



Ariel Announcements

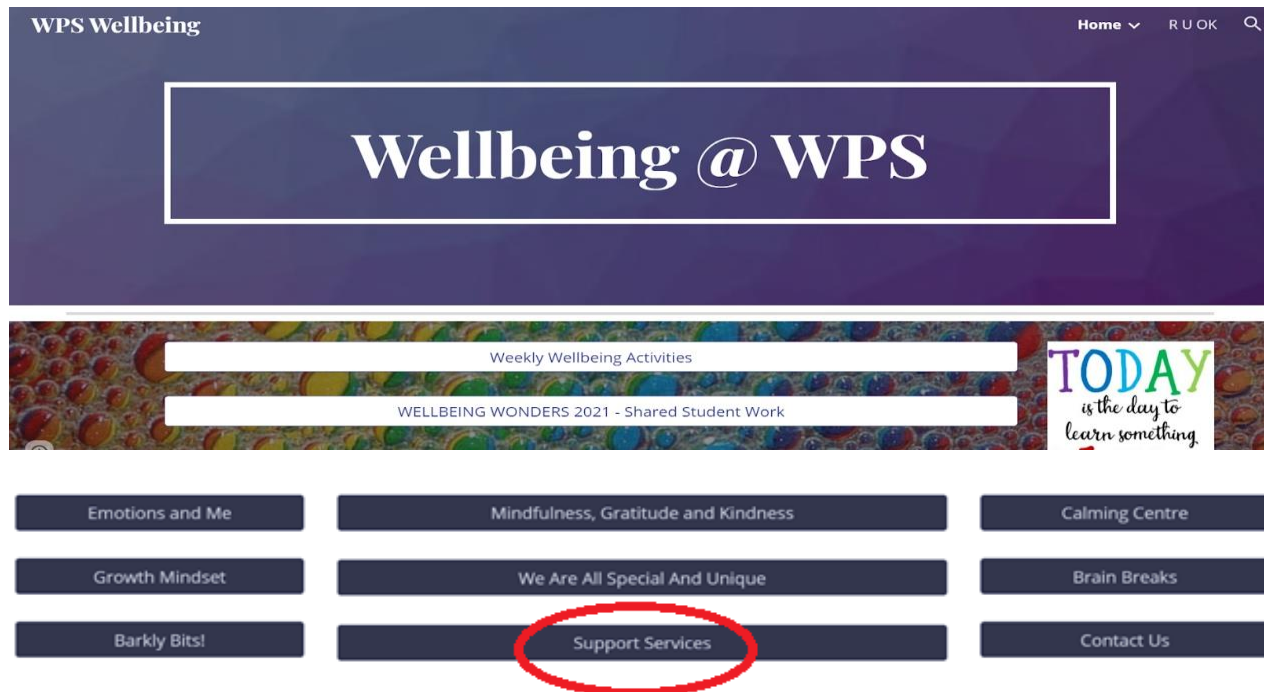
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Engage Learning * Expand Minds

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 4! Getting back into the routine of school and prioritising learning is our goal over the coming weeks. Repeated COVID lockdowns can continue to have possible side-effects and repercussions. Please seek assistance if you are seeing signs of this in your children or with yourself.

Our school's [Wellbeing Website](#) continues to be a wonderful resource for our families. Please scroll down to the "Support Services" link for external supports from the school and be sure to explore the wonderful resources our site has to offer.



KIND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This week's KIND Kid is Rubyrose Campbell-Phillips from Year One!
Last week, Rubyrose packed up the sporting equipment after the lunch break, making sure it all went in the correct boxes. Well done Rubyrose!



*Collaboration * Culture * Challenge * Community * Curiosity*

SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all the parents that contacted and wrote to me about the gate opening times. Your feedback is very valuable and will help to progress the conversation.

COVID has again put a bit of a pause on our movement forward with this and we have postponed this important conversation to the next school council meeting, which will hopefully be face to face.

We are guided at the moment by Departmental COVID guidelines which limits what we can do about the opening of the gates.

I look forward to talking about this at length at the next meeting.

Other items discussed at our online School Council meeting last weekend:

Parent Opinion Survey

- Lengthy discussion around the 300 randomly selected parents who are strongly urged to complete the 2021 Parent/Caregiver Opinion Survey. The data from this will assist the school in adjusting to any needs and also use the evidence during our School Review.

2021 Camps

- Parents and teachers talked about the impact COVID is having on the school camps program which are designed to meet the social, emotional and social-ethical capabilities components of the curriculum. A decision to proceed with the Year 4 and 6 camp will be made in coming weeks based on advice from DET and taking onboard the feedback from school council.

Home Reading Website

- The trial of our new Home Reading Website is going well with a large majority of our Year 2 students logging their reading at home via a QR code. We look forward to commencing this initiative with the wider school soon.

Natalie Thompson, SC President

SPORTS / PE NEWS

Water Safety Update: Fortunately, I have been able to coordinate for our Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 students to access the Water Safety Program this Term. I have had to further postpone our Year 3 program and can confirm our booking to provide this during Term 4.

Therefore, pending no restrictions are in place at the time, all of our Year 3-6 students will access the Water Safety Program during Term 4 at Waves.

For our current F-2 program, all consent and payment information has been successfully transferred to each student's new program dates.

The new dates for the program are:

Week 4: Mon 2/8, Wed 4/8, Fri 6/8 – **Classes:** CH1, BR1, CH3, BR3

Week 5: Mon 9/8, Wed 11/8, Fri 13/8 – **Classes:** CH2, BR2, CH4, BR4

Week 6: Mon 16/8, Wed 18/8, Fri 20/8 – **Classes:** CH5, BR5, MI2, MI3

Week 7: Mon 23/8, Wed 25/8, Fri 27/8 – **Classes:** CH6, BR6, MI4, MI5

Week 9: Mon 6/9, Wed 8/9, Fri 10/9 – **Classes:** MI1, MI6

Unfortunately, due to Leisure Centre number restrictions, only students, teachers and 'official' support personnel that have signed in at our school office will be allowed in the Leisure Centre. No other spectators are allowed to attend.

Thank you for your understanding with this during these present times and if these restrictions alter at any time during the program, we will notify our community immediately.

Blake Maxworthy, PE Coordinator

100 DAYS OF LEARNING IN FOUNDATION

Last week marked 100 Days of Learning in Foundation! Congratulations to our Foundation students and families who have worked in partnership with their classroom teachers to learn at both home and school during this time. To celebrate this exciting milestone, the Foundation students will be doing some fun activities in class tomorrow, August 3rd.

Students are asked to bring in a zip -lock bag with 100 items of the same thing. This could be beads, pasta, Lego, cotton buds, paperclips, craft matchsticks etc. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions we cannot have families included onsite for this celebration. Photos of the fun will be shared on our school's Facebook page.

Foundation Team

SOMERS CAMP

Today, Year 5 and 6 parents were sent information via Compass about the 2021 Somers Camp opportunity. For further details please contact James Harris.

SCHOOL PHOTOS POSTPONED: September 7 & 8

The official school photo days have been re-scheduled until September 7th & 8th pending further Covid restrictions.

Individual Student Photo Envelopes were sent home last week with students. Each student has their own unique Access key for ordering online.

There is also an option to order a **Family Photo** of all your students who attend WPS. These envelopes will only be sent home if a parent requests one, please ask your eldest child to collect one on your behalf.

***** EVENTS WILL ONLY PROCEED IF COVID-19 GUIDELINES ALLOW*****

COMPASS 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	August 9/11/13	CH2 / BR2 CH4 / BR4	Consent & payment required: \$20.00 Consent & payment required: \$20.00	August 7
Lions Public Speaking	August 6	Selected students		N/A
Water Safety	August 16/18/20	CH5 / BR5 MI2 / MI3	Consent & payment required: \$20.00 Consent & payment required: \$20.00	August 14
Akoma Schools Chorus	August 21	Selected students	Consent given with previous event 19/6	CLOSED
Water Safety	August 23/25/27	CH6 / BR6 MI4 / MI5	Consent & payment required: \$20.00 Consent & payment required: \$20.00	August 21
Water Safety	Sept 6/8/10	MI1 / MI6	Consent & payment required: \$20.00	August 28
School Photographs	September 7 & 8	Whole school	Envelopes sent home 28/7/21	Sept 7
Quantum Victoria	POSTPONED	Selected Yr 6 students	Consent required	CLOSED



EVERY TUESDAY LUNCH TIME

DEFENCE KIDS CLUB ACTIVITIES TERM 3

3 August - Let's get to know each other

10 August - DIY Pizza for lunch

17 August - Book Club - bring your favourite book

24 August - Mindfulness with Erin and Fiona

31 August - Father's Day Craft

7 September - Postcards to the Troops

14 September - End of Term get together





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