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Welcome to Week 9 Families and Friends,

JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST



It's with great pride that I acknowledge four students from our school who participated in the Regional Japanese Speaking competition in Benalla on Sunday. Our students were very well supported by Sensei Watanuki (all the way from Japan). Congratulations and well done to;

- **Muhammad Mahd Ansari** who did a brilliant job and came first in the Year 5 Individual section.
- **Toby Thorpe** and **Christian Davey** who came second in the Year 4 Pairs with their conversation at the '7 Eleven' convenience store.
- **Bianca Walsh** from Year 2 who spoke very well!

ONE CAN CAN CHALLENGE: Letter

What a wonderful result we had in the One Can Can Challenge this year. We surpassed our target of 2965 by 203 cans! This is the largest amount of cans collected by WPS to date! Thank you families, students and staff for your generosity. Attached to the newsletter is a letter from Catherine Byrne, Emergency Relief Coordinator from Uniting Wodonga.

SCHOOL CHORUS: Boite Choir



On Wednesday night, our school choirs will join with 200 other students from around the Albury/Wodonga region to perform in the Mission Choir Festival at the Chapel Hall, The Scots School Albury. The concert commences at 7pm and tickets can be purchased at the door or via the following link...

<https://www.boite.com.au/boite-schools-chorus>

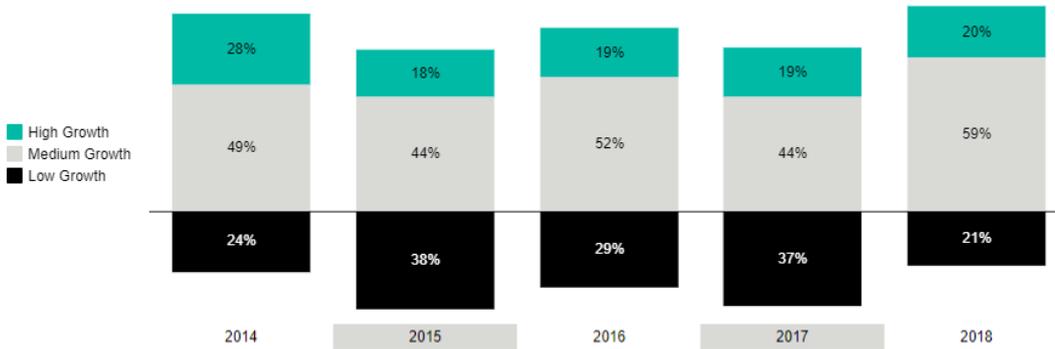
A huge thank you to Mr Silver for your coordination in making this opportunity available for our students.

NAPLAN

Our school has fared very well in this year's NAPLAN results. The school sees NAPLAN as feedback on our school's capacity to meet the educational needs of our students. The tables below demonstrate the 5-year trend data for reading, writing and numeracy which demonstrates that the school has decreased the bottom two bands of learners while increasing the top four bands in 2018.

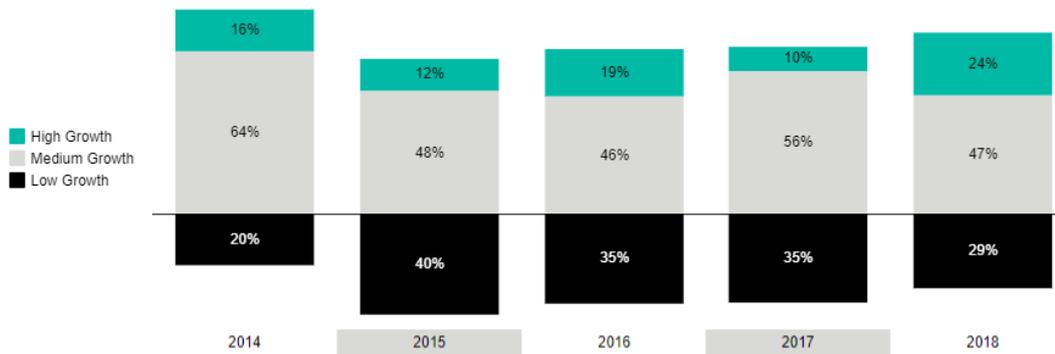
Students by growth category over last 5 years (%) ⓘ

For students in Year 5, Reading



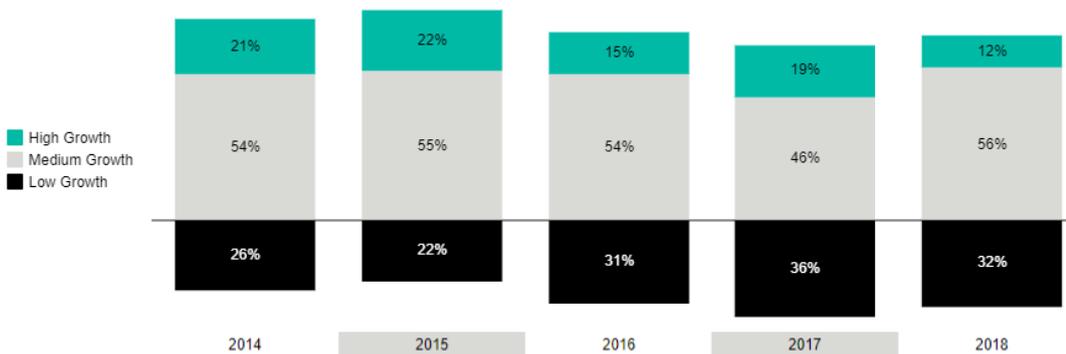
Students by growth category over last 5 years (%) ⓘ

For students in Year 5, Writing



Students by growth category over last 5 years (%) ⓘ

For students in Year 5, Numeracy



YEAR LEVEL ASSEMBLIES

Our Term 3 Year Level assemblies commence this week. We are excited to share the students' learning journey with families. It's a great opportunity for families to come and hear about what's been going on in our classrooms this term. Some assembly times are a little bit different this term due to availability of the PLC and the additional programs occurring for various year levels. Thanks for your understanding about the time changes.

- Year 2: Wednesday September 12 @ 2:15pm
- Year 1: Thursday September 13 @ 2:15pm
- Year 6: Friday September 14 @ 2:15pm
- Year 3: Tuesday September 18 @ 9:30am
- Year 5: Tuesday September 18 @ 12.30pm
- Year F: Tuesday September 18 @ 2:15pm
- Year 4: Wednesday September 19 @ 2:15pm

Have a great week,

Damian Duncan

STUDENT LEADERSHIP PHOTO

Tomorrow is the final day for parents of student leaders (Junior School Council & House Captains) to submit an order for their group photo. Information was sent to parents 10 days ago, and a copy of the photo is available from our [website](#).

CANTEEN: Lunch Orders

Have you had a lunch order recently? Did you know you can order online via **eCanteen OR in person**, the traditional way, via a brown paper bag?

Either way, your order needs to be done by 9am, to ensure your child gets their lunch on the day.

A [Canteen Menu](#) is available from our website if you are unable to use eCanteen, and paper bags are available from the school office at a cost of 10c each. **What will you order this week?**

Stay in touch with Events / Activities – using Compass as your information base

Event / Activity	Event Date	Who	Information on Compass	Consent / Payment Due Date
Slow Food Excursion	September 11	3BG & 3CM	Payment incl in Slow Food levy / consent	August 31
Library Excursion	September 11	Year 4	No cost – consent required	
Boite Choral Performance	September 12	Elected students	\$45.00 Consent & Pay	Sept 10
Slow Food Excursion	September 13	3AR, 3JR & 3KM	Payment incl in Slow Food levy / consent	Sept 7
High School Concert	September 13	Years 4/5/6	No cost – consent required	Sept 11
AFL Gala Day	September 14	Year 5s EOI	No cost – Consent required	Sept 13
Author's Workshop	October 8	Selected students	More details soon	
Write Wodonga Author's visit	October 8	Whole school	More details soon	
Zoo Excursion	October 19	Year 1	Consent & Pay \$65.00	Oct 16



CASUAL DAY



Wednesday September 19TH

GOLD COIN DONATION

This year, Nirvana O'Brien-Wilton in Year 6, was diagnosed with cancer. She is currently spending time in Melbourne for treatment.

Koala Kids is an organisation that provides things that make a difference to the lives of children and their families going through cancer. They provide different resources, family support and entertaining activities in Children's Cancer Centres at The Royal Children's Hospital, Monash Children's Hospital, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and nine regional hospitals including Albury/Wodonga.

One of the programs is called 'Cuddle Buddies'. Young patients are given their own soft cuddly toy to make them feel more comfortable while they are in hospital.

THEME: Dress as your favourite animal or bring your favourite soft toy from home!



All funds raised will go directly to Koala Kids.