



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 19th December	Student Learning Award Winners – Pizza with Principal Lunch
Friday 20th December	“Big Brekkie” For Students, Families and Staff 8:15am-9:15am
Friday 20th December	Last Day Of School For 2013; 2:30pm DISMISSAL
Wednesday January 29th	Year's 1-6 Students Return To School For Term 1; 2014
Thursday January 30th	Foundation Students Start School For Term 1, 2014



Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be A Learner

Principal's Report

Year 6 Graduation

On Tuesday evening we farewelled our Year 6 students at our Graduation Ceremony held at The Cube. It was a very positive evening and the students were presented with their graduation certificates, and our school captains Chelsea Barton and Matthew Whitehead presented their final speeches. Cathryn Humphrey, our 'Bluearth' Coach was invited along as our mystery guest speaker, and gave a very inspiring and motivational speech which focussed on her achievements and low spots in her career as an International Water Ski Champion. Our School Council President, Mr Alan Warhurst also presented many students with special awards for their efforts. These included:

- Academic** – Chelsea Barton & Kayla Smith
- Leadership** – Cody Niven & Kaitlyn Smith
- Sporting** – Carter Ramsay
- ICT** – Amanda Coulston
- The Arts** – Britney Coleman
- School Sport Victoria medal for Academic and Sporting Achievement** – Matthew Whitehead
- SAKitchen** – Cairell Nicholls-Bridgeman
- SAGarden** – Mony Yem

We thank all the parents and extended families for attending and supporting the students and the school at this very special ceremony. A huge thank you to our Year 6 staff (Jan Christian, Greg Forster & Gilda Nicol) for all the work they put in preparing students for this event. A crowd pleaser was the year 6 PowerPoint presentation featuring photos of the

students and staff when in Prep and Year 6. Thank you to Lyn Cover our pianist who accompanied the students' Graduation song, and to the many staff who attended to support our students. We wish all our graduating students a very successful future as they transition to their Secondary School settings, and for the future in general. It always makes us very proud to hear of the great achievements our former students make, and we encourage them all to keep in touch and remember your Primary School years fondly. We will show their Year 6 Graduation Presentation slideshow at our final assembly at 2.10 pm tomorrow when we officially say goodbye to everyone for the Christmas break.

We will also be farewelling the following staff members, some of whom are moving on or taking Leave for 2014. We wish each and every one a great year ahead, but most importantly I would like to thank them for the wonderful contribution they have made to our school. Brendan O'Brien, Lorelle Sceriha, Melissa Watson, Naomi Middleton, Cameron Middleton, and Kristen O'Connor (Aide).

I hope to see many of you at the "Big Brekkie" being put on for us all tomorrow (8:15am - 9:15am).

I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Regards
Jacelyn Owen



Proud to be a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden school

Learning for Living



TAKE YOUR MARKS
and get ready for School Swimming Carnivals

Edge Swimming Club will be holding training sessions during the School holidays for children wishing to improve in time for their School Swimming Carnivals. The sessions below will include starting, diving, stroke improvement and how to finish the race correctly.

When: 6th January to 23rd January 2014
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Time: 2.30pm - 3.00pm
Where: WAVES, 8 Mactier Avenue Wodonga
Cost: \$5.00 per session or 3 sessions for \$10.00

(does not include pool entry).

To book a place or for further information please contact:

Sally Whitehouse on 6024 7894 / email pwhi6501@bigpond.net.au

If attending please bring sunscreen, towel, goggles and water bottle.

Community News

Music Lessons

Music lessons for piano, keyboard, piano accordion and guitar are held at school during school hours every Thursday.

Phone Heather Wilson 60256480

School Dental Services

Albury Wodonga Public Health Dental Clinic:
155 High Street Wodonga. Lower Floor
Phone 02 60517925

Canteen

A big thanks to all the students who have patronised our canteen for 2013 and the wonderful parent helpers who have made it all possible.

I hope you all have a relaxing holiday and I will see you back at the canteen in 2014.

Susan Edwards

Stay and Play @ West Play

Stay and Play @ West Play is a program our school runs for all children who are under 5 or not attending school. It is play based and promotes strong oral language and positive interactions – similar to pre-school but it is **FREE**.



We would love parents of children from 0 – 5 to bring their pre-schoolers along to our Childcare building every Wednesday morning from 9.15 – 10.15. All you need to do is bring snacks for your child / children and we will provide a cuppa for parents.

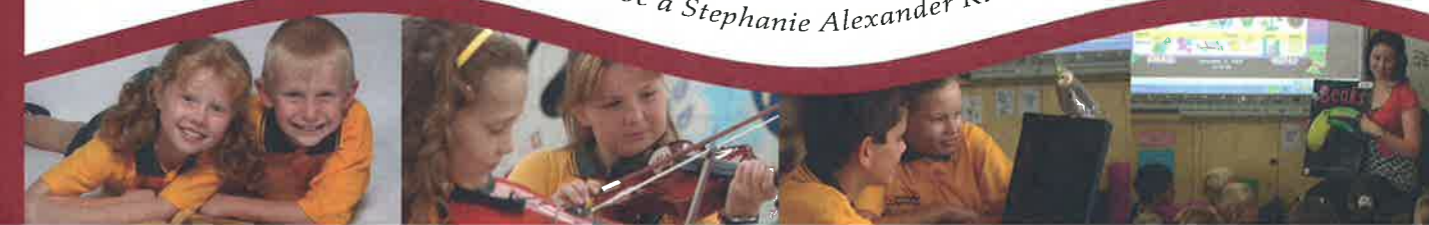
If you wish to get involved in these fun sessions, please contact **Melissa Potter on 60241188** so she can organise sessions ahead of time.

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Student Learning Awards

Congratulations to the following recipients of our "High Achiever Be A Learner" Semester 2 student awards.

0/1C	Alana Stern	4/5P	Taneisha Wade
0/1B	Katie Boatwood	5/6C	Jake Watson
1/2W	Kate Webb	5/6F	Pearl Ashby
1/2M	Danika Turner	5/6N	Mackensy Chestnut
2/3B	Taylah Boatwood	P.E.	Anastia Steyn
3/4M	Cody Stuart	Arts	Giaan Beard
3/4W	Sheena Mason	eStars	Dylan Manglesdorf



It was a proud moment at Monday's assembly for these students and their families. Each Class and Specialist teacher who nominated a student addressed our assembly as to the qualities these students had shown as a learner.

Today as part of the reward process these students are enjoying a pizza lunch with Mrs Owen and Mrs Mawby.



School Choir

Congratulations to Ms Maureen Guy and all the students who have practised tirelessly throughout the past 12 months. The choir performed five Christmas songs at Monday's assembly which was very much appreciated.



On Monday Wodonga West Primary School students came dressed in a Christmas theme transforming our assembly into Christmas colours.

Through our gold coin donations from the students, Ms Nicol and the SLC were able to go shopping on Monday afternoon and purchase presents for the Uniting Care Christmas tree at Wodonga Plaza.

Thank you to everyone for their donations and for being part of learning that Christmas is for giving to others.



You're Invited!
to
Wodonga West
Primary School
"Big Brekkie"
On behalf of The Faith City Team



Where: School's Basketball Court
When: Friday 20th December
Time: 8:15am - 9:15am.

Food: Pancakes (on a BBQ) (with honey, jam and maple syrup), toasted cheese sandwiches, yogurt, juice, fruit (all nut free), milks.
To thank the Staff and Parents in the school community for what they do for the children.

A Very Happy Christmas

To All Our Wonderful Students

And

Their Families

We thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

All the best for a safe and relaxing holiday break and we look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for another great year of learning in 2014.

Staff of Wodonga West Primary School



Out of School Care Change of Hours

Wodonga West Primary School's "Out of School Care" will be open from 7am to 9am and 3:15pm to 5:30pm from Term 1 2014.

Student Wellbeing Report

As another school year ends it is a great time to reflect on our achievements, friendships and memories made this year.

Farewell to the graduating year 6 students. Wishing you all the best as you move on to High School. I hope you will take away many wonderful memories of your time at WWPS.

The Girlfriends group has finished up for the year and during our last session we reflected on all the things they had done and learned. I hope that the friendships they made will continue in 2014.



Thank you to parents, staff and students that have made my transition to Wodonga West Primary School an extremely easy and enjoyable one.

I am already busy working on programs for next year and I'm excited to share all the programs with you in 2014.

I hope everyone has a fantastic holiday and comes back safe and refreshed ready for another action packed year.

