

Well Being Report

Bogong Leadership Camp

Over the weekend 14-16th March eight students in year 5 were chosen to attend a Rotary funded Leadership Camp.



The following are some of the comments we received:

The food was fantastic and my favourite activity was the abseiling.

Teresa Marcuzzi

I have learnt to be a better public speaker

Tiah Fisher

Rock climbing was fun. A lot of people made it to the top. Everybody had a turn.

Cody Stuart



I learnt how to do orienteering. It's where you have a map and you have to navigate your way around.

Zali Burkitt

Compass Awards

Last day to sign up is Friday 4th April

No cost to students and open to any student in year 5 or 6. It is a fantastic program encouraging students extend themselves in the areas of hobbies, outdoor activities, volunteering and exploration.



Please see me for further details

Melissa Potter

Music Lessons

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



Thank you to the following Families for their kind donation of books for our Library collection.

The Barton Family & The Viney Family

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 6055 8000

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School Dental Services
Albury Wodonga Public Health Dental Clinic:
155 High Street Wodonga. Lower Floor

Thursday 27th March 2014

Term 1

Issue No. 4

ASSEMBLY	Monday 24th March	Whole School	Held in the Gym	9am
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 28th March	Film Club - "Turbo" (rated PG) Cost \$5
Thursday 3rd April	P.F.F. Easter Raffle - Drawn Donation of Easter eggs please!
Friday 4th April	Opposite Day - Gold Coin Donation - Information on Page 3
Friday 4th April	END of Term - SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2:30pm
Tuesday 22nd April	Term Two - Curriculum Day - NO STUDENTS (Students start Wednesday 23rd)



Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be A Learner

Principal's Report.

School Council

Last night we held our Annual General Meeting of School Council, followed by our regular Meeting with our new council members. I am pleased to announce that our new School Council President is **Shelley Jolliffe**, our Vice President is **Jill Hedditch**, and Treasurer is **Mike Goldsworthy**. We thank them for taking on these special roles of responsibility and I am confident they will all work tirelessly on behalf of all our families to make informed decisions that best represent the interests of our school community, and achieve positive student outcomes. As School Councillors, you may like to approach any of them.

Our next School Council Meeting is on Wednesday 7th May at 6.30 pm.

School Fete

After a lot of planning and organising, we were pleased that the weather held off and we were able to go ahead with our fete as planned last Friday evening. We had a big turn - out, and lots of fun was had by everyone.



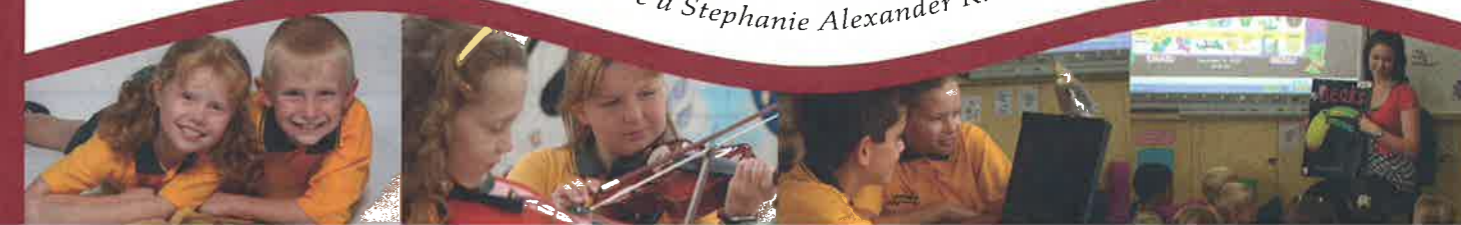
A special thank you is extended to our wonderful community for their support, both leading up to, and on the fete day. To all those families who donated items, to those parents and staff who helped at events and stalls during the evening, and to those who supported us by attending - a huge thank you! In total, we raised around \$2,700 which will be such a huge help to the school.

As the photos suggest, it was an excellent night for all concerned.



Regards,
Jocelyn Owen

Proud to be a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden school





Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Report

Last Thursday and Friday we had two visitors from Melbourne and one from Sydney from the Foundation who conducted 2 days of training for prospective schools interested in adopting the program. These schools came from as far away as Tumut and Lake Cargelligo. We had extensive positive feedback about the quality of our program and specialists. In fact it was stated that our garden was better than the founding SAKG garden at Collingwood College.

Sharon Mawby

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

Outgoing School Council President Letter

Last night we held the 2014 Annual General Meeting for the School Council. After many years on the School Council, and several as President, I have decided to step aside and let some fresh faces into the Council.

I have enjoyed my involvement with Wodonga West, School Council and the fantastic Staff that work here. The effort the staff put in during school time and after hours is greatly appreciated and doesn't go unnoticed. I sincerely thank them all on your behalf for the way they have nurtured and educated your children and my children.

On a personal note I am disappointed that, during my time as School Council president, I along with Mrs Owen and Mrs Mawby, have been unable to convince the Regional Office, Department of Education, and State Government to allocate the appropriate funds to complete the building works at our school. Let's hope it happens soon. You never know what could happen in the May State Budget.

I would suggest to any parents / guardians that have an interest in their child's education to get involved in the School. There are numerous ways to be involved from classroom helpers, kitchen / garden, Parent Family and Friends, and School Council. Every one of them has their own unique rewards and challenges, it depends on how much time you can commit, but it is all worthwhile and your children will benefit from, and appreciate it in years to come.

In signing off, I wish to thank, in particular, Jocelyn, Sharon and Kaylene for the huge amount of work they put in behind the scenes to keep Wodonga West running to be the great school that it is.

Regards
Al Warhurst

To -

Riverina Cheese for their donation of Haloumi Cheese to our Goods Shed Harvest Festival SAKG stall.



Peards Albury for their donation of seed packets to our SAKG garden program.

Howlong Nursery for their ongoing support to our SAKG Program.

THANK YOU - To the following Businesses for their sponsorship and donation for our school Fete last Friday.

McVeans Wodonga, Wodonga Jewellers, Albury Phone Co. Target, SS&A Club, Huon Hill Tavern, Commercial Club Albury, McDonalds Albury, Adrienne Merrick, Myrtleford Sports and Toys and Con Giansoumi from Rent 4 Keeps.



Harmony Day



On Tuesday the 25th March we celebrated Harmony day at Wodonga West Primary School. It is a day of cultural

respect for everyone who calls Australia home. By participating in this event, we can learn and understand how all Australians from a range of backgrounds equally belong to this country. All classes discussed what Harmony day means and how we can help make it happen at our school. The students then wrote messages on orange balloons and attached them to our front fence. The Foundation students discussed this using terms like friendship and getting along. The messages were very moving and thought provoking. These messages showed how well the classes discussed this celebration and their understanding of this event. Well done everyone. It was also great to see lots of orange on the staff. Orange is the colour of Harmony Day. It symbolises a change in attitude from racism and discrimination to understanding, peace and harmony.

The staff also celebrated this day by wearing orange as well as bringing something to share for lunch that was from a country they would like to visit or one they have visited. We had a lovely lunch with a mixture of delicious dishes.

Bert Wood



P.F.F. Easter Raffle



It's that time of the year again. We are running our Easter Raffle and asking our wonderful Parents and Carers if they could donate Easter eggs/chocolates towards our raffle.

All donations can be left at the front office and we thank you in advance.

Opposite Day

On the 4th April we are having a casual day. It is 'Opposite Day'. You need to come in something representing 'opposite', for example - odd socks, back-to-front T-shirt, opposite Gender etc. This is a gold coin donation which will be used to purchase prizes for the school's Treasure Chest.



SLC (Student Leadership Council)

Canteen News

Notice to all families: Due to personal reasons, and the short week at the beginning of term 2, **the canteen will be closed on Wed 23rd and Thur 24th April.**

It will reopen with all normal services on *Monday 28th April.*

Notices have been attached to lunch orders during this week and will continue next week. Thank you for your understanding



Roster - April:

Wed 2 Kerrie Hocking
Thu 3 Kerriane Shepherdson
Fri 4 Sam Boatwood

Grade 6 Assistants:

31 March - 4 April: Brock Thompson and Jordan Melbourne.

Susan Edwards