

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

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 18th April	PFF Meeting at 09.00am in staff room - All are Welcome
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,

Welcome back to Happy Term 2. I hope you all had a lovely break and soaked up the beautiful Autumn weather. This is a much longer term leading up to NAPLAN testing for year 3 and 5 students and mid- year reporting for all students near the end of term.

As the weather is beginning to get cooler, please make sure your child has warm clothing (clearly named)ready. Broad brimmed school hats are not necessary to be worn when outside during terms 2 and 3. Dark green school beanies are an option for the cooler months and part of our uniform.

Building Update – Wodonga West Children’s Centre



As these photos display, our buildings are really starting to take shape, with the walls going up and large timber beams (imported from New Zealand) being craned into position. We are becoming more and more excited each day! The contractors, Premier Building & Construction are well on track at having the building completed on schedule, ready for opening at the start of 2017. We are now taking enrolments at the school for both 3 and 4 year old Kindergarten for 2017.



We will have the most contemporary Learning Spaces for students and staff, a beautiful, modern Administration area, a fabulous Early Learning Centre incorporating a Kindergarten and spaces for Allied Health Services such as Maternal and Child Health on site. How lucky are we!

Linking Learning

Yesterday at the Cube in Wodonga, a highly successful Linking Learning event was held. Wodonga West PS is the Lead School in this project and we took the opportunity of showcasing our beautiful new buildings and the plans for our Wodonga West Children’s Centre to a range of people. The main purpose of the day was to launch a video showing local families interacting positively with their young children and particularly developing their oral language skills. It highlights the very important role parents play as their child’s main teacher and how crucial it is to talk broadly to their children about all sorts of things right from birth as this sets them up for future success at school. If you would like to watch this 5 minute video clip it is available for viewing on the Wodonga Linking Learning Facebook Page and on YouTube. Several of our families attended with their pre-schoolers and enjoyed the range of activities and ‘freebies’.

New Childcare Coordinator

We were sad to hear that Bree (our Childcare Co-ordinator) was leaving. We wish her well in her new role and thank her immensely for the job she did so well. Consequently, we have appointed a new Before and After School Coordinator – Mr Brad Stagg. Brad began this week and will work both Before and After School shifts. Already he has become very popular with the students who attend these sessions and he will bring some new ideas and lots of enthusiasm to the program as well. Welcome to our school and community, Brad!



Proud to be a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden school



Congratulations Mr Forster

I would like to formally congratulate Mr Greg Forster for being acknowledged for 35 years of teaching service with the Department of Education and Training. This is a major milestone very worthy of recognition, and we are indeed fortunate to have Greg at our school teaching in the MYOS Department. Well done Greg on a fabulous career and for your commitment and dedication to the students in your care!



*Regards,
Jocelyn Owen*

Grade 3/4 Borambola Camp

This year the grade 3/4 Borambola Camp will take place from **Monday 10th October to Wednesday 12th October**

****Please note change of dates****

Borambola is a wonderful camp and has many exciting activities and learning experiences. Some activities include canoeing, fencing, rock-climbing, rope courses and more. For the camp to go ahead we must have 20 students attend. Please return your expression of interest notes.

A \$50 deposit is to be paid by 29th April.

*Camp Organizer
Sharon Pearl*

Speech Partnership with CSU

This week we have hosted 24 students from Charles Sturt University. These students already have a degree, (some of them are teachers) and are completing a Masters qualification in speech therapy through online learning. They have come from all parts of Australia to do some sessions at the university. Some of the places they have come from include Canberra, Dubbo, Port Macquarie, Northern Territory, Orange and Melbourne. We have been working closely with the university to enable their speech therapy students both on and off campus to build their practical experience with students in the junior section of our school. This is a very useful addition to the service currently offered by our speech therapist, Kristyn Luty from SCOPE. The Masters students have been supervised by a University lecturer to screen many of the students in our year 1/2 cohort. Teachers will receive a report on the screening assessments used and we can utilise this information to decide what remediation strategies are best if any are needed at all to improve diagnosed speech concerns. The students loved our school, students and diversity of programs offered and enjoyed their time with us. We have already had some on campus students work in the F/1 classrooms in term one and look forward to more Masters students working with our students in August this year. We are very proud to have this relationship with Charles Sturt University which builds on the links we have already made for MYOS students with the Future Moves program. This relationship builds on our Team Around the Learner approach which we utilise to best support students throughout their schooling.



*Sharon Mawby
Assistant Principal*

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

As part of SWPBS, next Friday, 22nd April we will be launching our three new houses, **Fire/red, Water/blue, Earth/green.**

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.

Invitations should be received by the end of the week with parents welcome and encouraged to come and support their children. Students and parents are asked to dress in house colours on this day.

I am looking for two parents for each house to be photographers for the day, using school cameras. I am also looking for helpers to prepare the fruit and help with face painting. If you are able to assist please see Mrs Potter as soon as possible.



*Melissa Potter
Wellbeing Officer*



Information Evening

for
Prospective
2017 & 2018 Year 7
Students and Parents

Wednesday 27th April
6 - 7pm: 2016
PAC Felltimber Campus

Tours available at both Huon and Felltimber campuses
From 4pm - 5.30pm

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