



# Ariel Announcements

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Engage Learning \* Expand Minds

Welcome to Week 6 WPS Community,

As we continue to Engage Learning and Expand Minds at our school, we are very excited to announce our annual Walk-a-thon. All fundraising will go straight back into our school to purchase outdoor furniture for our new Covered Outdoor Learning Area [COLA]. Full details are in our flyer below.

**WPS**  
**WALKATHON**

15TH OF SEPTEMBER

Dress up as anything to do with the **OUTDOORS!**

Money raised by students will help fund the purchase of outdoor furniture for our covered outdoor learning area (**COLA**).

Order your Walkathon lunch order through e-canteen.

9:15 AM  
15TH OF SEPTEMBER

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## TERM THREE YEAR LEVEL ASSEMBLIES

In the last week of term, we'll be running our Term 3 Year level Assemblies, **September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>**. Classroom teachers and Specialist teachers will communicate with families if your child is receiving an award. We will run the assemblies in the Gym to accommodate families joining the celebrations.

Term 3 - Week 10	Monday 12th	Tuesday 13th
9.10am - 10.10am	Year 1	Year 3
10.15am - 11.15am		Year 5
LUNCH		
12.10pm - 1.10pm	Year 6	Year 2
RECESS		
2.10pm - 3.10pm	Foundation	Year 4

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

Congratulations to Marlie B. from CH3 for showing empathy towards others last week in our playground. Your KINDNESS Marlie has shone through mate!



### Environmental SUPERHERO of the Week

Well done and thank you Evie from W16 for being KIND to the environment. So great to see our senior kids leading by example in our playground. Great job Evie!



## UPDATES FROM THE LIBRARY

### BOOK RETURN RAFFLE WINNERS:

Looks like our winners have caught the Reading Bug! Congratulations to Edith D., Kaydence R. and Ella C. who were our Weeks 4,5 & 6 winners of our library raffle. Edith, Kaydence and Ella earned a raffle ticket by coming into the library before or after school to borrow / return books. Next week it might be you!

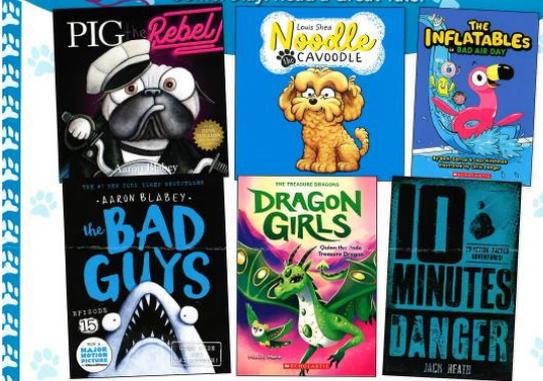


### BOOK WEEK & SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR:

All next week is our Scholastic Book Fair on in our wonderful Library and on Tuesday 23rd August we will be celebrating Children's Book Week with a Dress up day! Come dressed as your favourite character or as the theme of Dreaming with eyes open. In next week's newsletter we will have our parade map route so our community can come along a see our students celebrating their love of reading!!!



You're invited to our Scholastic **BOOK FAIR**  
Come. Stay. Read a Great Tale!



Find these books and hundreds more at the Fair!

**EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE EARNS LEARNING AND LITERACY RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL**

**Paws Books**  
BOOK FAIR  
COME. STAY. READ A GREAT TALE!

Date **22 Aug 22** Time **Anytime**  
Place **Library**

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## 2022 LITERACY INDIGENOUS DAY

Wednesday 7th September marks Indigenous Literacy Day. We are lucky to be able to connect as a whole school to this day and celebrate indigenous stories, cultures and languages through a free live stream event with Jessica Mauboy and Gregg Dreise at 10:30am. Indigenous Literacy Day (ILD) is an opportunity to share and learn about the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, Stories, Cultures and Languages. Our school has recently purchased 3 kits of 'Our Stories, Our Land' for all students to access and engage with these rich resources during classroom literacy sessions.



## WE WANT OUR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS/GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. We encourage all families to participate in this survey. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September**. The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Simplified Chinese, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

All families will be able to access the survey via the link provided in a **COMPASS newsfeed** distributed today. Thank you in advance for your time and support in doing the survey.

## PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY – TERM 3 PUPIL FREE DAY

On **Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of September** there is a PUPIL FREE DAY at Wodonga Primary School. This date was passed at this month's School Council meeting. THEIRCARE will be running a service on this day. The pupil free day is a part of the State Government and the Fair Work commission's adherence to the current award conditions for teachers. Please be sure to mark this on your calendars.

Have a great week,  
Sincerely,

*Damian Duncan*, Principal

## Brass and Woodwind Performance!

This **Wednesday 17th August at 9.15am** our 2022 WPS Brass and Woodwind students will be doing their first performance together in the Ariel Centre (Gym). The performance will include a performance by the combined Wodonga Schools Band as well as the very first performance from our students who joined the program this year!! We are so proud to share their progress and hard work learning their instrument.

If you are a family member of one of the students performing and you would like to attend the concert, please let Mr. Silver know by contacting the front office. (Video from the event will be shared online).

*Aaron Silver*

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### **WODONGA SENIOR SECONDARY COLLEGE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SESSIONS**

Over the last 2 weeks some students from WSSC have facilitated physical education sessions, as part of their course of study, for two of our Year 2 classes, MI4 and MI5. The Secondary students had multiple stations organised each week that focused on a variety of skills that our Year 2 students are developing. The activities were engaging and challenging, with the secondary students providing feedback and personalised coaching to our students to assist their development. Our students had a lot of fun, thoroughly enjoying the experience to be active and learn from the Secondary Students.

All the photos from the sessions can be viewed on our WPS Facebook page.

### **DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

The Wodonga District Athletics Carnival is being held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September (Week 8) at Alexandra Park Albury. Our WPS District Team was announced this morning at assembly. (The 800m and High Jump event qualifiers will be finalised this week through a final round of trials). Students are only allowed to participate in 2 individual events and 1 relay at the District Carnival. Students who qualified in more than 2 events have met with me to select their events for the carnival.

A Compass Event with all the carnival details will be available later this week for families to consent and pay for their child/ren to participate at the carnival.

### **AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT**

Recently, Kye Linsen travelled to Adelaide, South Australia, as part of the Victorian U12's *Australian Football team*, to participate in the National Championships. The Championships were held over a week-long period from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> of August.

Victoria began their campaign with a resounding victory over Queensland, 57-7. The next day they continued their winning ways with a commanding victory over New South Wales, 65-13. The third round saw Team Vic annihilate a helpless team from the Australian Capital Territory, 74-0. This victory, however did little to help prepare Team Vic for the final 2 matches of the tournament against much more challenging opposition.

After a day of rest the Victorian Team started as favourites against Western Australia. In a see-sawing battle that showcased some impressive skills from both teams, WA turned on their best performance of the tournament and upset Victoria with a 41-21 victory. After experiencing their 1<sup>st</sup> defeat of the tournament, Team Vic had to regroup ahead of their final game of the tournament against South Australia. Team SA had earned the title of tournament favourites as they were playing consistent, exceptional football and were undefeated going into the final round of the tournament. In a tough, low-scoring game where neither team was giving away any space to their opponents, Team Vic was matching it with the SA team. Despite their admirable efforts team South Australia proved too good on the day, winning the match 37-16.

South Australia were awarded the title of U12 Australian Football National Champions for 2022. Team Western Australia were the runners up, with Team Victoria finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> position.

Congratulations to Kye and his family for their devotion in being part of Team Victoria and all the travelling that it involved for training and then the championships themselves. What a truly amazing experience for a young aspiring footballer to be a part of. Our WPS community is incredibly proud of Kye and we look forward to seeing what he can achieve with his football in the years ahead.

### **MASCOT CHALLENGE**

I am incredibly excited to have our Mascot Challenge beginning today for our Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 students. The Mascot Challenge is a free 4 week program offered by Cricket Australia where students spend an action packed 10 minutes a day developing fundamental motor skills for healthy active lifestyles.

Today, every student receives a stress ball, certificate and sticker sheet to be awarded throughout the program. Each week is focused on developing a new fundamental skill, such as catching, throwing and bouncing. Students are given a target for four activities progressing in difficulty, allowing students to develop at their own pace in a fun, supportive environment. At the completion of the challenge, students will be proudly bringing home their completed certificate and their stress ball to keep as a reward for finishing the challenge.



*Blake Maxwell*, PE & Sport Coordinator

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	August 15	<a href="#">CH5/BR5</a> & <a href="#">MIS/OSS</a>	Consent & payment required, \$23.50	Closed
Brass & Woodwind Concert	August 17	Whole School	Nil	Nil
Water Safety Program	August 22	<a href="#">CH6/BR6</a> & <a href="#">OS6</a>	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	<a href="#">Consent &amp; payment</a> required, \$5.00	Closed
Father's Day Stall	August 31	Whole School	Nil	N/A
C.O.L.A Opening	September 1	Whole School	Information in Newsletter #23	N/A
Pupil Free Day	September 5	Whole School	Nil	N/A
Walk-a-thon	September 15	Whole School	Collection protocols for sponsorship	N/A
<b>Last Day of Term 3</b>	<b>September 16</b>	<b>Whole school</b>	<b>Early finish, 2.30pm</b>	
<b>First Day Term 4</b>	<b>October 3</b>	<b>Whole school</b>	<b>School starts at 9.00am</b>	

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