



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:

Teacher LED
Conferences
Monday 12th - 15th Feb

Foundation Portrait
Photos
Monday 12th Feb

Division Swimming
Championships
Friday 17th Feb
WAVES
(self nominated
students only)

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**Engage
Learning**

**Expand
Minds**

- Newsletter -

Wodonga Primary School

Newsletter #2

Monday 12th of February, 2024

Principal's Message

Damian Duncan

Welcome to Week 3 Parents and Caregivers,

A busy week at our school this week with our Teacher Led Conferences occurring before and after school. We have 644 conferences booked through Compass, which is fantastic! The conferences are occurring before and after school from Monday to Thursday. Compass booking system for the conferences is now closed. If you missed booking your conference, please email your child's classroom teacher. Engaging our families in student learning is a critical part of ensuring success for our students!

2024 Student Leadership

At this morning assembly we were privileged to have Mr Steven Fouracre address our school about the importance and nuances of leadership in schools. Steven, who is the Principal of Wodonga Middle Years College spoke positively about the rights and responsibilities of teachers and learners in school. Steven also presented our 2024 Leadership badges to the following leadership groups. Student Leaders, FROGS, FOTL and Band Leaders.



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Our vision

principals

are...

Culture

Curiosity

Collaboration

Challenge

Community

Did you know?

If you are picking up your child early, they must be signed out at the office before going to the classroom!

KIND+ER

Our school bases is values against an easy to remember acronym, KIND+ER. Student behaviour is deeply connected to the kids following or being conscious about the choices they make in regards to the KIND+ER rules. Here is a poster that is in all classrooms and has been retaught to all kids through our Start Right unit this month.



School Council Elections

School Council contributes towards the direction our school takes and is an important component in ensuring the big Picture is achieved. Each year, we ask parents to nominate for positions on Council, to help us achieve our parent membership. This year, we have seven spare positions available (each position has a duration of 2 years).

If you wish to be part of the governing board of our school, please drop by the office and pick-up a SC Nomination form or download the forms from the same Compass newsfeed as this newsletter. School Council is a great way of being involved in many of Wodonga PS.

[Nominations close Monday 4th of March.](#)

Assembly Update...



At this morning's assembly we celebrated the students who received happy cards last week!

First Aid Update...

Jenny Martin

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MEDICATION SUPPLY OR ADMINISTER

Wodonga Primary will not:

- in accordance with Department of Education and Training policy, store or administer analgesics such as aspirin and paracetamol (eg: Panadol) as a standard first aid strategy as they can mask signs and symptoms of serious illness or injury. (Ibuprofen will be accepted)
- allow a student to take their first dose of a new medication at school in case of an allergic reaction. This should be done under the supervision of the student's parents, carers, or health practitioner.
- allow use of medication by anyone other than the prescribed student except in a life-threatening emergency. (eg: if a student is having an asthma attack and their own puffer is not readily available) **If a student requires medication, Wodonga Primary School encourages parents to arrange for the medication to be taken outside of school hours**

"Learner qualities help us to extend our learning independently"

**Quesiton
Connect
Self Aware
Reflect
Persist**

From the Literacy Team...

Home Learning is promoted at Wodonga Primary School as a means of:

- Developing and practising learning habits
- Connecting learning between home and school
- Consolidating and practising known skills
- Promoting questioning and curiosity
- Daily home reading

Wodonga Primary School endorses the following home learning choices:

- Daily reading – take home readers / library books will be provided by the school
- Using Reading Eggs program to practise literacy skills
- Seeking answers to "Discovery" or questions that promote curiosity and motivation.

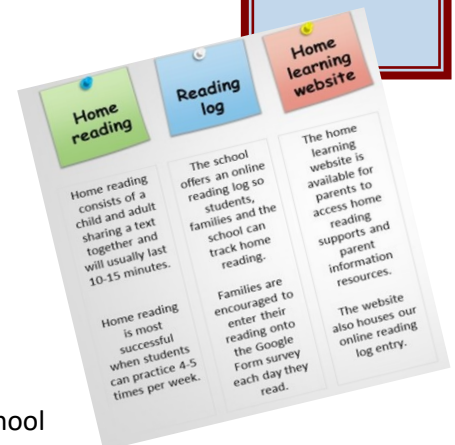
Daily Home Reading

Home reading is a fantastic way of developing a student's love of reading.

Students books in Foundation to Year 2 will mostly consist of levelled readers that are easy to read independently. Students in Year 3 to Year 6 are encouraged to pick reading material of interest this can consist of school library books, books from home and audio texts.

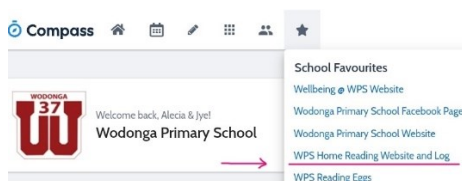
It should be an enjoyable activity where students practice fluency, build confidence, learn about the world around them and develop their imagination.

Student reading logs are used to track reading interests and acknowledge high engagement in home reading at year level assemblies each term. Student reading logs are encouraged to become a routine practice, firstly supported by adults at home and then encouraged for students to log their own home reading entries.



WPS Home Learning Website Link

<https://sites.google.com/education.vic.gov.au/wpshomelearningwebsite/home?pli=1>



Foundation students and new students to Wodonga Primary School will receive their home reading logging book mark and will get their keyring tags in coming weeks.

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
Teacher Led Conferences	Feb 12 – 15	Whole School		N/A
Division Swimming Championships	Feb 16	Selected Students only	COMPASS Event	13/02/2024
Year 3 & 4 Athletics Carnival	Mar 4 th	Year 3 & 4 only	Details to come on Compass	
Year 5 & 6 Athletics Carnival	Mar 5 th	Year 5 & 6 only	Details to come on Compass	
Labour Day Public Holiday	Mar 11 TH	Whole School	No school – Public Holidays	N/A

