



Hi All,

We have Harmony Day coming up on the 21st March!

Harmony Day is about everyone belonging and celebrating diversity within Australia

Some interesting facts, according to the ABS Census in 2011:

- Around 45 per cent of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was.
- 85 per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia.
- Apart from English the most common languages spoken in Australia are; Mandarin, Italian, Arabic, Cantonese, Greek, Vietnamese, Tagalog/Filipino, Spanish and Hindi.
- More than 60 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.
- 92 per cent of Australians feel a great sense of belonging to our country.

More information at: <http://www.harmony.gov.au/about/>

It's important that we recognise and celebrate our diversity!

Jacqueline Martyn, Koorie Engagement Support Officer (KESO)



Canteen News

Volunteer Roster Mar:

Wed 11 – Help needed please, new volunteers welcome

Thu 12 – Help needed please, new volunteers welcome

Fri 13 – Renee Crump



Grade 6 Assistants Roster:

11-13 Mar: Counter Service –

Teresa Marcuzzi and Tyleasha Lyons

Wed 11 Mar: Stock control – Caitlyn Beaty-Slorach

*Susan Edwards,
Canteen Manager*

Community News



Our school is proud to be a 'Future Moves' partner school for 2015.

This is a program about helping children explore the future, what they might do and what they dream of doing.

It is also about what it takes to get there, and the role that higher education might play in their life in the future.

Last year 'Future Moves' saw over 15,000 students in 75 partner schools across NSW and North-East Victoria.

Parents, carers, family and community play a vital role in helping children explore their future.

If you would like to know more, look at our short video at <http://www.csu.edu.au/future-moves/video>

And get involved when your child has in-school workshops or on-campus activities.

Ilena Young

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ASSEMBLY Monday 16th March - Multicultural - Held in The Gym 9am Start

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 6th March	Somers Camp - Forms to be returned
Monday 9th March	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY - No School
Friday 20th March	Cultural Activity 'Indonesian Theme' Cost \$8 per student
Friday 27th March	END of TERM - School Finishes at 2:30pm



Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be A Learner

Principal's Report

Dear Parents / Carers,

School Photos

A huge thank you to all the parents / carers for having our students looking so gorgeous on School Photo day yesterday! I was very proud of everyone, and our photographer commented on how terrific the students were to work with (it is quite a chore to have everyone looking absolutely perfect at the one time for that special shot). Special thanks to all those mums who went the extra yards with having the children with such beautifully groomed hair and their best uniforms. I know you will enjoy the results when our photographer delivers all the photos back to the school for distribution.

School Council Elections

This year we had three vacancies to fill for our School Council. As we had three nominations for three vacancies, no voting is required, and therefore I declare those three nominations as elected. Congratulations to the following, newly and re-elected School Councillors: **Mike Goldsworthy, Karen Viney and Luke Denton.** I am positive all three will be terrific assets to the School Council and will work with the other Councillors with the very best interests of the children at West. A strong and enthusiastic Governance body is crucial to the success of the school and the educational opportunities and outcomes of all students.



As a School Councillor, amongst other responsibilities, they have a large say in the school policies and direction. I look forward to working closely with them all. **Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th March, beginning at 5.45pm in the staffroom.** Both retiring and new Councillors are invited to attend this meeting, with the first meeting of the newly formed Council immediately afterwards.

Parent Payments

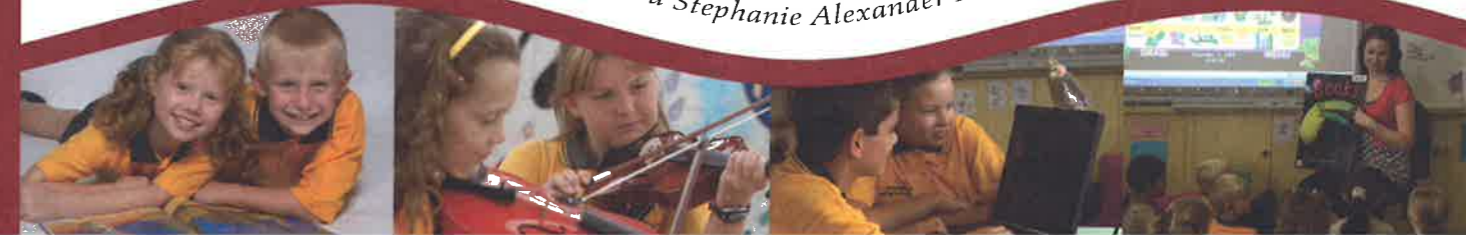
A reminder that payment for the Indonesian Cultural Activity and SAKG are due. These are both user pay activities, so to avoid exclusion from these activities, please pay the required amount to the Office. Remember that we accept payment plans so call in and speak to Kaylene to organise this if that method suits you.

Contact Details

Please inform us immediately if your contact details change, such as address or phone numbers. We are also required to have a list of suitable 'Emergency Contacts'- other friends or family that we are able to contact in an emergency if you are not contactable at the time. This is very important especially in case of illness or accident. If those details change, please inform us also.

Regards,
Jocelyn Owen

Proud to be a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden school



Assistant Principal Report

Speech and Health Nurse assessments for Foundation Students

As part of the Foundation program all students with parental permission are screened by the speech therapist from SCOPE and also by the School Nurse. All parents have received a large white envelope for the Health nurse screening which should have been returned to school by now. All information provided by you is Confidential with the Health Nurse and she can provide advice on parental concerns as well as early detection of vision and hearing problems. We have been progressively sending home permission notes for the Speech Therapist screening as Kristyn the speech therapist attends once a week and it takes time to do all speech screens. As a result of these screenings, some children may require a full assessment. As Kristyn works through the list she will be contacting parents if a home program is required to assist your child. Home programs are important since children spend more time in the care of their parents than they do at school. As our Foundation teachers have now completed the Literacy and Numeracy interviews with all students this information, together with information received in Transition statements have identified students who could benefit from further speech screening. If your child has received an envelope with a consent form for Speech therapy screening with this Linkletter please return it as soon as possible so we can work through the list.

Parent Helpers

Congratulations to our parents who recently completed the Parent Helpers Training. It has been great to see some of you helping out in classrooms already. We really value your help and your presence at school sends a powerful message to all students that you value education.

I hope you all received your certificates presented to your child at Assembly last Monday.



Here is a picture of newly trained Amanda Hogan working in Ms Beasley's class helping students practise their letters, sounds and word recognition through a game.

North East Food and Wine Festival

On Saturday March 14th our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program will be showcasing our produce at the NE Food and Wine Festival to be held at Junction Place Wodonga. This is the new name for the Goods Shed Food and Wine Festival which we have been supporting over the last couple of years.



This year we will not be cooking on site but just selling our preserves, jams, chutneys, marmalades and excess garden produce. As this is a project that staff give freely of their time to support we would also encourage families to both come along and support us but to also consider helping on the stall and/or allowing your child to come along and assist with food tastings of our produce and selling.

This is an important event to showcase our program to the wider community and raise funds to support the continuation of the program in the school. I will be asking students who would like to help to complete a pro-forma next week so keep an eye out for it and if you can help let the office know what times you are available to assist. We require assistance from 10-3pm. Thank you

Sharon Mawby

Somers Camp

If you would like your Year 5 or 6 child to attend please fill in the expression of interest form on the letter that came home last week and return it by tomorrow, Friday March 6, 2015.

Gilda Nicol

SPORT Update

Division Swimming

Congratulations to following students, Theresa Marcuzzi, Montana Castro, Michelle Lewis, Jenna Barton and Giaan Beard who competed in the Division Swimming Carnival at Waves Pool last Friday. All students were great ambassadors for our school, with Montana and Teresa swimming personal bests of between 3-5 seconds better than their previous time. That's a great improvement!



Division Cricket & Tennis Trials

Lachlan Goldsworthy, Hayden Kilsby and Jayke Burt-Drennan will represent our school in the Division Cricket trials this Wednesday at the Wodonga Raiders Cricket nets. Nat Hedditch will be our solo representative in the Division Tennis trials at the Wodonga Tennis Centre on Wednesday 18th March. We wish them all the best and know they will represent our school admirably.

Melbourne Rebels Rugby Team

Chris Aho and Gemma Hocart from the Melbourne Rebels ran a fun packed development session with students from Rooms 3/4B and 4/5P last week. For participating in the session, they kindly donated 30 reversible tops, 10 balls, domes, etc which will be very useful and we are very grateful for.

AFL Player Visit

On behalf of AFL Victoria and Murray Bushrangers, MYOS students are fortunate to be invited to participate in an AFL Player Super Clinic with North Melbourne Players next Thursday 12th March. All students will be challenged to participate in skill sessions run by the AFL players and W.S.S.C. students. Students will have an opportunity to get signatures and chat to the players afterwards. Please remember to return your permission note ASAP. The Clinic is FREE!

Hockey Road Show

Hockey Victoria's Road Show will again be visiting our school on Friday 13th March. Students in Years 1/2B to MYOS will have an opportunity to experience a fun and safe hockey experience as part of a state wide tour.

Susan Macdonald, P.E. Co-ordinator

Student Wellbeing



Studio West

Studio West Students have started at Wodonga Senior Secondary College. In their first week they were treated to a pamper session by all having their hair done. In the Second week they were taught different type of braiding techniques as well as some of the students starting to learn how to give hand massages. They were excited to show off their hair styles back at school and can't wait to see what they will learn next.



Parenting ideas

Speak with your child's teacher and make sure you are aware of what the homework requirements are and find out how you can help support your child at home and at school.

Melissa Potter
Student Wellbeing Officer



WANTED :
Jars with metal lids for our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen produce. These can be left at the front office.

Thank you

PHOTOS

SLC and CHOIR photos.

MSP photographers have left envelopes at the main office if you wish to purchase these.

