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Assembly : Monday : 29th February **Science** **Held in The Gym** **9am Start**

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 29th February	Foundation Students Start 5 Day a week schedule
Friday 4th March	Swimming Carnival at 'Waves' Wodonga
Tuesday 8th March	MYOS 'Hot Shots Tennis Fun Day' at Wodonga Tennis Centre
Wednesday 9th March	School Photos
Due Now	S.A.K.G. first instalment of \$25.00 & Book Requisites \$50.00



Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be A Learner

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Wander Through West

Despite the very hot weather, I would like to commend all the families who came along and 'Wandered Through West' Tuesday evening with your 'passports' to complete. We counted over 50 families who visited, met up with staff, visited classrooms and our Specialist areas and saw first-hand the great things on offer for students at our school. Many commented on how lucky the students are today, and wished they were still in Primary School being exposed to everything on offer such as the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and Garden, our fantastic Science room, our roomy Gym, the Arts centre and more. It really does send a very positive message to your child / children that you value the home / school partnership and that learning is a lifelong journey of high importance.



I am hoping you all enjoyed the BBQ snags we provided (as we cooked hundreds). Congratulations to the Kilsby family who were drawn out of the hat for the \$50 Target voucher. Have fun spending it!

It was also wonderful to see many of you viewing the plans for our new buildings due to open at the beginning of 2017, and asking about enrolling at our 3 & 4 year Pre School . We are currently taking enrolments at the school now, so if you want to be a part of the new **Wodonga West Children's Centre** (incorporating Wodonga West Primary School, Before & After School Care (Childcare), Pre- School and Allied Health Services on site, please contact us now to be put on our list – especially for the Pre-School program. Wodonga West Children's Centre will exist to develop connection and belonging, trust and respect and to develop a sense of personal competence in your child / children. That is our philosophy and our promise to you.



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Proud to be a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden school



Learning for Living

School Council Elections

I wish to extend my congratulations to the following people who I am declaring elected to School Council. Our school council members will enjoy working closely with you all during the coming year as we work towards finalising all the details for our new facilities, as well as working collaboratively towards achieving the very best educational outcomes for all our students. Thank you to you all for putting aside some of your time to work for WWPS; its students, staff and parents/carers.



Department of Education Representatives: Sharon Pearl and Sharon Mawby (2)

Parent Representatives: Kirsty Jackson, Nicole Deery, Sam Beard and Graham Mathey (4)

Our first meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on 16th March beginning at 5.45 pm, followed by the first meeting of our newly formed council.

*Regards,
Jocelyn Owen*

Assistant Principals Report Individual Learning Plans

During February teachers have been developing relationships with their students, building on assessments from the previous year and using data to place students in appropriate teaching groups. A number of students have had Individual Learning Improvement Plans developed by staff to ensure we match as closely as possible the learning needs of the student with the teaching program. Students who are 6-12 months above or below expected level in the areas of English (reading and writing) and Numeracy will have a plan developed for them. Your child's class teacher will send home a copy of this by the end of February for students in years 1-6. Parents are encouraged to read these and are very welcome to make an appointment with the class teacher to discuss or clarify anything in the plan. Students who have identified as Koorie (yrs 1-6) will also have an Individual Learning Plan which lasts for semester one developed and sent home by the end of the month. As our Foundation teachers finalise their initial assessments they will also be developing plans by the end of term one for our new Foundation students who require one. Meetings for students funded under the Program for Students with Disabilities will also be having their first Student Support Group meeting in the next couple of weeks if they haven't already. If you have any questions to ask about learning plans please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.



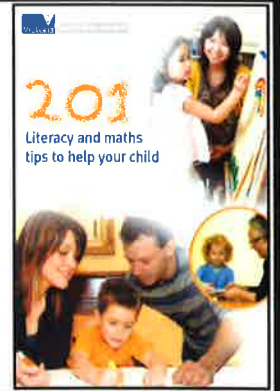
Reminder:

Foundation students are here 5 days per week from next Monday February 29th.

Helping your child at school:

We have an excellent easy to read booklet titled 201 Literacy and maths tips to help your child. If you would like to borrow a copy for a few days please see either Jocelyn or myself. Some of the ideas are very simple but we tend to forget them in the pace of everyday living.

*Sharon Mawby
Assistant Principal*



Student Wellbeing Report

Breakfast Program

Breakfast is said to be the most important meal of the day. It is important for each student to have breakfast before coming to school as this helps with their concentration and ability to focus on their school work rather than their rumbly stomach. We have been provided with some breakfast foods for families that may require them, as we all know there are times when the cupboard is bare. If you feel your family would benefit from the assistance of this program or you have any questions, please see me (Mrs Potter) and I will supply you with a breakfast pack.



*Melissa Potter
Wellbeing Officer*

Science Up date

What a great start to the year it has been!

All classes have had two Science lessons and I'm sure you have all heard about some of the great creatures which now call Room 7 their home.

During term 1 LC3 students are looking at Mini Beasts, Main Corridor classes are looking at Animals and Plants and MYOS students are looking at Light.

This coming Monday at Assembly there will be some great science displays. This should be a lot of fun for both students and adults so if you are able to spare half an hour please come along. We always love to see our parents and younger siblings.

Here is a great link to some simple experiments that you can do at home.

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/experiments.html>

*Melissa Watson
Science*



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