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From The Principal ...

This term has seen some fantastic opportunities offered to students at WMPS. We started with Bike Ed for our upper primary classes, and held our Induction Day for the student leaders throughout the school. We also had the whole school disco, an AFL clinic and the rescheduled cross country was held last week. None of these activities can be run without support from staff and families. I'd like to thank everyone who volunteered to help on the days and also recognise the WMPS staff who continue to work on these events in their own time, even though we are short staffed as COVID and other winter illnesses continue to disrupt daily lives.

Our pupil free day in Week 7 provided an opportunity for staff to complete training related to the Australian Curriculum and our school reading program. By the end of this term, each student will have a personalised reading goal linked to our curriculum. This allows them to develop their literacy skills in an individual way. Please take the time to have a discussion with your child about their progress in reading as this will be a major focus of our school over the next few years.

Semester reports are currently being completed, they will have a slightly different look this year as we return to English and Maths comments linked to the Australian Curriculum. This will allow families to understand how their child is achieving their A-E grade. Some subjects have been significantly disrupted by class closures and teacher absences, these subjects will not receive a grade at the end of semester, they will receive a final year grade that demonstrates their yearly achievement.

Lastly I'd like to thank the community at WMPS, this has been a challenging year for schools and I have felt connected with families from my very first days. I have been appointed to WMPS for the next five years and I am excited to have the opportunity to continue to work with you and your children. As always I encourage you to make contact with your child's teachers or myself if you have any concerns or questions. I welcome and appreciate input from families and am always keen to hear how we can support our students to thrive.

Scott Moore
Principal WMPS



What's on?

Wednesday 6th July
NAIDOC Assembly
Friday 8th July
End of Term 2
2pm Dismissal.

Term 3 Dates

Monday 25th July
Term 3 Starts
22nd to 26th July
Book Week
9th September
School Closure Day
12th September
Pupil Free Day
29th September
Sports Day



From The Wellbeing Leader

Online safety basics

Your guidance, as children navigate the online world and interact with others, can help them be aware of the risks and understand what is expected of them. Let your children know you are always there to support them.

Advice for Parents and Carers

- Keep the computer or device in an area of your home that can be supervised. Check in regularly with your child to see what they are viewing.
- Stay engaged with their online activity. If they agree, consider setting up your own accounts with the sites they use most so you can see how they work and understand the risks.
- Explore the online world with them to help establish that this is not just a solitary activity. Play games with them. Do a creative project together.
- Think about social media readiness. Most social media sites require users to be at least 13 years of age before they can register, although some sites are created especially for children under 13.
- Encourage respect and empathy. Teach them to avoid sharing or posting things that may upset others.
- Start building resilience. Teach your child that there are ways they can deal with material that worries or frightens them. This includes immediately telling you or another trusted adult of any concerns or uncomfortable material.
- Be clear about how much time they can spend online, the apps they can use, the websites they can visit and what they can share or post online.
- Use parental control tools appropriate for the age and experience of your child. Be upfront and get your child on board. Let them know that these can be reviewed and changed as they get older and they continue to demonstrate responsible behaviour. Consider installing a 'child-friendly' search engine that will allow them to explore a limited number of sites.

This advice was taken from the Office of Esafety. For more information on online gaming and safety, check out esafety.gov.au

Also parenting site, <https://raisingchildren.net.au/> has information about healthy screen time and quality media choices for 6-11 years.

If you would like any further information or support, feel free to contact me on Mondays or Tuesdays.



Kris Strauss-Scott
Well Being Coordinator

National Reconciliation Week



Reconciliation Week, held between 27th May – 3rd June events were held at our school. The Reconciliation Action Plan group (RAP) students were involved in planning a flag raising ceremony and helping to plan lessons around Reconciliation. The students also filmed themselves reading stories for classes to access on our digital MS Teams platform. The classes also joined together to work on a collaborative artwork. The results look fantastic.

Mrs Nash also worked with our Room 6 and other students new to our school to create starfish out of clay for our Reconciliation Wall. This wall has been added to by each student over the past 3 years, as a commitment to reconciliation at WMPs. Thanks Mrs Nash for continuing to share your skills and knowledge with our students for this project each year.



**BE BRAVE.
MAKE CHANGE.**

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2022
27 MAY – 3 JUNE  **#NRW2022**




**RECONCILIATION
AUSTRALIA**

Reception Reconciliation Activity



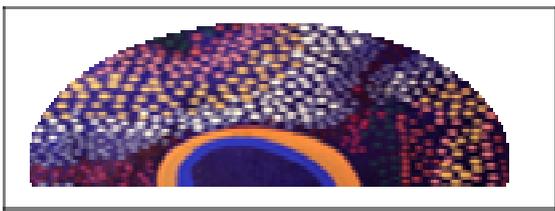
Some of the Receptions making their sea stars for the Reconciliation Wall, these clay starfish will be added to work from previous years and allow students to locate themselves within our journey to Reconciliation at WMPS. Thanks Mrs Nash for sharing your clay making skills with the Wallaroo Mines kids.



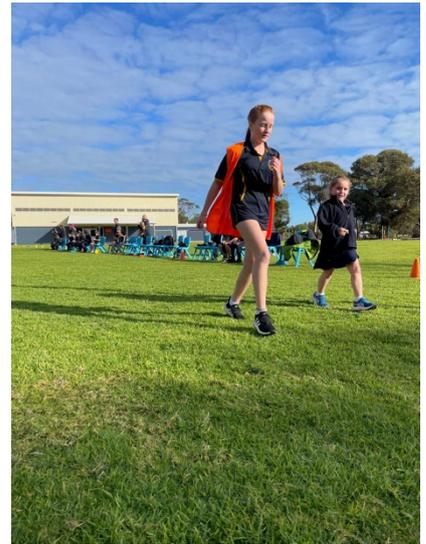
NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week is fast approaching, and we are excited to be working with local Nharangga artist Violet Buckskin on an art project for our school. We were successful in winning a NAIDOC grant to fund the project and are hoping we can reveal the outcome of the artwork at the week 10 assembly which will be held on Tuesday 5th July in the gym.

Violet has worked with our First Nation and RAP students to come up with a design that incorporates our students' backgrounds and coming together on Nharangga country to promote reconciliation. It has been fantastic to see the students engaged in each step of the process and learning about Nharangga dreaming stories. We can't wait to see the final product!



Cross Country



Well done to all students who participated in the Cross Country. We were impressed with student efforts and encouragement of one another.



Football Clinic



On Thursday 16th June, we welcomed Will Schultz to our school who ran some Aussie Rules Football clinics with all of our classes. We thank Will for his time in organising his sessions.

Everyone who got involved had an amazing time!



Room 3 and Room 7 Joint PE Lesson

Room 3 and Room 7 students joined PE lessons on Wednesday Week 8.

Room 3 students planned a soccer or basketball drill to teach Room 7 students.

All students showed great participation and enthusiasm during the lesson.



Community News

5TH - 8TH JULY 2022



Tuesday 5th July 12:00pm - 6:30pm
Wednesday 6th July 9:30am - 6:30pm
Thursday 7th July 9:30am - 6:30pm
Friday 8th July 7:30am - 2:00pm



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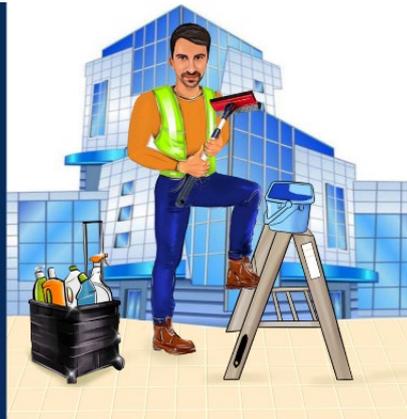
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