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**Assembly : No More Assemblies this Term due to Public Holidays**

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 23 March	Easter Raffle Draw - We are still looking for Easter Egg Donations!!
Thursday 24th March	Crazy Easter Hair Day - Come with crazy hair & bring a gold coin donation.
Thursday 24th March	Last Day of term 1 - School will be dismissed at 2.30pm.
Monday 11th April	Curriculum Day - No Students - Students start Tuesday 12th April.
Payments Due	If you haven't already paid your \$50 for Books & Requisites, please do.
Payments Due	S.A.K.G. 2nd instalment of \$25.00 Due by Friday 22nd April.



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Be Respectful

Be A Learner

Dear Parents / Carers,

#### Exciting Academic Results



Last week I was proud to be approached by PRIME local news to discuss our student's achievements in NAPLAN. The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) are responsible for Australia's national reporting program including the MY School website which is updated annually with the previous year's NAPLAN results.

This year we were recognised as one of the schools across the Nation who have demonstrated substantially above average gain in their NAPLAN results as students progress from year 3 to 5.

So, in a nutshell this means that our school has significantly value-added to the results students achieved in Numeracy in NAPLAN when they were in year 3 (2013) to when they sat the test in year 5 (in 2015).

Not only were we one of the schools who achieved this across Australia (and we were also mentioned on WIN National News for this achievement) but no other government or private school in this region achieved the same substantial gain in Numeracy or Literacy.

As a school, we have invested considerable time and money into training, coaching, and mentoring our staff in Numeracy as well as updating concrete materials. Our staff continue to work in all areas to be the best practitioners that they can be so it is very rewarding for us to have this achievement recognised nationally. We also know our students well, plan consistently in teams across the school and update individual numeracy interviews using the current data to plan our teaching from.

#### School Council



Tonight we have our Annual General Meeting of School Council and then the first meeting with our new Councillors for 2016. The new Council comprises parent representatives Karen Viney, Mike Goldsworthy, Nicole Deery, Samantha Beard, Graham Mathey and Kirsty Wilhelm. DE&T representatives are Sharon Pearl, Sharon Mawby and Jocelyn Owen. Our Business Manager Pete Schneider also attends to take the Minutes and present the financial reports. Thank you, especially to the parent reps for taking on this role and supporting the school as we strive to improve outcomes and opportunities for all students and the community. After tonight's AGM we will be farewelling Shelley Jolliffe and Jill Hedditch who have served many years as parent representatives and whose students have now moved onto secondary education. Their term of service and commitment to Wodonga West was outstanding. We will also thank Greg Forster for his term as a DET rep. Tonight will be the last meeting that our Business Manager Kaylene Park attends. Kaylene has done a sterling job in her role as Business Manager on School Council and as she will be commencing Long Service Leave next term she will not be returning to School Council. Please feel free to contact a School Councillor to talk to them about their role.

Regards,

Jocelyn Owen

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