safety Program	August 8	CH4/BR4 & MI4/OS4	Consent & payment required, \$23.50	August 3
School Photos	August 9 & 10	Whole school	Order online by 8 th of August	N/A
Write Wodonga Workshops	August 11	Whole school	No cost or consent required	N/A
Water Safety Program	August 15	CH5/BR5 & MI5/OS5	Consent & payment required, \$23.50	August 10
Water Safety Program	August 22	CH6/BR6 & OS6	Consent & payment required, \$23.50	August 17
Book Week	August 22-26	Whole school	In conjunction with the Book Fair	N/A
Book Week Dress-Up Day	August 23	Whole school	Dress-up as your favourite book character	N/A
Japanese Speech Contest	Sept 8	Selected students	Consent & payment required, \$5.00	CLOSED
Last Day of Term 3	September 16	Whole school	Early finish, 2.30pm	
First Day Term 4	October 3	Whole school	School starts at 9.00am	

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