

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

Monday 3rd March	WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS
Monday 10th March	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL
Friday 21st March	School Fete 4pm - 7pm



Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be A Learner

**ARTS NEWS**



Two Cultural activities have been booked for this year. The first is on **Friday March 14<sup>th</sup>** and is a **Maths Science Adventure** scope with lots of fun learning activities. The second is Planet Rhythm a drum extravaganza with a heap of banging and rhythms to make children move. The Cultural Levy is 15.00 which is on your Summary of Charges (Please do not split this amount). If you have not paid this yet please do so as soon as possible so your child can attend both shows which will be held at school.

The MYOS Melbourne trip is scheduled for July 30<sup>th</sup>. This year we are seeing **Les Miserables** and visiting the Melbourne Museum to see The Aztecs exhibition. Students who are participating in this excursion received a second note this week regarding payment options. I am trying to ensure all payments are finalised this term for organisation purposes. Further information will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Maureen Guy,  
Arts Coordinator.

**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 StrepUP microfinance worker at:

Upper Murray Family Care  
29 Stanley Street  
Wodonga 02 6055 8000

**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



*Principal's Report*

*Dear Parents / Caregivers*



**School Photos**

A reminder to everyone that SCHOOL PHOTOS for 2014 will be taken this Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. I am sure you will all make a special effort on the day to look 'most gorgeous' all decked out in your clean school uniforms, with your hair done neatly. A REMINDER TO WEAR WHITE SOCKS ( NO COLOURED SOCKS PLEASE ) AND GOLD / DARK GREEN OR BURGANDY HAIR TIES / BANDS TO MATCH OUR UNIFORM COLOURS. Please make sure you remember to send the photo packs with your order form and the correct amount of money along to school on Monday, as this goes directly to the photographer.

**Student Leadership Council**

I am pleased to announce that our Student Leadership Council ( SLC ) for 2014 has been decided after a rigorous selection process. The students elected to SLC for 2014 are;

- Room 27 - Rana Ashraf & Shaun Ellis
- Room 28 - Taylah Collins & Jenna Barton
- Room 29 - Brock Thompson & Kaitlyn Castro

Together with our School Captains, Mikayla Ivic and Heath Manglesdorf, the SLC will have a number of responsibilities across the school, meet regularly with Mrs Nicol, and work together to make our school a wonderful place of learning. Congratulations to each of them and I look forward to working closely with you all in numerous ways.

**Foundation Students**

A reminder that our Foundation students will now come to school 5 days per week, as the Wednesday testing program has been completed. Thank you to parents for coming in to school with your child at your allocated appointment time to allow this literacy and numeracy testing to occur as it really assists the teachers to design specific tasks to cater for the needs of each individual at their particular level of development.

**School Fete**

Please make sure you keep **Friday 21st March** free to attend our School Fete. **We have booked many attractions including pony rides and carnival rides, and we will have a variety of foods and stalls.**

Regards,  
**Jocelyn Owen**

Proud to be a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden school



Learning for Living



## Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program Report

A reminder to all participants that your term levy of \$25 should now be paid or unfortunately you cannot participate in further classes until it is. This levy helps to support the ongoing costs of this program.



We are looking for students (years 3-6) who are able to assist at the **Goods Shed Harvest Festival on March 15th between 11am and 2pm**

This year we will be again cooking our famous Zucchini Haloumi Fritters at our stall to sell to the community under Mrs Kenny's watchful eye. Please let Mrs Kenny or Mrs Mawby know if you can assist on this day. Parental help is also welcome!

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### Classroom Helpers Program

A big thank you to Rebecca Lyons, Rowena Barton, Vanessa Dalliston, Tammy Baarda and Tina Smith who gave up an hour of their time yesterday to complete our Classroom Helpers Training.

This program also inform about how children acquire and learn reading and writing and speaking and listening skills so supports parents as the child's first teacher. We look forward to some of these parents offering to help out in classrooms. Also welcome back to any previous "graduate" of our training program. You are most welcome to contact your child's teacher to organize a time if you think you can help out.



### MONDAY 3rd March

## WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS MSP Photography

Please send your child/rens photo envelope with the correct money inside on the day.

**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.

### School Wide Positive Behaviour



It has been great to see people trading their links for rewards this week. After you have earned 25 links you can trade them for a prize. Teachers are looking for people being where they are meant to

be. Keep up the good work in the yard everyone and remember to be safe, be respectful and to be a learner.

**This week the following children received their Bronze awards** for trading 50 links.

**Jenna Barton, James Toohey and Blake Leaver.**

### 2014 Borambola Camp Year 3 & 4



Thank you to the many families who have paid the **\$50 deposit** for the Borambola Camp.

We are looking forward to some fantastic adventure activities including rock climbing, BMX riding, canoeing and archery.

If you wish your child to attend the camp and have not paid the deposit please contact us to secure a place. The total cost for the 2 night 3 day camp is \$250.

Sharon Pearl.  
Year 3&4 Camp Organiser.



## Well Being Report



### Walk/ride to school

It was fantastic to see all the students that walked or rode to school yesterday. There were also lost of students that had a name label ironed into their hats (at no cost). Hopefully there will no more nameless hats in lost property.



### Compass Awards

There will be a meeting next week for students that were at various stages of the compass awards last year or wish to start this year. It is a fantastic program for students to grow by completing sporting/hobby and exploring tasks. Please see me for further details

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 28<sup>th</sup> to receive this benefit.

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

### MYOS Year 6 t-shirts

Reminder to parents that the t-shirt order and money needs to be into the school by the **14<sup>th</sup> of March**. Please remember to include the size shirt needed. Sizes 8 10 12 14 16 M L XL



Greg Forster MYOS

## Canteen News



### Roster – March:

Wed 5	Kerrie Hocking
Thu 6	Kerriane Shepherdson
Fri 7	Sam Boatwood

### Grade 6 Assistants:

3-7 March: Taylah Collins and Jorja Bertram.

Susan Edwards,  
Canteen Manager

## DON'T BE SCARED!!!!

There is 3 weeks to go until the fete and we are having a scarecrow competition. All your family has to do is make a scarecrow and bring it along to school. Each grade will be making one too. There are some great ideas if you go to google images and type in scarecrows.



At the fete people can purchase a token for just \$1 and vote for their favourite scarecrow. If the winner is a family entry you will receive a pack from the SAKG. If it is a class entry, they will receive a special garden party session. More news as the date gets closer but start thinking about building a family scarecrow. It is a great family activity, think of it as homework, but fun.

There will also be a scarecrow colouring competition too. There are 2 different sheets for the F-2 children to select from and 2 for the 3-4 students. We would like the year 5-6 students to design their own scarecrows and colour them in and enter them. Entry is 50 cents and there will be great prizes on offer. SO get building, colouring and having fun.

Lyn Welsh

Year 3/4