

Canteen News



NEW PRICE LIST 2014/2015 IS HERE! It is orange and accompanies this newsletter, taking effect from Wednesday 5th November (look at next point to see why).

CANTEEN IS CLOSED ON MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER and will reopen on Wednesday 5th November after the Melbourne Cup Holiday.

Roster –November:

Wed 5 Help needed
Thu 6 Help needed
Fri 7 Renee Crump

Grade 6 Assistants:

5-7 November: Crystal Schubert and Kynan Rafferty.

Susan Edwards,
Canteen Manager

HELP WANTED



We would love your assistance on Friday 7th November with cooking our BBQ from: 10:15am - 10:45am at our Walk-a-thon at Les Stone Park.

If you can assist, phone the school on: 6024 1188

MUSIC Lessons -

Heather Wilson (Music teacher)
Accordion, Piano, Organ, Keyboard, Guitar.
Adults and Children

Phone: 02 6025 6480
Mobile: 0459 256 480



Community News

ANTI BULLYING

Have your say and make a difference Wodonga Council's Youth Services team are calling for people aged 8 to 24, their parents and professionals to share ideas and experiences to help develop a zero tolerance to bullying campaign for our city. Two information sessions are an opportunity to discuss how you want to be involved or kept informed as the campaign develops.

Date: Two sessions - Tuesday, November 11 and Wednesday, November 12
Time: 5pm to 7pm

Venue: Committee room, level two, Wodonga Council offices, 104 Hovell St, Wodonga
Cost: Free

RSVP: By 5pm on Friday, October 31 to youth@wodonga.vic.gov.au or Rachel Habgood on (02) 6022 9701.

Please advise of any special dietary requirements for catering purposes.



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ASSEMBLY Monday 3rd November 3/4B Ms Burnett Held in The Gym 9am

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 3rd November	CANTEEN CLOSED (Re Opens Wednesday 5th November)
Monday 3rd November	P.F.F. Meeting - After Assembly in the Staff room - All Welcome
Tuesday 4th November	Melbourne Cup PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Friday 7th November	Walk-A-Thon (See page 3)
Friday 14th November	E-2 Rich Task Sumsion Gardens (Previously 31st October)



Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be A Learner

Principal's Report.

Dear Parents/ Carers



Melbourne Cup Day Holiday Tuesday November 4th

In line with other Wodonga Government schools we will be taking this date as the Public Holiday this year. Although Wodonga Council have designated November 28th as local Cup Day Holiday the declaration was too late to be observed by schools in 2014. All schools will be utilising the local Cup Day Holiday (instead of Melbourne Cup Day) in 2015. **A reminder no students at school on Tuesday November 4th.**

2015 Placements

As we are beginning our preliminary organisation for 2015, it is essential that we know our student numbers. If you are relocating to another area and changing schools please put this information in writing with your destination and have it to me (Jocelyn Owen) by **Friday November 14th.**



If you wish to put in a request for your child's placement in relation to other students (e.g. to be placed with a special friend) please put this in writing to me by: **Friday November 14th.**

Please note that requests from previous years are not kept on file, so if you have a special request it needs to be updated for 2015. As all our staff members are experienced, exceptional professionals, it is not appropriate to request a special staff member for your child's teacher. Staff will do their utmost to ensure requests can be accommodated where possible. These requests will be kept confidential at all times.

School Review

We are currently working on the School Self Evaluation for our School Review which will occur early in 2016. Last week I invited parents to be part of this process by providing answers to 3 questions I posed. If you have lost the sheet of paper with the questions on I'm happy if you can respond to these on a blank sheet of paper. *The questions were:*

What is our school currently doing well?

What could our school improve on and do better?

What would you like our school community to focus on for the future?

Regards,

Jocelyn Owen



Proud to be a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden school



Learning for Living

Jamie's MINISTRY OF FOOD

Is Coming to Wodonga

Jamie's Ministry of Food mobile kitchen is coming to Wodonga in 2015. The Kitchen will be offering a basic cooking course where every week you will learn to cook simple healthy and tasty meals using fresh ingredients.

Classes are held at the same time each week for 5 weeks and go for 90 minutes with a maximum of 12 participants. Classes are open for everyone over the age of 12. Full course details and bookings are available at : www.jaimiesministryoffood.com

The mobile kitchen will be located at Wodonga Council Offices.

Cycle 1 commences Monday 19th January 2015

Cycle 2 commences Monday 23rd February 2015

Cost \$10 per class (\$50 full course) or \$5 per class concession (\$25 full course)

This is a fantastic opportunity for families which complements our work with the SAKG program.

Sharon Mawby
Assistant Principal

Wodonga West Foundation Students Art Work 2015



WALKATHON

Just eight days to go until our Walk-a-thon. The Walk-a-thon will be held at Les Stone Park, weather permitting, from 9:15 until 10:45 on Friday the 7th of November. The theme of the Walk-a-thon is "Movie Characters". Sponsor forms have been sent home. Please encourage and assist your child to collect sponsors, remembering that if \$15 or more is raised your child will be entered into a special raffle draw for a prize.

Because our Walk-a-thon is at Les Stone Park a permission/medical note needs to be signed and returned to school. This note has been sent home. Please sign and return promptly.

All children are expected to participate in the Walk-a-thon. No teachers will be available to supervise children back at school. Other family members are invited to join us for the Walk-a-thon, children get a lot of enjoyment from sharing a part of their walk with a parent or caregiver.

We will be providing **one free sausage** for each Wodonga West student participating in the Walk-a-thon. These will be cooked on the BBQs at Les Stone Park. Extra sausages can be purchased for \$1. Other family members can purchase a sausage for a dollar. Looking forward to seeing all the great costumes.

*Greg Forster, Lauren Donohue, Sue Vapor,
Jodi Burnett.* (Walk-a-thon committee)

Student Wellbeing Report



Walk to school month



This is the last couple of days of Walk to School month. Many students have been very proud to show me their passports and stickers and I am very excited to put everyone into the draw next week to win a voucher valued at \$150 to purchase a pair of shoes from Sportfirst in Wodonga. Healthy

Together Wodonga is supporting local primary schools with the initiative, which aims to highlight the benefits of being more active and a fun way to help get the 60 minutes of exercise children need each day.

Please see Melissa Potter for information or visit: walktoschool.vic.gov.au.

Attendance

It is really important if your child is going to be absent from school for an extended period that you contact the school so teachers and parents can work together to ensure children don't miss out on valuable learning.

If your child is sick or away it is always appreciated if you could contact the school to let teachers know. Also a note is required on the first day they return to school. We have a legal requirement to mark rolls and follow up on unexplained absences.

Melissa Potter

DSTA News



At our last Assembly, Wodonga West Primary was very honoured to receive from the Wodonga RSL President Kevin Williams a Honour Board from 1918.

This board had the names of previous students who served in the First World War.

Also some of the names gave the ultimate sacrifice and didn't return to Australia. As a school community we are very privileged to have this historical piece of history.

Mrs Owen is having the board restored and it will be displayed in the school.

Liz Haynes DSTA (Defence School Transition Aide)