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Engage Learning * Expand Minds

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 9. We hope families were able to celebrate dad, granddads and male caregivers in our community yesterday. The Wodonga Primary School Community thanks and appreciates all our father figures and the role they play in their children's education.

It's great to see more sunshine and some warmer days ahead, it definitely lifts the spirits. As we continue the current lockdown, the weather, fresh air and some exercise is good medicine. In our Google Classroom Learning, students have been set Specialist PE lessons each week. Below is an example of Year 2's lessons for this week.

PE Week 9

This week in PE I'm providing a Warm Up Fitness Activity that'll get you moving.
The skill focus is on Hand-Eye Coordination and throwing and catching.
There's some meditation to finish with if you need some help to calm your mind and body.

Activity 1:
Avengers Workout

Activity 2:
Ball Activities

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Avengers Workout: Follow the link to get active.

Activity 2:
Ball Activities (to be completed with a tennis ball or ball of similar size)

1. Pass the ball around your body.
2. Figure 8's - Weave the ball between your legs like when you write the letter 8.
3. Throw and catch - Throw the ball up in the air and catch with 2 hands.
4. Wall rebounders - underarm throw the ball against a wall and catch the rebound.
5. Throw and catch with a partner.

CHALLENGE: Change the type of ball you're using.

Plus students also have the Wellbeing Website which has optional physical activities and exercises for all year



levels. From the Wellbeing Wednesday page, students simply click on the sports equipment on the bookshelf.

Have a great week,
Damian Duncan,
Principal

WELLBEING WEDNESDAY

Wellbeing Wednesday was a great success on last week.

Superman, Supergirl, Hulk, Cat Woman, Ironman and many more superheroes descended upon WPS, both at school and via many remote learning sites at home!

The Super-cool fun was not only an aide in boosting our Wellbeing but it was also in honour of the “Supermen” in our lives....as we celebrated Father’s Day.

Students made superhero masks, completed wellbeing and sensory activities such as coffee painting, as well as made some really cool Father’s Day presents and cards (we hope that last part was kept as a surprise for Sunday!).

Students loved being able to jump online and participate in the fun and games during the “Wellbeing Check-ins”. This was a first for the Wellbeing team during the lockdowns and it was absolutely awesome to be able to see so many students smiling faces.... albeit some of them last week had morphed into superheroes and their aliases were hard to identify! We had over 140 students in Years F-2 participate, over 100 students in Year 3-4 and over 60 students in Years 5-6 jump online.

THIS WEEK – Wednesday 8 September

Wellbeing Wednesday will again feature many amazing activities, crafts, stories, and videos to watch, which will be celebrating our special day – **R U OK Day 2021**.

Students, staff and families are all encouraged to join in the fun by **WEARING SOMETHING YELLOW & EATING YELLOW FOOD** on Wednesday September 8th.

We understand that the official community R U OK Day is on Thursday September 9th, however we have brought the WPS event day forward to be in line with our WELLBEING WEDNESDAY!

The Wellbeing Check-ins will happen again this Wednesday. Students can check-in at 10am (F-2), 10.30am (3-4) and 12noon (5-6).....to play more fun games and link-in with their peers and the Wellbeing team.

We look forward to seeing everyone again. Check-in on Wednesday to find out what this week will have in store..... 😊

The Wellbeing Team

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

School Council met online again this month and it was a great opportunity to hear about the work that is being done to support remote learning and to plan ahead for when we are all allowed back on-site. The School Council would like to acknowledge the incredible work that WPS staff have done in supporting our children during this lockdown, not just in their learning but in their well-being. THANK YOU!

In addition, we spoke about a range of things parents may be interested in:

Parking

Based on parent feedback, we discussed the difficulties some parents have with parking around the school during pick-up and drop-off.

Although this has been something discussed multiple times over the years, there are some new pressures, with different businesses moving into the immediate area around the school, that have exacerbated the situation .

The school has approached Wodonga City Council to request more parking and at this stage, this is not a viable option. However, the school will make contact again to request an extension of some of the drop-off zones as well as making sure they are zoned appropriately (a 2-minute kiss and drop). The school councillors feel that these drop-off zones, when used well, will reduce some of the congestion – a model that is used in other big schools quite successfully. In addition, there continues to be available parking on the streets adjacent to the immediate school block, and we may look at doing some promotions around walking to school or, at least getting more steps in by parking a bit further away!

New Buildings

The priority projects taskforce has been busy preparing the paperwork on a VERY exciting project. The School Council voted to support the purchasing of a portable building to create a student kitchen facility so that we can continue to run the Slow Food program, among other programs ON SITE. This initiative was well received and although it is only in the early stages of planning, we look forward to sharing more about this in the coming months.

Gate Opening Times

Unfortunately, we didn't talk about the very important issue of the gate opening times. We have not forgotten about this, and it is tabled again to be discussed HOPEFULLY face-to-face at the next meeting. We continue to be governed by COVID restrictions and when this passes, I very much look forward to having this important discussion. Thank you again to the parents that took the time to offer their thoughts. This has not been overlooked, just postponed.

The next School Council meeting is on the 20th of October, and as always, you can get in touch via email if there is anything that you would like to discuss. Nat.Thompson@education.vic.gov.au

Nat Thompson, School Council President

SCHOOL PHOTOS: POSTPONED UNTIL OCTOBER 20 & 21

Unfortunately, due to the extension of the current Lockdown, our School Photo dates have been moved back until October 20th & 21st.

Please remember, you can order at any time online, just record your Reference Number on the envelope you have and send that to school when it's actually Photo Day.

All orders previously lodged online will be honoured, the photography company has a record of all orders so please don't be concerned.

SUNSHINE WALK - JOIN THE TEAM

We have created a Wodonga Primary School team to participate in the Sunshine Walk for the Albury Wodonga Cancer Centre Trust. The walk is on November 7th and you can choose to walk 5, 10 or 20km. As a team we are hoping for most team members to commit to the 10km walk. You can use the link below to join our team and register to walk or to make a donation towards the team's fundraising goal. You can register as an individual or as a family, students must be accompanied by an adult as staff will not be supervising students at the walk. Individuals or families set their personal fundraising goal that adds to the team total. Go WPS!

<https://give.awcancertrust.org.au/join/WodongaPrimarySchool>



THEIRCARE: Holiday Program

Just a little reminder that TheirCare will be operating their holiday program throughout the upcoming school holidays. Make sure to book-in online at: www.theircare.com.au or 1300 072 410.

WODONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL

STAY CONNECTED

Stay connected to school via
YOUR CLASSROOM TEACHER
and **COMPASS**

to ensure you receive
up-to-date communications
regarding any changes to the
current lockdown status.