

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

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 20th May	Wodonga Division Cross Country - Congratulations to those who qualified
Friday 20th May	Education Week - Bluearth Session in the Gym 2.45 - 3.20 pm - All are welcome
Saturday 21st May	Aldi BBQ - We are looking for volunteers to assist - sign up sheet located in office
Monday 23rd May	P.F.F. meeting - Parents Family and Friends meeting - all are welcome to attend
Wednesday 25th May	National Simultaneous Reading Day - LC3 - Mrs McInnes, Miss Beasley and Ms Gonzalez
Thursday 26th May	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,

Working Bee



Last Saturday we had fantastic weather for our working bee in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden. After rain the previous week the weeds were easily removed and the small group of parents, students and teachers and partners who attended achieved a lot in the space of 4 hours. Many of our beds are now cleared and mulched to rest over the winter months. A huge thank you to the following participants in the working bee. They will all be earning links for their house (Fire, Earth and Water) which will be presented at Monday's assembly. Thank you - *Gerry Kourtessis, Sue Pursche, Zach Kourtessis, Lachie Goldsworthy, Mike Goldsworthy (and Tess the dog), Jack Goldsworthy, Karen Viney, Vivian Viney, Sheridan Viney, Dee Ivic, Josh Ivic, Sue Govett, Ana Gonzales, Greg Forster, Sharon Pearl, Sharon Mawby, Gary Mawby, Jocelyn Owen and Geoff Owen.*



Education Week

As part of Education Week we have been busy conducting tours of our school and Early Learning Centre, for which we are now taking enrolments for the 2017 Foundation and 3 & 4 year old kindergarten.

A huge thanks to those families who visited classrooms this week to see our AVID Expo. We hope you now have a deeper understanding of how AVID strategies assist students to be better, organised learners. Our teachers have attended extensive training in order for this to occur and for our school to become known as an AVID School. I am really proud of how AVID has been received by staff and students and implemented so successfully at Wodonga West.

Tomorrow afternoon we are inviting parents to come along and take part in a fun Bluearth session with our coach Cathryn Humphrey. This will be held in our Gym at 2.45 - 3.20 pm. You will learn more about this exciting program and receive lots of tips to help you at home with your children. You will thoroughly love this session! Please come!

ALDI Barbecue (outside ALDI store)



This Saturday from 9am - 3pm we are conducting a WWPS Barbecue as a fundraiser for the school SAKG program. We need support across the day from both staff and parents who can assist for an hour or two. We especially need help from around 11am - 1pm time slot. Please contact us if you can help cook and serve snags and drinks. Once again, your children benefit from these activities.

Foundation and Kinder enrolments

We are encouraging families to complete enrolment forms for either Foundation, 4 year old or 3 year old kinder for 2017 at Wodonga West Children's Centre. Please drop in and see Pete for an enrolment form to book your spot! The new building is going up fast and our students and teachers will have access to a long overdue but modern facility to teach and learn in next year. If you know any families with children in this age group we encourage you to invite them to come in and have a look and discussion about the programs at Wodonga West Children's Centre.



National Simultaneous Reading Day

Next Wednesday our Junior school (classes in LC3- Mrs McInnes, Miss Beasley and Ms Gonzalez) are participating in the National Simultaneous Reading day. This day involves schools, libraries and other venues across Australia reading the same



book at the same time. This year the chosen story is "I got this Hat" by Jol and Kate Temple. At Wodonga West we are going to celebrate this event in a number of ways. Our school is a key member of Linking Learning which is an initiative supported by the Department of Education through a State Government Grant, Local Government and schools. Anne Shears is the Co-ordinator of Linking Learning and often works from an office at our school. We have invited Anne along to be a guest reader. Our other guest readers are Anna Speedie-Mayor of Wodonga and Jane Caldwell who is an Enhanced Maternal and Child Health nurse. All these three guest readers are huge supporters of literacy from birth. As well as reading the story they are also going to wear a favourite hat. We are encouraging students to wear a favourite or unusual hat to add to the celebrations.

Our reading time and displays of hats will occur between 10:30 and 11am. Teachers will be including some other fun activities about hats in their weekly planning for next week. Start planning what your child's hat will look like now and keep it a surprise until next Wednesday.

*Regards,
Jocelyn Owen*

COMPASS School Manager

Thank you to all those who have taken the time to login to Compass. If you have not logged in yet, please note that it is imperative that you do 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 **SECOND LAST PAPER LINKLETTER** we will be sending out. Please contact the office if you require any assistance. Please see attached to this Linkletter, a guide to assist parents with monitoring and approving student absences.

*Peter Schneider
Business Manager*



40 years of service to State Education

This week, our Principal Jocelyn Owen has been recognised for achieving the milestone of 40 years of service to State Education. When Jocelyn trained she had a studentship which gave some financial assistance to her study and guaranteed her a teaching position at the conclusion of the course. Her years of service include this study time. Jocelyn has worked in a number of school settings in her career both in Melbourne and in rural areas. As well as holding leadership positions in schools before becoming Principal of Wodonga West Primary Jocelyn has also worked in Regional office as a Regional Network Leader where she was responsible for overseeing 22 schools including primary and secondary. It is fantastic to have such a record of achievement to State Education and Jocelyn still displays the passion, vision and knowledge of an outstanding educator. Feel free to congratulate her on this achievement.



*Sharon Mawby
Assistant Principal*

Student Wellbeing Report

Breakfast Program



Many students have already benefited from taking home one of our breakfast packs. There are still a few packs available if you feel your family would benefit from the assistance of this program or you have any questions, please see me (Mrs Potter) who can supply you with a breakfast pack.



Parenting resource sheets

Part of my role as Primary Wellbeing Officer is supporting parents with information, referrals where needed and advocating for you and your children.

Recently I have come across a huge range of parenting resource sheets (topics listed below). If any of these topics are of interest to you or there is anything else I can assist you with, please see me.

Toilet training, Home alone, Bedwetting, Children biting, Families that work well, Children's sexual behaviour, Sleep (0-6), Why Stories are important, Peer pressure, What about parents' rights?, Gambling, Children's mental health, Being a parent, Disability – brothers and sisters, Television, Children with a disability, Pets, Abuse to parents, Lies and fibs, Optimism, Eating disorders, Teenage parenting, Habits, Developmental delay, Smoking, Stepfamilies, After the break-up, Starting school, Pocket money, Nightmares etc..., Sibling rivalry, Thinking divorce, Grand parenting.

Changes in the home can have an impact at school as well and sometimes students may need someone to speak with about how they are feeling. Please let me know if there has been, or is going to be anything that you may wish me to lend extra support to your child around. Together we achieve more.

*Melissa Potter
Wellbeing Officer*

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CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the many students from Years 2-6 who participated in our Wodonga West Cross Country recently.



The participation and behaviour of all students was to be highly commended. It was great to see so many students trying their best. We had some very close finishes, especially where the Girls and Boys races were together.

A special thank you goes to the W.M.Y.C students for their invaluable assistance on the day. Also to the many parents for their assistance supervising the course or helping out at the finish line.

Congratulations to those students whose times were successful in qualifying for the Division Cross Country this Friday. This will be held at Willow Park again on the same course with the first race at 12:15. Parents are very welcome!

*Susan Macdonald
P.E. Coordinator*