



Ariel Announcements

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Welcome to Week 10 WPS Community,

As we enter into the Spring holidays, I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the staff at Wodonga Primary School for their professionalism and commitment to our school. As you know there is a teacher shortage that is impacting schools across Victoria/Australia. We have weathered this crisis with minimal impact on our students, due to our staff's flexibility and passion for Wodonga Primary School. Appreciations to our entire staff; from Education Support staff in classrooms, Education Support Staff in the Administration area, Leading Teachers, Classroom teachers and my fellow Principals.



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2023 Class Placement

In November, teachers alongside the leadership team, will commence placing students into their 2023 classes. This process consists of a strategic approach to ensuring our classroom structures are balanced and supportive of learning. Staff consider multiple factors when constructing the classes for the upcoming year; gender balance, academic achievement balance, behavioral needs and the overall combination of student personalities.

Students have a voice regarding their placement by nominating five (5) learning partners which they rank from 1 to 5. In addition to this, parents who have concerns or would like to provide a request, can do so by putting their request in writing addressed to myself (Damian). These requests have parameters which parents need to consider.

There are three types of parent requests the school will consider when using parent input into the process.

1. Parents can request a separation. Valid reasons why their child would not learn to the best of their abilities if in the same classroom as a particular student.
2. Parents can request a pairing. This requires both sets of parents to put in writing a request for their children to be in the same classroom.
3. Parents can request a type of teaching style. This requires a description of the attributes their child learns best with, parents are unable to request a particular teacher (by name).

NOTE: All previous year's requests made by families need to be re-submitted.

Families with twins may also consider letting the school know about their desire for their children to be placed together or apart. The deadline for parent requests via email is **Monday October 31st**.

Early school Pick Ups/Drop off

Please make sure if you are picking up a child early from class that you sign your child out at the front office before going to the classroom to collect your child.

A reminder that school drop off is from 8.45am children are not to be dropped off before this time.

Library Books

Just a reminder that all library books need to be returned this week. Please look for any missing books and get them back in before Friday please

2022 Walkathon

The Walkathon is this Thursday (weather permitting). A decision will be made Wednesday and communicated via Facebook and Compass if the event cannot go ahead due to heavy rain forecasted. If it is light drizzle, we will soldier on! All routes have been altered so that students will only walk/run on paths due to the conditions of the oval and grassed areas. Raincoats, umbrellas or a poncho for \$5 from Kmart would be a great idea just in case!

Please remember to order the walkathon lunch package via e-canteen before Tuesday 13th September 9.30am

Walkathon 2022 Course Map



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Celebrating Diversity



Our whole school focus for Term 4 is celebrating the diversity that we have in our school population. In order to be well informed, can families please complete the following questions via the link

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1LiWR28x5fWM6oBm2d-p2b9iBmkfMkOZi8KEtApZ-Ltg/edit>

Wellbeing Team

End of Term Friday 16th September

Last day of term is this Friday (16th). School finishes at **2:30pm**

First day of term is Monday 3rd of October.



FINISH AT 2.30PM FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

Have a great week,
Sincerely,

Damian Duncan, Principal

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION UPDATES:

DIVISION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Upper Hume Division Athletics Carnival is occurring very early in Term 4, on Friday the 7th October, at Alexandra Park Albury. The WPS students who were successful in qualifying to participate at this event are:

Maddie D (Yr3)	Quinn S (Yr4)	Emily S (Yr4)	Ciara D (Yr4)
Rhys B (Yr4)	Nate W (Yr4)	Eli K (Yr4)	Jhet A (Yr4)
Kalle T (Yr5)	Ella P (Yr5)	Ruby C (Yr5)	Sammy B (Yr5)
Nate B (Yr5)	Jonte B (Yr5)	Jack W (Yr5)	Ned Wallace (Yr5)
Nate F (Yr5)	Charlotte F (Yr5)	Vienna B (Yr6)	Charlotte M (Yr6)
Jett B (Yr6)	Rory T (Yr6)	Carter B (Yr6)	Jamie G (Yr6)
Matilda R (Yr6)	Drew B (Yr6)	Ben S (Yr6)	Jasper SF (Yr6)
Coby H (Yr6)	Ben W (Yr6)	Blake M-C (Yr6)	JJ L (Yr6)
Jesse W (Yr6)	Benjamin D (Yr6)	Hunter K (Yr6)	Cooper S (Yr6)

Congratulations to these 36 students for your outstanding results at District level that has allowed you to progress to challenge yourself at the Division level of competition.

The list of events each student has qualified in is displayed on the PE office window. It is each student's responsibility to check this list for their events.

The Compass Event with all the carnival details will be available this week for families to consent and pay for their child/ren to participate at the carnival. This event closes at 11:59pm Tuesday 4th October. Any additional information, including an Event program, will be provided to families via Compass email.

We wish our students all the very best as they challenge their athletic ability against the best young athletes in the Upper Hume Division.

MASCOT CHALLENGE REPORT

The Mascot Challenge is finishing up for our F-2 students this week. Over the last 5 weeks students have had the opportunity to complete the challenge by engaging in 10mins of daily physical activity which has developed their fundamental movement skills. It has been wonderful to see the progress our students have made during the challenge. Each student will bring home their green Mascot Challenge ball and completed certificate this week. Be sure to get your child/ren to show you some of their skills during the holidays.

Well Done to our Foundation, Year One and Year Two classes for successfully completing this year's Mascot Challenge!

BOYS TO THE BUSH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DAY

On Tuesday the 11th October our Year 6 cohort will be participating in the Boys To The Bush Community Engagement Day at Willow Park. The day is targeted at bringing the community together to engage in sporting and cultural activities. The day is a free event as our students will be walking to and from Willow Park. A consent only Compass Event will be available to our Year 6 families this week.

An Engagement Day Flyer with a program of the day will be shared with our Year 6 cohort this week and emailed to families also.

We look forward to enjoying this community event with our Year 6 students.

Japanese Speech Contest

Last Thursday, nine students represented Wodonga Primary school at the annual North East Japanese speech contest. Students from across the region participated by preparing and giving a speech in Japanese on an interested subject area. All students worked extremely hard to the lead up to the competition by practicing their speeches and all their hard worked paid off! It was a tough competition, and I am very proud of how confidently they spoke in Japanese and how well they represented Wodonga Primary.

Congratulations to Darcy T who placed 1st in the Year 6 individual competition. Darcy spoke about his trip to Japan and the different trains he went on while in Japan. Congratulations to Chloe H and Chloe P who placed 2nd in the Year 5 pair competition. They did a self introduction and used a lot of animated expression when speaking about how they had the same name and interests. Congratulations to Emma H who won a \$20 voucher in the trivia contest. Emma's speech was about her two dogs. Also special mention to Breanna Y, Adam H, Ryan H, Amelia L and Aria B who did an amazing job presenting their speeches. Breanna was the first participant to speak in the Year 4 competition, a hard thing to do! She spoke of her love of Vietnamese food. Adam and Ryan spoke about their weekend and all the games they played and Amelia and Aria talked about their favourite food, including sushi.

Congratulations to these students on their wonderful achievements!



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Student Poems

Year 4 Students have been enjoying creative writing this term, producing some interesting poems

Books
Enchanting, magical
Engaging, exploring, provoking
Lets imagination run wild
Adventure

(by Amelie HU5)

Wizards
Old, magic
Casting, mixing, scheming
Overlord of magic beings
Magic human

(by Oli HU 5)

Burrito
Extravagant, delicious
Mouth-watering, firey, burning
Exotic taste of soft silky wrap
Mexican food

(by Ayaan HU 5)

Burnt orange
Burnt orange is amber.
Burnt orange looks Uluru at sunset.
Burnt orange sounds like smooshy.
Burnt orange smells like burning magma.
Burnt orange tastes like marmalade.
Burnt orange feels like the fur of a tiger.
Burnt orange is a goldfish.

(By Bradley HU 3)

Blue is sadness
Blue looks like the ocean on a sunny day.
Blue sounds like the peaceful waves at the seaside.
Blue smells like gorgeous violets in a field.
Blue tastes like yummy blueberries.
Blue feels like a nice, soft, soothing carpet.
Blue is the eyes that help us to see everybody.

(By Kaydence HU 3)

2022 Anzac Day School Awards

In June of this year our Defence School Mentor, Anna-Clare Makin, put together a website detailing Veterans' Stories of Peacekeeping and entered it into the 2022 Anzac Day School Awards.



The Anzac Day School Awards encourage schools to connect with veterans and current members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) to provide students with a personal and meaningful understanding of Australia's wartime history.

We are absolutely delighted to announce that Wodonga Primary School was awarded joint winner for Victoria. The Department of Veterans' Affairs said in their announcement of the winners that "Wodonga Primary School students interviewed peacekeeper veterans in their community and local Defence families, capturing their stories in an incredibly detailed website. This allowed students to showcase their connections with the veterans they interviewed and share their greater understanding of service experiences." Huge congratulations to all the students that participated in putting together the stories and chatting to veterans

AWArt Exhibition

This exhibition by Wodonga and District Government Schools showcases the extraordinary talent of the youth of our region. This visual arts display has been brought together by the Wodonga District Arts Festival Committee. Art works created by students from Foundation to Year 12 will be on display at GIGS (Gateway Island Gallery and Studios) representing 17 Schools and 500+ students! A selection of our students will represent our school with works exhibited. The exhibition is open from 30th August to 24th September. We would love to see our families, friends and wider community members embrace this opportunity to celebrate the talents of our local youth.

To assist with the cost involved, it would be greatly appreciated if visitors could make a gold coin donation. The donation box will be located at the gallery entrance.

**Young at
heart**

School Calendar

Event / Activity	Event Date	Who	Information on Compass	Consent / Payment Due Date
Year Level Assemblies	Sept 12	Foundation Year 1 & Year 6	Compass email reminder	N/A
Year Level Assemblies	Sept 13	Years 2, 3, 4 & 5	Compass email reminder	N/A
Walk-a-thon	September 15	Whole School	Collection protocols for sponsorship	N/A
Last Day of Term 3	September 16	Whole school	Early finish, 2.30pm	
Upper Hume Athletics	October 7	Selected Students	Consent & payment required, \$7.00	
Regional Athletics	October 14	Selected Students	Compass email notification when event ready after Upper Hume Aths.	TBD
School Council	October 26	SC members	Nil	N/A
Forensic Science Incursions	October 26	Year 5 and 6	Compass email notification when event ready.	TBD
Kanga Cricket Carnival	November 2	Year 6	Compass email notification when event ready.	TBD
F-2 Tabloid Sports	November 4	F-2 Classes only	Nil	N/A
First Day Term 4	October 3	Whole school	School starts at 9.00am	