



- Newsletter -

Wodonga Primary School

Newsletter #10

Monday 6th of May

UPCOMING

EVENTS:

Smile Squad Continues
All week

Mothers Day High Tea
Monday 6th May

Mothers Day Stall
Thursday 9th May

Education Week
Mon 13 – 17 May

HELPFUL LINKS

FACEBOOK



COMPASS



WEBSITE



**Public
Holiday
Monday
10th June**

Principal's Message

Damian Duncan

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to week 4! This week we look forward to celebrating all things "mum". Our school continues to build strong connections with our community and this week is a great opportunity for families to forge positive relationships with our school.

HIGH TEA:

This afternoon we have 100 mum's registered to attend our annual "High Tea". Our wonderful ES team are co-ordinating the event and all staff are contributing to putting on a semi-formal high tea in our COLA. All mum's who have registered have been emailed their attendance notification. Please enjoy!



Mother's Day Stall

On Thursday our stall will be in full swing! Students can bring a maximum of \$10 to school to purchase something for their mum/s. Please put the money in an envelope/snap lock bag with your child's name and room name on the outside. Kids have been asked to bring a bag to take their gift home safely, and hopefully secretly.

We wish our mum's a very special day on Sunday!!!

SMILE SQUAD

As per our previous Newsletters (#8) and Compass newsfeeds, SMILE SQUAD is here for the month of May. It's not too late to book your child in!

<https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>



CROSS COUNTRY & WINTER SCHOOL SPORTS

Breelle Mackie, PE Teacher

- Engage Learning -
- Expand Minds -

Last Thursday our Year 3-6 students participated in the annual Cross Country Event at Willow Park. The weather was glorious, such a beautiful day to be out being active. Our students challenged themselves to run either the 2km or 3km course with many exceptional results and some very close finishes. Congratulations to all the students who participated and gave their best in the event.

Congratulations to those students who have qualified to compete at this level of competition. A Compass Event with all the Division Cross Country information and Payment/Consent details will be available for families of successful students in the coming days.

This Friday 10th of May our Year 5-6 students will commence their first Winter School Sports afternoon. Students will represent WPS in their respective sports and compete against others schools in the area. All the best of luck to all students.

**Our vision
principles
are...**

Culture

Curiosity

Collaboration

Challenge

Community

Mathematicians' Corner

Maureen Murray and Shelley Gilbert, Numeracy Leading Teachers

Quote of the Week

The study of mathematics is central to the learning, development and prospects of all young Victorians. (Victorian Curriculum)

Maths at Home

How many different types of hot chocolate can you make if you have 5 ingredients but can only use 3 at a time?

Maths Challenge Problem Solvers

Congratulations to the students who chose to work on a Level 8 maths challenge last week at lunchtime. Some amazing thinking, collaboration and problem solving skills were in evidence. Well done to Dylan, Aby, Sohi, Elka, Evie and Imogen (and to Emily who has been working on challenges every other week).



2025 Enrolments

Please note that enrolments for 2025 are open! Check out our website for further information.

STEM @ WPS ...

Khamal Sarkis —STEM Teacher

Congratulations to the 30 year 6 superstars who attended the Science and Engineering Competition in Albury last week. The kids took out first place!



2024 Student Attitudes to School Survey

Jye Williams - Assistant Principal

The AtoSS is a voluntary annual student survey offered by the Department of Education to assist schools and the department to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and will be asking your child about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general. This year, the survey will be conducted at WPS from **20th May until 31st May**.

Some students may find some of the survey questions personal and sensitive in nature. Should you agree for your child to participate, they are still free to skip questions or to withdraw at any stage if the survey makes them upset or uncomfortable. A teacher will be present during the survey to support students, as the survey is conducted during class time. To ensure the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times, personally identifiable data will not be recorded in the survey response. Participation in this survey is **voluntary**. If you **do not** wish for your child to do the survey, please opt out via email to your child's classroom teacher:

Further information about this survey, including the questions your child will be asked to answer, please visit the department's [survey information page](#). If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher, or contact the department at school.surveys@education.vic.gov.au.

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.

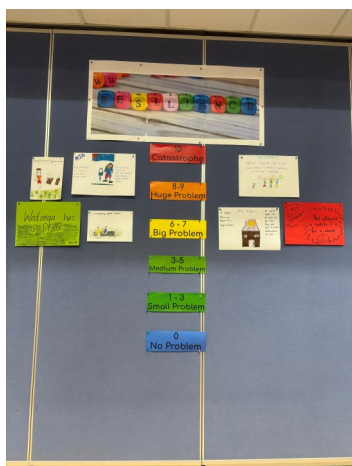
Each week at assembly students and teachers will have the opportunity to participate in a GEM chat and share their thoughts. You can find today's GEM chat here.

Mindfulness

How to practise mindfulness?
Mindfulness activities help us to be present in the moment and often create a feeling of calm. We practice this through slowing down and concentrating on one thing at a time. This includes meditation, colouring in and flow states.



Assembly...



Our Resilience Wall is growing!



Jordan is our GEM Student of the week! Well done .



Eamon is our Environmental Superhero of the week! Well done .



Our Happy Card Recipients of the week! Congratulations!

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
Winter School Sports	5 Weeks	Years 5—6	COMPASS DETAILS	8/05
Mothers Day High Tea	May 6	All Years	Closed	Closed
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