



# Ariel Announcements

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**Engage Learning \* Expand Minds**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 3, and what a week it will be!!! As you all would have heard, the restrictions are changing again as of midnight Thursday Oct 21st, meaning **all students will be onsite as of Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> October.**

The table below will assist you in understanding who's onsite each day this week...

YEAR LEVELS	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October (incl)	FROM FRIDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER
Foundation	✓	✓
Years 1-2	✓	✓
Years 3-4	Tuesday-Wednesday	✓
Years 5-6	Thursday	✓

This is great news and we truly look forward to having all students back at school together getting back to the business of learning.

## VACCINATION UPDATE

All employees of the Department of Education are required to be vaccinated to be employed. The process of this has been operationalised by the Department of Education and our school is compliant. This link will provide all families with DET's Vaccination Policy... <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/covid-19-vaccinations-visitors-volunteers/policy>

In relation to other community members who might be onsite at our school, our school must collect, record, and hold vaccination information for all other workers and volunteers on school sites who will or may be in close proximity to children, students or staff.

- casual relief teachers
- providers of incursions
- IT personnel (not engaged by school ICT and TSSP as they will be managed centrally as per above)
- students on placement
- services or works contractors not working within a designated construction site secured separately (for example, by fencing or hoarding) by a contractor from the rest of the school site (for example, for maintenance services or works)
- external therapists, NDIS providers or other allied health staff
- **volunteers performing volunteer work at the school (for example, parent helpers)**

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Moving forward, as the need arises for families to be onsite, not only will you be asked to sign-in through PASSTAB at the office, you'll also be asked to provide your immunisation status. DET's policy clearly outlines that those individuals who are not vaccinated are not to be on the school grounds due to the risk of infection. Non-compliant visitors or contractors will be asked to leave.

### MASK WEARING: Years 3 to 6

To support the staged return of schools to onsite learning under the [Roadmap](#), the Victorian Chief Health Officer has announced new directions in relation to mask wearing for primary school students.

These new changes will come into effect from 18 October 2021 in regional and metropolitan primary schools.



- Face masks will now be mandatory for all school students in Grade 3 and above when indoors including at Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) programs unless a lawful exception applies. Face masks can be removed while outdoors at primary schools.
- Students in secondary school must continue to wear face masks from the first day they return to onsite learning.
- Face masks are strongly recommended for Foundation to Grade 2 students.
- For students with a disability, parents and carers should speak to the child's doctor or regular health professional and with their school about the best methods to encourage mask wearing. Students and parents can also contact the [Disability Liaison Officer program](#) for more information.
- Students with a medical condition that prevents mask use will not be required to wear a mask.
- Face masks are required for students in Grade 3 to Grade 6 unless an exception applies. Exceptions include students with a physical or mental disability where their disability means it would not be suitable. Parents/Carers of a student(s) who meet the criteria for an exception must provide their approval in writing for their child/ren to not wear a mask to the school.

Follow this link for Information on the [correct ways to wear a mask](#).

Thank you to families who have already sourced and sent your children to school with their own mask. The school does have some supplies for students who forget or lose theirs.



### KIND AWARD

This week's KIND Award recipient is **Eligh Fox** from BR2.

Eligh was "caught" being super KIND to kids in the courtyard last week. Great job Eligh!

Have a great week,

*Damian Duncan*, Principal

## NAPLAN: Results Update

This week, students in Year 3 and 5 will bring home their performance report for the 2021 national NAPLAN assessment. The detailed report will outline results achieved by your child in comparison to the National average as well as the expected achievement for students in the same year level. Accompanying the report will be a cover letter and information brochure to support families with interpreting the individual data results across the domain assessments. Year 3 will bring their results home on Tuesday afternoon and Year 5 will bring their results home on Thursday afternoon.

*Christine Forrest*, NAPLAN Coordinator

*The incredible resilience and hard work of Victorian educators, students and families has been reflected in the results for this year's Victorian NAPLAN tests. Across all Victorian Government schools, the extraordinary work of Victorian students and their teachers, support staff and families has seen the state improve its results in key areas since 2019 – responding with amazing resilience to months of remote learning. - Victorian Government and Department of Education*

## PHYS ED & SPORT

### Water Safety

Unfortunately, due to restrictions placed on our water safety provider and difficulties with staffing their programs, our Year 3-6 Water Safety Program will not be provided this term. This is very disappointing to miss this crucial program two years in a row. Hopefully things will be better in 2022 and our programs and events can occur as planned!

### F-2 'Sunshine' Tabloid Sports Event

Due to some timetable changes, our F-2 Tabloid Sports has been moved to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November. At this stage we are hopeful of this fun-filled morning going ahead as planned.

### Division Athletics

We are planning for the Division Athletics to go ahead on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Students who have been successful in qualifying for the WPS Division team will be notified this week and a Compass Event will become available for parent/guardian consent and payment. It is parent/guardian responsibility to transport their child to and from the event, so the cost will be the entry fee only.

Further information regarding restrictions and the allowance of spectators will be provided closer to the date of the event.

*Blake Maxwell*, PE & Sports Coordinator

## SUNSHINE WALK - JOIN THE TEAM



The poster features a sun icon and the text 'SUNSHINE WALK SUNDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2021'. It includes a call to action 'JOIN THE WPS TEAM' and a fundraising goal of '\$5,000'. A QR code is provided for registration. The footer contains logos for 'Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund Inc.' and 'Wodonga Primary School'.

### SUNSHINE WALK - JOIN THE TEAM

It's time to join the Wodonga Primary School team to participate in the Sunshine Walk for the Albury Wodonga Cancer Centre Trust.

The walk is on November 7<sup>th</sup> however it has now gone virtual. We will wait until we know what restrictions are in place to determine how we will support each other or walk together. We are asking families to register for the 10km walk and support our fundraising efforts.

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. Individuals or families set their personal fundraising goal that adds to the team total. Go WPS!

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

## SCHOOL PHOTOS: Postponed until November 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

Our third reschedule for our School Photo shoot has been moved back to November 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>.

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.

## TERM 4 INFORMATION: Entry Gates & SunSmart

Parents are reminded to drop-off and pick-up students from their House Colour gates as communicated via Compass and Facebook over the past few days.



## 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
<b>All students onsite</b>	<b>October 22</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Vic Govt updated Oct 17 2021	N/A
District Aths	November 5	Selected students	Check Compass soon for cost/consent	TBA
School Photos	November 9 & 10	Whole School	Envelopes to be returned on the day	N/A
F-2 Tabloid Sports	November 11	Years F-2	No permissions / cost – school event	N/A
Book Fair	November 15-19	Whole School	From the library – more details soon	N/A
<b>Wodonga Cup</b>	November 26	Whole School	<b>Public Holiday – No School</b>	N/A
Awards Day	December 3	Whole School	Livestreamed event – TBA	N/A
Year 6 Graduation	December 3	Year 6	6pm: Livestreamed event – TBA	TBA
<b>Pupil Free Day</b>	December 17	Whole School	<b>Last day of Term 4 – no school</b>	N/A