

# West Wyalong Public School

## NEWSLETTER



TERM 2 *Week 2*

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### *From the Principal's Desk*

Welcome to Week 2. Yesterday I was fortunate to be able to march with the students for the West Wyalong ANZAC Day ceremony. I was very impressed by the number of students that attended from our school and thank parents for their support, especially being a Sunday. A special thank you to Mrs Haub for the ANZAC tribute at the front of the school. All students created a poppy that was then attached to the front fence.

Over the next 4 weeks, there will be a lot of testing in English and Maths for students from Years 3-6 as well as assessments for all students for their school reports. What can parents do to help? Children usually need extra nurturing, comfort and understanding from their parents and carers to help them feel secure and confident during this time. Encourage your child to talk about how they feel and let them know you believe they can do it, and encourage them to 'have a go' even if they are feeling nervous. Providing positive feedback for effort, celebrating successes and encouraging them to keep trying will help your children to feel confident about the approaching assessments. Show your child how you cope positively with feeling anxious or stressed by thinking out loud e.g., "I feel a bit nervous, but I'm going to try my best".

All parents will receive an information letter today about what students will be learning in Term 2 and also a copy of their class timetable. Last term, parents indicated that they would like to know more about what students were learning each term and what their timetable was for each day. We hope that this information is helpful and if you would like to know anything else, please contact your child's class teacher via the office.

Next week, the P&C will run a Mother's Day stall for students on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning, from 8.30-9.00am. The gifts will range in price from \$2.00-\$8.00. If you would like your child to purchase from the stall, please send them with some money on one of these days.

Next Tuesday, we will be holding our first Whole School Assembly. It will be held under the COLA but in future we hope to return to the MPU at the High School. The assembly will start at 2.20pm, with parents of award recipients being able to attend. Parents will be notified via a text message on Friday if their child is receiving an award or is in an item.

Wishing you all a great week.

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### Dates for the diary:

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

Whole School  
Assembly – 1:30pm

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May –**

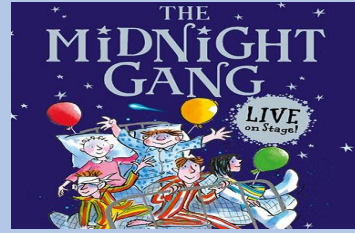
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

NAPLAN

*Mrs Victoria Jenkins*

### MUSIC OPPORTUNITY

Mrs Charpentier has a small number of clarinets available at school for highly motivated and committed students who show enthusiasm in music classes and wish to extend and challenge themselves. Preference will be given to primary students and those who have participated in optional music ensembles. Students will be selected if they meet these criteria and after consultation with the student and their parents. They will be required to have somewhere to practice at home daily and need to have the full support of family members. If your child is interested in this opportunity please send your child with a note expressing interest. This note will need to be returned by tomorrow the 26<sup>th</sup> April. Beginner group lessons will begin in Term 2.



### REMINDER-

Theatre Excursion to Griffith

For all Primary Children

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2021, \$30

Get your notes and money in for

### "The Midnight Gang"

(financial assistance available- call the office for more details)

Students need to be at school at 7am and will return by the end of the normal school day.

FYI- Infants children are booked into "Pete the Sheep" in October. Notes will go out closer to the date. It will also be \$30.

**Joss**  
Facility Management

## NEW YEAR NEW JOB?

Are you looking for a fresh start in 2021? Do you want to work for a family owned company that empowers and encourages its staff?

In 2021 Joss Facility Management are looking for cleaning staff to work at local Government sites across regional NSW. At Joss we value our diverse and committed workforce and we are regularly recruiting for cleaning positions across NSW.

PPE, Training and Uniforms provided.

Applicants need to provide a valid Working With Children Check upon application and successful applicants will be required to undertake a pre-employment medical prior to commencement.

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# Didgeridoo program

10 of our WWPS boys have been lucky enough to be participating in our didgeridoo program run by local didgeridoo craftsman and artists Jon Juda and Rhonda Newton.



First the boys had to select their branch before carefully debarking.



Next they carefully sanded their didgeridoos with three different grades of sandpaper

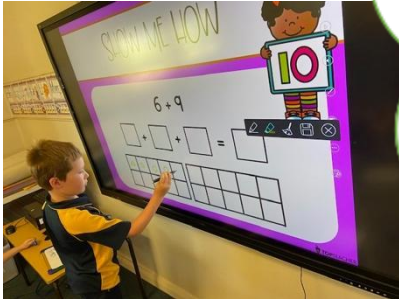


Finally, they stained their didgeridoos ready for their artwork.

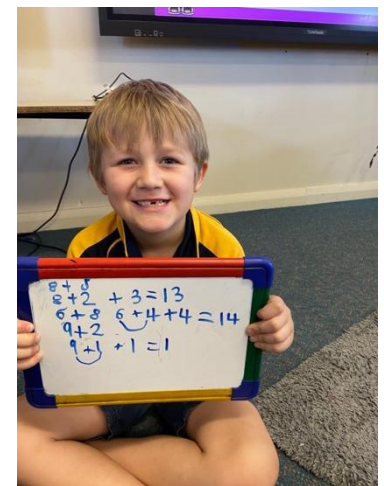
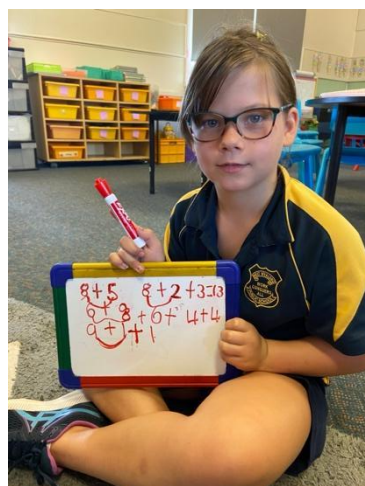
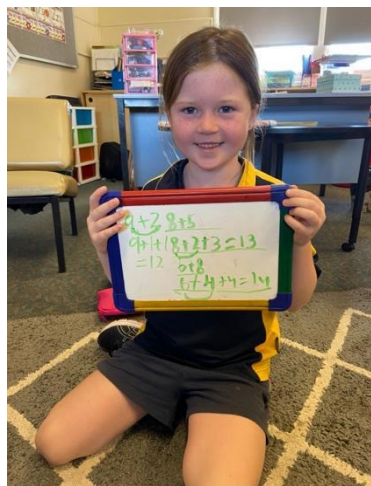


# Maths

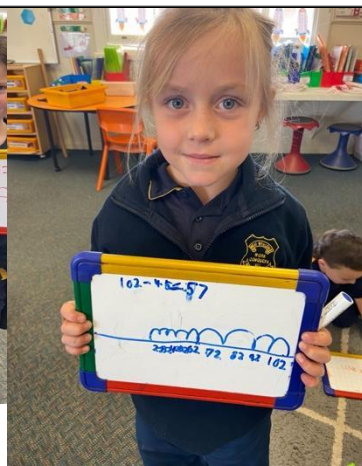
Students in Year 2 have learn't two different strategies to help them solve addition and subtraction problems. **Bridging to ten** and **the jump strategy**. What clever mathematicians we have in Year 2.

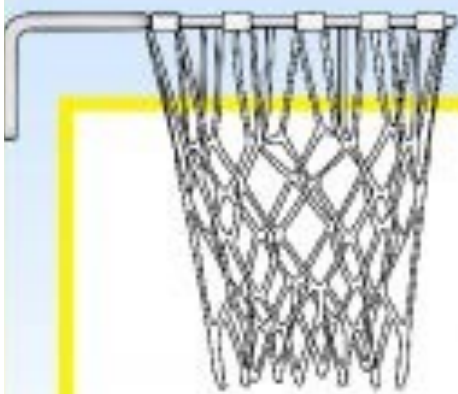


**Bridging to ten** requires students to use their knowledge of pairs of numbers that make ten or the **friends of ten** to help them solve larger problems. For example  $8+5$  students will work out that  $8+2=10$  so then they just need to add 3 more to get an answer of 13.



**The Jump Strategy** requires students to count on a number line by tens and then add the units to help them solve larger problems. For example  $43+34 =$  students will start with the larger number of 43 and count on by tens 53 63 73 then add the units 74 75 76 77 to get an answer of 77.





# PSSA Netball

## Round 1

On Friday 23rd April, the PSSA netballer team had their first game for the knockout against Wyalong Public School. All girls displayed great sportsmanship and helped those who had less experience in the game of netball. The game was played with lots of enjoyment. We came away with a 21-5 win. Some of the girls insisted they couldn't shoot, however, surprised themselves. They all need to be congratulated on their game. The team will now progress to the second round at a later date. The team consisted of Jessie Webster, Lilly Neyland, Elsie Cowen, Indianah McLaughlin, Chloe Brohan, Sadie Wilmot, Brydie Davies, Tayah Maitland, Ava McLintock.



# What we have learned so far...



## ...in 5/6 Red



WOW! What a busy start to the year! 5/6 Red have not wasted any time with their learning and have learned many new things and have challenged themselves to improve their knowledge. Until this year we did not know that the story of Cinderella has been retold in Russian, Chinese, Egyptian, / Grecian, Norwegian, Native American and European cultures! So many Cinderella's and happily ever afters! We were also surprised at just how gruesome some of the original tales were and the lengths wicked step sisters will go to marry a prince.

We have also been fascinated to learn about the history of Australia's Government and development of Australia as a democratic country. Did you know that to pass a law in Australia it has to pass through both houses of Parliament as well as getting approved by the Governor-General before it can finally become law? And that Sir Edmund Barton was our first Prime Minister?

A quick summary of the class and what they found the most interesting so far; filling people's buckets, learning about fractions in maths and spelling rules. Our History Unit on Democracy (including learning what a 'donkey vote' is) and our English Unit on Cinderella stories across different cultures were definitely the most popular, with the majority of the class choosing those as the most interesting subjects we have done so far.

~ Mrs Brown ~

# What we have learned so far...

## ...in Friday Coding Club

Friday Coding Club is part of our Friday afternoon Special Interest Groups, An intrepid and highly enthusiastic group of students from Year 3 to 6 have been learning to use two coding programs - Scratch and Dance Party from Code.Org. Each week we learn how to write small pieces of code to make objects move, dance or sing.

Scratch is a beginner level coding program that teaches students the basics in coding. We started off with scratch because it is simple to use and gave us a great opportunity to also learn how to 'de-bug' our code when it didn't work the way we wanted to.

Dance Party is definitely a favourite of the group, as it allows them to choose popular dance songs and write a code for their 'sprite' to dance to using the latest dance moves!

This term we will be learning how to use Robotify. We are very excited about this because we will be writing code to program virtual mars rovers and drones.

Check out our Coding Club and their amazing pieces of code!

