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Thursday 13th February 2014 Term 1 Issue No. 1

ASSEMBLY Monday 24th February Introducing SLC Held in the Gym 9am Start

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday 17th February, 18th & 21st MYOS Swimming - Final Week
- Monday 3rd March WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS
- Friday 21st March School Fete 4pm-7pm



Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be A Learner

School Banking News Term 1

Welcome to another exciting year of School Banking, and an extra special welcome to the six students that joined the program last week. I hope to see some more new bank books this week. School Banking Parent Packs have been given out to each child. They contain all the information you need for this year's program, including details on how to join. If your child did not receive one, they are available from the school office.



This year the theme is Deep Sea Savers. We'll join the Dollarmites as they journey deep into the ocean to the Lost City of Savings.

Every child who makes a deposit in the School Banking Program receives a silver token. When they have 10 tokens they are able to order a reward item. Rewards are better than ever this year and include; handballs, scented pencils, pencil cases, plush toy keyrings, moneyboxes, swimming bags, projector cups and sea streamers.

School Banking is a great way to teach kids about smart money management and the importance of saving, while having loads of fun along the way.

Friday is School Banking Day, so bring in your bank book and place it in the GREEN BANKING BOX in the office before school starts.

If you have any questions about the School Banking Program, please come and see me Friday morning in the staffroom.

Dee Ivic - School Banking Coordinator

Registration Details:



Date: Sunday the 23rd February 2014

Time: 3pm -6pm

Location: Silvia Drive Wodonga Hockey Ground

wodongahockey@gmail.com

Phone 0437 263 114 Vanessa / 0418 218 218 Kyle

2014 Teams Available

Hooked in2 Hockey (formerly Minkey)

Mixed

U 9's Mixed

Boys and Girls U12, U14, U16

Men Div 1, 2 and 3

Women Div 1, 2 and 3

Preparing for Our Anzac Day

March

This year on ANZAC Day Friday 25th April, Wodonga West Primary School would like to encourage all our students, teachers and the wider school community to march behind the Soldiers and Services' Clubs.



We will have our Australian flag on the day and plan to walk behind it to show our respect and pride to the soldiers, airman and sailors who participate/participated in serving our country.

Liz Haynes DSTA

Music Lessons



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

Phone Heather Wilson 60256480

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Principal's Report

Dear Parents / Caregivers



Every Day Counts!

Daily school attendance is important for all young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don't fall behind both socially and developmentally.

This year, the Victorian Government has introduced new measures to ensure students are attending school and learning every day so they get the most out of their schooling. Amendments to the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 come into effect in relation to enforcement of compulsory enrolment and attendance at school. This new legislation means that parents could receive an Infringement Notice if their child misses five full days of school in a year without a reasonable excuse.

At Wodonga West PS we have always treated attendance as very important and have put into place measures to support students and families to regularly be at school. It is important that children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age. Absences result in quantifiable lost learning time and opportunities later in life.

Our Student Wellbeing Officer, Mrs Mel Potter, and our newly appointed WWPS Student Attendance Officer, Miss Breanna Everett, will be checking student attendance daily and will be following up with any families where this is of concern. Schools also have a responsibility to provide active support and to

articulate the school's shared expectations, actions and consequences when regular attendance is not consistent. We have also introduced a reward system for the class who has the highest attendance each week and this will be announced at our assemblies. In addition, we also have some students who have attendance plans to encourage and reward regular attendance. Our message is clear ... It is NOT O.K. to be away unless there is a genuine reason which must be communicated in a written note, dated and signed by parents, explaining the reason for the absence.

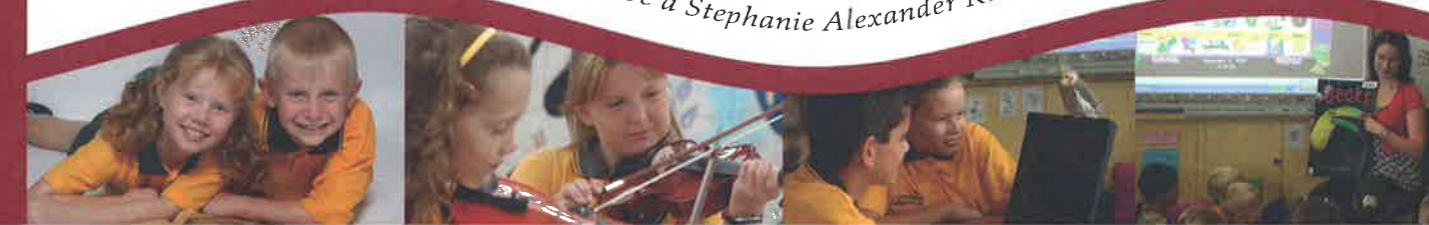
Let's Meet

It was fabulous to meet with our families who attended Let's Meet on Tuesday evening. We hope you enjoyed the relatively informal and relaxed chance to meet with your child's teachers and to consume a snag or two from the barbie. The staff spoke very positively about the opportunity they had to meet and greet their new families and how it was such a positive atmosphere. The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and Garden were both open for families to wonder through and look at, and we received some positive feedback about these quality programs. Well done to all our students who played so co-operatively amongst themselves and / or with our many pre-schoolers who were also enjoying the evening.

Regards,
Jocelyn Owen

Learning for Living

Proud to be a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden school



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Report



Great things are happening in the garden. We welcome 14 new hens of different colours. Over the next few weeks our students will be naming the more distinctive ones.

Julie Kennedy, an indigenous representative visited our garden last week and assisted students to make name tags with indigenous art to name plants in our indigenous garden section. Here are some of the completed name tags.



Just this week our classes have harvested:

- ◇ 16 Kg Desiree potatoes
- ◇ 10 Kg Blue potatoes
- ◇ 7 Kg Sebago potatoes
- ◇ 5.5 Kg Nectarines
- ◇ 2 Kg Peaches
- ◇ 5 Kg Apples

WOW - how's your garden producing?

Wanted: Volunteers for the Kitchen on Tuesday particularly for Mrs Pearl's year 3/4 class.

Kitchen time 11:40am -1:10pm.

Come and see Mrs Mawby if you can help.

WANTED:
Plastic Supermarket bags.
Please leave at office.
Thank you

School Wide Positive Behaviour

Well the new year has started beautifully. Teachers are handing out links to people in the yard who are where they are meant to be. I'm happy to say that lots of links have been passed out and some children are close to being able to trade. This means that they have earned 25 links. Trading day is on Wednesdays.

Well done everyone for being safe, respectful and learners.

Naomi B

Classroom Helpers

At the start of each year we offer a "Classroom Helpers" training program for parents/carers. Completion of this 1.5 hours session is a pre-requisite for parents to assist in classrooms.

However, it is also valuable just to gain knowledge about how children learn at school in the early years.

If you would like to do this course please return the section below to the office by next Thursday February 20th.

Sharon Mawby
Assistant Principal



I would like to attend a Classroom Helpers Course.

Name: _____

Contact Number _____

Child's Name _____

Room _____



I will contact participants to organize a suitable training time.

Sharon Mawby

Well Being Report

There are many wonderful things happening around the school at the moment. The Studio West and the Girlfriends programs both start next week and skipping is a favourite activity in the lunch time program.



It is wonderful to be able to spend time in the classrooms and work with the students; it is a great way to get to know your children. I would encourage parents to get involved in the school in whatever way you can, either in the classroom, kitchen, garden or canteen. Students love to see their parents involved around the school.

Walk/Ride to school

Wodonga West Primary School is having a walk/ride to school day on **Wednesday 26th February.**

We would like to encourage everyone to participate by walking or riding their bike/scooter on this day.



This activity is also promoting sun safety and encouraging students to wear their hat. Students have the opportunity to have a name label ironed into their hats (at no cost) to help ensure if they do misplace their hat it can be promptly returned to them.

Melissa Potter
Wellbeing Officer

School Photo Day - Monday 3rd March

Envelopes for ordering these will be sent home today with each student .

Envelopes and **correct money** are to be brought back to school **ON THE DAY Monday 3rd March.**

Family photos, for students will be taken upon request. **Envelopes can be collected from the main office.**



Students at a later date will be able to order choir and SLC group photos. Details will be sent home closer to the date.

MSP Photography

Canteen News

Volunteers/Rosters: Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help in the canteen. The roster is being finalised and should come out during this week. If you would like to help in the canteen, please fill in a Canteen Volunteer Form (I have some extras here) and return it to me at the canteen. I could do with some more help on Fridays.

Roster – February:

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| Wed 19 | Sam Boatwood |
| Thu 20 | Jill Hedditch |
| Fri 21 | Teresa Booth |

Grade 6 Assistants:

17-21 February: Kaitlyn Castro and Sophie Bignell

Susan Edwards,
Canteen Manager



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.

Great news!!! In the garden this week Matthew from room 4 found a baby blue tongue lizard. We were very excited about this because in the past few years we have found a couple of adult blue tongue lizards in the garden and this is great to see that they are breeding.

