



Wodonga Primary School

Newsletter #17

Monday 15th of July , 2024

UPCOMING

EVENTS:

WINTER School Sports Carnival
Friday 19th of June

Mid Winter Maths Festival
Weeks 1 through 4

Water Safety
CH1, BR2, MI1 & OS2
22nd, 24th and 26th July

Smile Squad
16th 19th 23rd, 25th 26th July.

HELPFUL LINKS

FACEBOOK



COMPASS



WEBSITE



Federation Conference

Pupil Free Day
Friday 2nd August

Principal's Message

Damian Duncan

Welcome to Week 1 of Term 3,

We trust you had a wonderful mid year break! At this morning's whole school assembly, our students were respectful and courteous of the announcements. It's great to see our students using our KIND+ER philosophy during our assemblies.

Cold and Flu

It's definitely mid winter and we feel the icy chill in the air. We continue to encourage students to dress appropriately for the temperature while enforcing our school uniform policy. We urge our families to consider their decision when sending students to school when unwell, as we are actively trying to limit the spread of illness in classrooms. This will too assist the school by having fewer ill teachers and consequent teacher absences.

Change of Specialist Curriculum

With Miss Elyssa Webster commencing family leave this term, the school has been unsuccessful in replacing Elyssa with a Japanese teacher. Three recruitment cycles resulted in no applicants. Commencing today, Mr Christopher Moxey will be the teacher of "TEAMS", our new 6th Specialist class, replacing Japanese lessons in the interim. All students at our school will attend TEAMS in their specialist rotations where the TEAMS curriculum will strategically incorporate whole school initiatives into a holistic approach, collaboratively engaging all students. Underpinning this curriculum is emotional and physical wellbeing, student engagement, The Resilience Project (TRP), and personal and social capabilities. Students will further develop social and emotional skills through targeted activities that will be based on cooperation, reflection and interactive lessons. Through this TEAMS specialist curriculum the five C's of Wodonga Primary School will be taught explicitly.

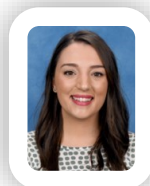


NAIDOC Week

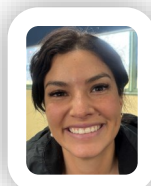
Be sure to check out our **NAIDOC Week Dance Party** on the school's Facebook page. We had a great time on the last day of term 2 celebrating our first nations people.

Staffing Update:

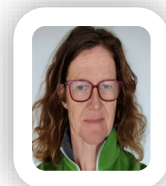
This week we welcome new and returning staff to our school.



Lisa Smith returns to her Wellbeing and Engagement Teacher role.



Bridget Hurley commences teaching EL6.



Solveiga Saule commences teaching EAL and Tutoring (T/W/T)

- Engage Learning -
- Expand Minds -

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

2 Minute Parking

Families, please adhere to the 2 minute parking zones on Mitchell and Brockley Street please.

REMINDER: F-3 Water Safety Program - Term 3

Our F-3 Water Safety Program commences in Week 2 **this** term. The Water Safety program is \$11.00 per student which is subsidised by DET. Compass Event notice prompting consent and payment was **posted during the 2nd last week of term 2**. 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. Damian

WPS F-3 WATER SAFETY TIMETABLE - TERM 3 2024

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

SESSION 1			SESSION 2		
Bus Departure: 12:00pm			Bus Departure: 1:00pm		
Session Time: 12:30 – 1:30			Session Time: 1:30 – 2:30		
WEEK	DATE	Bus Return: 1:45pm Funded Students		Bus Return: 2:45pm	
2	22/7 24/7 26/7	CH1 & BR4		MI & OS2	
3	29/7 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	CH5 & BR6		OS4	
6	19/8 21/8 23/8	CH4 & BR 3		MI5 & OS6	
7	26/8 28/8 30/8	CH6 & BR5		MI6 & OS5	

ENROLMENTS 2025

Christine Forrest, Assistant Principal

Parents/Carers/Guardians, in early May, existing families who have another student starting school in Foundation 2025, were given enrolment forms to complete.

Due to our school being such a large school and high enrolment numbers, we are wanting to confirm if you still require this enrolment. ** please see DET’s communication to our school bleow*. Even though you have until the end of July to return your completed enrolment form, an idea of your intentions would help with future planning of tours and enquiries.

If you could get this completed enrolment form back into the Admin office asap, that would be greatly appreciated. If you no longer require this enrolment, please email, or ring the school to advise.

“In recent years the Department of Education (the department) has strengthened its approaches to enrolment management to respond to enrolment growth and ensure every child can attend their local school. Enrolment management supports schools to stay within their built capacity, to improve student distribution and ensures that infrastructure is provided where it is needed most to address local demand.

As part of this year’s Enrolment Management Implementation Plan (EMIP) program, the department has identified a number of schools for enrolment management to support improvements in student distribution, and to ensure that school building infrastructure is used effectively. These schools have a high proportion of out-of-zone students, capacity that is significantly greater than local demand and considerable relocatable facilities. Additionally, these schools have been identified because there is capacity in surrounding schools to manage demand. Wodonga Primary School has been identified through this process as a school that would benefit from an EMIP to support improvements in student distribution.”

In light of our school being on an EMIP (Enrolment Management Plan), please lodge your 2025 enrolment ASAP or identify you are withdrawing your enrolment.

Mathematicians' Corner ...

Maureen Murray and Shelley Gilbert, Numeracy Leading Teachers

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THE DAILY ADDITON

BARKLEY'S DIAMOND COLLAR - MISSING!!!



CAN YOU SOLVE THE CASE???

This very morning, a beautiful diamond collar was gifted to Barkley to open the Midwinter Maths Festival. By recess the collar was... MISSING! Festival organisers are calling upon you to help solve the case!

Unlock clues by solving maths puzzles at home. Each time you solve a maths challenge, you will receive a vital clue from the lead investigators. The first challenge can be found on the following page of this edition- hop to it mathematicians!

MATHS IN SPECIALIST SUBJECTS!

In the Lab this week students have been using computers to explore shapes! Here is Nate figuring out fractions in Minecraft- how cool!



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THE CASE OF THE MISSING DIAMONDS

CAN YOU SOLVE THE CASE???



Mathematicians, we need you to solve one of the following questions. This will reveal the first clue in the case! Take your answer to Maureen or Shelley in the courtyard at 8:45am

Senior Investigator Challenge:

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?

Junior Investigator Challenge:

Mrs. Daley bought some ducks and some puppies. Altogether she counted 16 legs on her animals.

How many of each animal did Mrs. Daley buy?



Wellbeing...

Cara Pfeiffer & Lisa Smith—Wellbeing Leading Teachers

We're diving into an exciting new unit focused on Friendship and Conflict Resolution in our wellbeing curriculum. Throughout this period, students will explore what makes a good friend, learn how to cultivate these qualities, and understand how friendships evolve. They'll also gain practical skills in managing conflicts respectfully. By the end, our goal is for every student to feel confident in their ability to foster positive relationships and handle disagreements constructively. If you wish to explore some books around this topic, check out this great collection on our WPS Wellbeing Website [here](#).

Assembly Round Up...



Flynn from BR5 was our Environmental Superhero for the last week of term 2. Great job



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 Carnival	19 of July	Years 5 and 6	Compass Details	CLOSED
SMILE Squad Visiting	16, 19, 23, 25, 26 July	Student's requiring treatment	NIL	NIL
Swimming Water Safety	22, 24, 26 July	CH1 & BR4	Compass Details	18/07
Swimming Water Safety	22, 24, 26 July	MI1 & OS2	Compass Details	18/07
Swimming Water Safety	29, 31 July 1 Aug	CH2 & BR1	Compass Details	25/07
Swimming Water Safety	29, 31 July 1 Aug	MI2 & OS1	Compass Details	25/07
Swimming Water Safety	5, 7, 9 Aug	CH3 & BR2	Compass Details	01/08
Swimming Water Safety	5, 7, 9 Aug	MI4 & OS3	Compass Details	01/08
Swimming Water Safety	12, 14, 16 Aug	CH5 & BR6	Compass Details	08/08
Swimming Water Safety	12, 14, 16 Aug	OS4	Compass Details	08/08
Swimming Water Safety	19, 21, 23 Aug	CH4 & BR3	Compass Details	15/08
Swimming Water Safety	19, 21, 23 Aug	MI5 & OS6	Compass Details	15/08
Swimming Water Safety	26, 28, 30 Aug	CH6 & BR5	Compass Details	22/08
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