

Community News**Volunteer Drivers are needed for our Wodonga based service**

If you: Love to drive, Like helping people, Enjoy a chat & good company! Can spare as little as a couple of hours a week - then this volunteering role is for you!

for a more information contact:
Tanya & Rob 1300 704 530
www.communityaccessability.com.au

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

School Dental Services

Albury Wodonga Public Health Dental Clinic:
155 High Street Wodonga.
Lower Floor
Phone 02 60517925

**VICTORIAN SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES**

Located at
WODONGA MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE
Mitchell Street Wodonga

Language Classes for 2014

Term Three Starts on 14th July

The Victorian School of Languages offers language classes in 2014 on Tuesday afternoons at the Wodonga Middle Years College in Mitchell Street Wodonga.

Class are available in Spanish, Japanese, French, Italian, Punjabi and German on a Tuesday afternoons from 4.00 – 6.15pm.

Enrol on line at www.vsl.vic.edu.au

You will automatically receive a confirmation email which you will need to print and bring to the supervisor before class outside Room A9 at the Wodonga Middle Years College.

If you have attended VSL classes before you will need to follow the re-enrol prompts on the website.

Primary and secondary students are eligible to enrol, from Government and non-Government schools, in Albury as well as Wodonga.

If you require additional information please contact Chris Varker at varker.christine.g@edumail.vic.gov.au or on 0428 310001 or AH (03) 57261 269

Costs for the year:
\$70 a year for students in Years 1-10
\$210 VCE
\$350 for adults per year.

CHRIS VARKER
VSL Supervisor Wodonga Centre

Thursday 12th June 2014

Term 2

Issue No. 8

ASSEMBLY Monday 16th June - Student Learning Awards Held in The Gym 9am**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

Wednesday 18th June	MYOS Rich Task - Beechworth Excursion
Friday 20th June	Wodonga West Primary School Annual Raffle Drawn
Friday 20th June	Reporting to Parents - NO SCHOOL for Students
Friday 27th June	End of Term - SCHOOL FINISHES at 2:30pm

**Be Safe****Be Respectful****Be A Learner****Principal's Report.****Dear Parents/Caregivers,****Student Reports**

This Friday, students will be bringing home their mid year student reports. These are very comprehensive and cover all areas of the curriculum. Our teaching staff have devoted many hours of their time after school and on weekends referring to their data sets and writing these so that you have an accurate description of your child's progress and areas for development. Your child has also written their own reflection about their semester and set some goals for the future.

When you receive your child's report, we encourage you to discuss it with your child and give them positive feedback as required about their learning progress. It is important for your child to see how interested you are in them being lifelong learners and that you value this. We want students to understand that we are working in partnership with parents / families (as you are their first teacher). Did you know:

If a child **NEVER** ever misses any school up to the end of year 6, that they will have only been at school for **less than 15 % of their life!** This demonstrates how important family life experiences are to compliment learning and to assist the professional teachers in educating students.

On the back of your child's report there is a page for parents / caregivers to comment and return to class teachers.



You might like to complete this and bring it along to parent / teacher interviews next week (your interview time will be included with the report and it is an expectation that you attend).

We hope you enjoy reading your child's report and if you have any questions, or want further clarification on anything, you will have the opportunity to discuss this at your interview.

Please also note your child's absence rate as this is overwhelmingly very positive for most students, and we are proactive in our approaches to address any issues where there are large numbers of unexplained absences.

Student Learning Awards

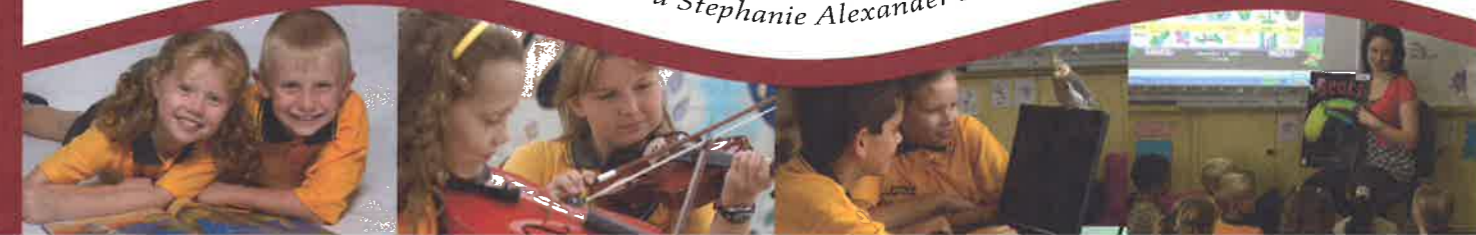
At next Monday's assembly, I will be proudly presenting **Student Learning Awards** to one student in each class, plus an **Arts and P.E. award**.

These students will all be presented with a High Achiever award and will also be provided with a lovely "Pizza with the Principals" lunch next Thursday in our kitchen.

At our assembly, staff will be making a short speech about why they have chosen their particular student, the attitude and characteristics they value, and the work ethic they display towards their learning. **Congratulations to all those students who will find out next Monday at assembly!**

Regards,
Jocelyn Owen

Proud to be a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden school



Learning for Living

Enrolments : 2015

We are now accepting enrolments for Foundation Students for 2015. Please contact our school office for Tours & Forms.



Heather Brae Bakery Treats PFFG Fundraiser

This year we are offering you the opportunity to purchase a variety of slices to enjoy. Order forms are still available at the front office. Please return your order and cash to the School office by 24th June 2014.

SAKG News

This term students are cooking their way around the world. So far students have been to 'High Tea' in London and 'Chinese' in Beijing.



They have a world map where they are locating places.

Rainbow Day



On the last day of this term we will be having a 'Rainbow Day'. On this day you can come to school dressed in your favourite colour. You will have to come with a gold coin donation. The money will go towards new things for the SAKG program. I hope you will enjoy the day and thanks for reading!

Canteen News

Roster -June:

Wed 18 Sam Boatwood
Thu 19 Kerriane Shepherd
Fri 20 Canteen Closed - pupil free day



Grade 6 Assistants:

16- 19 June: Shaun Ellis and Kirby Matthews.

Susan Edwards,



REMINDER

Parent / Teacher Interviews will be conducted over two sessions:

Thursday 19th June (after school from 4-6 pm)
and Friday 20th June (from 8am-2 pm).

Please note that Friday 20th is a PUPIL FREE DAY !

Wodonga West Primary School ANNUAL RAFFLE Drawn on the 20th June 2014



Please support our school by buying some tickets which are available from our front office.

Terrific prizes and a bargain at 3 for \$10 or \$5 each!

First Prize: SONIQ 102cm 4HD pixel LED Television (donated by RENT4KEEPS)

Second Prize: \$200 Petrol Voucher

Third Prize: \$100 Meal Voucher (donated by Commercial Club, Albury)

Students Art Work



Well Being Report

Studio West

The girls in Studio West have been very busy this week and last week, packed with students enjoying being pampered.



Next week is the last session for this term so I encourage all students and teachers to get their \$0.20 and come and enjoy the friendly service they provide.



Warm Clothing

As the days are starting out a lot colder in the morning it is great to see so many students with jumpers and jackets. As the day warms up students are taking off their jumper or jacket around the school and in their enthusiasm are leaving them behind. If an item of clothing has a readable label it is returned to the student or classroom teacher to return. Unfortunately I am finding a large number of items without any name and it is impossible to return these items and they end up in lost property. I encourage all parents to make sure jumpers and jackets are labelled.

Melissa Potter

Word Sorts in Words Their Way

Word Sorts involve our students categorising words and pictures, allowing them to make generalisations about spelling. Categorising is a fundamental way that humans make sense of the world. When students sort words they are engaged in the active process of searching, comparing, contrasting and analysing. They can make generalisations that they can then apply to a range of literacy situations.

At WWPS we are using this approach with all students. Our students complete Word Sorts as a daily activity. We also complete a range of follow up activities with these words, such as Speed Sorts and Partner Sorts.

In a Speed Sort, students try to complete their Word Sort as quickly as they can while maintaining a high level of accuracy. They are in competition with themselves only and are aiming at decreasing the time this takes to complete, as well as increasing their accuracy level.

In a Partner Sort, students work together to complete their Word Sort with a partner. This encourages conversation about spelling generalisations, as well as turn taking, speaking and listening skills.

Students are enjoying completing their Word Sorts at WWPS as a way of increasing their spelling knowledge.

Please come and see me if you have any questions about this approach to spelling at WWPS



Carly Chenoweth
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