

Assembly : Monday : 23rd May Choir - Rebecca Simboras Held in The Gym 9am Start

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday 14th May	Autumn working bee is scheduled from 9 am - noon - all helpers welcome
Mon 16th - Fri 20th May	Education Week - Please see attached flyer for details of events and times
Friday 20th May	Wodonga Division Cross Country - Congratulations to those who qualified
Saturday May 21st	Aldi BBQ - We are looking for volunteers to assist - sign up sheet located in office
Thursday May 26th	MYOS - Beechworth Rich Task excursion - Don't forget to return your permission slip

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 / Caregivers,

A big thankyou to our Year 3 & 5 students and staff for their preparation and participation in the NAPLAN testing held this week. It was a challenging day on Tuesday with the large and welcome downpour of rain which kept students contained inside all day after a wet weekend as well. However, everyone applied themselves to the testing regime. Families involved will receive a printout of their child's results around August this year. NAPLAN data is just one "snapshot in time" of the whole assessment process.

#### **Education Week**

Next week across Victoria it is Education Week. Education occurs daily, however this week is designated to celebrate the wonderful things which happen in schools. Education week also is traditionally the beginning of tours for Foundation enrolments for 2017. We are also excitedly conducting tours for our 3 & 5 Year Old Kinder Program commencing in February 2017. If you know of any families who have children of 3 and 4 year old kinder ages or who turn 5 by April 30th 2017 please encourage them to come and have a look at our fantastic programs and new facilities. Attached to this Linkletter is a flyer of the special activities we are featuring next week. These are highlighting the special programs we offer such as AVID, Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and Garden, and Blueearth. In particular Cathryn Humphry who comes into the school fortnightly will be offering a fun and informative session about Blueearth at 2:45pm on Friday May 20th. It would be lovely to see parents come a little earlier to collect their child and participate in this session.

#### **Working Bee this Saturday**

Now that the rain is over and we are expecting a lovely 21 degrees on Saturday May 14th, all families are invited to assist us in the Stephanie Alexander Garden between 9am and 12pm for a working bee. Tools are provided or bring your own. We need someone to provide maintenance for our wheelbarrows so we hope a handyman (and his tools) will attend.



#### **Aldi BBQ - Saturday May 21st**

Please come into the office and sign up to donate an hour of your time to assist at a fundraiser outside Aldi. All funds raised will go towards the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and Garden.



#### **COMPASS**

Recently all families received some very important information about COMPASS, including your personal log on and password. We are emphasising that ALL families must complete this task before the end of this month. As from June we will not be providing any more printed ( paper ) Linkletters. This is the **THIRD LAST PAPER**



**LINKLETTER** we will be sending out. The Linkletter then will need to be accessed via COMPASS. The June student reports and bookings for your mid-year student-led conference ( parent / teacher interviews ) will also be provided and organised through COMPASS. We have many families who have not yet logged on, and passwords will expire at the end of May if you do not do so, meaning you will need to contact the school and have a new password set for you. We ask you to log on soon so that you may be sent you child's reports, grant permission for excursions / activities and access future Linkletters after the end of this month. Thank you to those families who have followed up already and are on the COMPASS system.

#### **Lunch Orders**

It is expected that parents will write up their own child's lunch orders and provide either a bag or envelope to place money in. It is not the staff's role at school to do this. Young children are not capable of doing this themselves. Name, classroom,

what they are ordering and the enclosed amount of money is necessary information for the canteen. Thank you to those who are using this handy service. The students are really enjoying the lunches!

*Regards,  
Jocelyn Owen*

### **COMPASS School Manager**

Your child should have brought home an envelope last week containing your username and password along with a user guide to get you started using COMPASS. If you have not received this please contact the office so a replacement can be organised. It is imperative that you log into COMPASS so that you are able to access future Linkletters, monitor and approve your child's absences and most importantly access your child's upcoming school reports. Please note that this is the **THIRD LAST PAPER LINKLETTER** we will be sending out. Please contact the office if you require any assistance.

*Peter Schneider  
Business Manager*

### **Science Update**

Science continues to be a big hit all around the school and is serving a very important role in developing our students problem solving skills. Students are learning to make sense of their world through exploring the unknown, investigating universal mysteries, making predictions and solving problems. We continue to work on understanding and using scientific methods such as:

- *Posing questions*
- *Making hypotheses*
- *Conducting experiments*
- *Making observations*
- *And drawing conclusions*



Science

This term LC3 Students are exploring human sense, corridor classes are looking at materials and how they are used in their day to day lives and the MYOS classes are making predictions and drawing conclusions about the properties of chemical reactions.

On the 3rd June 2016 I will be taking a small group of year 5-6 students to the Wodonga Plaza to showcase the wonderful things we are doing in our science class and invite you all along to witness the fun we have in store. Congratulations to the students listed below for being selected as this term's Year 5-6 students for the Plaza Science Show.

- **Montana Castro**
- **Heath Hays**
- **Grace Porter-Lloyd**
- **Kayla Smith**
- **Josh Ivic**
- **Jayda Wood**



**Wodonga Plaza Science Show (Outside of Target)**

**3rd June 2016**

**12:30pm – 2:00pm**

**Fun science experiments performed by W.W.P.S students!**


**ALL WELCOME**

Interesting Science Web page full of online science based games for all ages, [http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/index\\_flash.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/index_flash.shtml)

*Melissa Watson  
Science*

### **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.



**Tuning into Kids** – is a five week parenting program that supports parents to become more aware of their child's emotions and its impact. Parents learn how to develop an ability to label and understand their child's emotions and how to support their child in learning to regulate these emotions. Parents are therefore able to use their children's emotional experiences as an opportunity for connecting, teaching and problem solving.

Three programs available this term:

**Thursdays 12<sup>th</sup> May to 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016 – 6.30pm – 8.30pm**

**Wednesdays 16<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016 – 10.00am – 12.00pm**

**Venue – Gateway Community Health, 155 High Street, Wodonga (Training Room)**

**Tuesdays 10<sup>th</sup> May to 7th June – 6.30pm – 8.30pm at Felltimber Community Centre**

**Bookings Essential – 02 6022 8809**

*Melissa Potter  
Wellbeing Officer*

### **Mother's Day 2016**

The PFF would like to thank the following companies for their generous donations to our raffle this year:

- **Bing Lee Wodonga**
- **Albury Regent Cinema Centre**
- **Amcal Chemist Wodonga**
- **Peard's Nursery Wodonga**
- **Eagle Rock Candles**

And a special thanks to **Erin Leaver's** Grandmother **Ruth Warren** for her lovely donation to our Mother's Day Stall.

#### **Thank You**

Thank you to all the families for buying raffle tickets and sending money along to be spent on the stall. We had a very successful fundraising effort and appreciate all the support. All of the money raised goes back into the school to make it even more awesome.



#### **PFF Meeting**

The next PFF meeting is scheduled for Monday 23rd of May at 9.30am in the staff room - All are welcome to attend.

*Amanda Hogan  
PFF President*

