



Hi All,
I'm Jacqueline Martyn and I'm the new Koorie Engagement Support Officer (KESO) who will be working with Wodonga West Primary School on a Monday.
My role is to support the Koorie students and families and to also support the school and school staff in the coordination of cultural activities.
forward to working with the students, families and staff at Wodonga West Primary School!



Recently, on Friday 13th February marked the 7th Anniversary of the National Apology Day
On this day the former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd made an apology to ALL Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of Australia

An extract from the apology:
"We apologise especially for the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, their communities and their country.
For their pain, suffering and hurt of these stolen generations, their descendants and for their families left behind"

The theme for 2015 is "Heal our past, Build our future, telling our stories"
If you would like more information the website is - healingfoundation.org.au

Jacqueline Martyn
Koorie Engagement Support Officer (KESO)



Canteen News

Lunch order bags: The canteen has printed lunch order bags for purchase. They are 5c each. Why not buy them in a bundle of 10 to ensure you have plenty at home? Plain brown bags from the supermarket are also acceptable; just make sure they are large enough to contain the food ordered!

Info required on orders: When filling out orders, please ensure your child's name and room number are clearly written on the bag with what they are ordering – if in LC3, please include teacher's name. Sometimes it is inevitable that you will run out of bags. If so, write the order information on an envelope with the money (including the cost of bag/s) inside.

Volunteer Rosters Feb:

Wed 25 – help required please, new volunteers welcome
Thu 26 – Vanessa Dalliston
Fri 27 – Teresa Booth



Grade 6 Assistants Roster:

25-27 Feb: Counter Service – Blake Tanner and Tyrone Burns
Wed 25 Feb: Stock control – Shelby Brown

Susan Edwards,
Canteen Manager

Community News

Craft Group is Back!

Starting Friday 20th February 2015 in the Child Care Room.



All Welcome

MUSIC Lessons -

Held at Wodonga West Primary School
Heather Wilson
(Music teacher)

Accordion, Piano, Keyboard, Guitar.

Adults and Children

Phone: 02 6025 6480

Mobile: 0459 256 480



Thursday 19th February 2015 Term 1 Issue No. 2

ASSEMBLY Monday 2nd March 2/3 W Mrs Watson Held in The Gym 9am Start

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 4th March	All School Photos - MSP Photography
Monday 9th March	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY - No School
Friday 20th March	Cultural Activity 'Indonesian Theme' Cost \$8 per student



Notes Accompanying Linkletter:- Alcohol and Drug Pamphlet

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be A Learner

Principal's Report

Dear Parents / Carers,
Parent Meeting with School Reviewers

It was lovely to see we had a healthy number of parents who were able to meet with our School Reviewers after assembly last Monday. I thank you all for your time and effort and hope you found the process informative. I also thank many of our School Councillors and Parents, Family and Friends (PFF) members for their input at this meeting.

Introducing our School Captains

It gives me great pleasure to announce that our School Captains for 2015 are **Rylee Butters** and **Christian Walsh**. We had many excellent nominations for these positions and it was a difficult decision to make. I thank those interested students who applied and encourage you all to apply for future opportunities that will arise. Both Rylee and Christian prepared high quality acceptance speeches, indicating to me that we have chosen our captains wisely. Congratulations to you both and we all look forward to watching you develop your leadership skills and confidence across the year as you perform your important duties. Assisting our School Captains will be our wonderful Student Leadership Council (SLC). Two representatives have been chosen from each of the MYOS classes. Congratulations to each of the following SLC reps for 2015: **Jenna Barton Rm 28, Tom Miller Rm28, Kirra Shepherdson Rm 29, Hayley Burt-Drennan Rm29, Montana Castro Rm29, & Megan Booth Rm 29.**



Building Project Update

Last week we had a Start Up Meeting with representatives from Melbourne and Regional DE T Infrastructure Department, our Architects (NOW Architecture) and our school team. This meeting outlined how the school must work within their designated timeframes and processes along the way. As you would be aware , we have been granted over \$ 3.8 million from the 2014 State Budget for a re-build of our facilities (the front block where the Office is located, and the back block where the Art room is located). In addition to that grant we have been granted another \$650,000 to build an integrated Early Learning Centre on site.

At this stage it appears that the first part of the project (demolition of the back block) will occur during the September or January school holidays, with re-building happening during 2016 ready for opening in 2017 .

The school has a new set of plans that we are having discussions about with the architects, so drop in and give us some feedback on them if you wish to. This is an exciting time for our school – we have all been very patient, but we want to make the right decisions for our current students as well as for future generations to enjoy! I will keep you informed along the way about the progress we are making.

Regards
Jocelyn Owen



Proud to be a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden school



Learning for Living

Assistant Principal Report

Alcohol and Drug Pamphlet

With today's Linkletter is a pamphlet provided by the Lions Club of Wodonga for distribution to families as general information. They have also provided the school with further resources which will be utilized by our MYOS staff when they explore this unit of work.

Thank you to Wodonga Lions Club.

Foundation Interviews

Thank you to our Foundation families who have brought in their children for their Wednesday one on one interviews with the teachers. The knowledge which Ms Chenoweth and Ms Beasley gained about your children's knowledge of Literacy and Numeracy concepts has been invaluable to assist in planning a program that is flexible to the children's learning needs.

Collectables

A reminder to students and families that it is School Policy that Collectables such as the current craze of 'Skylanders' are not brought to school. This policy is in place to minimize distractions to learning and ensure that staff do not have to spend time resolving issues around "swapping / Trading" of collectables. Any students who continue to bring Collectables to school will have them confiscated and left in the office for parents to collect.

We hope parents will support us by ensuring these do not get put in school bags!

SAKG

Thank you for the continuing donation of jars. Please keep sending them along. At Monday's assembly our School Captain Christian Walsh presented 20kg of potatoes grown by our students to Food Share. In term 3 2014 the students had set aside a patch of ground and did some maths calculations to work out how many potatoes to plant and their yield. By donating our yield of 20kg of spuds to Food Share the students learnt about giving back to our community.



Thank you to the families who supported our beginning chefs (Year 1/2B 7 2/3W) by attending their first cooking session and helping create a pizza together. Every one had great fun.

A big thank you to family members who have committed to assisting in these classes which at this stage require extra support as students develop their skills.



A reminder that \$25 for the term is now overdue for years 3/4 & 5/6F & 5/5N.

Students in years 1/2B, 2/3W & 4/5P will need to have paid their \$25 prior to their cooking session next week in order to participate. Please see the office to organise payment.

Sharon Mawby
Assistant Principal

Student Medical Ambulance Cover :



This is a reminder that The Department **does not provide** personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students.

Parents / Guardians of students who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Private Property Brought to School

Private Property brought to school by students, staff, visitors is not insured and The Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. Personal property is often brought to school by staff students, and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to school and Wodonga West Primary School does not have the capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property students, staff should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

SWIMMING, TENNIS & CRICKET SELECTION

Congratulations to those students who have are eligible to attend the upcoming Swimming Carnival, Tennis and Cricket Selection Trials.

Information and permission notes have been given out and need to be returned ASAP with money to Mrs Macdonald.

We hope all students have a good day and are proud that they are representing Wodonga West.

Susan Macdonald
P.E. Coordinator

Classroom Helpers Training

This will be held on Monday February 23rd at 2pm - 3:15pm in the SAKG Kitchen.

If you have not returned your slip you are still welcome to attend. We would love to see you there and have your participation. This is open to all parents from F-6 and if you would like to do a refresher you are welcome to attend also

Sharon Mawby

Student Wellbeing

Each week as well as updates on programs and information there will be a small section on Parenting ideas. Happy to receive feedback or questions on things you would like to see featured in this column.



Parenting Programs

Every parent (myself included) have at some point asked the question "what do I do" with regards to some aspect of parenting. The below programs are just a small selection of the programs offered through Gatewayhealth that may be able to help navigate some of the parenting issues we all face.

Positive Parenting Telephone Services (PPP)

Phone: 1800 880 660

Back on Track – Parenting after separation

Phone: 6022 8888

Positive Parenting Program (2-10 years)

Phone: 6022 8888

For dates of these programs or to find out about other programs they run call the Gateway Parenting Team on PH: 6022 8888.

REMEMBER you can also call Parentline on 132289. This is a 7 day a week telephone counselling, information and referral service for parents with children from birth to 18 years.

Parenting ideas

Setting your child up for success each day

This means making sure your child gets a good night's sleep and that they have had a healthy breakfast. Make sure they arrive at school on time, have a healthy lunch packed and have all the things they require for learning. i.e. homework and reader.

Melissa Potter
Student Wellbeing Officer