

ASSEMBLY Monday 15th December 'Learning Awards' Held in The Gym 9am Start

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 15th December	SLC 'Christmas Colours Day' - Gold Coin Donation for Charity
Tuesday 16th December	Helper's Afternoon Tea 1:50pm-2:20pm SAKG Kitchen
Tuesday 16th December	P.F.F. Christmas Raffle Drawn
Tuesday 16th December	Year 6 Graduation - The Cube 6-7pm
Wednesday 17th December	Class Party Day
Friday 19th December	End of Term SCHOOL FINISHES at 2:30pm



Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be A Learner



Student Wellbeing Report

Studio West Beauticians

Studio West has now finished for the year. A big **Thank You and Well Done** to all the wonderful beauticians for providing such a wonderful service throughout the year.

Second Hand Uniforms

Uniting Care Wodonga will operate a School Uniform Op Shop between **14th January and 4th February next year in 2015**. Parents will be able to purchase good second hand uniforms at greatly reduced prices. Please send items of clothing you no longer need and are willing to donate to the school office and these will be picked up by Uniting Care for the uniform shop.

I would like to wish our school community a Happy Christmas and a safe New Year.



Thank you,
Melissa Potter

School Leadership Council

'Christmas Colours Day'
Monday 15th December

The school will be holding a Christmas Colours Day. We would love to see everyone dressed in festive colours for this event.

On this day your child will need to bring a **'gold' coin donation**. This money will be used to buy gifts for Operation Santa that is run by Uniting Care and Target.

Heath Manglesdorf
on behalf of the SLC

Canteen News

Canteen timings for the end of the year:

- Friday 12 Dec: Last hot dog day
- Tue 16 Dec: Last Lunch order day
- Wed 17 and Thu 18: Over the counter snack sales only (no lunches)
- Fri 19 Dec: **CANTEEN CLOSED FOR CLEANING - NO SALES**

Thank you: to my small but great band of volunteers who have helped through the year. I have enjoyed your company and all the laughs we have had and look forward to working with you again next year!

Remember: the Canteen will be only be opened on **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in 2015**.



Best wishes to everyone for a happy Christmas.

Susan Edwards,
Canteen Manager

Community News

Wodonga Library

At Wodonga Library, Summer Reading Club activities will run from **Thursday, December 11 2014**

until Friday, January 23 2015.

- Registration is FREE! When participants register at our library they will receive a Summer Reading Club starter pack. Students can sign up for the reading challenge and earn prizes for the books they read.
- They will also be able to participate in a range of programs that encourage a sense of fun and imagination.

MUSIC Lessons -

Heather Wilson
(Music teacher)
Accordion, Piano, Organ,
Keyboard, Guitar.
Adults and Children
Phone: 02 6025 6480



Principal's Report



Dear Parents/Caregivers,
As the year draws to a conclusion, I wish to remind you of the following: Next week (the last year of schooling for 2014) will be very busy featuring the following important activities:

Monday -

- Christmas Dress up Day :- Organised by our SLC Committee. This is a Gold Coin Activity and all monies raised will go to support the 'Gifts for Operation Santa' that is run by Uniting Care and Target.
- Also, at Mondays Assembly we will congratulate all the students with High Achiever Awards for their learning and 100% attendance for 2014.

Tuesday -

- We celebrate the Graduation of our Year 6 students to their prospective Secondary School. We will have a special Ceremony at The Cube beginning at 6pm.
- Parent Helper's Afternoon Tea in the SAKG Kitchen. This is to thank the many parents and helpers who make our school special through their services.
- Our P.F.F. Christmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn. **Thank you to all the families and staff who generously donated to this cause.**

*****We are still requesting donations of items of non perishable items for our Christmas Hampers. Please also remember to return your tickets that you have purchased. Further tickets are available from the front office.*****

Wednesday-

- We will celebrate Class Parties (Please be aware of your obligations towards this event).
- MYOS students attending the 'Pool Party' at Tangambalanga Swimming Pool.

Thursday -

- Students who were awarded the Student Achievement Awards for Learning and those with 100% Attendance for 2014 will be treated to a Pizza lunch with The Principals. This will be held at 11am in the SAKG Kitchen.

Friday -

- Students will have the opportunity to spend a Transition time in their 2015 classroom with their teacher to familiarize themselves and meet their teacher/classmates. We will be holding a final 2014 Assembly in the Gym at 2:10pm and we invite you all to attend and farewell our Year 6 graduates.

We break up at 2:30pm pm Friday 19th December

Regards,

Jocelyn Owen

Proud to be a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden school



Learning for Living



MYOS Disco

I would also like to sincerely thank the committee and hard working 'Parents, Family & Friends' (P.F.F.) for organizing the MYOS Disco held recently. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all the participants and we all acknowledge the planning and organization of the P.F.F. committee. Special thanks to those school parents who came along to support - it was very much appreciated. The students had a lovely time and it was rare opportunity to relax from the Learning Program and enjoy the company of their peers.



Parent Helpers Afternoon Tea



I am hoping you have received your invitation to this annual event where our staff formally thank you for being attached to the school and your child's learning. Regardless, all parents caregivers who have assisted us throughout the year in any capacity are warmly welcomed to this on Tuesday 16th December at 1:50pm in the SAKG Kitchen

Special invitation to All interested Parents and Community Members.

Architect's Visit and Consultation Sessions Friday 12th December 2:20pm - 3:20pm

Please come along to our Resource Centre and hear about our exciting new Building project. This will also be an opportunity to have some input into the design and function of our new Classrooms, Administration Block and Early Learning Centre. This work will begin in early 2015.

We really value your input to this important process for our school, for the present and the future!

Jocelyn Owen
Principal

School Council Letter

On behalf of our School Council, I would like to acknowledge and congratulate the Principals, Teaching and Administration staff for all their dedication and commitment to Wodonga West Primary School during 2014.

The effort the staff put in during and after school hours is greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed. We sincerely thank you for the way you have educated, stimulated and nurtured our children to be the best they can be.

After many years of hard work and perseverance, we received the long awaited news that Wodonga West Primary School had secured government funding for our new buildings. This will mean lots of excitement and challenges ahead for our school in the next 12-18 months. We will require assistance from our school community to make this transition as smooth as possible for staff, students and all involved. Therefore, when required, we hope you may be able to help out in some small way to make the move easier for all and ensure great outcomes for our children and their teachers.

I would suggest to any parents/carers that are interested in their child's education to become involved in our school. There are many ways to help out and make new friends e.g. Parent Family & Friends Group, canteen, kitchen, garden, classroom helpers, etc. I'm sure you will find it rewarding to be involved and your children will benefit and appreciate your involvement in future years.

I wish to thank you all, in particular Jocelyn, Sharon and Kaylene, for the huge amount of work you put in to keep Wodonga West Primary School running smoothly and so our children/child can "Be Safe, Be Respectful & Be A Learner". Enjoy a safe & happy Xmas and we look forward to your involvement in 2015.

Regards
Shelley Jolliffe
President School Council



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden visits



Year 1/2 Brown have enjoyed several visits to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and Garden. A very grateful thanks go to our parents who have come in and helped us in the kitchen. It was a great help having extra hands to set up equipment, help the student with food preparation and assist with cleaning up.

Thank you also to Aldi for their weekly supply of fruit, enabling the LC3 classes to participate in 'Fresh Fruit Friday' on a rotational system.

Mrs. Marg Brown, 1/2 Class Teacher.

Here's what the students wrote about their Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden experiences.

We cut up fruit. My mum came and helped me. It was fun cutting up fruit. After we had eaten our fruit and cleaned up we went back to class. Stephanie

In the kitchen we cut up fruit. We ate our snack in the garden. We melted chocolate and squeezed a blood orange. In the garden we look around. There are two robot material sculptures made out of bikes and scrap metal. There are frogs and tadpoles. It is fun. Beau



At the kitchen we have Ms. Crump, Mrs. Muscat, Ms. Curran and Mrs. Antone. The class goes every Friday and we go to the garden. We go and cut fruit. We explore the garden. We see chickens. Who lays the eggs? The female chickens! Alanna

At Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden I like cutting up fruit. I cut with Mrs. Muscat. I like cutting apples, bananas and oranges. I use sharp knives. Bailey

At the kitchen we cut apples and we went to the garden to eat our fruit. Sami

It is fun because we get to cut up fruit. Siddy



The Kitchen Garden is fun because we get to cut up fruit and eat it in the garden. At the Kitchen Garden the volunteers help us to cut up the fruit. The volunteers help us to put the fruit in the bowls. After we cut up the fruit we get to eat it. I like Kitchen because we get to have partners. The volunteers are helpful. I also like Kitchen because we made lots of fruity things. Laetitia

I like Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden because we cut up stuff like fruit. One day I would like to be a chef because you can cut up fruit and make spaghetti and lots of other food. In Kitchen we get volunteers to help us make food.

Yummy! Food! Delicious! Elissa

At the kitchen we cut apples and bananas then we ate them. We went to the garden. I saw the chickens and there were lots and lots of things in there. I saw lots and lots of vegetables and fruit. Archie

When we go to our Kitchen Garden we cut up fruit. Once we made fondue. Mrs. Antone helped, too. Jacob

At Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden we cut up fruit on Friday. We made fruity salad with fruit juice. The fruit juice tasted like lemon. It was yummy and the fruit salad was yummy. Scott

We love cutting fruit in the Kitchen. The volunteers have fun in the Kitchen and so did we. When we cut up fruit we melted chocolate. We saw a blood orange in the Garden. We got to have a look around last time we went to the garden. Me and some of my friends found two ladybirds but one of the ladybirds flew away. I put the first one back where I got it from. Joey



The kitchen was fun because we get two snacks in a row. We chop fruit and we either squeezed a grapefruit or blood orange. We dipped tangelo and banana into melted milk chocolate. We got separated into groups. We had four different volunteers; Mrs. Muscat, Ms. Curren, Ms. Crump and Mrs. Antone. Kitchen is fun. I'll be doing it more often when I am in Grade 3. Isabelle