



Ariel Announcements

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Engage Learning * Expand Minds



Welcome to Week 5

As we move in to the middle of the term, it's important to ensure our community is prepared for and have full knowledge of the various upcoming events. Please keep an eye on the Newsletter and Compass for notices over the next month.

END OF YEAR: Key Events

Graduation: Thursday 6th December at The Cube, Wodonga

This year, our Year 6 Graduation is being held at The Cube, Wodonga. Recent feedback has prompted the school to trial an off-site venue, we hope the change will make for a comfortable and seamless graduation. Year 6 families are being communicated with directly via Compass.

Awards Ceremony: Friday 7th December in the WPS Ariel Centre

This event celebrates and acknowledges students from across our school in the following areas.

- The Academic Award recognizes students who have high expectations and an ambition to achieve.
- The Endeavour Award recognizes students who have a desire to learn and challenge their learning
- The Citizenship Award recognizes students who promote a sense of community and inclusion for all.

If your child is chosen to receive an award, you will be sent an individual invitation. We ask families to keep this information confidential (especially to your child) in order to make the event a special occasion. There will be two ceremonies, Year F-2 at 9:15am and Years 3-6 at 10:20am.

Christmas Concert: Monday 17th December on the WPS Brockley Street Oval

Our annual Christmas celebration and performances will once again be held on the back of a truck! This night is a tradition for our school, where families share in a picnic dinner together in a low-key setting on the oval. Families can choose to bring their own picnic or purchase items from our BBQ while enjoying the performance of students. The evening kicks off at 6.00pm and is open to all WPS families.

2019 CLASS PLACEMENT

Parent requests for input into the 2019 class placements, closed last Friday November 2nd. Staff have now commenced the process of constructing 2019 groupings. We aim to make the classroom dynamics as healthy as possible where learning is maximised and effective.

*Collaboration * Culture * Challenge * Community * Curiosity*

RINGWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE: Performance

Our school was extremely lucky last week to have the Ringwood Secondary College orchestra and choirs visit our school. The event was a great treat for our students and was highly entertaining, interactive and a fantastic learning opportunity, as the teachers from Ringwood explained and demonstrated various instruments (the weird and wonderful woodwind instruments were a treat). Thank you Mr Silver, for organising the performance.



CONGRATULATIONS

A huge congratulations to the following students whose work has been selected to be published in Craig Dent & Lauren Hebrow's new book, 'The Owl Who Travels Through Time.' Kurt Ebeling and Parsa Ghodsieh will have their writing published; while Alexis Blakeman, Conor Oakes, Nellie Dumsday, Grace Ayton, Musa Runanika, Seth Doubleday, Matilda Robinson, Dinuli Attanayake, Casey Murray, Hana Booth, Krystal Jackson, Lacey Deans, Lily Wellington, Mackenzie Read and Miley Murphy will have their illustrations published. A big thank you to all students who submitted their work, there was some high quality work. Students have the opportunity to purchase a signed copy of 'The Owl Who Travels Through Time' for \$20. If you wish to purchase a copy, please Alisha Watson by Thursday November 29th.

For those families who are interested in attending the book launch, it's at Dymocks Bookstore in Albury this Saturday November 10th at 11am.

Have a great week,

Damian Duncan

**SCHOOL
IS ON
TOMORROW**

Tomorrow is Melbourne Cup Day, but it's school as usual for all Wodonga Government schools. We will be taking the Wodonga Cup as our public holiday on Friday November 30th.

STATE ATHLETICS: Results

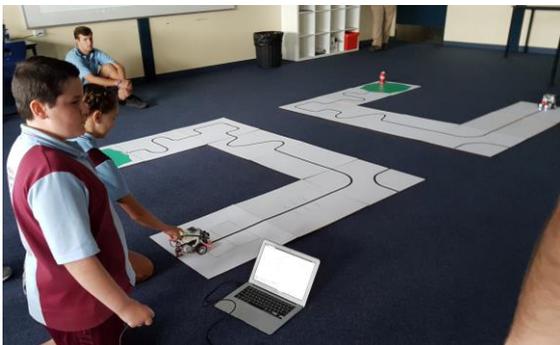
Congratulations to our State Athletics competitors. We are extremely proud of Connor, Erin, Maisy, Brooke, Olivia and Jay for representing not only our school, but the North East Victorian Education Department at the State VPSSA Championships last week.

At the time of publishing last week's newsletter, all results were not known, so we are happy to share that Connor finished 14th in the 1500m and the relay team finished 7th in the final.



Skye Hillier, PE Coordinator

STEM: Robocup



Last Friday, a group of our Year 6 students participated in the Wodonga Federation Robocup competition. This is a Lego robotics competition involving several different schools.

The build-up to the day, and the day itself, have been very educational, and a great learning experience for our students. It was a great day and the team earned strong results.

Khamal Sarkis, STEM Coordinator



REMEMBRANCE DAY: Poppies

Since Australia's first Poppy Day in 1921, the poppy has symbolised remembrance, commemorating those who have made the supreme sacrifice in times of war, for our country.

WPS has several items on sale to support the RSL which are available from the school office, ranging in price from \$2-\$5.

Lest We Forget

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair has returned to Wodonga Primary School! Next week, the library will have books and other goodies from Scholastic available for purchase. This could be a great opportunity to get some Christmas shopping done early, while supporting our school library.

The Book Fair will be open before school from 8:30am, during lunchtime and after school from 3:15-4pm.

Students have been given the opportunity this week during their library sessions to have a sneak peek of the Book Fair and fill out a 'Wish List' to take home.

We thank you for your continuing support,

Wendy & Emily, Librarians

REMINDERS

WATER SAFETY: Years 4/5/6

The Wodonga PS Water Safety program aims to prepare students for safe play around water with a focus on appropriate skills and behaviours. The program does promote strong swimming skills however the focus is on reviewing and revising skills for safety.

Students in Years 4 to 6 will be travelling by bus to the WAVES Swim Centre to participate in the water safety and familiarisation program to promote skills around water environments. The program consists of three sessions of 60-minute's instruction on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of their allocated week. Please check Compass for payment and consent.

***If parents claimed for the CSEF, this excursion may be covered. If you have any enquiries about payment, please contact the school office and ask for Faye.

BUY A BALE FUNDRAISER: November 16

A Casual Wear Day has been set for Friday November 16th to raise funds to support the National fundraiser, 'Buy a Bale', supporting the nation's farmers. See more details on the attached flyer.

LOST PROPERTY

We have had a few parents contact the school regarding items of clothing that have been misplaced yet are named. We are therefore requesting that all parents please check their children's jumpers – as they all look the same, just to ensure it is yours.

TERM 4 ASSEMBLY DATES

Our 4th term assembly dates will be held in the week leading up to the Year 6 Graduation and Whole School Presentation Day. In order to assist families to organise themselves, we are communicating these dates early.

All year level assemblies are held in the PLC, Wilson Building – please enter from Wilson Street.

Wednesday December 5th

- Year 5 @ 9.15am
- Year 4 @ 12.15pm
- Year 1 @ 2.15pm

Thursday December 6th

- Foundation @ 9.15am
- Year 2 @ 12.15pm
- Year 3 @ 2.15pm
- Year 6 Graduation – 6pm (more details soon)

Friday December 7th (by invitation)

- Years F-2 Presentations @ 9.10am
- Years 3 – 6 Presentations @10.20am

2019 CAMPS PROGRAM: Current Years 3/4/5

The Camp programs are important social and educational aspects of our curriculum, with camps already booked for 2019. Planning has taken into consideration the cost to families, and all efforts have been made to keep these down. We urge families to commence making payments as soon as possible, as the camps occur early in Term 1 next year.

Venues and dates have been finalised as follows:

- Year 4 Great Aussie Resort March 7 & 8 2019
- Year 5 Borambola March 4, 5 & 6 2019
- Year 6 Canberra March 4, 5 & 6 2019

From today, deposits and payments can be paid. To kick-off this process, we are now requesting payment of a non-refundable deposit as an indication that your child will attend the camp. Further details around the camp will be sent home with the final cost once this is determined. The final cost is dependent on numbers attending, but as an indication the 2018 costs were \$150 (Yr 4), \$290 (Yr 5) and \$320 (Yr 6).

If we do not receive a deposit or you don't contact us regarding a payment plan before deposits are due (December 16th), it will be deemed that your child is NOT attending. No currently enrolled students will be added to the camps attendance list in 2019.

Families who are experiencing hardship in relation to the deposit payment, should contact the office to organise a payment plan. If you have a credit or residual CSEF money, that you would like to utilise for this deposit, please contact the office. Deposits required for each year level are:

- Year 4 - \$50
- Year 5 - \$50
- Year 6 - \$75

** as per School Council guidelines, this deposit is non-refundable .

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

Event / Activity	Event Date	Who	Information on Compass	Consent / Payment Due Date
Kanga Cricket	November 7	Year 6	All Yr 6 students to attend	
Water Safety Program	Nov 19-21	4CA & 4RJ, 9.15am	Cost \$25, consent required	Nov 16
Water Safety Program	Nov 19-21	4MH & 4VP, 10.15am	Cost \$25, consent required	Nov 16
Water Safety Program	Nov 19-21	4LD & 5HB, 11.45am	Cost \$25, consent required	Nov 16
Water Safety Program	Nov 19-21	6CM, 12.45pm	Cost \$25, consent required	Nov 16
Water Safety Program	Nov 26-28	5JR & 5EB, 12.00pm	Cost \$25, consent required	Nov 23
Water Safety Program	Nov 26-28	6MB & 6LO, 1.00pm	Cost \$25, consent required	Nov 23
Wodonga Cup Day	November 30	Whole school	PUBLIC HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL	N/A
Water Safety Program	Dec 3-5	5ND & 5DS, 12.00pm	Cost \$25, consent required	Nov 30
Water Safety Program	Dec 3-5	6RG & 6TC, 1.00pm	Cost \$25, consent required	Nov 30
2019 Yr 4 Camp deposit	March 2019	All current Yr 3s	Deposit \$50 required	Dec 16
2019 Yr 5 Camp deposit	March 2019	All current Yr 4s	Deposit \$50 required	Dec 16
2019 Yr 6 Camp deposit	March 2019	All current Yr 5s	Deposit \$75 required	Dec 16

CASUAL DAY

November 16

GOLD COIN DONATION

THEME: Farm Life



Our funds will go towards helping the farmers in many different ways:

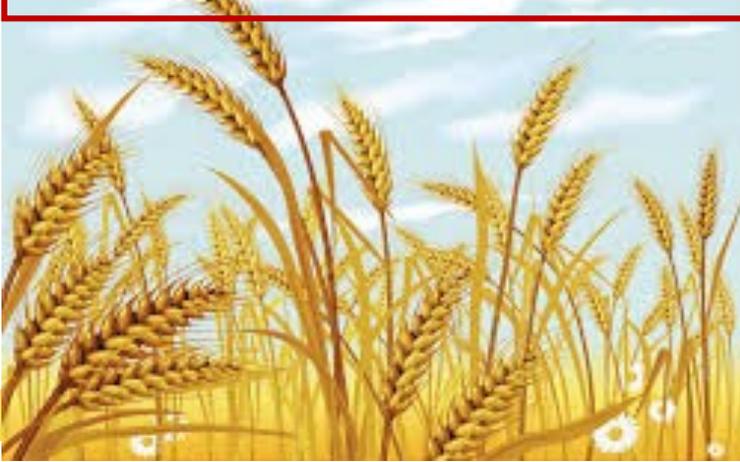
Hay – 5 x \$20 bales feeds One cow for One Week

Diesel – Every \$4.40 transports hay one km anywhere in Australia.

Water – Every \$250 delivers 11,500 litres delivered to a farm within 100 km of the collection point

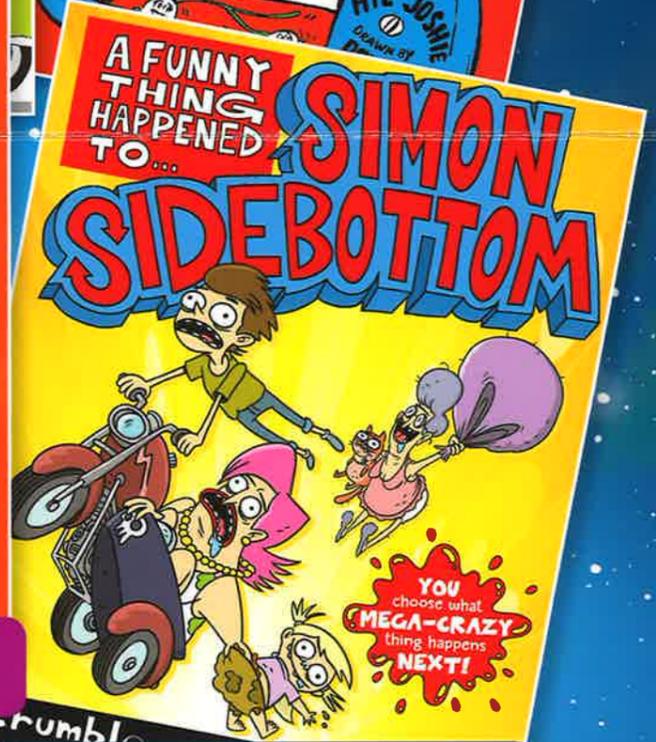
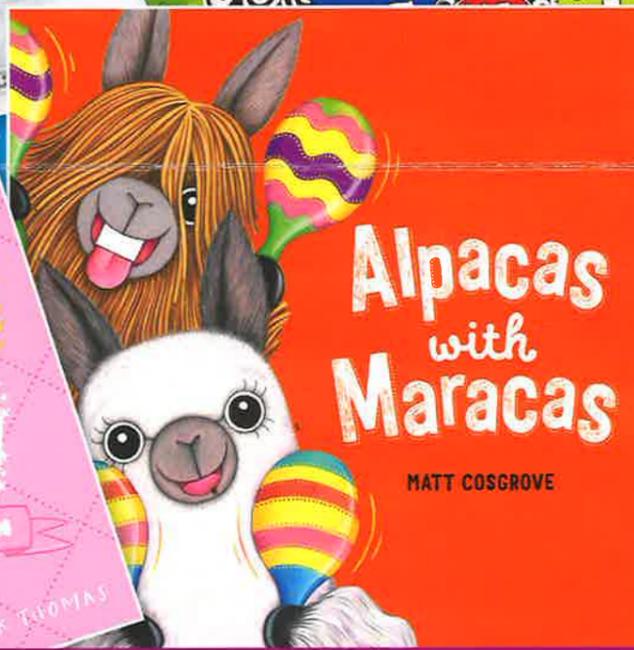
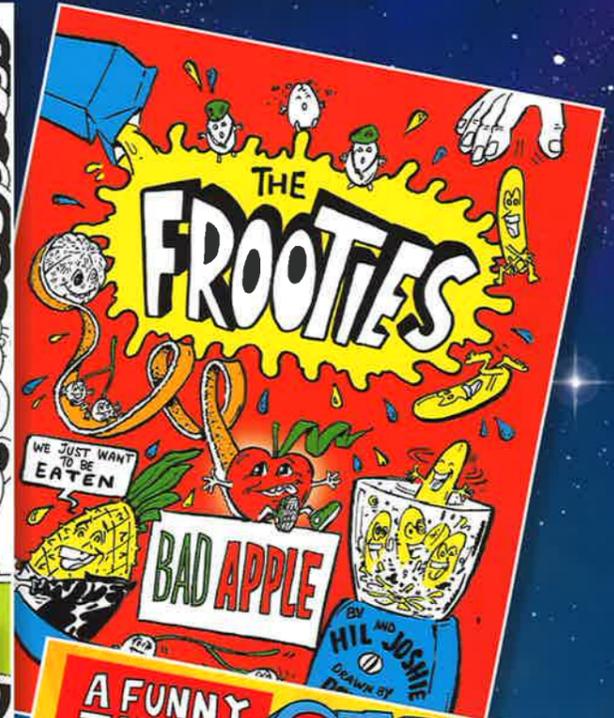
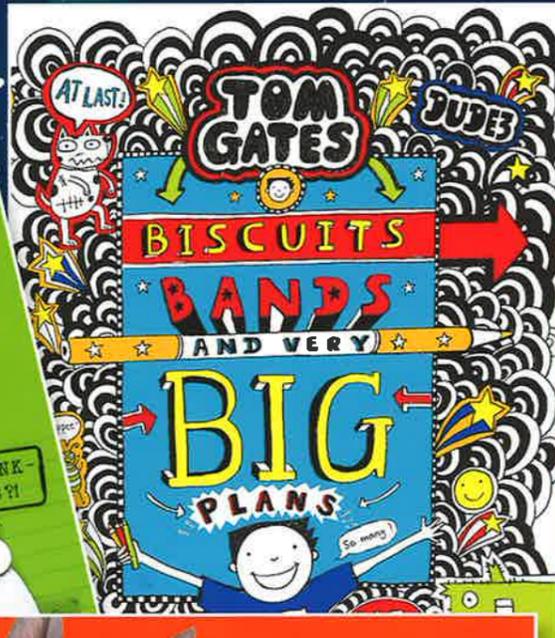
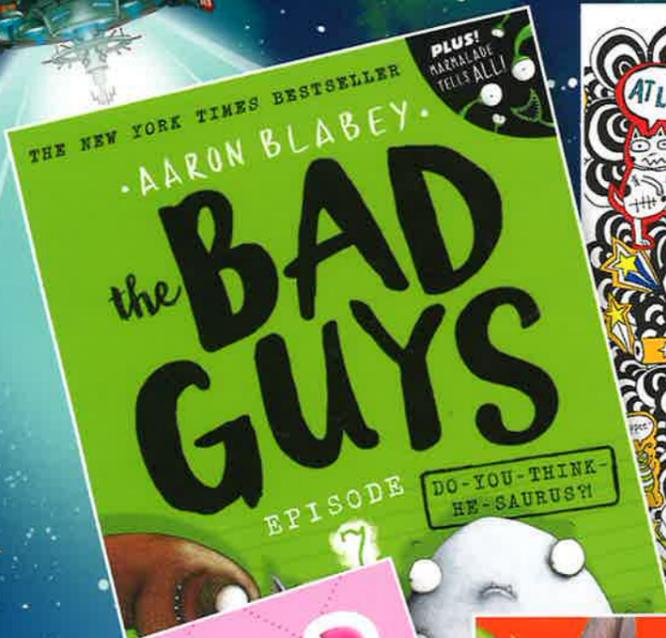
Hampers – Every \$52.50 buys a hamper for a farmer through their local supermarket.

General Donations – Help keep our wheels moving. Give what you can, every \$10 makes a difference.



You're invited to our Scholastic BOOK FAIR!

Reading Is Out of This World!



Choose from a huge selection of books at the Fair!

Date 12 November Time Anytime
Place Library

TO THE BOOK FAIR AND BEYOND!



Every purchase earns books and learning resources for our school!