

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

Family Fun—Fundraiser for The Sparkes Family

The Lavington Rural Fire Brigade invite you to their 'Family Fun—Raiser' To support Ella Sparkes with ongoing medical expenses.

When: Sunday 18th May 2014
Time: 10am– 2pm
Where: 629 Krautz Street Lavington

Sausage sizzle, Face painting, Raffle, Kids rides & Activities.

Borambola Camp

Thank you to all Parents/Carers who have returned forms and completed payments for camp. We leave on **Monday 26th May** and return on **Wednesday 28th May**.

Students need to be at school by 9 am. We will return on Wednesday at approximately 3.30pm.

At Borambola, students will be involved in BMX riding, rock climbing, archery, fencing. Recreational activities include tennis, mini golf, and basketball.

It is a safe and well designed venue. Staff attending are: **Mrs Burnett, Mrs Welsh and Mrs Pearl. Thank you to Mrs Viney and Mr Goldsworthy who will attend as support staff.**

Please see your class teacher for clothing lists if yours has been misplaced.

Sharon Pearl

EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulation to the following:



- 1st - Decland O'Neill
- 2nd - Joyce Evangelista
- 3rd - Nicole Bedford
- 4th - Tasman Sullivan-Smith
- 5th - Stella Barrett
- 6th - Shemler Recido
- 7th -Megan Booth

UNSW Competitions:

UNSW competitions are optional and are fee based. A small number of students have paid to sit the competition/tests. Practice papers are available on the UNSW web-site. The first of these test papers will be the Computer test on May 20th. Good luck to all involved.

Sharon Pearl

Canteen News



Add these to your Price

List:

Single serve **fried rice** (gluten free) \$2.80 and single serve **sweet and sour chicken and rice** \$3.00.

Also **fried rice with beef Bolognese** (same as on the baked potatoes- gluten free) in a container \$4.00. I have tried these items and they are tasty and satisfying, just the thing for a cold day. All are classed as "green everyday" options and comply with the Go For Your Life Victorian School Canteen Policy.

Roster –May:

- Wed 21 Kerrie Hocking
- Thu 22 Kerriane Shepherdson
- Fri 23 Sam Boatwood

Grade 6 Assistants:

19-23 May: Kaitlyn Castro and Jorja Bertram.

Susan Edwards,
Canteen Manager

Thursday 15th May 2014

Term 2

Issue No. 6

ASSEMBLY Monday 19th May 3/4 Welsh Held in the Gym 9am Start

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday May 16th Autumn School Working Bee * 3:30pm - Until Dark
- Monday May 19th-23rd Education Week Begins - Open Morning 9-11am
- Thursday May 22nd Junior Masterchef 9am - 11am
- Friday May 23rd Year 6/7 Transition Placement forms due to class teachers



Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be A Learner

Principal's Report.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,



Education Week

Next Week is Education Week and we will be opening our doors to our school community to visit and see first- hand many of our wonderful programs on offer that we provide for our students. We are proud to showcase what we do on a regular basis and invite our wider community to join us on our Open Morning – Monday May 19th (from 9 am – 11 am). At 9 am you will have an opportunity to attend our whole school assembly, held in our Gym, and then from 9.30 until 11 am, you will have a chance to visit our regular classroom and specialist programs. You will witness high quality literacy and numeracy programs, AVID strategies for success, our implementation of the School Wide Positive Behaviour Program, an exciting Visual Arts lesson , or you might wish to visit our fabulous Stephanie Alexander Garden and check out our lovely chooks and produce in the garden. Education Week is a special week where we celebrate lifelong learning (in all its facets and richness) across the school.

We encourage you all to come along and participate, demonstrating to your child / ren that

your highly value the importance of education and that you are keenly interested in them doing their best at school as learners.

We will also have a team of Secondary students practising their barista skills and serving freshly brewed coffee and hot chocolate in our staffroom - for a gold coin donation. Please support them!

Welcome to Miss Vapor

Next week we excitedly welcome Miss Sue Vapor as the new classroom teacher for MYOS Room 27. Sue will be a wonderful new addition to our staff and comes as a highly recommended educator from Perth. Interestingly, Sue attended Wodonga West Primary School as a student. Welcome back, Sue!

Regards,
Jocelyn Owen

I am so excited to be teaching Art & Music at Wodonga West!

My passion for creative and performing arts started when I was in primary school and I have been lucky to do a bit of study in Acting, Film and TV production.

Art in all its forms, is a great way to express who we are and how we feel about the world around us.

I look forward to getting creative and working with your children.



Rebecca Simboras (Miss S)

Proud to be a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden school



Education Week Monday May 19th - Friday May 23rd

Tours for 2015 preps enrolments available all week.
Please phone 6024 1188 to make an appointment time.

Activities during Education Week

DAY:

Monday May 19th:-

Tuesday May 20th:-

Wednesday May 21st:-

Thursday May 22nd:-

Friday May 23rd:-

EVENTS:

9am Whole School Assembly. Please come along and visit your child's classroom in action from 9:30am-11am.
"Future Moves" a partnership with Charles Stuart University.
Workshops for parents/MYOS students and staff, letter with today's Link.
Cultural Event - Drum Beat - Two sessions between 9am-11am.
Junior Master Chef cook off. 9-11am for 12 MYOS students in the kitchen.
Normal School Timetable

Masterchef Competition Thursday May 22nd 9-11am

Congratulations to the following students, Blake Lever, Zephy Hogan, Jorja Bertram, Sophie Bignall, from room 28, Charlie Dixon, Chystal Schubert, Jack Hocking, Shaun Ellis from room 27, Jordan Melbourne, Kaitlyn Castro, Jack Goldsworthy, Mikayla Ivic from room 29, who have been elected by their classmates (and seconded by Judy Kenny!) and will be competing in Junior Masterchef next Thursday from 9-11am. These students were chosen for their potential skills, team work and enthusiasm. It will be a hard fought competition and each MYOS class will be hoping their team wins.



Future Moves Workshop Day Year 5/6

Future Moves is a school outreach program, which has been taking place in Bathurst, Port Macquarie and Wangaratta over the past few years. The program delivers school based workshops and holds a number of events for school students on the University campus. With new funding Future Moves has been extended to Charles Sturt University's Albury-Wodonga campus.

As part of the Future Moves program we will be working with Wodonga West Primary School year 5/6 classes on Tuesday the 20th of May as part of Education Week. The Future Moves workshops focus on building aspirations and awareness amongst students in grades 5-12 and introducing the idea of a developing a career through lifelong learning and further education. Wodonga West's current work with the AVID system of strategies complements our workshop.

If you have any questions or if you would like more information about the program please contact Jade Fitzgerald, Future Moves School Outreach Officer, on 60519325. Or email jfitzgerald@csu.edu.au

Foundation Students

Our wonderful SLC Students have been assisting me with visits to local preschools. They have been fantastic school representatives and enjoyed talking to our preschoolers about transition into FOUNDATION.

Thank you *Shaun Ellis, Rana Ashraf, Blake Lever, Jenna Barton, Brock Thompson & Kaitlyn Castro & Mikayla Iviv.*



Sharon Mawby

The Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is an annual reading event. The challenge is to read as many books from the age appropriate list as possible by 12th September.



Students interested in entering the challenge can see Mrs Pearl who will log you in. Check out the website—**The Premier's Reading Challenge**. It is a great way to hook into the best literature available, reading books from authors such as Mem Fox, Martin Waddell, Morris Gleitzman and Andy Griffiths. What fun! Many of the Premier's listed books are available from our school's resource centre. Don't forget to give your name to Mrs Pearl who will enter you, give you a list and set you on your way. Reading - what fun!

Sharon Pearl

Junior Swimming

Joyce Evangelista: 1/2 D Swimming is fun because you get to learn how to swim in the deep end and you get to learn how to use the equipment. I have used the equipment to learn how to float and to keep me safe in the water.

Sam Williamson: 1/2 D Swimming is fun because you get to dive in sometimes and you learn how to do a pin drop. You get to learn how to do torpedoes with your feet. You have to put your arms out straight, look down in the water, blow bubbles and kick really hard.

Dontay May: F/1B: Swimming is so fun because we can do stuff like floating on our backs and floating on our stomachs. We can sink to the bottom and can swim back up.

Alicia Turner F/1 B: When we go swimming we go the deep end. We use noodles to swim to the other side. We have to kick our legs and blow bubbles.

Makayla Orcher: F1/B: My swimming teacher said I am the best kicker!

Jacob Flakelar: F/1C: I like to go on the boards when I go to the pool. I kick my legs up and down and blow bubbles. I have to put my eyes in the water.

Nicholas Savy: F/1C : We go to swimming on the bus. My swimming teacher teaches us how to swim. We go down and water gets in our eyes. We swim under water.

Michael Moroney: 1/2 B: I like swimming because I have a nice teacher. She teaches me how to use crocodile arms so I can have my eyes open in the water.

Joey Shepherdson: 1/2 B: Swimming is fun because we used two pools. In the little pool we swam across then some of us went to swim in the big pool.

Charlee Beckett: 1/2 B: At our swimming lessons I learnt much more about swimming. Before I doggy paddled but now I can bring my arms out of the water and back in. I kick my legs with fast little kicks, not big splashes. I keep my face looking down in the water

Well Being Report
Attendance Hippo's



Molly has been spending time in 5/6N due to fantastic attendance in term 2 week 1. It looks like Molly has made a new friend. Rufus has been spending time in 3/4P due to their wonderful attendance in term 2 week 2.

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**.

Parenting Programs

As parents we all need a bit of help at times. Gateway runs a range of parenting programs that are free of charge.

Some of their programs are;

- Positive Parenting Telephone Service (PPP & Signposts)
- Tuning into Kids(2-10)
- Adolescent (10+)
- Back on track (parenting after separation)

A complete list of Gateway's term programs can be collected from me in my office or for more information about parenting programs phone Gateway's parenting team on telephone: 60228888.

Melissa Potter

Working Bee

We are holding our Autumn School grounds Working Bee tomorrow 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 next week which is Education Week when tours for prospective 2015 Foundation Students enrolments occur.

Wodonga West Primary School ANNUAL RAFFLE
Please support our school by buying some tickets which are attached to this newsletter for our annual raffle. Terrific prizes and a bargain at 3 for \$10 or \$5 each!