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# Wodonga Primary School

Newsletter #5

Monday 4th of March, 2024

## UPCOMING

### EVENTS:

Year 3 & 4 Athletics  
Carnival  
Monday 4th March

Year 5 & 6 Athletics  
Carnival  
Tuesday 5th March

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC  
HOLIDAY - No School  
Monday 11th March

NAPLAN  
Wed 13th March  
to  
Friday 22nd March

## HELPFUL LINKS

[FACEBOOK](#)



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**Next Pupil  
Free Day**

**Monday 15th  
April**

## Principal's Message

Damian Duncan

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome to Week 6. We have bridged the middle of the term, how time flies here at school with our busy schedule. A reminder to our families that next Monday is the Labour Day holiday in Victoria. There is **NO SCHOOL on Monday the 11th of March**.

We have the annual NAPLAN nationwide standardised test commencing next week. Years 3 and 5 families have been communicated directly about this, however, if you have any questions or feel you may have missed some communication, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher.

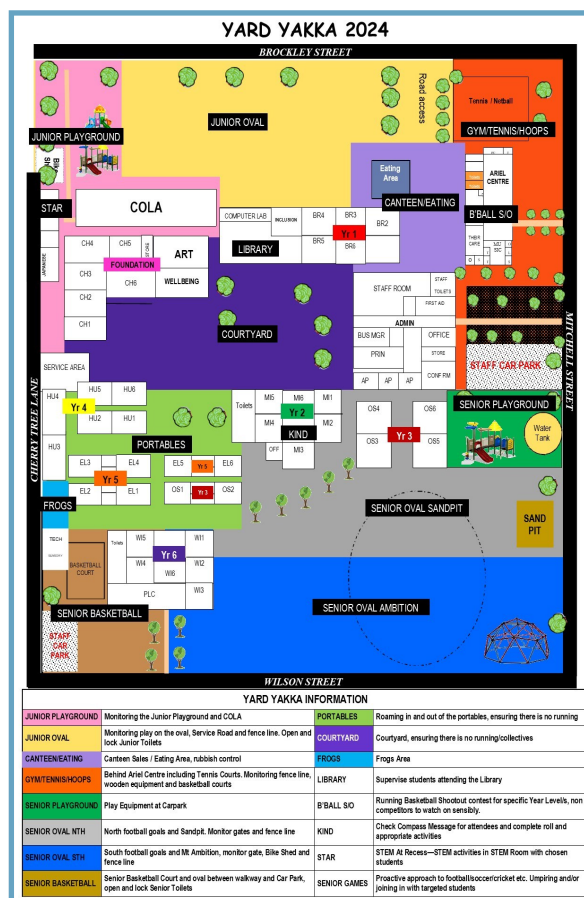
### Do you know how yard supervision is coordinated at our school?

Our school grounds are a great place for our students to play and socialise. We have 15 teachers on duties at every break and 6 education support staff. The staff where high-viz vest to ensure students can find an adult for support.

Our yard is coordinated into zones to assist the even distribution of students and to mitigate injuries from the size differences in our students. .

The Brockley Oval is for F-2 students and the Wilson Oval is for 3-6 students. The courtyard and canteen zones are communal areas for all students to spend time.

There are before school staff on both Wilson and Brockley oval commencing their duty at 8:30am when the grounds open for the school day. The same applies for the afternoon 3:15 to 3:45pm



- Engage Learning -

- Expand Minds -

Our vision

principals

are...

Culture

Curiosity

Collaboration

Challenge

Community

#### Event Approval

Please make sure you approve events such the upcoming 4/5/6 Camps.

Did you know about how we use Growth Mindsets in our approach to learning?

If you spend time in a classroom at Wodonga Primary School, you might hear the term "Growth Mindset" or see this poster.

We have worked for many years under the following belief that is derived by research by Dr Carol Dweck (google her, she's amazing)



*If we have a "growth mindset," we enjoy challenges, despite the risk, usually because we value learning and growth more than others thinking we know what we're doing. And because we're always trying new things, we often don't know what we're doing. Still, those of us with a growth mindset often build new skills and manifest something more easily because we believe we can and so we really work at it.*

*Developing a growth mindset could contribute to a fuller, more meaningful life because the range of experiences that such a life encompasses will be considerably broader.*

#### 2024 School Council— Nomination Close TODAY

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).

As the 2024 nomination process closes today, the shortlisting and potential election process will be communicated to our school community in next week's newsletter. Thanks in advance to the parents and staff who have nominated themselves!



# Mathematicians' Corner...

## Quote of the Week:

"The times when we are struggling and making mistakes are the best times for brain growth."

Jo Boaler, Limitless Mind

## Maths Learning Update

At WPS students and teachers work together in mathematics through investigating authentic problems. This approach to learning is founded in the latest global research on effective maths instruction. Students are enjoying highly engaging and challenging experiences that relate to their lives and build maths skills for life. Ask your child/ren about the fun and learning they have had in maths this week.

Our teachers also use great maths games that support understanding and are happy to share these with families upon request.

## Suggestion for Authentic Maths at Home This Week

F-2: How much milk do we have?. What shape is the container it is in? How many drinks of milk do you think are left in the container?

### 3-6: How much milk do we have (estimate in mL)?.

What shape is the container it is in?

How many drinks of milk do you think are left in the container?

Based on this, how much more milk do we need this week?

Bonus: How much milk do we use a year? What about in a lifetime?

# Finance News:

## Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund

**Attention all parents who are in possession of a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pension Card.**

CSEF applications are now open for 2024!!

This entitles all Primary School aged students on the card to receive \$150 to use towards Camps, Excursions and Sporting activities. Cards must be in the name of the parent/guardian not in the students name.

If you applied for CSEF in 2023 at Wodonga Primary School, we have rolled over your application and you are not required to do anything.

If you are new to Wodonga Primary School, or have recently been approved a Health Care Card or Pension Card, please come in and complete an application form. An electronic version was distributed via a Compass New Feed last week.

## Camps

If you have students in years 4-6, you will no doubt be aware that the camp events are now live on Compass. Cost of the camps range from \$260-\$270. We have a limited number of fully/partially funded camps spots, if you are experiencing financial hardship, please speak with our Business Manager, Chantal Gardner. **We can also arrange payment plans if that would assist families.**

*"Learner  
qualities help  
us to extend  
our learning  
independently*

*Question  
Connect  
Self Aware  
Reflect  
Persist*

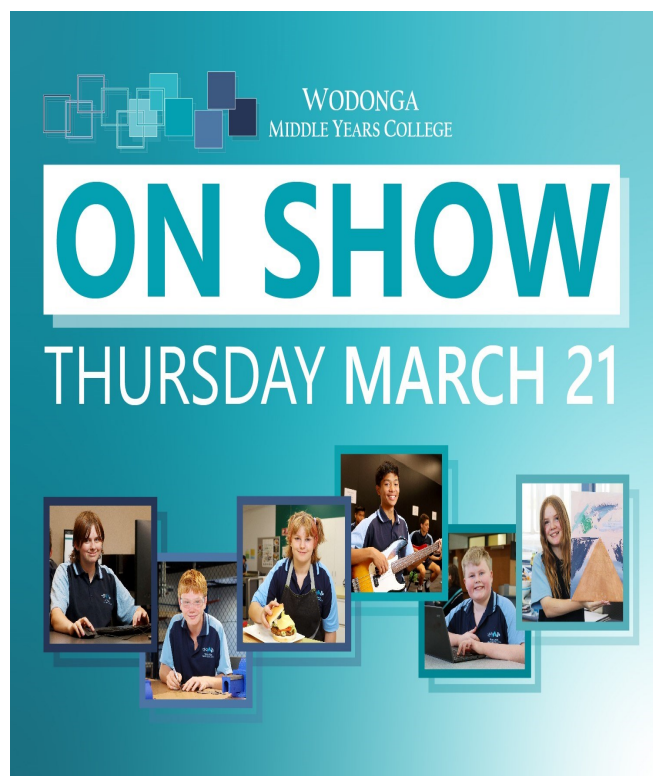
# Transition...

James Harris

Wodonga Middle Years College On Show will be held on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March.

All Year 6 families are invited to come along and take a guided tour. Tours of the Felltimber and Huon campuses will occur between 3.30pm-5.30pm.

Following that, there will be a Q and A live link to view on the WMYC Facebook page, starting from 7pm.



## 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
Labour Day Public Holiday	Mar 11 <sup>TH</sup>	Whole School	No school – Public Holidays	N/A
NAPLAN	Mar 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 & 5	Nil	N/A
Bogong Leadership Camp	Mar 15 <sup>th</sup>	Selected Students	COMPASS <a href="#">DETAILS</a>	N/A
Woolpack Inn Museum	Mar 18 <sup>th</sup>	BR1 & BR2	COMPASS <a href="#">DETAILS</a>	14/03
Woolpack Inn Museum	Mar 20 <sup>th</sup>	BR3 & BR6	COMPASS <a href="#">DETAILS</a>	18/03
Woolpack Inn Museum	Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup>	BR4 & BR5	COMPASS <a href="#">DETAILS</a>	20/03
<b>Last Day of Term</b>	<b>Mar 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Nil	N/A
<b>First Day of Term 2</b>	<b>Apr 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Nil	N/A
Year 5 Camp - Valley Homestead	Apr 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 only	COMPASS <a href="#">DETAILS</a>	15/03
Year 4 Camp - Feathertop	Apr 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 only	COMPASS <a href="#">DETAILS</a>	15/03
Year 6 Camp - Borambola	Apr 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 only	COMPASS <a href="#">DETAILS</a>	15/03