



Wodonga Primary School

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Newsletter #15

Monday 17th of June

Student Led Conferences
20th & 21st June

Pupil Free Day
21st June

NAIDOC Silent Disco
28th June

Last Day of Term –Finish
at 2.30pm
28th June

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**Pupil Free
Day**

Friday 21st June

Principal's Message

Damian Duncan

Welcome to Week 10,

We are rapidly coming to the end of term, so our school is a busy place!! To keep you well informed, ensure you have some key events and processes in your calendar...

- 1. Student Led Conferences / Pupil Free Day:** Thank you to the families who have booked their child's STUDENT LED CONFERENCE. We have 684 bookings at present and hope to get the remaining 150 or so students booked in this week. Families yet to book their please jump on Compass and do so before Wednesday afternoon.
- 2. No School on Friday:** Reporting to Parents pupil free day this Friday 21st, June.
- 3. Semester 1 Reports:** Reports will be live to parents on Compass on Monday the 24th of June at 3pm.

4. Term 3 Year Level Assemblies:

Please see Term 2 Assembly schedule. All assemblies will be in the PLC. (NOTE: NO whole school assembly on the Monday).

Term 2 - Week 11	Monday 24th June	Tuesday 25th June
9.10am - 10.00am	Foundation	
10.10am - 11.00am	Year 1	Year 6
LUNCH		
11:45am - 12.40pm		Year 4
12:45pm - 1:45pm		Year 5
RECESS		
2.20pm - 3.10pm	Year 3	Year 2

- 5. NAIDOC Celebrations:** On Friday the 28th we are having Silent Discos and students can come in Australian and Indigenous coloured clothing! See flyer in this newsletter.
- 6. Early Dismissal Last Day of Term:** We dismiss at 2:30pm on Friday the 28th of June.
- 7. First Day of Term 3:** Term 3 commences on Monday the 15th of July.

F-3 Water Safety Program - Term 3

Our F-3 Water Safety Program commences in Week 2 next term. The Water Safety program is \$11.00 per students which is subsidised by DET. Families will receive a Compass Event notice prompting consent and payment. Please do this as a priority so buses and swimming instructors can be booked. All F-3 water safety lessons are conducted in the Leisure Centre indoor pool. Here is the schedule for the program.

WPS F-3 WATER SAFETY TIMETABLE - TERM 3 2024

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

		SESSION 1	SESSION 2
		Bus Departure: 12:00pm	Bus Departure: 1:00pm
WEEK	DATE	Session Time: 12:30 - 1:30 Bus Return: 1:45pm Funded Students	Session Time: 1:30 - 2:30 Bus Return: 2:45pm
2	22/7 24/7 26/7 29/7	CH1 & BR4	MI & OS2
3	31/7 1/8	CH2 & BR1	MI2 & OS1
4	5/8 7/8 9/8	CH3 & BR2	MI4 & OS3
5	12/8 14/8 16/8 19/8	CH5 & BR6	OS4
6	21/8 23/8	CH4 & BR	MI5 & OS6
7	26/8 28/8 30/8	CH6 & BR5	MI6 & OS5

- Engage Learning -

- Expand Minds -

Our vision principles are...

Culture

Curiosity

Collaboration

Challenge

Community

Mrs Wilcox is Retiring

With sadness, the staff and students of Wodonga Primary School say farewell to Mery Wilcox at the end of this term. Meryl has been a teacher at our school for 22 years where she was a deeply committed teacher and colleague. We wish Meryl a wonderful retirement



Cold and Flu Season

It's definitely that time of the year again where we see students (and staff) falling ill to colds and flus. It's imperative that our school community works together in minimising the spread of viruses and common colds. Please keep your children at home if unwell so that staff and other students are not exposed to falling ill. Thanks for your support with this.

Policy Updates

At our most recent School Council meeting, members reviewed and approved the below Wodonga Primary School Policies:

- Child Safety responding & reporting Obligations
- Child Safety Policy
- Statement of Values and school philosophy
- Bullying prevention

These polices have been uploaded to our school website for families to review.

Additionally the School Council discussed our application for CCTV use at school and the processes and polices we will be putting in place to ensure effective and efficient use of the CCTV. The CCTV privacy statement can be located on our website for review.

Over the coming weeks you will notice CCTV signage being placed around the school and the use of the CCTV will be discussed with students to ensure they understand the purpose and scope of the CCTV. Our school policies including *Bullying prevention*, *Child Safety*, *Statement of Values and School Philosophy* and *Student Wellbeing and Behaviour* policies will sit alongside the implementation of the CCTV.

Carparking

Friendly reminder to our school community around the parking zones and restrictions. With the wet weather and cold mornings upon us, we are understandably seeing an increase in car drop offs and picks up for students.

Reducing congestion, and abiding by the parking time limits and parking signs, is essential for our students ability to safely cross roads and make their way into the school grounds.

The 2 minute zones allocated around the school are intended for drop offs and pick-ups. Please support each other by not parking your car and walking your children in when accessing the 2 minute zones. Its creates traffic issues and limits the ability to have traffic flow from these 2 minute areas.

Have a great week!

2025 Enrolments

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

Mathematicians' Corner ...

Maureen Murray and Shelley Gilbert, Numeracy Leading Teachers

Quote of the Week (From Boaler 2015: The elephant in the classroom)

It is estimated that there will be twenty million more jobs in the future for people who are mathematical problem solvers.

"Lots of people think knowledge is what we want, (but) ... knowledge is astonishingly transitory. ... So I want flexibility and continuous learning . (...) and I need team working." (Ray Peacock, research director of Phillips Laboratories UK).



Great Maths learning

We have been fortunate to spend a fair amount of time in the Year 6 rooms over the last week. It has been wonderful to see students highly engaged in designing an ideal FROGS space, using their knowledge of mapping, multiplication, scale, division, addition and subtraction to produce detailed plans including area, perimeter, volume and location. Wonderful to see all the skills come together as the students problem solve and use maths for a real world problem.



Maths Challenge at home

This week we have a puzzle for you.

Pigs, Goats and Sheep

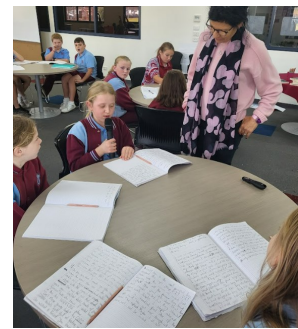
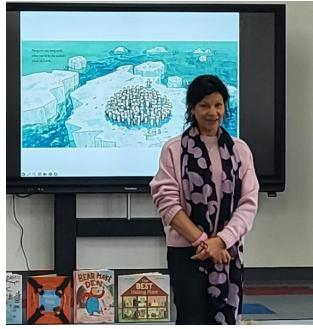
Mr Daley bought some pigs, goats and sheep. Altogether he bought 100 animals and spent \$600. Mr Daley paid \$21 for each pig, \$8 for each goat and \$3 for each sheep. There was an even number of pigs.

How many of each animal did Mr Daley buy?

Literacy

Alecia Williams & Mel McInnes—Literacy Leading Teachers

Wodonga Primary School was buzzing last week with Jane Godwin our visiting author for 2024 coming to our school and spending time with each year level. Jane took the students through her journey as a writer, which allowed students to get inside her writer's brain and how she generated ideas for her many award-winning books. Jane engaged our smallest and beginning readers with her picture story books such as 'Can You Teach a Fish to Climb a Tree and Den Bear' in a shared reading experience. She shared her real-life experiences around the book 'Tilly' and highly engaged our young adult readers with her novels such as, 'A Walk in the Dark', 'As Happy As Here' and 'Look Me In the Eye'. For students interested in her novels, these can be purchased through Jane's website <https://www.janegodwin.com.au/shop>. A group of Year 4-6 students also were lucky enough to engage in an Avid Writer's Group where Jane guided them through the writing process the students produced some incredible writing samples. Be sure to ask your child/children about their visit with Jane.



Look Me in the Eye (signed paperback) \$26.99



A Walk in the Dark (signed paperback) \$26.99



When Rain Turns to Snow (signed paperback) \$26.99



As Happy as Here (signed paperback) \$26.99



Falling From Grace (signed paperback) \$26.99



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.

A graphic for a GEM chat. It features a pink background with white decorative patterns. At the top center is a circular logo with 'GEM' in the center, 'GRATITUDE' at the top, 'EMPATHY' on the left, and 'MINDFULNESS' at the bottom. Below the logo, the text reads: 'Make a class 'happy' playlist. Have all the students request a song that makes them happy.' At the bottom of the graphic, it says 'RESILIENCE PROJECT.' with a small icon of three people.

Assembly...



Ayaan and Darcy are our Library Borrowers of the week.



Malachi is our Environmental super Hero of the week!



Peyton received our GEM award of the week.



Zoe, Jed, Nash and Sophie were our at home readers of the week.



Our Happy Card

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
Student LED Conferences	June 20	Whole School		N/A
Pupil Free Day	June 21	Whole School	No School	N/A
NAIDOC Silent Disco	June 28	Whole School		N/A
Last Day of Term	June 28	Whole School	Finish at 2.30	N/A
First Day of Term 3	July 15	Whole School		N/A

WODONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS



NAIDOC DANCE PARTY

KEEP THE FIRE
BURNING!
BLAK, LOUD
AND PROUD



FRIDAY

28TH JUNE 2024

SILENT DISCO



DJS

INDIGENOUS ART SPACE

SPECIAL GUESTS

NO COMPASS CONSENT OR FEE

DRESS IN THESE FLAG COLOURS!

