



Ariel Announcements

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Engage Learning * Expand Minds

Welcome to Term 4,

Term 4 traditionally is a busy term, and this year there is no exception. This term we focus heavily on ensuring learning goals are met as well as celebrating success and preparing all students in all year levels for transitioning to a new year level or school (year 6'ers). It's important that our communication is concise and timely for families to ensure all our students participate in the school's programming fully. Some big things this term...

- 4-6 Swimming Program
- Write Wodonga Celebrations
- 2023 Foundation Transition and Head Start for our Year 6'ers
- F-2 Tabloid Sports and Division and Regional Athletics
- Hot Shots Tennis
- 2022 Awards Ceremony
- 2022 Year 6 Graduation
- Step Up and Meet the teacher Initiatives
- School Concert

These are the big ones, however there are many other excursions and incursions happening throughout the term. PLEASE ensure you CONSENT and PAY on time. Reading the Newsletter and checking Compass is advisable.

Hats Hats Hats



Term 4 is a SunSmart Term where hat wearing is compulsory for all students when playing in the yard at lunch and recess. Broad Brimmed hats are required by all students with the student's name clearly labelled inside. Sunscreen application is at the families discretion. Please refer to our [SUNSMART POLICY](#) for any clarifications.

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2022 Walkathon



Due to more inclement weather this week and the soggy state of our grounds, we are postponing the Walkathon once again.

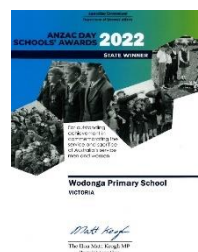
We have rescheduled the Walkathon to Wednesday 23rd November.

PLEASE SEND IN SPONSORSHIP ENVELOPES BY THE 7th October

All Money raised is for Outdoor classroom Furniture

Anzac DAY School Awards

Our school has won the Victorian ANZAC Day School Awards for 2022. Such a huge accomplishment from our Defence students and Anna, our Defence Support Mentor. Our Award and certificates can be viewed at in our foyer



Slow Food

It's with great excitement that we announce to the school community that in lieu of not having available kitchens again this year, we are running a modified SLOW FOOD program for our year 3 students this term. Thanks to the tremendous generosity of Wodonga Senior Secondary College for allowing our school to use their kitchens. All year 3 families have been notified by Compass and event consent and payment is available to be processed through Compass.



2023 Student Placement

In November, teachers alongside the leadership team, 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, behavioural 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.

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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 is **Monday October 31st**.

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



Congratulations to Felix for receiving GEM of the week for Empathy. Well done Felix!

Environmental Superhero

Zoe is our Environmental Superhero of the week. Congratulations Zoe!



Damian Duncan
Principal

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Wellbeing

Coming to school Every day is vitally important for your child's success. Our Wellbeing and Engagement staff are available to talk to families who need support regarding "getting your kids to school". You can call the school and ask for Lisa O'Donnell or Carlee Hill or email Lisa.ODonnell@education.vic.gov.au or Carlee.Hill@education.vic.gov.au



Talk to school if:

- Your child is not wanting to attend school
- You need support getting your child to school

Strengthening Children and Teens Against Anxiety Workshop – Register for Free



Anxiety is a very normal part of being human, but for as many as one in five children it can reach intrusive levels, interfering with family life, friendships and school performance. Join Author and renowned speaker, Karen Young, for an impelling and relatable free presentation. To register [click here](#)

The Wellbeing Team

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Updates from the Library

BOOK RETURN RAFFLE WINNERS:

Looks like our winners have caught the Reading Bug! Congratulations to James and Emily who were our Weeks 9 & 10 winners of our library raffle. James and Emily earned a raffle ticket by coming into the library before or after school to borrow / return books. Next week it might be you!



School Calendar

Event / Activity	Event Date	Who	Information on Compass	Consent / Payment Due Date
Upper Hume Athletics	October 7	Selected Students	Consent & payment required, \$7.00	
Slow Food	October 10 & 31	OS6	Consent and Payment required \$40	7 th October
Slow Food	October 13 & Nov 3	OS5	Consent and Payment required \$40	7 th October
Slow Food	October 17 & Nov 7	OS4	Consent and Payment required \$40	7 th October
Slow Food	October 20 & Nov 10	OS3	Consent and Payment required \$40	7 th October
Slow Food	October 24 & Nov 14	OS2	Consent and Payment required \$40	7 th October
Slow Food	October 27 & Nov 17	OS1	Consent and Payment required \$40	7 th October
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	October 26	Year 5 and 6	Compass email notification when event ready.	TBD

Incursions				
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
Year 4 – 6 Swimming	Nov 8 – 18	4 – 6 only	Compass email notification when event ready.	TBD
WPS Colour Run	Nov 24	All years	Nil	Nil
Wodonga Gold Cup Holiday	Nov 25	All years	Public Holiday	Nil