



Wodonga Primary School

Monday 22nd of April, 2024

Newsletter #8

UPCOMING

EVENTS:

ANZAC DAY
Thursday 25th April -
Public Holiday No school

Year 6 Camp
Tuesday 23rd April &
Wednesday 24th

Cross Country
Thursday 2nd May

Mothers Day Hight Tea
Monday 6th May

Mothers Day Stall
Thursday 9th May

HELPFUL LINKS

FACEBOOK



COMPASS



WEBSITE



Public Holiday

Thursday 25th April

Principal's Message

Damian Duncan

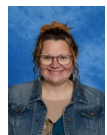
Welcome to Term 2,

We are excited about this term as we drill down into the business of learning. We are currently enjoying some great opportunities to “Engage Learning” through a number of great opportunities. The 2024 Camps Program is in full swing with last week seeing our Year 4 and Year 5 students attend camps in the Oven’s Valley. Tomorrow our year 6 students head off to Borambola Camp which will be a fantastic time for all. Additionally, last week we commenced our 2024 Slow Food program in Year 3. It’s great we have been provided the WMYC Huon kitchen for our students to access and enjoy the Slow Food program.



Staffing Update:

Last term we farewelled Natasha Dedic, a teacher who has taught at our school for many years. Natasha was teaching the CH4 Foundation class. Natasha’s replacement is Lisa Bradshaw who’ll be commencing on Monday May 6th. Mrs Melanie Armstrong is currently teaching CH4 in the interim. We wish Natasha all the very best, welcome Lisa and thank Melanie. (direct communication to CH4 families has occurred)



One of our Numeracy Leading Teachers, Kade Livermore has been appointed to the principal position at Osbournes Flat Primary School. We are excited and happy for Kade’s extension of his professional career in education. Kade has been replaced by Shelley Gilbert who comes to our school with a vast knowledge and experience in school improvement and education coaching and collaboration. Welcome aboard Shelley!



- Engage Learning -
- Expand Minds -

Our vision
principles
are...
Culture
Curiosity
Collaboration
Challenge
Community

Canteen Volunteers

We are desperate for Canteen Volunteers! If you can spare anytime to help it would be much appreciated!

Our Assistant Principal James Harris on leave this term and is replaced by Melisa McInnes. Mel holds a Leading Teacher position at our school and is very versed in the operations of our school. Mel is the key contact for Year 5 and 6 teachers and families and is very open to support the smooth running of these year levels and the roles/responsibilities of James



Message from The Hon. Ben Carroll MP Deputy Premier Minister for Education

The Minister for Education has a short video message for families of Victorian Government Schools. Please use the following link to access the video message. [short video message](#)

The Smile Squad is coming to our school

As you may be aware ‘Smile Squad’, the school dental program, has been on hold since 2020 due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Dental Health Services Victoria (DHSV) are working closely with the Department of Education and Training to support the rollout of the dental program at our school.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic> OR use the QR code:



Please complete and submit the consent form by 30th April 2024.

The Smile Squad will be at our school for five weeks over the course of the following dates...

- 1st Week- Tuesday 30th April, Thursday 2nd May, Friday 3rd Ma
- 2nd Week- Tuesday 7th May, Thursday 9th May, Friday 10th May
- 3rd Week – Wednesday 15th May, Thursday 16thMay, Friday 17th May
- 4th Week- Tuesday 21st May, Wednesday 22nd May, Friday 24th May
- 5th Week- Thursday 30th May, Friday 31st May

Mother’s Day High Tea

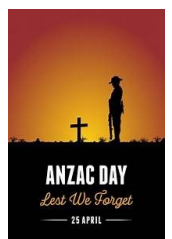
We are excited to bring back our annual Mother’s Day High Tea event. We’ve had a hiatus with this initiative due to COVID, but are happy to reinstate the event for our mums. Our admin and education support team are coordinating the High Tea.

Please see flyer attached to this newsletter and use the link if you are interested in attending. Please fill out the registration form with your name and the name of the WPS student (your child/ren) who’ll be attending. Spots are limited to 100 mums and we’ll need to close the registration on Wednesday the 1st of May for catering purposes.

ANZAC DAY

Our school acknowledged Anzac day via our whole school assembly on Monday the 22nd and also by attending the Wodonga’s Anzac day march and ceremony on Thursday the 25th at Woodland Grove.

Once again, our school will be marching as a school down High Street to the water tower / Library. If you wish for your child to attend, please meet me (Mr Duncan) at Huon Hill Hotel / Quest at 10:15am. The march commences at 10:30, proceeds down High Street and concludes in front of the library. Parents can then pick up their children from outside the Library. The official Anzac ceremony commences at Woodland Grove at 11am. Two of our students will be laying a wreath.



Literacy...

Alecia Williams—Literacy Leading Teacher

Students have been engaging in Classroom Library Trades exploring new genres and topics of interest across their new cohort libraries from Year 1-Year 6. Classroom Library Trades are run each term where students browse through texts looking for topics that interest and engage them in independent reading. By using the IPICK process, students gain agency in their learning and learn how to pick 'just right' books that they can read and further develop their understanding, by practicing and transferring comprehension strategies taught in reading sessions.



2025 Enrolments...

Christine Forrest—Assistant Principal

Planning and preparation is underway for 2025 Foundation enrolments. In line with the state-wide DET timeline, Wodonga Primary School has begun collecting information from existing families regarding siblings that may be due to start in 2025. If you are an existing family and yet to complete the survey please click [HERE](#).

For prospective families, you are welcome to register for our 2025 Foundation Information session and School tour using the link [HERE](#). Additionally please see below flyer at the end of this newsletter.

Please keep an eye out in our newsletter for additional information about enrolment forms and due dates over the coming weeks.

Wellbeing...

Cara Pfeiffer & Chris Moxey—Wellbeing Leading Teachers

The Resilience Project is based around the idea of Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness, and practising these skills daily to support positive emotions. Each week the students at WPS participate in a Resilience Project lesson, as well as engage in GEM chats. GEM chats allow the students to practise gratitude, mindfulness and empathy and provide a regular wellbeing check in and strengthen the connections to school.

Each week at assembly students and teachers will have the opportunity to participate in a GEM chat and share their thoughts. You can find today's GEM chat here.

Gratitude

What is gratitude? It's about paying attention to the things and moments we have right now, and not worrying about what we don't have. We practise gratitude by noticing the positives that exist around us, and by being thankful for things, places and people in our lives.



Year 6 to 7 Transition...

Melisa McInnes—Acting Assistant Principal

Last week all Year 6 students took home a **Year 6 to 7 Placement Information Pack 2024-25**. Please ensure you have read all of the important information in this pack and complete the last two double sided pages and return them to the school office before Friday the 10th of May 2024. It is vitally important that all students return these completed forms, regardless of what High School they are planning to attend.

Please see the flyer for Tallangatta Secondary College Information Evening on the 1st of May.

If you have any questions regarding Year 6 to Year 7 Transition please contact Melisa McInnes at school.



Tallangatta Secondary College
Year 7 2025
Information Evening
Wednesday 1st May 6pm

School Tours available 9.30am each Tuesday during May
Please contact the college to make a booking

For more information please phone
02 6071 5000
Big Enough to Deliver, Small enough to Care

Mathematician's Corner...

Maureen Murray and Shelley Gilbert—Numeracy Leading Teachers

Quote of the Week:

What Einstein said about learning and mistakes:

"A person who has never made a mistake never tried something new."

"It's not that I am smart. It is just that I stay with problems longer."

"In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity."

Monday Maths Mayhem

All students from Foundation to Year 6 are invited to come along to the COLA at lunchtime on Mondays and join in the



The joy of making numbers using physical objects:

From Foundation to Year 6, our students are building their understanding of numbers by being Mathematicians in 3 ways- Model it, including making and drawing, Say it, outloud, Write it, numerals and equations. This helps deepen their understanding and supports using numbers in everyday life.

Maths at Home

A student this week told me that they had 3 bowls of WheatBix with 4 Bix in each bowl.

How many WheatBix did they have altogether?

How did you solve this? Can you draw it and write it?

Who eats the most breakfast at your house?

How much do they eat in one sitting?

How many slices of toast does your family eat over the school week?

If you would like to bring in your working out for any of these questions, we would love to see it and share it.

Assembly...



Congratulations to all our Happy Card recipients from last week!

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
Year 6 Camp - Borambola	Apr 23	Year 6 only	COMPASS DETAILS	Closed
Anzac Day Public Holiday	Apr 25	Whole School	No School on this day	N/A
Albury- Wodonga Science and Engineering Excursion	May 1	Select Year 6 Students	COMPASS DETAILS	26/04
Cross Country	May 2	Years 3—6	COMPASS DETAILS	30/04
Mothers Day High Tea	May 6	All Years	RSVP link	1/05
Mothers Day Stall	May 9	All students	N/A	N/A
Year 6—7 Placement Forms	May 10	All year 6 Students	Forms to be handed into office	10/05
Kings Birthday Public Holiday	June 10	Whole School	No School	N/A
Student LED Conferences	June 20	Whole School		N/A
Pupil Free Day	June 21	Whole School	No School	N/A

Wodonga Primary School 2025 Foundation OPEN day



Wednesday 1st May

3.45pm - 4.30pm

PLC Building, enter Via Wilson Street



Information Session

This session will cover aspects of our school including the learning environment, teaching and learning program and structures and processes within our school



School Tour

School Leadership staff will facilitate a tour of the Foundation classrooms and school facilities



Enrolment Process

The enrolment process will be opened with forms available at the conclusion of the session



REGISTER NOW
USING THIS LINK



Wodonga Primary School



(02) 60 480 300



www.wodonga-ps.vic.edu.au/enrolment.html



WPS Mothers Day

HIGH TEA

Monday 6th May

4PM - 5PM IN THE COLA

SPACE IS LIMITED TO 100 OF OUR
SPECIAL LADIES

RSVP BY 1ST MAY VIA THE FOLLOWING LINK
[HTTPS://DOCS.GOOGLE.COM/FORMS/D/1SK1YF3VRNXB
ONEI4UF7H0FF UV1F806JQKUIETD7XTY/PREFILL](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1SK1YF3VRNXBONEI4UF7H0FFUV1F806JQKUIETD7XTY/PREFILL)

