



Ariel Announcements

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Engage Learning * Expand Minds

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 9, this term has definitely flown by! We continue to focus on learning to ensure students are making progress right up until the end of term. As there is a lot going happening in schools at this time of the year, I've tried to break down the events into bite size information snippets...

COMMUNICATION UPDATES

Please keep an eye on Compass and the next series of Newsletters to ensure your questions and clarifications are explained in regards to 'end of year' happenings. Below is a list of events you might want to put on your calendar...

DECEMBER 2021						
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- **Year 6 Graduation:** Our Year 6 Graduation Ceremony* will be an online live event streamed on **Friday December 3rd**. Students should be dropped off at the Wilson Street gate at 5:30pm, and parents should return home, with the virtual event being live broadcast to the parents (only) commencing at 6.00pm. A recording of the ceremony will be provided to families as well.
* Year 6 parents will be informed of this in detail via Compass.
- **Award Ceremonies:** Once again due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to host our annual Awards Ceremony in its usual format. We are therefore hosting virtual Awards Ceremonies on **Friday December 3rd**. Even though we can't acknowledge these achievements in the regular format, the accomplishment is still as prestigious and well-earned. Families will be communicated directly via Compass outlining the information on how and where to access the virtual assembly.
 - F-2 Award Ceremony: Friday 3rd of December at **10:00am**
 - 3-4 Award Ceremony: Friday the 3rd of December at **12:30pm**
- **Transition Year 6 to 7:** Headstart will be conducted during Week 10 (**December 6th - 10th**). All students attending either of the WMYC Campuses will be offsite for the week.
- **Transition - Preschool to School:** Please see Christine's message later in the newsletter
- **State-wide Orientation Day:** On **Tuesday December 7th** our school and all schools across the state, will participate in the State Wide Orientation Day. On this day our 2022 Foundation students will be here meeting their teacher from 9:15am to 12:30pm. This day falls in Head Start week, which means our Year 6 students will be visiting their secondary school this day as well.
- **Step Up:** Step Up is about students going with their existing (2021) class, up to the next year level to find out a little bit more about their learning for 2022. This will be conducted on **Wednesday December 8th**. Be sure to hear all about it when your child/ren come home that evening.
- **2021 Semester 2 Reports:** Reports will go live on Compass on **Friday December 10th**. Families will be notified via Compass notification at 3.00pm on this day.
- **2022 Student Placement:** Families of students In Years Foundation to Year 5 will be notified of their child/ren's classroom placement on **Monday December 13th**. This will be via email and will include the name of their 2022 classroom teacher.

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- **Christmas Concert:** *Another “once again”* unfortunately, we will not be having our “Back of the Truck” Christmas concert this year due to Covid-19 climate. This night is always a wonderful time for students and families. Keeping this in mind, we will still have a “back of the truck performance” *for students only* on **Monday December 13th**. We will video and photograph the kids having fun so families can enjoy them at home!
- **Meet the Teacher:** On **Tuesday December 14th**, all students will meet their 2022 teacher. This annual initiative gives students the opportunity to meet their teacher as well as see which peers are in their classroom in 2022. This initiative aims to reduce students' anxieties or worries about the following year.
- **Class Parties/Colour Run:** After meet-the-teacher on **Tuesday December 14th** we will be having a Colour Run. The colour run will be in lieu of individual class parties where food sharing is not to be allowed in the current environment. However, Year 6 Class Party will be held on Monday December 13th offsite as notified via Compass.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOURS INFORMATION

The new [Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy](#) promotes the importance of respectful and collaborative relationships between parents and carers and school staff. It sets out clear guidelines on the expected standards of behaviour for parents, carers and other adults who interact with the school community to reduce the risk and incidence. In these times we need to be mindful of each other’s roles and responsibilities, these resources will assist families and the school if needs arise.



KIND STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations and thank you to Kayden Cook-Hodge, HU1 for being KIND to another student by offering to help them when they became upset in the playground last week.

Have a great week,

Damian Duncan, Principal

2022 FOUNDATION TRANSITION: Tomorrow - November 30th

Last week was our first transition visit with our 2022 Foundation students coming to see us at WPS. We were very impressed with all our special visitors!! The kids did such a wonderful job in showing their independence and ease at transitioning into the new environment. We were very proud of them 😊. We were also very grateful as a school at the understanding and kindness that families showed us as we were getting to know all the new families and their children.

The session went very quickly but it was great to see the kids mixing and interacting with each other, chatting about things they had in common (and their teddies!) and also having fun at the playground.

Tomorrow's session will again be at the 12.30pm - 1.30pm time with entry through the Brockley Street double gates. We have some new activities and areas of the school for the 2022 Foundation children to experience. Again, this session will have students collect their names tags then say goodbye to families for an independent session.

Administration staff will again be supporting if you have any medical supplies to provide, or questions about stationery orders, birth certificates / immunization etc.

Christine Forrest, Foundation Transition Coordinator

2022 FOUNDATION TRANSITION

Our 2022 buddies completed their buddy training session this week and we are looking forward to meeting the 2022 Foundation students tomorrow. They have worked through a variety of scenarios and problem-solving strategies in their training sessions to support them in gaining a better understanding of their role as a buddy. Buddies will be at the transition session to meet and greet, and wait with families at the shade sail before joining the preschool children with their planned activities.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP PHOTO 2021

The current Student Leaders had a group photo taken by our Professional Leading Image photographers on November 22. This photo is available to purchase from our school office for the cost of \$12. Payment can be sent in via envelope detailing child's name and description of purchase or by ringing the school office and paying by credit card.

We will have the photos back before the end of the school year.

SPECIALIST KIND AWARDS

Week 8



Week 9



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
Book Fair	Nov 29 – Dec 8	Whole School	Books available to purchase from the Library	N/A
Awards Day	December 3	Whole School	Livestreamed event – check Compass	N/A
Year 6 Graduation	December 3	Year 6	6pm: Livestreamed event – check Compass	TBA
School Concert	December 13	Whole School	End of year celebration – virtually shared	N/A
Stationery Pack orders		Whole School	Order forms due at school back by....	Dec 15
Last Day of School 2021	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
First Day Term 1 2022	January 31	Whole School	All students will start on Monday January 31	N/A