

Assembly : Monday : 01 August Mrs. McInnes 01M Held in The Gym 9am Start

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 3 SAKG Payments Due	A reminder that Term 3 SAKG Payments are due by Friday 22nd July
Tuesday 2nd August	Last Pupil Free day for the year (Childcare can be arranged for this day)
Wednesday August 10th	School Council Meeting / tour of new buildings at 5.30pm
Friday 19th August	PFF - Pie and Sausage Roll Lunch Day (more details to come)

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,

We had a fantastic assembly on Monday to welcome everyone back for this term. A highlight was a group of our young scientists demonstrating a couple of experiments to the school community. The whole school was totally engaged and the teaching of science as a specialist subject again this year has been very popular with students. It is very pleasing to hear students talk about the 'scientific method' and use words such as 'hypothesis'. Melissa Watson, our science teacher has written a report and included some photos elsewhere in the Linkletter. It was also great to see our high achievers in attendance-those students who achieved 100% attendance and being on time during term 2. Well done to those students who will receive some extra recess later this week in recognition of this. Not only did they come every day but they were also on time every day! Third term is traditionally one when it is cold and wet and illness prevails but I hope everyone can make an effort to be at school when well, ready to learn every day!

Kindergarten Teacher

We are currently advertising for a qualified Kindergarten Teacher to begin with us at the beginning of Term 4. The successful applicant will have the important role of setting up the facility with its new furniture and equipment, as well as planning the curriculum program, ensuring all our policies are aligned with the National Quality Framework, as well as the requirements of the Victorian Early Years Learning Development Framework in readiness for accreditation. It will be very exciting to have our Kinder Teacher as a new member of the Wodonga West Children's Centre staff and wider school community.

Parent Opinion Survey

Next Monday, we will be sending home to numerous randomly selected families, a short Opinion Survey to complete and return to the school by Friday 29th July. This confidential information is important for us, so if you receive a survey, please complete and return it to us. We use this feedback to make important decisions in our endeavours to continually improve our school and to make it the best possible place for your child to learn and prosper. We thank you for taking the time to participate in this year's survey.

Coming events this term:

Tuesday August 2nd: CURRICULUM DAY-No students required at school.

Our staff will be undergoing some professional development on this day around the latest in Writing techniques using a program called VCOP- Big Write. **Contact the Office if you require Childcare at school on that Day.**

Week 8 August 29: This is Arts Festival across the district where schools celebrate visual and performing arts. Many of our classrooms will be participating in the Arts Festival and classes will let you know their requirements and times so stayed tuned to COMPASS for more details.

Tuesday August 30th: School Concert. Our annual evening school concert will be held as part of the Arts Festival week. Watch COMPASS for more details later.

There are also a number of sporting events this term, weather permitting.

Regards,
Jocelyn Owen

WINTER SPORTS CARNIVAL

The Winter sports carnival will be held on Friday 29th July for all MYOS students as a culmination to the Interschool sports program they have been participating in over the past weeks. Students from throughout the region come together to participate in 6 different sports. As the permission note was included in the much earlier Interschool note, the following may assist you with venues and times.



Venues:

Netball-Kelly Park (Host-Victory P.S.)

Soccer-Kelly Park (Host-Wodonga West P.S.)

Tee Ball-Willow Park (Host-Southern Rise P.S.)

Times:

Buses depart 9:10 am. Game playing times 10:00 am to 2:30 pm

Cancellation:

The carnival will only be postponed in extreme weather. This will be broadcast on STAR FM 104.9 and 106.7 between 7-7:30 on the day. The back-up day is Monday 1st August.

Dress:

All students must wear their Wodonga West Sports uniform and the school's team jumpers/shirts which they have been using for Interschool sport. Parents are very welcome to attend and support our teams.

WODONGA WEST ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our Athletics Carnival is to be held at Alexander Park, Albury Athletics complex for all students in Years 3-6. Students participate in their age groups, rotating between nine different events during the day.

The Carnival is planned for **Friday 12th August**, with our back-up day being Thursday 18th August.

Information and permission notes will be sent via compass soon, but if any parents are able to assist during the day, I would be very grateful. We were fortunate to have many wonderful volunteers for our Cross Country and will hopefully have a few for our Athletics.

Susan Macdonald
P.E. Coordinator

Science News

Many thanks to Ashtyn, Louis, Jordan and Teija for their help in assembly this week. The Science show at assembly was a great success and totally enjoyed by all who were there. How were those huge bubbles??



SCIENCE

Magical bubble mix (as promised)

- 6 Cups of water
- 1/2 cup dish liquid
- 1/2 cup corn flour
- 1 tbsp. baking powder (not baking soda)
- 1 tbsp. glycerine

Have fun making bubbles.

Don't forget that Science week is coming up in week 6 of this term with exciting activities planned for **Wednesday the 17th August** during lunchtime.

Melissa Watson
Science Teacher

Student Wellbeing Report

The Resilience Project

Notes have now gone home for the Performance on the 28th July for all year 3 students. 'The Resilience Project' founder Hugh Van Cuylenburg. Hugh will teach students the importance of mindfulness, gratitude and empathy; the foundations for good mental health. This is a fantastic opportunity for all year 3 students.

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.



West's got Talent



Students have signed up to participate in West's got Talent and are busy practicing. If you would like to performance a song, dance, jokes or show us another talent, please see Mrs Potter.

Training 4 Trades

Students commenced at WSSC yesterday, with a tour of the school and wonderful facilities. They also learnt about safety on the machines they will be using. Students are keen to get started on their mystery project.

Melissa Potter
Wellbeing