



Ariel Announcements

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Engage Learning * Expand Minds

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 6. We continue to be impacted by the current COVID outbreak in the Albury Wodonga community. Last night, we received information about another positive student in Year 2. The student was onsite last week and all Year 2 parents have been notified and contact tracing has commenced. The school is actively working on ensuring we keep a safe environment for our students at school to limit the spread of the virus. We understand the impact of the quarantining students and therefore work with DET around limiting school closures.



STUDENT ABSENCES

Over the past few weeks, we have had many families indicate they are keeping their children home from school due to concerns around further COVID exposure. We understand this and encourage parents to please let your child's teacher know for attendance tracking.

For the students who are not attending school and their parents have notified the school of their absence, there will be learning available to students on Google Classroom. The school is not required to do this however, in supporting our community we will provide the following...

1. Daily Google Slides of the Learning in; Reading, Writing and Numeracy.
2. Wellbeing website provision for mental health support.
3. Reading Eggs and Essential Assessment availability.

However, due to teachers being onsite and teaching the students who are at school, there will be no...

1. Google Meets
2. Feedback on learning
3. Small Group sessions

We trust this support is helpful to our families. Many families also use other online programs to support home learning, as well as "reading a good book", we encourage families to continue with these practices.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: Tomorrow & Wednesday

We appreciate how important school photos are for families, therefore the following information will be crucial for parents as photo-taking days are tomorrow and Wednesday.

- **All classes onsite** will be photographed as scheduled.
- **Year 2, EL5 & HU3:** As a large proportion of our Year 2 students are in quarantine along with the entire Year 2 staff, the school has negotiated with our photographers, Leading Image, to reschedule these photos to Monday November 22 once the current quarantine period has been completed.

*Collaboration * Culture * Challenge * Community * Curiosity*

Additionally, Mrs Perston and Mrs Guile are also quarantining, so these two classroom's photos will also be postponed. Likewise, any family photos that include students from Year 2, will be postponed until the new date. Thanks for your understanding.

- **Students who are absent due to parent choice** - Parents who are choosing to keep their children home as a precaution are welcome to bring their children to school for their photos. Please see the timetable attached for your child's scheduled time. Please arrive 10mins ahead of the designated time at our Brockley Street single gate. Parents are to wait outside the school while the student joins their class for their group and individual photos. A staff member will direct your child to the Library building for their photo and then send them back out you.
- **What do I do if I haven't placed an order yet?** You can call the office any time **after 12pm** tomorrow to get your student's Access Key so you can place an order online.
- **Staff Photo – Office Closed:** Due to our whole staff photo being taken on Wednesday morning, the office will be closed from 8.30am – 8.50am.

PARENT PAYMENTS 2022: Distribution to families

Tomorrow, students will bring home the documentation regarding 2022 Parent Payments and Stationery Packs. The documents are *student specific*, for families with multiple children at our school, each child will have their own payment documents. Please note, that there has been a change in Government policy which means that all stationery pack monies are to be paid directly to the supplier (Office Choice, if you use our nominated supplier), not the school. When reviewing the information, please note there are two actions for families:

1. Parent Payment Contribution
2. Stationery Pack acquisition – orders due by Dec 15th

**Students in Year 2 or students who are absent, please note that these parent payment letters will come home on the student's next day of attendance at school.

2022 CLASS PLACEMENT

Please note that the window of opportunity for families to make requests for 2022 student placement is now complete. The 2022 classes have been created and the teachers and leadership team will fine tune these over the coming weeks. Families are informed of their child's 2022 placement in Week 11 of this term.

Have a great week,

Damian Duncan, Principal

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

This term, we took our whole school display virtual! Most terms, we create a display around the RR topics by having each class create a poster and putting them on display in the gym. This term, students were invited to add their name to the Jam board to share what they like to do - NO LIMITATIONS. It is inspiring to see students, regardless of age, gender or cultural background, identifying the common things they like to do. Choices included reading, writing, playing in the sand, taking care of animals and various sports. The whole display is up in the library for students to enjoy for the rest of the term.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2022 APPLICATION PROCESS

Thank you to all the Year 4 and 5 students who have put their name forward for one of the leadership positions for 2022. Due to our recent shutdowns, we were unable to complete the interviews as planned. They have now been rescheduled for **Wednesday 17th November**. If your child will not be able to attend school that day, please contact me to discuss options. We hope this is the last time we have to reschedule but acknowledge that some circumstances are beyond our control. We are looking forward to hearing from our future student leaders.

Maureen Murray, Student Leadership Coordinator

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

Year 6 Graduation: The date of the Year 6 Graduation has been set for Friday December 3rd, 6pm. Your Year 6 staff will communicate the finer details to you via Compass Newsletter leading up to the event which will be live-streamed.

Whole School Awards: The date for our celebration of 2021 school awards will be Friday December 3rd, commencing 9.15am. At this stage, we envisage live-streaming this event. More details closer to the time.

School Concert: This annual event is scheduled for Monday December 14th. Traditionally, students perform from the back of a truck to our school community on the Brockley Street oval. Bring a picnic to share during the event.

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
F-2 Tabloid Sports	November 11	Years F-2	CANCELLED	N/A
Book Fair	Nov 29 – Dec 8	Whole School	CHANGE OF DATE	N/A
School Photos Back-Up	November 22	Year 2s, EL5 & HU3		
Wodonga Cup	November 26	Whole School	Public Holiday – No School	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
School Concert	December 13	Whole School	End of year celebration – more details to come	N/A
Stationery Pack orders	December 15	Whole School	Order forms due at school by....	Dec 15
Last Day of School	December 16	All students	Normal school day, finishes at 3.15pm	N/A
Pupil Free Day	December 17	Whole School	Last day of Term 4 – no school	N/A

SCHOOL PHOTO TIMETABLE 2021

Venue: Library

CLASS PHOTOS: will be in a group setting.

Time	Tuesday Nov 9th	Class Photo Taken	Wednesday Nov 10th	Class Photo Taken
	Grade		Grade	
			STAFF GROUP or THEMED PHOTO for Staffroom collage	
9.00-9.10	BR1		CH1	
9.10-9.20	BR2		CH2	
9.20-9.30	BR3		CH3	
9.30-9.40	BR4		CH4	
9.40-9.50	BR5		CH5	
9.50-10.00	BR6		CH6	
10.00-10.10	HU1		W1	
10.10-10.20	HU2		W2	
10.20-10.30			W3	
10.30-10.40	HU4		W4	
10.40-10.50	HU5		W5	
10.50-11.00	HU6		W6	
11.00-11.10			EL1	
11.10-11.20	EL6		EL4	
LUNCH 11.20–12.00pm (FAMILY PHOTOS)				
12.00-12.10	OS6		STUDENT LEADERS FAMILY PHOTOS	
12.10-12.20	OS3			
12.20-12.30	EL2			
12.30-12.40	EL3			
12.40-12.50	OS5			
12.50-1.00	OS4			
1.00-1.10	OS1			
1.10-1.20	OS2			
RECESS 1.25–2.00pm (FAMILY PHOTOS)				
2.00-2.10	FAMILY PHOTOS		Year 2s / EL5 / HU3 – November 22	
2.10-2.20				
2.20-2.30				
2.30-2.40				
2.40-2.50				
2.50-3.00				

- Please arrive at school 10mins prior to photo time.

WODONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL



TERM DATES 2022

TERM 1

January 31 - April 8
(all students start Jan 31)

TERM 2

April 26 - June 24

TERM 3

July 11 - September 16

TERM 4

October 3 - December 20

LAST DAY OF EVERY TERM IS AN EARLY DISMISSAL OF 2.30PM