

School Banking News - Term 2

Keep saving to win a family underwater adventure holiday.



Competition

Just make 3 deposits through school banking in Term 2 and you will automatically go into the draw.

Major student prize.

One student will win an underwater family adventure holiday including:
 Five nights' accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast; VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. MovieWorld, and Wet'n'Wild Gold Coast; A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and A \$3,000 travel voucher to get them there.

Runner-up student prizes.

130 Toys"R"Us Gift Cards to the value of \$250 each.

Schools prize.

There will be a separate draw of \$1,000 cash for a school in each State/Territory of Australia. Plus, the School Banking Co-ordinators of each winning school will receive a \$250 Commonwealth Bank Debit Card.

Rewards Program Update.

Rewards available to order in Term 2 are;
 Whale Shark Pencil Case **NEW**
 Shark or Penguin Key Ring **NEW**
 Handball
 Scented Pencils

Dee Ivic

School Banking Coordinator

Canteen News

Everything is back to normal: Canteen has reopened for term 2 with all the usual items available. As the weather gets colder Milo will be available before school and I have commenced selling steamed dums sims over the counter at lunch break (those who want them for lunch, however, still need to order them).

New Items: I have two new items to introduce this term as a trial; single serve fried rice and single serve sweet and sour chicken and rice. Prices for these will be included in next week's newsletter.

Roster - May:

Wed 7 Sam Boatwood
 Thu 8 Jill Hedditch
 Fri 9 Teresa Booth



Grade 6 Assistants:

5-9 May: Crystal Schubert and Kynan Rafferty.

Susan Edwards,
 Canteen Manager

AUTUMN FAIR

Saturday May 3rd 2014
 9.30am - 1.30pm

St John's Lutheran Church
 14 Havelock Street Wodonga

BBQ, Pony Rides, Craft & Mother's Day Stall, Coffee, Buskers, Devonshire Tea, Face Painting, Cake & Produce, Plants, White Elephant Stall And MORE!!



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



Learning for Living

Thursday 1st May 2014

Term 2

Issue No. 5

ASSEMBLY Monday 5th May Whole School Held in the Gym 9am Start

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 2nd May Years 3-6 Cross Country 'Willow Park' Departing 11:15am
 Monday 5th May P.F.F. Meeting After Assembly - 9:30am Staff Room All Welcome
 Thursday 8th - Fri 9th Mothers Day Stall 9:30am - 11:00am Nothing over \$5
 Monday 12th May-16th Junior Swimming - CHANGE of Dates *See Page 2 *



Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be A Learner

Principal's Report.



Mothers' Day Stall - Parents, Families & Friends (PFF)

Our fantastic PF&F Group has organised a very convenient 'Mothers' Day Stall at school next Thursday and Friday (8th and 9th May). Students will be able to purchase from an assortment of lovely gifts for their mother / carer. There is a range of prices, but nothing will be more than \$5. To avoid disappointment, please remember to send some money along with students on either Thursday or Friday next week. A huge thank you to our P.F.F helpers who have organised the gifts and for their generous donation of their time and energy - all to make Mothers' Day a little special for all concerned. A special message to Mothers - do NOT look in any school bag or under any of your child's beds, as these are excellent hiding places for special surprise gifts!

ANZAC Day March

A huge message of thanks to all those parents, staff and students who represented our school so proudly at the Wodonga ANZAC Day march. Everyone was fabulous and we received a lot of positive praise. Please read more over the page, including photos of the march and our school at the ANZAC Day ceremony. I was thrilled to witness the students who played a special role, and the respectful behaviour of all our students who were in attendance.

This was a special way to finish off the two days of special learning that occurred in years 3 - 6 on the significance of ANZAC Day. I also thank our Student Leadership Council students who diligently sold ANZAC Day badges and memorabilia on behalf of the RSL.

Staffing Changes

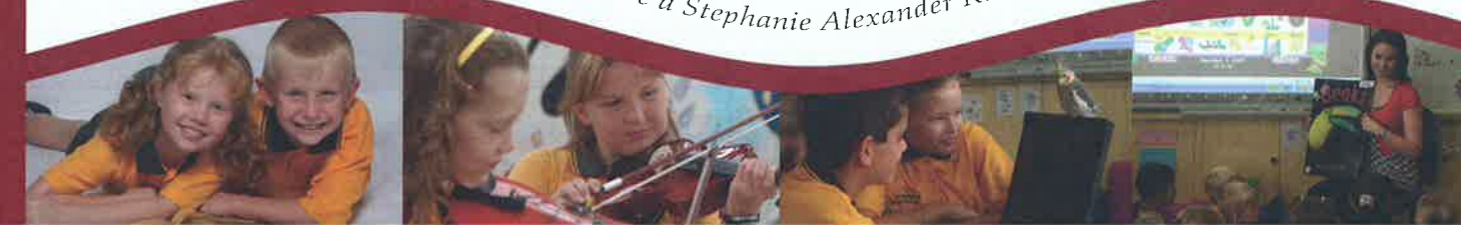
Mrs Jan Christian (MYOS Rm 27) has retired from the teaching service after a long career with the Department. We thank Jan for her many years of dedication to state education and for her work and commitment to Wodonga West P.S. Ms Olivia Shiel (who is known well by our students) has taken over as classroom teacher whilst the selection process takes place for a classroom teacher for the remainder of the year.

Also, Ms Maureen Guy has undergone a shoulder operation and will be on leave for this term and next, before her intention to retire from teaching at the beginning of term 4. We are pleased to announce that we have appointed Miss Rebecca Simboras (Miss S) as our Arts / Music teacher for the remainder of the year. Rebecca is a highly qualified and talented Arts teacher who had an opportunity to 'shadow' Maureen before she went on Leave. She is keen to continue our high quality Visual & Performing Arts Program.

Regards,

Jocelyn Owen

Proud to be a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden school



Assistant Principal Report

Attendance: Every Day Counts

Changes to the enforcement of compulsory school attendance were introduced on March 1st 2014. An information brochure about the important issue of attendance is attached. Other changes to legislation included Department appointed school attendance officers who are empowered to issue infringement notices as a last resort if a parent does not comply with school attendance notices.

We have been proud of our attendance benchmark which has been around the State Benchmark number of days for a number of years. However, a worrying trend over the past 2-3 years has been an increase in the average number of days missed by students in years F-2. Daily school attendance is vital for every age group and we hope to improve our overall data but particularly in this area.

A copy of our Attendance policy and Strategy for 2014 is available on request. We will continue to follow up student absences and request parents utilize the attached proformas when students are absent to provide a written note on their return to school.

Sharon Mawby



Meet **Breanna Everett** who as well as being our Childcare Coordinator, assists Student Wellbeing Officer Melissa Potter in monitoring and supporting Positive School Attendance. Regular items about attendance will be in the future Newsletters.

Please let us know if you need support in this area.

SAVE THE DATE:



We plan to hold our Autumn School grounds Working Bee on Friday May 16th from 3:30pm until dark. We hope a number of families will stay on to sweep, prune, weed and trim our beautiful grounds so they continue to be a wonderful natural environment for our students to explore and play in. This will help our school look fantastic for week 5 which is Education Week when tours for prospective 2015 Foundation Students enrolments occur.



JUNIOR SWIMMING – 1/2D, F/1B, F/1C, 1/2B * Change in DATES*

URGENT

SAME PLACE, SAME TIMES, *NEW DATES*

Unfortunately due to a mix up with booking dates, our Junior Swimming Program dates have been put back a week. The Program days and times are still the same, but will now be held on the week starting Monday 12th May to Friday 16th May.

Hopefully those parents who volunteered to help, will still be available. Please let your class teacher know, if not. We are sorry for any inconvenience, as I know all students are looking forward to it.

WODONGA WEST CROSS COUNTRY

A reminder that the Wodonga West Cross Country will be held **tomorrow Friday 2nd May at Willow Park**. All **students in Years 3-6** have been training and will participate in a 2km (9/10 years) or 3km (11/12 years) distance. **If you haven't returned your permission note, bring it on the day**, so you don't miss out on a great day and your class has a chance to win the free lunchtime game for the class with the best attendance!

Thank you to the parents who have offered to help on the day!

WODONGA DIVISION SELECTION TRIALS

Congratulations to **Rylee Butters** and the many other students who participated in Football and Netball preliminary trials last week. Rylee will continue to the next level of trials today along with several students who are trying out today for Soccer.

Susan Macdonald P.E. Coordinator

Anzac Day March 2014

Sam and Lucy Williamson proudly laid a wreath on behalf of the Wodonga West Primary School. They did an exceptional job, very respectful and conscious of the solemn occasion.



This year for the first time Wodonga West Primary School marched behind the returned servicemen and women. We had our School Banner and our Australian flag. We looked and felt proud to represent our school.

It was a great day for the students dressed in their school uniform and marching with their teachers.

I would like to thank sincerely the parents of Sam and Lucy the children are terrific ambassadors for our school.

Also to the other 22 students and staff who attended. Next Monday at Assembly we have a member of the Defence Personnel to speak regarding Anzac Day.

Liz Haynes
DSTA



Well Being Report

Attendance Hippo's

Last term two Hippo's (Molly and Rufus) were introduced to the school and have been visiting classrooms that have had outstanding attendance.



Week 3 – 3/4W

Week 4 – 3/4P

Week 5 – 1/2D

Week 6 – 0/1B

Week 7 – 0/1C

Week 8 – 5/6F

Week 9 – 0/1C

Week 10 – 5/6F

This term we are focusing on receiving notes for any absences your child may have. Molly and Rufus will be visiting classrooms that have no unexplained absences.

Studio West

Last term 8 year 5/6 students participated in the Studio West program at WSSC. This term they are running their own studio in room 8 at lunchtimes on Thursdays. Students and teachers are encouraged to come along and have their hands pampered, a soak in the foot spa, a back massage or get your hair done all at a cost of 20 cents.

Melissa Potter



Wodonga West Room 4 Mascot 'Bella' Celebrated her First Birthday today.

