

**Be Safe**

**Be Respectful**

**Be A Learner**

***Enrolments are Welcome for all Year levels, including Kinder for 2019.***

***Please come and collect an enrolment form.***

## Principal's report

Dear Parents / Carers,

### **Warm Welcome Back Everyone**

Welcome back after what was a very long, hot Summer break. Special welcome to all our new families joining us in the Kindergarten, Foundation or from other places both near and far! We are very privileged to be able to partner with you in educating your child / children at this exciting stage of their development. I am thrilled at how well all our new students have settled in nicely – as safe and respectful learners.

It has been a relief to have some slightly cooler weather for the start of the school year. Our students have been excited to be back and learning with their friends. Everyone has had a really smooth start and I have been so proud of the way our students have immediately settled into the school routines. The tone across the school is one of calmness and I congratulate our staff for the wonderful job they have done ( mostly during the holiday break ) to have things ready for their new class of learners.

2019 is a big year for our Centre. We have the 10<sup>th</sup> year celebration of our highly acclaimed Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program which we will be celebrating in May. We also have our School Review later in the year, as part of the 4 year cycle of reviews schools undertake. Already, we have kicked the year off with swimming lessons for our older classes, as well as a deep water safety experience on the

Murray River that some of our students attended on Tuesday. We have so much planned ahead to support your children having an excellent year of learning.

### **Wander Through West**

Please keep Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February free so that you can join us between 4pm – 6pm and Wander Through West , check out your child's classroom and meet up with our staff. More information will be forwarded a little closer to the date. We would love to see a huge turnout and get to meet you all.

### **School Assemblies**

We hold a whole school assembly every second week in our Gym from 9.10 – 9.40. The first Assembly will be next Monday and I invite everyone to attend if you are available. Our students and staff enjoy having families and the wider community joining them, especially when it is their turn to perform. Each class has one turn per year at this, and I am pleased to advise that Miss Chick's year 4 class will be the first next Monday.

### **Reading**

This year our school is having a HUGE focus on Reading, as part of our Annual Implementation Plan. Our teachers will be co-creating learning goals and set targets with every student to make growth with their reading. As parents, you have a vital role to help your child / children reach their reading goals. We cannot do it all alone and

need your assistance. For students to be successful, we expect all students to read at home every week night and have their Reading Log signed by a parent. Students are expected to have a Library book which they can take home and return to school on a daily basis ( older classes are allowed to have 2 library books ). Our Resource Centre is open before and after school for returns and borrowing, and all classes have a regular time they visit the Resource Centre with their teacher each week. Junior classes will also have a take home book ( levelled Reader ) which is matched to their individual reading ability. Foundation students will get there levelled books to take home at the beginning of term 2. Reading involves two aspects: being able to 'speak' the text in front of them, and the second aspect is to comprehend or understand what they have read. Students who have been exposed to a wide variety of language ( words ) and out of school experiences find it easier to make sense of their reading if they have had the opportunity to make connections. Therefore, students in the younger years will be mainly learning the mechanics of Reading ( looking at the initial letter of words, reading on, working out what word would make sense, learning to recognise commonly used words like 'their, because, said,' that are impossible to sound out, finding smaller words within words and recognising word endings such as 'ing, ed, es ' as well as using the pictures to guide them for clues.

Once students have mastered the basic mechanics of reading the focus moves to comprehension- the understanding of what they are reading, making inferences, reading between the lines and thinking much more deeply about the text. This is where they need to draw upon their schema ( personal experiences and understandings of the world we live in). There is so much to know and understand about Reading. But one thing is for sure, the more you practise, the better you become and once a child experiences the love of 'reading for pleasure' they usually excel! Please make Reading at home a fun time and prioritise the time.

Each assembly we will be allocating a reading 'Trophy' to the class with the highest percentage of people who have done their home reading and had a parent / carer sign it off. Let's see who can be the first class to win this award!

Regards,  
Jocelyn Owen  
Principal

## Important Dates

|                      |                                      |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>8th February</b>  | Assembly 9:10 Ms Chick's class       |
| <b>8th February</b>  | SAKG Payments due                    |
| <b>12 February</b>   | Swimming                             |
| <b>15th February</b> | Acceptable Use Agreements due        |
| <b>19th February</b> | Wander through West 4-6pm            |
| <b>19th February</b> | Final Swimming session for years 3-6 |



**Please remember that the school carpark is for staff and authorised vehicles only. This is not a drop off/ pick up zone.**

# Assistant Principal's Report

## Australia Day Awards

This year at the local Australia Day ceremony in Les stone Park two former students were spotted.. Tristan and Nathaniel Hedditch are two former students who , along with their father, very active members of the local Scout Group which meets at the hall below our school in Lawrence st. The scout group won the Community organisation of the year award and Tristan at age 20 has completed The prestigious Queen's Scout award. Tristan is working in Outdoor Education both locally and in Queensland. His brother, Nat who is also active in scouting is in year 10. It was great to meet up and hear the achievements of these former Wodonga West students.



## Indonesian language studies

This year our Indonesian teacher has an assistant from Indonesia assisting her each Wednesday when she has classes at West. Brill is very excited to be in Australia and to be assisting at our school and also the Middle Years college. He is pictured here assisting in a class where students are trying on the uniform that Indonesian students wear to school. Please make him feel welcome if you see him around.



### Foundation students and buddies

Our Foundation students have quickly settled into school and we thank parents for having them so well presented for school and for following our pick up and drop off routines. They are daily growing in confidence. Our fabulous buddies from last year have shared lunch and recess breaks with them and assisted them in the playground. Next week we will ease off this support as students are connecting with their own peers.

Thank you also to parents for completing and returning the School nurse forms. Both this screening and speech screening has commenced this week.

A reminder that Foundation students do not attend school on Wednesdays throughout February. We invite parents to attend our first assembly in the gym next Monday 11th at 9:10.



### Kinder at WWCC

This Tuesday and Thursday were the first full days for our kinder and there were some very excited students attending, many of whom didn't want to leave at the end of the session. Along with our teacher Ms Kylie Whitsed we have a new team of educators: Suzannah Jacob and Jess Hale, who are both excited to be part of our team. As it is very busy at pick up and drop off time in the kinder foyer we request parents DO NOT bring in their Wodonga West siblings. Safety first is very important to ensure no young students slip out the door because of the large number of people going in and out through the doors at these times of the day.



**Jess Hale**



**Suzanna Jacob**

## Sports news

### 'Open Water Experience at Norieul Park'

Believe it or not, after a long stretch of such hot weather of 40 degrees plus, it actually rained for our recent 'Open Water' experience in the Murray River this week. With continuous thunder and lightning we were very disappointed to learn that we weren't able to get in the river.

However, sheltering under a tree, our MYOS students learnt about the dangers of our aquatic environment, safe actions if someone is in trouble and how to safely enjoy our rivers, lakes and beaches. We pretended to float down the river on boogie boards, and learnt several manoeuvres, whilst wearing PFD's to help others in a rescue situation.

Congratulations to all students on their patient behaviour. Many thanks to Lisa De Ruiter and Sue Pursche for helping on the day and to Amanda, Tom, Chandra and Pet for sharing the afternoon with us. Despite the disappointment, we still had a great time.

Susan Macdonald

P.E. & Sport Co-ordinator



# Student Wellbeing Report

## Wellbeing

I look forward to catching up with returning students and getting to know new students. As the Student Wellbeing Officer my door is always open for students and parents. Please feel free to drop in and introduce yourself or let me know if you have a concern or require further information on any issue regarding your child.



## Studio West

Applications are now being taken by year 5 and 6 students who would like to participate in the Studio West program for the first half of the year. This involves going to WSSC and learning about hair and beauty techniques. Students will learn how to give hand massages and about straightening and curling hair among other things. This is a fantastic opportunity for students and past participants have said how much fun they had being involved.



## Canteen

Canteen will run the same as last year, on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at lunch time for snacks. A slushy or shaky shake cost \$2 everything else is less than this price. We have wonderful year 6 canteen helpers working in the canteen and I commend students who already are showing fantastic manners when lining up and waiting their turn.

## Do you have a health care card?

If you have a Health Care Card you are able to bring this in and complete the paper work for the CSEF fund which is an amount of money that helps families cover the cost of some of the user pay items on our Charges List. This includes, sports levy, swimming and cultural events.



## Student Medical Ambulance Cover

This is a reminder that The Department **does not provide** personal accident insurance ambulance cover for students. Parents/Guardians of students who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

## Music Lessons

Private music lessons on Thursdays for Guitar, Piano, and Keyboard.

Nicola Watts 0417 575 777

Heather Wilson 0459 256 480



*Please place your order / money in the special canteen front in the front office by 9.00am*

### Sandwiches ( White & W/G bread )

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| Ham                     | 2.40 |
| Chicken                 | 3.50 |
| Cheese                  | 1.80 |
| Vegemite                | 1.50 |
| Cheese & Tomato         | 2.00 |
| Cheese & Vegemite       | 2.00 |
| Egg & Lettuce           | 3.00 |
| Ham & Cheese            | 2.70 |
| Ham, Cheese & Tomato    | 2.80 |
| Chicken, lettuce & Mayo | 4.00 |
| Plain Salad             | 3.50 |
| Ham & Salad             | 4.00 |
| Chicken & Salad         | 4.50 |

### Hot Food

|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| Nachos with salsa & cheese                  | 4.00                      |
| Pizza (Ham & Pineapple)                     | 3.00                      |
| Chicken Burger w/<br>Lettuce, cheese & mayo | 3.50                      |
| 3 Chicken nuggets                           | 1.50                      |
| 6 Chicken Nuggets                           | 3.00                      |
| Steamed dim sims                            | 0.80 each or 3 for \$2.00 |
| Party Pies                                  | 1.00                      |
| Pie   | 4.00                      |
| Sausage Roll                                | 2.50                      |
| Hot dog plain                               | 2.80                      |
| + cheese                                    | 3.00                      |
| + cheese & sauce                            | 3.40                      |
| Lasagne                                     | 4.00                      |
| Pasta                                       | 4.00                      |
| Fried Rice                                  | 4.00                      |
| Sweet chili chicken wrap                    | 3.50                      |
| Corn on cob                                 | 1.00                      |

### Jaffles

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Cheese               | 2.00 |
| Cheese & tomato      | 2.20 |
| Cheese & Vegemite    | 2.20 |
| Ham & Cheese         | 2.90 |
| Ham, cheese & tomato | 3.00 |

Sushi (Available Mon & Thur)  
All \$3.50 each

Teriyaki & chicken  
Tuna  
Avocado & cucumber



# WODONGA HEART FOOTBALL CLUB

Wodonga Heart Football Club is getting ready to kick off the AWFA 2019 season.

For more information please email us at  
[wodongaheartfc@gmail.com](mailto:wodongaheartfc@gmail.com)

Or find us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/whfcawfa](http://www.facebook.com/whfcawfa)

Looking for both players and coaches

Boys Under 12, 13, 14, 16, 18 Girls Under 12, 14, 16

Senior Men and Women's teams



**Registration / Come  
Try Day  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
10am-2pm  
Willow Park**



## Netball Wodonga Inc

### Team Placement and Registration Days

#### 2019 Junior Competition

Saturday 9th February 9:00am to 12:00pm

Monday 18th February 5:30pm to 8:00pm

Saturday 23rd February 9:00am to 12:00pm

NET SET GO registrations will be taken on the above dates and Saturday 30th March

At Kelly Park Clubrooms Lawrence street Wodonga

\*\*Please note for Team Placement: ALL individual Players must come down and register themselves\*\*

### Changes to VNA

All players must have a valid Netball Victoria Membership (VNA) prior to registration

this is to be completed online at <http://netballwodonga.vic.netball.com.au>

### Season Commences

#### Junior Netball

U9's to U16's

Saturday 30th March

Times TBA

#### Net Set Go

5-7 Years

Saturday 27th April

Time TBA

#### All Abilities

Senior Ages

Saturday 30th March

Time TBA

This Association observes the Netball Victoria Gender Regulation,  
further information can be found at <http://netballwodonga.vic.netball.com.au>

#### FOR ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT

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## School Banking. Helping kids learn the value of saving.

### What pocket money can teach your child.

Pocket money can help teach kids about the value of money and how to look after it. However, there's no 'one size fits all' approach and it's important to decide what's right for your family. Research of over 1,000 parents of primary school students revealed that 55% give regular pocket money\* and here's how they manage it:



Over half give less than \$10 per week (\$5 - \$10 is the most common range). There's no right or wrong - the amount should suit your family situation.



Around 4 in 5 parents link pocket money to the completion of a chore or task. This can help children understand that money needs to be earned.



On average, kids save about half of their pocket money each week. Learning to put money aside for a bigger goal is a valuable life skill.

### Join the Dollarmites on a Polar Savers adventure.

The majority of parents think it's important to make learning about money engaging and to reward good saving behaviour\*. So to help, our Dollarmites characters (Pru, Addy, Spen, Lucas and Pat) are taking School Bankers on a Polar Savers adventure, that's full of exciting rewards.

Students participating in School Banking will receive a silver Dollarmites token each time they make a School Banking deposit at school (maximum one per week). Once they've collected 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a Polar Savers reward.



- Polar Savers Rewards:**  
**Term 1:** Scented Stackable Highlighter, Snowy Origami Set  
**Term 2:** Yeti Fluffy Notebook, Icicle Slapband Ruler  
**Term 3:** Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring, Scratch Art Cards  
**Term 4:** Water Skimming Bounce Ball, Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers

### School Banking Deposit Tracker.

Colour in a number every time you make a deposit at school. For every 10 School Banking deposits you can redeem a reward.



To find out more about the School Banking program and how to get your child involved, ask your School Banking Co-ordinator for a School Banking Parent Pack or visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

\*Parents of Australian primary school children (n=1144), School Banking Research, conducted by Fiftyfive5, May-June 2018. Commonwealth Bank of Australia, ABN 48 123 123 124.



## WODONGA TENNIS CENTRE FREE TENNIS DAY

We're opening up our centre!

There will be prizes and giveaways along with plenty of opportunities to get on court. Our centre welcomes everyone, so bring your friends, your family and the neighbours.

On the day there will be Monumental ice-cream, a jumping castle, face-painting, a colour in station, a coffee van, drinks and a free sausage sizzle.

Wodonga Tennis Centre

Dalglish Street

Sunday 17th February 10am-3pm

Contact Cameron on 0422137891

Free registrations not required.



## WODONGA Saints JUNIOR FOOTY PLAYERS WANTED!!!

Come and join the family club | All abilities welcome | Contact us today

CONTACT US TODAY!!!

U12's COACH

Shaun Bowles  
M: 0458 530 105

U14's COACH

Adam Hawkins  
M: 0478 032 168

U17's COACH

Daniel Brom  
M: 0409 522 702

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## Reminders



Parent payments for fees are now due for 2019 payment options include Cash, EFTPOS or BPay. If you need to set up a payment plan please contact the office.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen payments are due for term 1. Please make payments by no later than **Friday 8th Feb.**



### Compass

Families are reminded to Log on to Compass where **ALL** communication will come through this year. If you are having any issues please see office staff.



School banking will commence tomorrow (Friday 8th February).