



Ariel Announcements

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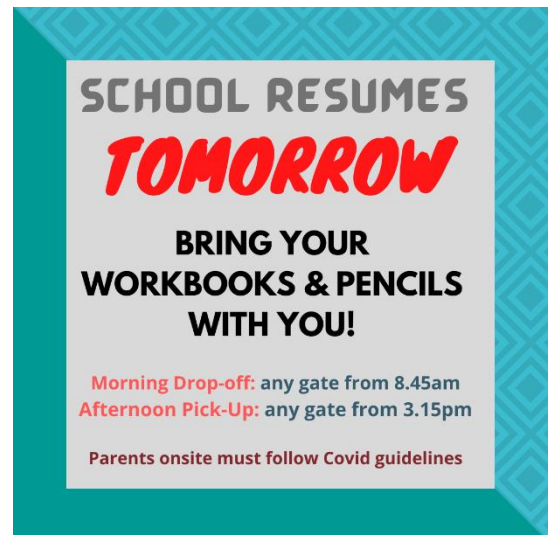
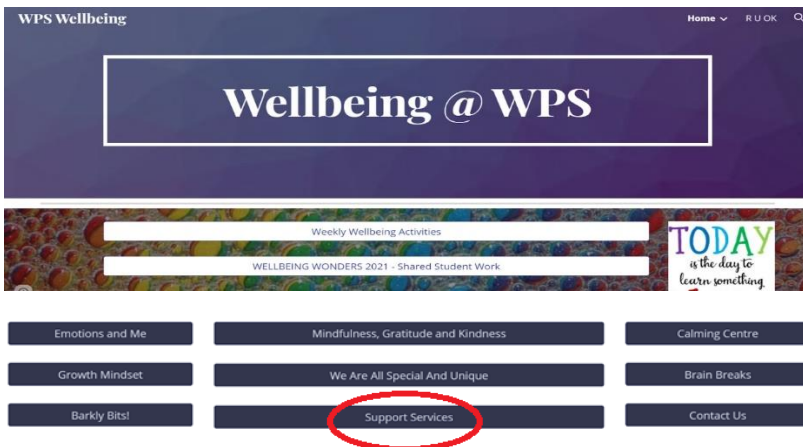
Engage Learning * Expand Minds

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 5 as we look forward to onsite learning TOMORROW!

After a short 2-day hiatus to learning, getting back to school and prioritising our face-to-face learning is our continued focus. Repeated snap COVID lockdowns can have possible side-effects and repercussions, please seek assistance if you are seeing signs of this in your children or with yourself.

We continue to provide support via our school's [Wellbeing Website](#) which is 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.



CAMPS PROGRAM

Unfortunately, due to the rolling COVID lockdowns, the Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Camps programs have been cancelled.

At the end of Term 2 we cancelled the Year 5 Borambola Camp, and as of today, the Year 4 Echuca Camp and the Year 6 Melbourne Camp are also cancelled.

Attention Year 5 Families: As per previous communications, parents who have made deposits and payments towards the Borambola Camp can request a refund by calling the office.

Attention Year 4 & 6 Families: If you have made a payment towards your camp deposit, please contact Faye in the office to organise a refund **OR** transfer to 2022 camp (Year 4 only).

Thanks for your understanding, we are all disappointed with this news.

Have a great week,
Damian Duncan, Principal

*Collaboration * Culture * Challenge * Community * Curiosity*

DET PRINCIPAL'S DAY

Last Friday, was the Department of Education's Principal's Day. It wasn't the most ideal time for celebrating as we entered Lockdown 6.0, but students who were onsite presented our principals with these beautiful finger-print artworks created in classrooms prior to Lockdown. We wanted them to know they are appreciated and hope it added a bit of excitement to their day.

You can see the video of the presentations on our Facebook page.



FOUNDATION: 'Prep Red Bags'

At the beginning of the school year, the Department of Education and Training provided every Foundation student attending a Victorian government school with a red 'Prep' bag.

The bags contained 14 items, including children's storybooks, flyers, stickers, and stationery items, all designed to help Foundation students and their parents and carers thrive from the start of Term 1.

The Department is now inviting families of current Foundation students to participate in a short survey, closing Sunday 29 August. Feedback will help inform what Foundation students and their parents and carers like about the 'Prep' bags and what can be improved in 2022.

To have your say, complete the survey through [SurveyMonkey](#).

The survey takes about five to ten minutes to complete. Thanks.....

Christine Forrest, Foundation Principal



WATER SAFETY PROGRAM UPDATE

Please note, the Water Safety program as listed below will continue from Wednesday this week. Unfortunately, last week's Friday session and this week's Monday session are unable to be rescheduled at this time.

Water Safety Program dates:

Week 5: Wed 11/8 and 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

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 Maxwell, PE Coordinator

DEFENCE STUDENTS: KIDS CLUB ACTIVITIES – TERM 3

Attached to the newsletter is an outline of activities offered to our Defence students every Tuesday lunch time. Tomorrow is a pizza lunch – wow!

Anna Makin, Defence Student Mentor

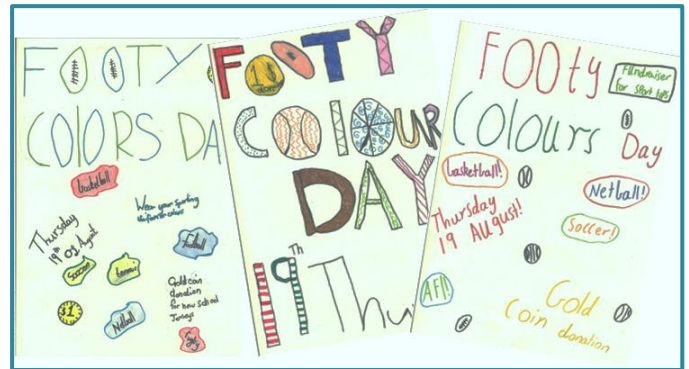
FOOTY COLOURS DAY: Thursday August 19th

We are holding a Footy / Sport Colours day on Thursday 19th August to raise money for new footy / sport team tops for the school.

Students are encouraged to bring a gold coin donation and wear their supporter or player colours for their chosen sport on the day.

Check out the posters around the school.

Student Leaders



SCHOOL PHOTOS: September 7th & 8th

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

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

If ordering and paying online: Please pop the online reference number onto the Photo Envelope and return it to school on September 7th.

If paying in the envelope: Please include the correct cash in the envelope and send it to school on **September 7th**.

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.

EACH CHILD MUST HAVE THEIR OWN ENVELOPE ON PHOTO DAY WHETHER YOU HAVE ORDERED ONLINE OR ARE PAYING IN THE ENVELOPE. Please keep them safe until September 7th.

COMPETITION TIME

Do you know a petite Picasso or mini Matisse? Transdev are looking for Victorian primary school students to create a poster promoting bus safety!

Simply create a poster with a clear safety message about 'staying safe on buses during wet weather' or 'staying safe around bus stops'. You can use pencils, felt tip pen, water colour paints or crayons to complete your poster.

Students can submit their poster between July 26th –September 19th for their chance to win some great prizes!

For more information please visit : www.transdevmelbourne.com.au/poster-competition



Amy Hill & Alicia Munro, Health Specialists

***** 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 11 & 13	CH2 / BR2 CH4 / BR4	Consent & payment required: \$20.00 Consent & payment required: \$20.00	August 10
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



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

WODONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL

DEFENCE KIDS CLUB

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BRING A FRIEND IF YOU WANT TO