

Assembly : Assemblies will resume in Term 2 - First one will be on May 9th

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 11th April	Curriculum Day - No Students - Students start Tuesday 12th April.
Friday 22nd April	SWPBS - The Launch of our new School Houses
Monday 25th April	ANZAC Day Parade - 10.15am - Wodonga RSL - Havelock Street (Holiday)
Saturday 14th May	Autumn Working Bee - 9.00am Start - All Helpers Welcome to Attend.
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.



Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be A Learner

Dear Parents / Carers,

Mrs Kaylene Park

As most of you know, our Business Manager Mrs Kaylene Park will be finishing up this term, and will be replaced by Mr Pete Schneider. Kaylene has worked at Wodonga West P.S. for over 30 years in various roles – Integration Aid, front office reception and then later as Business Manager. Kaylene has also been involved heavily in the setting up and administration of Before and After School Care. She has a wealth of contextual knowledge about the school from the time she began here and has dealt with thousands of families and students over the years. We will miss her wealth of expertise and her efficiency in the office and her sound advice. On behalf of the school community, students, parents, staff – we wish her a very relaxing time of Long Service Leave leading up to her retirement at the end of the year, when we will formally recognise her fine work at the school.



Easter Break



I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very safe and Happy Easter after what has been a pretty busy term. Hopefully you will have a few days rest and family enjoyment at this lovely time of the year. As the first day of term 2 is a Pupil Free Day (with only our staff working that day), students will start back on **Tuesday April 12th**.

Also, a huge thank you to all the families for their kind donations of Easter Eggs for the Easter Raffle organised by our fabulous PFF. The lucky winners of the prizes are:

Tyson O'Dwyer
Wil Gavrilovic
Ella Jenkins
Robyn Irons
Kayla Smith

Bella Cummins
Lachie Goldsworthy
Logan Burt
Jemma McCabe Hall
Katy Pullin

Nikita Strachan
Katie Testa
Lochlan Inglis
Megan Booth

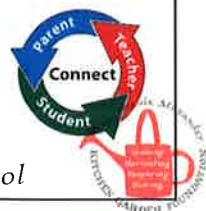
Oliver Dixon
Mrs. Potter
Ken Nuggin
Terry & David Burt



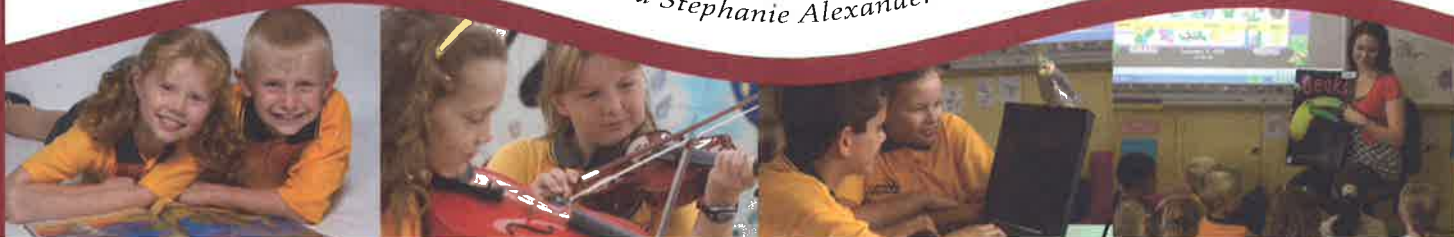
Thanks also to those who sold and purchased tickets, as the funds generated will help the PFF to achieve their fundraising goal of \$2000 for the year. The PFF then allocate projects to spend this money that will ultimately benefit all students. The identified projects for the year are : new sports equipment, seating, Take Home Books (Readers) and signage.

School Council

Last week we held our School Council Annual General Meeting, followed by our regular School Council Meeting. I am very pleased to announce that our new School Council President is Mike Goldsworthy, and our Vice President is Karen Viney. Our new Treasurer is Sharon Mawby. Congratulations to all these office bearers. I know they will do a superb job in their respective roles. Together with our other School Council members (Nicole Deery, Kirsty Jackson, Graham Mathey, Sam Beard and Sharon Pearl) they are a really exciting and committed group of people who have the best intentions for our school, the students and the



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wider community. It is a pleasure to be working closely with such a positive and progressive group of people. As parents, you are welcome to approach these people and ask about their experiences as a School Councillor, or if you have suggestions you would like to make about our school I am sure they would be most interested and responsive.

Change of Pupil Free Date for 2016

Our School Council also passed a change to one of our Pupil Free Days for 2016. The remaining Pupil Free Days will be as follows:

Monday 11th April (first day of term 2)

Friday 17th June (Reporting to Parents Day)

Tuesday 2nd August (new date instead of the first day of term 3)

Jocelyn Owen

Compass School Manager

We are excited to announce that in term 2 our school is introducing an exciting and innovating student management program called Compass. Compass will be a dynamic tool for linking the school to our families, and in particular confidentially communicating the progress of student learning to parents. Some of the powerful capacities are;

- *Electronic Newsletter*
- *Direct Messaging of Updates to Mobile Phones*
- *Electronic Attendance*
- *Electronic School reports*
- *Excursion permission forms*
- *Parent teacher interview scheduling*

Pete Schneider

Business Manager



ANZAC Day 25th April 2016 falls on a Monday.



As a school community, parents, students, teachers have marched behind the returned service men and women. We carry our school banner and an Australian flag.

It is a significant day in Australian history and is a beneficial experience for all concerned.

I encourage everyone to attend this ceremony.

The **Wodonga RSL** have informed me to meet or 'form up' at the RSL in **Havelock St. at 10.15 a.m.** The march commences at 10.45 a.m. and the ceremony starts at 11 a.m. at the Cenotaph. **All Welcome!**

Liz Haynes

Defence School Transition Aide



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 rumbling 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

MYOS Show and Tell

On Wednesday afternoon many children enjoyed showing their parents the fantastic work they had done during this term. It was fantastic to see how eagerly these children explained their binders and work samples.



THANK YOU

As outgoing School Council President, I would sincerely like to thank all of the staff and school community for your friendship and support during my six years on Council and my involvement with the Parents Family & Friends Group. My special thanks goes to Jocelyn Owen, Sharon Mawby and Kaylene Park for guiding and encouraging me along the way. While I am a little sad to be moving on, it is very satisfying to know I have, hopefully, helped out a little along the way to make my children's transition through primary school a little bit easier and help encourage them for their future education by supporting their school.

It is really exciting to see the changes that are taking place at Wodonga West Primary School and I encourage everyone to continue to support your school in whatever form you can manage. A little bit or a lot, helps in every way.

Thank you again and I look forward to being at the opening of your new buildings in the near future.

Kind regards,
Shelley Jolliffe



NE Food and Wine Fair

Last Saturday our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program held another successful stall at the NE Food and Wine Fair at Junction Square. This was the fifth year we have participated and it was probably the biggest event yet. A big thank you to our student helpers, **Montana Castro, Vivian and Sheridan Viney, Chloe Weatherall and Erin Leaver.** The girls were wonderful ambassadors for our school and roved amongst the Fair guests offering tastings of our preserves.



Amongst the crowd was our Mayor Anna Speedie. Thanks also to **Jocelyn Owen, Kaylene Park, Greg Forster, Gary Mawby and parent Dee Ivic** who assisted me throughout the day with the stall. We sold just under \$500 worth of preserves but importantly the community was able to see the wonderful program we offer at Wodonga West Primary.
Sharon Mawby
Assistant Principal