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**Assembly :** Monday 9th May 2      **23C Mrs. Chenoweth**      **Held in the Gym**      **9am start**

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 22nd April	SWPBS - The launch of our new school houses 11:40 - 3:20
Monday 25th April	ANZAC DAY PARADE - 10.15am - Wodonga RSL (Public Holiday)
Friday 29th May	Borambola Camp deposits are due - \$50.00
Thurs 5th & 6th May	Mother's Day Stall - A lot of great gifts for mums available for purchase
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

**Enrolments for 3 and 4 year old Kinder and Foundation are now open at the front office. Please come and collect an enrolment form.**



Dear Parents / Carers,  
**Our Grounds**

It has been another glorious week of Autumn weather and our students have been enjoying playing in the Autumn leaves in the school grounds. We are so lucky to have such beautiful, natural and spacious play areas for our students. Our builders have also been enjoying the fine weather as they construct the walls and frames of our new building. It is growing before our eyes as they work hard to get a roof on before Winter sets in. The project is currently ahead of schedule. Take a peek behind the gates as you walk past and you will see the building grow.



**P.F.F. Group**

This week I took our Parents and Friends group for a tour through the new building site. They were impressed and excited to see the progress and the development of our Early Learning Centre with its beautiful shady playground as well as the new learning spaces and administration. Feel free to chat to them about their visit as I'm sure they will be just as excited as we are about the development and what it will mean for our students. Also at this week's PFF meeting the group kindly supplied \$1000 from their fundraising efforts to purchase some more reading texts for Guided Reading Instruction at school to increase our supply of materials in Level 25-30 range which is needed from Years 2-5 approximately. A HUGE thank you to this great team who through small but continuous fundraisers like Easter raffles, Mother's Day stalls and sausage sizzles raise money to benefit our students.

**New Chooks**



Announcing the arrival of 6 gorgeous girls to grow and produce eggs for our kitchen program. Yesterday we took delivery of these 6 bouncing babies who are comprised of (2 white, 2 brown and 2 brown and white). Thanks to Jason Cameron and Merick Tadeo who have assisted in ensuring their pen is ready for them. They will be spending a quiet couple of days getting used to their new environment before reducing the greenery which has grown in the wider chook yard. Judy Kenny is looking forward to them laying eggs for our Kitchen program.

**ANZAC DAY**

This afternoon our whole school will be meeting in the gym at 3pm to listen to an address by Dave Rudder from Bandiana Army Base who will be talking to the students about the significance of the ANZAC Day March on Monday April 25th. Although this is a Public Holiday we hope as many students as possible can join our staff on **Monday at 10:15 am near the RSL Hall**, which is behind the Police station and Court House. We will march behind our banner and Australian flag as our

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school honours the fallen soldiers and the role the defence forces play in ensuring Australia is a safe and democratic country for all. As Principal, I am very proud of our school's past representation and serious participation in this event and hope we can have lots of support again this year. The weather looks like it will be ideal marching weather. Please ensure the marchers are dressed in full Wodonga West Primary School uniform. Our School Captains Kira Shepherdson and Merick Tadeo will be supported by our Defence Transition Aide Liz Haynes in laying a wreath at the Cenotaph.

#### **Wood Fired Pizza Oven Training - Tuesday May 9th**

We are planning to hold a training session for some of our PFF and other interested community members to learn to operate our oven. This is a fantastic asset which we would like to see utilised more but it does require the skills of trained operators to use it. The training will run from 10am to noon on Tuesday May 9th and participants will be cooking lunch which will be provided and then enjoying it together afterwards. If you would like to participate in this training please see Pete at the office to add your name to the list.

*Regards,*

*Jocelyn Owen*

The P.F.F. Group are holding a  
**Mother's Day Fundraising Raffle**  
with lots of great prizes to be won.

Tickets will be drawn on

**Thursday 5th of May.**  
Tickets are \$1.00 each



#### **WODONGA WEST CROSS COUNTRY**

A reminder that the Wodonga West Cross Country will be held on Thursday 5th May at Willow Park. All students in rooms 5-29 have been training and will participate in a 2km (9/10 years) or 3km (11/12 years) distance. Permission notes will be given out next week and need to be returned ASAP, so you don't miss out on a great day!

This will be our first event where house points will be awarded for all students who participate!

***If any parents are able to help, please sign up at the front office ASAP, or contact the school.***

#### **WODONGA DIVISION SELECTION TRIAL**

Congratulations to Josh Ivic and Kirra Shepherdson who are participating in the Regional trials for Basketball at Wangaratta next Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April. We wish them the best of luck and know they will enjoy the experience.

#### **HOOPTIME BASKETBALL**

In past years we have been fortunate to enter a team in the McDonalds Hoop Time Basketball competition. We have had consistent success in the Rookie level and are trying to enter a team in the 'Future Stars' this year. If you are interested, please see Mrs Macdonald so you don't miss out on a permission note and we can make sure we have enough players for a team. The Hooptime Basketball day will be Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June this year.

*Susan Macdonald*

*P.E. Coordinator*

#### **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**

##### **Houses Launch**

Tomorrow Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be launching our three new houses, **Fire (red), Water (blue), Earth (green).**

Remember to come dressed in house colours.

From 11.40am-3.20pm students will be split into 3 house groups and will participate in a range of team building activities. Students will be provided with fruit for recess and have the ability to have their house symbols painted on their face.

The first two hours of the day as well as lunch time will be as normal.

I am looking for a parent from Green and Blue house to take some photos using school cameras. I am also looking for helpers to prepare the fruit and help with face painting.

**The canteen will be open at recess to purchase drinks/snacks.**



*Melissa Potter*  
*Wellbeing Officer*

Get ready – the  
**2016 Walk-A-Thon**  
is coming!!

This year's theme will be... SPORT – dress in your favourite sport colours.

**The date for our Sport-a-thon will be Friday, April 29th, 2016.**

So start planning your outfits and raising sponsorship money.

