

Canteen News

Welcome back to school for 2015!

Remember: Canteen is operating on Wed, Thu and Fri each week this year. (closed on Mon and Tue).

Rosters: I will be organising the parent volunteer roster shortly when business picks up. Meanwhile, **thankyou** to Jenna Barton and Zali Burkitt for serving over the counter this week and Caitlyn Beaty-Storach for helping with stock control.

Grade 6 Assistants Roster:

11-13 Feb: Counter Service - Rylee Butters and Jayke Burt-Drennan
Wed 11 Feb: Stock control - Michelle Lewis

Susan Edwards,
Canteen Manager



Community News

School Dental Services



Albury Wodonga
Public Health Dental Clinic:

155 High Street Wodonga.
Lower Floor
Phone 02 60517925

MUSIC Lessons -

Held at Wodonga West Primary School



Heather Wilson
(Music teacher)

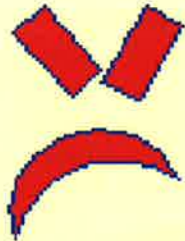
Accordion, Piano, Keyboard, Guitar.

Adults and Children

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JAM TENNIS



COACHING

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1st Term tennis coaching BOOK NOW

With your local and fully qualified (Level 2) Club Professional Tennis Australia coach Mick Young. All children in Wodonga are invited to the Wodonga Parklands Tennis Club or Baranduda Tennis Club for a no obligation come and try session

Experience a local junior player development program fully endorsed by Tennis Australia. Please Email-text-call for times of a suitable free session.

Thursday 5th February

2015

Term 1

Issue No. 1

ASSEMBLY Monday 16th February Whole School - Held in The Gym 9am Start

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 9th - 13th February	MYOS Swimming Program 9am-12
Tuesday 10th February	Let's Meet - 4:30pm-6.00pm All Welcome
Monday 16th February	P.F.F. Meeting (After Assembly) Held in the Staff Room - All Welcome
Wednesday 4th March	All School Photos - MSP Photography



Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be A Learner

Principal's Report



Dear Parents / Carers,

A warm welcome back for 2015 and a very special welcome to all our new families and students, especially those who started in Foundation. It has been a bittersweet start to the year with the sad news that Adrienne Merrick (front office receptionist) passed away on 31st January. As the letter I sent home explained, this all happened so very quickly, and because of the holiday period, it has been a shock for everyone to comprehend. A private funeral will be held for Adrienne next week. On behalf of the entire school community we delivered a lovely cheese and fruit platter and card to the family which was really appreciated. In time, we will also involve the students in deciding on something we will do at the school to honour Adrienne as a lasting memorial.

Apart from the loss of our trusted friend and colleague, the start to the year has been very smooth. I sincerely congratulate all the parent community for having students decked out so beautifully in full school uniform, 'sensible' school shoes and named broad brimmed hats. I am also proud of the way the girls with longer hair have it tied back neatly and off their faces. It is also important to have healthy 'Brain food' for lunch and recess snacks in the lunchboxes including cheese, fruit and vegetables. As we are wanting to have a litter free yard, foods with lots of wrappers are discouraged as much as possible from coming to school.

A reminder that 'Canteen Plus' operates on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays only, and sells a wide variety of healthy and delicious food choices.

School Fees

School Fees are now due for 2015 and thankyou to those families who have already paid these or come in and set up a payment plan to cover these. I do need to remind you all that 'User Pay' items such as swimming, SAKG, cultural events, camps cannot be attended unless the payment for these have been received in full before they occur. These fees assist the school in paying the huge cost of supplying books, pens, pencils etc. Arts materials etc. Our school does not ask parents to purchase book packs containing these items before school starts, or ask parents / carers to purchase items on a book list - as is the case at some schools. Therefore, we rely on parents / carers to cover these costs through the school fee system. Please come in and negotiate a payment plan at the front office that will suit you, or alternatively pay the full amount at your earliest convenience.

Let's Meet

Once again we are offering all our families a chance to come along and visit your child's classroom and to meet their teacher at 'Let's Meet'. This will be held on **Tuesday 10th February from 4.30 - 6.00pm**. We hope to see 100% of our families coming along and supporting the school and your children as learners. This sends a strong message to your child or children that school is an important place and that you value education and have a good working relationship with their teacher where communication occurs. This is also a wonderful opportunity to clarify anything such as expectations around homework, timetables, helping in the classroom etc. We will warmly welcome you all!

Jocelyn Owen



Proud to be a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden school



Learning for Living

Assistant Principal Report

Individual Learning Improvement Plans (ILIPs):

Currently our teachers are preparing Individual Learning Improvement Plans for all students in their class who are 6months or more ABOVE and BELOW expected AusVELS level. It is an expectation that **ALL** students (including those working at expected level) in a class are aware of their achievement data in maths, reading, writing and spelling and know what they are capable of and what the next step in their learning is. Just as it is important to assist students who are below level in a certain area it is also important to ensure we continue to extend students in areas where they are achieving above grade level. This data is shared privately with the student and is an important part of them realising that it is **“Cool to Achieve”** and that **“To Be a Learner”** is one of our three behaviour expectations at Wodonga West Primary.

These Individual Learning Plans will have goals which we will all be aiming to achieve within the term and are directly evidenced by our assessment data. You, as parents are the child’s first teacher and have more exposure and influence by the amount of time that your child is in your care compared to the amount of time spent at school. We value this relationship and teachers will also be aiming to share these plans with you so that you can support the child’s learning goals at home. This can be as simple as asking your child them how they are going, hearing them read and helping them with their Numeracy Fluency task or Words Their Way (Spelling) home task. Teachers will be contacting many families shortly to discuss these Individual Learning Improvement Plans.

Foundation News:

Reminders:

- Have you completed and sent back the Health Nurse Confidential Assessment form?
- Have you returned the speech screening form if you have received one?
- Have you made an appointment for your child’s individual Wednesday assessment interview with either Ms Chenoweth or Ms Beasley?

We hope you are enjoying the Share books that are being sent home daily with your child. Sharing these together can be a special time and a good way to point out features of a book such as the cover, pictures, text and the way print works on a page. Don’t forget to ask them a question about the story when you have enjoyed it together.



Here are some photos of our Foundation students learning today. A great conversation starter at the end of the school day is to say “Tell me one good thing about your day today”! This helps your child develop a positive mindset.

We look forward to Ms C returning next week fully recovered. Thanks Ms Shiel and Ms Simboras (our Arts Teacher) for assisting in her absence.

Regards,

Sharon Mawby
Assistant Principal

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN



The Kitchen is in need of **lemons** and **clean glass jars with metal lids (smaller ones preferred)**.

Please send donations to school.

We are preserving our summer crops ready for the NE Food and Wine Festival to be **held in March** so as well as creating meals our students are making jams, chutneys and relishes and our famous lemon cordial in preparation for this event.

We hope all our families in year **1/2 Brown and 2/3 Watson** will be able to attend their first cooking session next week and jointly prepare a pizza to share as the first introduction to the kitchen program for these groups of students. (Notes went home earlier this week)

A reminder that to cover all costs of the program with food requirements beyond what we grow and to maintain and kitchen and garden equipment we need students to pay \$25 per term to participate in the program. We allow all students to participate in their first kitchen and garden session for the term but if payment has not been received unfortunately students are unable to continue to participate.

If you would like to become a Kitchen or Garden volunteer please contact me at the school.

Sharon Mawby
SAKG co coordinator



Student Wellbeing Report



Welcome back to what is sure to be a fantastic school year. There are lots of smiling faces and exciting stories of their holiday adventures. I look forward to getting to know all the new students over the year.

Studio West

Applications will soon be taken by year 5 and 6 students who would like to participate in the Studio West program for the first half of the year. This involves going to Wodonga Senior Secondary College and learning about hair and beauty and massage techniques. This is a fantastic opportunity for students who will then come back to school and run Studio West every Thursday at recess during term 2. Past participants have said how much fun they had and how much they had learnt by being involved.



Compass Awards

There will be a meeting next week for students that were at various stages of the Compass Awards last year or wish to start this year. It is a fantastic program for students to grow by completing sporting/hobby and exploring tasks. Please see me for further details.



As the Student Wellbeing Officer my door is always open for students and parents. Please feel free to drop in and introduce yourself or let me know if you have a concern or require further information on any issue regarding your child.

Thank you.
Melissa Potter
Student Wellbeing Officer