



Ariel Announcements

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Engage Learning * Expand Minds



Welcome to Week 8,

This week is another busy week at Wodonga Primary School, which indicates we are actively Engaging Learning. We look forward to our 3/4 Athletics on Thursday, our National Day of Action on Friday, as well as some of our student leaders heading off to the Bogong Leadership Camp.

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING & VIOLENCE - Friday March 19th

Our school is committed to addressing anti-social behaviour and we actively seek ways to support students in making positive choices towards their socialisation. This can be highlighted with our involvement in the *National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence* which is occurring this Friday.

Our students and staff will join hands on the Brockley Street oval to spell out the important message of **Bullying NO WAY, WPS in Harmony**. Our student leaders are a driving force in organising the event and coordinating the students on the day. Lessons and messages of anti bullying are a big part of the messages given in class and while playing in the yard. We continue to encourage our community to connect with us in order to work together when problems such as bullying arise.

MOBILE PHONES

At this morning's assembly, I reminded our senior students that mobile phones are to be safely stored at the office. Additionally, I asked that phones are taken directly to the office once arriving at school. Some students have been using their phones in the yard between 8:45am and 9:00am. It's important that the [Mobile Phones - Student Use](#) policy is adhered to for the safety of all our students.

Families who have students who drop their phone into the office each day, please remind your child to take it straight to the office. Thanks in advance for your support with this.

UNIFORM

As the cooler mornings are creeping up on us, please ensure your child/ren are in full school uniform. We are conscious that our uniform is a mandatory requirement and is so for a number of reasons outlined in our [Student Dress Code policy](#). At assembly this morning, I spoke to the students about the importance of wearing a uniform for school pride and also that when we see non-uniform clothing in the yard, it spikes an alert that there is an intruder on our grounds. I finished off the talk by encouraging students to check if their clothing has their names on the items. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR STUDENT JUMPERS AND BELONGINGS ARE LABELLED CLEARLY WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

EASTER HAT PARADE: Thursday April 1

Students are encouraged to create an Easter Hat at home with their family and bring it to school on the last day of Term 1. We will be parading around the courtyard from 9:10 - 9:45am. However, as detailed above for the year level assemblies, we are not permitted to open the parade to the general school community. We will share some photos via our Facebook page later that day!

Collaboration * Culture * Challenge * Community * Curiosity

2021 SCHOOL COUNCIL

A reminder that our Annual General Meeting and first School Council meeting will be held next Tuesday March 23rd. We are trialling a new meeting night, Tuesdays at this stage. All representatives (parent & staff) received an email communication last week. We look forward to having you all on-board for 2021/22.

YEAR LEVEL ASSEMBLIES

Parents are advised that our upcoming Year Level assemblies will be held in the school's PLC building on the following dates / times. We are still not permitted to host assemblies with the general public in attendance, so we will be posting award recipient photos on our Facebook page post assembly. Parents whose child will be receiving an award, will be notified via Compass on Wednesday March 24th.

Date / Time	9.15am	12.15pm	2.15pm
Monday March 29		Year 3	
Tuesday March 30	Year F	Year 1	Year 2
Wednesday March 31	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4

KIND STUDENT OF THE WEEK



This week's student who was caught being KIND in the yard, is Ryder Williams from Mi6. Ryder alerted staff to an unsafe practice in the toilet area, which was rectified immediately. Well done Ryder.

Have a great week,
Damian Duncan, Principal

YEAR 3/4 ATHLETICS: Thursday March 18th

Parents are reminded to make payment and consent for this activity **by Tuesday March 16th**. For preparation reasons, no payments / consents will be accepted after this date nor on the day of the activity.

Administration Team

BOOK CLUB & BOOK FAIR

Book Club Issue 2 has been cancelled due to the Book Fair that is currently set-up in the Library. Issue 3 is due to arrive the first week of Term 2, so keep a lookout on Compass!

Book Fair: There are only two more shopping days before the Book Fair gets wheeled away and returned to Scholastic. Items were restocked on Friday, so there is still plenty to choose from. Sales begin at 8.45am, and are open during lunch and after school. Hurry before you miss out!

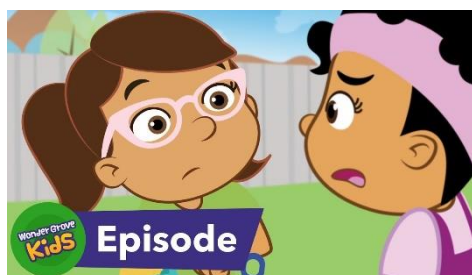
Library Team

AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL BE KIND DAY: Tuesday March 2nd

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION: In our continued lead up to anti-bullying day we will be again speaking in assembly about bullying, with this week a focus on keeping our hands to ourselves and how to look after ourselves.

Here is a link to a quick video on why we keep our hands to ourselves that might benefit student understanding:

<https://youtu.be/8iTPPh1d2j8>



[KEEP YOUR HANDS TO YOURSELF S3 E20](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8iTPPh1d2j8)

Maria learns to respect her friend Dee, and keep her hands to herself! SUBSCRIBE:

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BEYOND BLUE SUPPORT: The government have supported Beyond Blue to set up a new FREE phone/video counselling service that people 12 yrs and above can access.

Currently in the Wodonga area there is just one service (it seems like a Melbourne based service).

<https://www.beyondblue.org.au/get-support/newaccess>

It appears that people can ring the number of the service listed and access weekly sessions for up to 6 weeks.

Student Engagement & Wellbeing Team

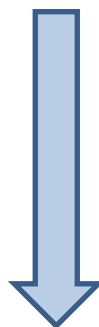
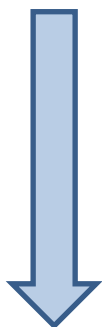
OLDEN DAYS DRESS-UP AND GAMES DAY: Year 1 – March 25th

The Year 1 students have been learning about 'My Family – Then and Now' during their Discovery unit. Students have strengthened their connections to their family history through sharing items of historical interest and stories from their families' past. We have explored objects from the past and what families might have used them for.

On Thursday March 25th, Year 1 students are invited to dress-up from any era stretching back as far as the 1850s. We will be exploring how children's games have changed over time, and playing games from the past. This will be an opportunity for students to go further with their learning about the unit and reflect on the knowledge they have acquired along the way.

We understand that people might not have items of clothing at home, so we ask families don't feel pressured to purchase items to wear on the day. Students can wear their school uniform and still participate in the planned activities.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions and DET guidelines there will not be an Olden Days Parade with parents onsite. Rather the students will show their costumes throughout the day within their own year level. We will hopefully have some great photos to share later on.



COMPASS 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
Athletics Carnival	March 18	Years 3/4	Consent & payment required \$4.50	March 16
Olden Day Dress-Up	March 25	Year 1	Not required	N/A
Book Fair Closes	March 17	Whole School	Last day to purchase	N/A
Bogong Camp	March 19-21	Selected students		Expired
Teach the Teacher	March 23	Student Leaders	Consent required	Expired
School Council AGM	March 23	Councillors	N/A – 6.00pm start	N/A
Sumsion Gardens	March 31	Year Foundation	Consent & payment required \$4.50	March 29
School Holidays	April 2 – 18 incl	Whole School	Enjoy the break!	
Pupil Free Day	April 19	Whole School	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS – Staff Professional Development	
First Day Term 2	April 20	Whole School	ALL students return to school for Term 2	
Year 2 Excursion 1	May 13	Mi1/Mi2	Consent & payment required \$35.00	May 1
Year 2 Excursion 2	May 14	Mi3/Mi4/Mi5/Mi6	Consent & payment required \$35.00	May 1