



Wodonga West Primary School

Linkletter

Community News

Step UP Loan

StepUP offers a 'fair go' to low income families in Albury, Wodonga, Wangaratta and surrounding areas.

People who are financially disadvantaged in Wodonga are able to access fair and reasonable credit through StepUP Loans-a low interest personal loan.

To be eligible, applicants must hold a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Card and also have lived at their address for more than 3 months. Documents are required to confirm income, expenditure and identification.

People interested in applying for a StepUP Loan can contact the local StepUP

microfinance worker at:

Upper Murray Family Care

29 Stanley Street

Wodonga 02 60558000

JAM TENNIS COACHING BOOK NOW FOR TERM ONE

With your local and fully qualified (Level 2) Club Professional Tennis Australia coach Mick Young. All children in Wodonga/Baranduda are invited to come to the Parkland/Baranduda Tennis Club Thursday /Monday/Wednesday.

No obligation come and try lesson to experience a local junior player development program fully endorsed by Tennis Australia.

Please call or email for dates /times of free tennis coaching session. Call Mick 0417 517 959

See www.jamtennis.com for more information

NOTE; Term 4,2013 participants are re-enrolled automatically, if this does not suit please, please let me know a.s.a.p

Music Lessons



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

Phone Heather Wilson 60256480

H & R BLOCK Tax accountants WODONGA (02) 6024 7159 ALBURY (02) 6021 6933

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School Dental Services

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



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Thursday 30th January 2014

Term 1

Issue No. 1

ASSEMBLY Monday 10th February Whole School Held in the Gym 9am Start

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 4th February	Open Water - Noreiul Park	Years 5-6	9:30-11am
Friday 21st March	School Fete	4pm-7pm	



Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be A Learner

Principal's Report

Dear Parents / Caregivers

A huge welcome back for 2014 and an exciting year of **learning** at Wodonga West Primary School. I am hoping you all had a fabulous holiday and break. Judging from the stories I have heard from the students, lots of holiday fun was had and interesting places visited. Above all, I am sure you all enjoyed the break from the school routine and morning rush to get to school. A special welcome to our new families who have joined us from near and far, as we work with you in partnership to provide the best learning environment possible for your child / children. Please feel that you are able to approach us at any time with any questions or queries you might have regarding schooling. Today we welcomed our 34 new Foundation students who are beginning their first year of formal education, and we are excited to be a major part of their schooling for the next 7 years. This is such an important time for these young people and we know they will all learn the school routines very quickly and settle into 'big school' as eager little learners.

Our staffing has now been finalised and I wish to welcome back Ms Jodi Burnett and welcome our new teacher Miss Lauren Donohue whom we are excited to have as a part of our fantastic teaching team across our school.

We are indeed privileged to have such dynamic and passionate teachers and support staff at our school. I am excited to inform you of our staffing structure as follows:

Principal Mrs Jocelyn Owen
 Assistant Principal Mrs Sharon Mawby
 F / 1 Ms Carly Chenoweth (LC3)
 F / 1 Ms Naomi Beasley (LC3)
 1 / 2 Ms Lauren Donohue (LC3)
 1 / 2 Mrs Marg Brown (LC3)
 3 / 4 Mrs Lyn Welsh (Room 4)
 3 / 4 Mrs Sharon Pearl (Room 5)
 3 / 4 Ms Jodi Burnett (Room 6)
 5 / 6 Mrs Jan Christian (Room 27)
 5 / 6 Mr Greg Forster (Room 28)
 5 / 6 Mrs Gilda Nicol (Room 29)
 The Arts Ms Maureen Guy
 P. E. / Sport Mrs Susan McDonald
 Primary Wellbeing Officer Mrs Melissa Potter
 Business Manager Mrs Kaylene Park
 Reception Mrs Adrienne Merrick
 Resource Centre / Reception / Aide Ms Denise Donehue
 Aide / Defence Transition Officer Mrs Liz Haynes
 Aide Ms Sonja Tilev
 Aide Ms Leigh Warren
 EAL (English as an Additional Language)
 teacher Mrs Elizabeth Wood
 EAL Aide Mr Teju Chouhan
 Kitchen Specialist Mrs Judy Kenny
 Garden Specialist Mrs Lou Newman
 District School Support Mr Ian Prenter
 Canteen Manager Mrs Susan Edwards
 ICT Technical Support Mr Travis O'Mahony
 School Attendance Officer Ms Breanna Everett

Jocelyn Owen Principal

Learning for Living

Proud to be a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden school





Foundation First Day



Today our excited Foundation students for 2014 commenced school with their class teachers Ms Naomi Beasley and Ms Carly Chenoweth. Foundation is the new National term for what was formerly called Preps. Judging by the way the great majority of these students entered school and said goodbye to their parents, it is evident they are ready to learning.



A big thank you to their families for preparing them for school and ensuring they looked fantastic in their new uniforms.



Reminders for Foundation Parents

1. Foundation students stay home to rest on Wednesdays in February.
2. Make an appointment time on one of these Wednesdays to bring your child in for an individual Literacy/Numeracy Assessment.
3. Complete sign and return the School Entrant Health Questionnaire and the speech therapy screening.
4. Pack your child's named hat, water bottle and their bag with their share book each day.
5. Be on time to pick up your prep child at 3:20pm and ensure the teacher has seen you collect them.

School Health Entrant Questionnaire (SEHG)

These are going home with Foundation students today. The primary school nurse Helen Allen will visit our students who have signed consent ASAP. The questionnaire provides Parents and /or guardians with the opportunity to raise any concerns they may have about their child's health and development with the school nurse.

- Students in years 1-6 can also be referred by their parent (contact Sharon Mawby Assistant Principal)

School Wide Positive Behaviour



These are our schools 3 behaviour expectations.

Look for our signage around the school. During 1st term our staff will be teaching/ revising these expectations and the behaviours and routine expected in different areas of the school. (eg in the classroom, at the canteen, in the playground.

SWPBS tip of the week:

Remind and check your child has their named hat to Be Safe (from the sun in the yard). If it is temporarily lost remind them they can play under the Gonyah (whole school) or under the grapevine and Childcare year 3-6.



LOST:



Sony camera and black case, went missing on the Monday 16th December 2013 Awards Assembly. Please contact the office if you may know of its whereabouts. *Thank You*



Wellbeing Report



Welcome back to what is sure to be a fantastic school year. I wanted to start the school year by stressing the importance of attending school every day and being on time.

Studio West

Applications are now being taken by year 5 and 6 students who would like to participate in the Studio West program for the first half of the year. This involves going to Wodonga Senior Secondary College and learning about hair and beauty techniques. Students will learn how to give hand massages and about straightening and curling hair among other things. This is a fantastic opportunity for students and past participants have said how much fun they had being involved.

I look forward to catching up with returning students and getting to know new students. As the student wellbeing officer my door is always open for students and parents. Please feel free to drop in and introduce yourself or let me know if you have a concern or require further information on any issue regarding your child.

Melissa Potter
Wellbeing Officer

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

2014

It is now time to apply for this year's EMA funding for the families who hold a current Health Care Card or Pension card. Please bring your card into the office to fill in the application form by February 28th to receive this benefit.

N.B. All applications are to be done at the commencement of each year to receive the first instalment.

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Calisthenics Victoria Presents – February 'Come & Try' Month!

What is Calisthenics we hear you ask? Put simply, it's the perfect mix of sport and performing arts, combining elements of gymnastics, modern dance, ballet, singing, mime and apparatus technique. Calisthenics inspires people of all ages to be more confident and work as part of a team, while fostering community spirit and lifelong friendships.

How would you like to try Calisthenics for FREE!? **KALANI CALISTHENIC COLLEGE** are hosting their 'Come & Try' days on **Tuesday 4th February** from **4pm** at **Baranduda Community Centre, Sage Crt, Baranduda** or **Wednesday 5th February** from **4pm** at **Galvin Hall, Wodonga Senior Secondary College, Woodland Gve Wodonga**. For further information please contact **Danielle Fraser** on **0411021211** or family@rodassan.com.au or Penny Cleary on **0411093152** or mpcleary@aapt.net.au

WODONGA BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION 2014 Registrations

Online registrations and information can be found at

<http://www.wodonga.basketball.net.au/>

Registrations close 6th February



Wanted:

If you have a glut of summer produce. (eg zucchinis, tomatoes, egg plants, oranges) Please bring them along to school.



We can use them in our Kitchen Garden Program

