

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be A Learner

Enrolments are Welcome for all Year levels please come and collect an enrolment form.

Principal's report

Dear Parents / Carer,

Reading Book Marks

All students will soon be given a reading bookmark to take home which includes some tips on helping your child to become a better reader. We are encouraging 100% participation in reading every night at home. Reading is like any other skill; the more you practise the better you will become.

Just Brass

At next week's Monday morning assembly, we are excited to have some visitors from the Salvation Army to talk to us about a very exciting new opportunity for 20 of our students to receive free tuition of a brass instrument of their choosing. The name of this project is called "Just Brass". It is funded by numerous donations and sponsors and it will be targeted at students from years 3 – 5 only. Interested students will complete an expression of interest form, as only 20 can be chosen for this program. If chosen, students will need to be committed to the program long term (at least 2 years). This will involve a music lesson at school , delivered by the music instructor, as well as an after school lesson all together at the Salvation Army – just down the road from the school in Lawrence Street. The students will be collected and walked down straight after school, then parents / carers would collect them after their band lesson from the Salvation Army.

We are really excited to be chosen as

the only school around here with this opportunity for our students to learn a brass instrument for free. Students will be able to take their instrument home to practise throughout the week – as we know the more you practise the better you become. We hope to have our brass band perform once they have learnt the basics of their instruments.

Wander Through West

Thank you to the families who took up our offer and attended Wander Through West Tuesday evening. It was well attended and I hope those who went to the parent information session on helping your children with Reading found it informative. We are hoping you left with some tips to support you with the important task of home reading each night. This year we have a competition between classes to see which class has the highest percentage of students completing their home reading tasks and having a parent / carer signing off on it. At assembly, the winning class will receive a special golden book trophy for their room as well as students receive a small treat to enjoy. We hope that all our parents work with us to improve the student's reading skills as they underpin learning in all the curriculum areas.

It was wonderful to see our students taking their parents to their classrooms and showing them the work they have begun this year and meeting their teachers. Our Arts, P.E. and Sci-

ence Specialist Teachers also reported they enjoyed meeting up with many families in their unique spaces as well. Hopefully everyone enjoyed the free BBQ prepared by Wodonga Men's Shed and had a chance to meet other families as well. A big thank you from all the staff for making the effort to engage with us and demonstrate to your family that you value education and the school as a whole.



School Council Nominations

We are currently looking for parent nominations to be on our School Council. Nomination forms are available from the front office. If you are committed to working behind the scenes making important decisions and learning more about the school so that we can make it the best it can be, then please nominate yourself – or someone else for one of these positions. Nominations close Monday 25th February. Please have a chat with me if you would like to know more.

School Car Park

A reminder to everyone that the School's Car Park is not to be used as a

drop off or pick up point for parents / carers to use, unless you have a current Disability Sticker clearly displayed on your vehicle. There is clear signage at the entrances to the car park making this clear. We are obliged to keep everyone safe and our School Council has a Car Park Policy that we all need to enforce. Any person parking in the School Car Park will be asked to leave and given a first warning, followed by a written letter or Trespass Order if they continue to fail to comply with the school's rules. There are simply no excuses for this.

Regards,

Jocelyn Owen

Principal

Important Dates

Monday 25th February	Assembly SLC Badges being presented
Wednesday 6th March	School Photos
Monday 11th March	Public Holiday No School



Parent payments for Essential Education Items are now overdue for 2019 please see office staff to pay or set up a payment plan.



School photo day is **Wednesday 6th March**. Order forms have been sent home with children, please remember that money and order forms are due **on photo day**. We would like everyone to please make an effort to be on time and presentable on photo day.

Music Lessons

Private music lessons for Guitar, Ukulele, Piano, and Keyboard.

Nicola Watts 0417 575 777

Heather Wilson 0459 256 480

Assistant Principal's Report

Assembly

Our first assembly of the year was well attended by families. Ms Chick's year 4 class performed a well known Australian poem about our land and climate.

During our first assembly Mrs Owen announced our school captains for 2019. Both Anthony Bergagnin and Emily Dykstra read out their nomination speeches. We wish them well in the role. Student Leadership Council will be announced at the next assembly.

Four more of our fabulous staff are now accredited Bluearth coaches after completing their twelve month coaching and mentoring program. Gemma Henwood, Eva Chick, Marissa Connors and Brad Stagg are proudly displaying their qualification. Kylie Whitsed our kindergarten teacher also received her award. Our teachers are demonstrating to students that they are also life long learners. Students agreed that Bluearth is a very popular program. Our new coach for this year is Ross Hill.



Classroom helpers training

A big thank you to Helen Finemore, Kym-Maree Millar and Maddison Nixon who attended our classroom helpers training this week. It was great to have them involved and willing to assist in the classroom learning and/or our Stephanie Alexander kitchen Garden Program. No one is ever too old to learn new things and they are great role models to their children/grandchildren. Here at WWPS we have a committed group of volunteers both from the wider community and also some parents/grandparents who assist with our many programs. We are indebted to you for your assistance.

Foundation students information

Next Wednesday Feb 27 is the last Wednesday that foundation students do not attend.

After that they will be here 5 days a week like our other fabulous learners.

Thank you to families for bringing them in on Wednesdays for their individual testing. Our foundation teachers now have lots of information to tailor their teaching program.

School nurse checks have also nearly been completed and Helen Allen will be in contact with families as necessary. Josette Goode our speech pathologist has also completed her screenings and will be catching up with families as necessary to discuss therapy and /or further assessments.

Our staff are very happy with the way foundation students have settled into school. As the vast majority of these have come from our kinder we thank our staff for the way both groups work together to ensure transition is an ongoing process throughout the year.

Lunchtime programs Term 1

<u>Day</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Where/who for</u>
Monday	Minute to Win It	Gunya/Yr 5/6 all welcome to watch
Wednesday	Hoola Hoops	Gym/all welcome
Friday	Skipping	Gunya/all welcome

Studio West

Nine students from Year 5 and 6 have started attending Wodonga Senior Secondary College where they have so far learnt how to give/receive hand and face massages. We look forward to opening up the studio west services at West in Term 2. We will be offering Hand, Face and Back massages along with foot soak massage for all students and teachers to enjoy with no service costing more than 50 cents. What a bargain!



Kinder News

Firstly we would like to welcome back all our families from last year as well as our new families to our kindergarten. The kinder children have been busy exploring their new learning space, and becoming familiar with the routines and expectations which come with kindergarten. The children are forming friendships and getting to know their peers.

Playdough is always a favourite activity at kinder and the children have been looking at different facial expressions as they create faces using the playdough.



The kinder children were lucky to receive a surprise visit from Mrs Watson the school science teacher. Mrs Watson showed the children 3 Froglets in her tank and explained the life cycle of a frog.





Theircare
for your Kids, for you

Welcome to 2019 Theircare OSHC!

Already we have had an exciting fun filled holidays and are now settling into Term 1 for 2019.

Theircare provides a stimulating and safe environment for all children and an environment where children come and enjoy their time in the program. During sessions children development life skills, friendships, confidence and creativity through play.

To use the program, you will need to enrol at www.theircare.com.au or call 1300 072 410.

It is simple, fast and there are no enrolment fees! That means even if you are not planning on using the service but find that you are running late you have that peace of mind that your children are safe, fed and enjoying themselves with their friends under the supervision of qualified professionals.

Operating Hours:

BSC 7:00am – 9:00am

ASC 3:30pm – 6:00pm

Gateway Parent and Relationship Education Programs Term 1 2019

Positive Parenting Telephone Service (PPTS) Free call telephone service Enrolments taken all year day & evening appointments PH: 1800 880 660

Tuning in to Kids – emotionally intelligent parenting (2-10 years) PH: (02) 6022 8888

Gateway Health - Training room, 155 High St, Wodonga

Tuesdays 26th February to 26th March 6pm - 8pm Intake Team

or

Thursdays 28th February to 28th March 9:30am – 11:30am Intake Team

Mother Goose (0-2 years) PH: (02) 6022 8888

Gateway Health - Conference room, 155 High St, Wodonga

Wednesdays 6th February to 3rd April 10.30am – 11.30am Intake Team

Engaging Adolescents PH: (02) 6022 8888

Gateway Health—Conference Room, 155 High St, Wodonga

Thursdays 28th February to 28th March 1pm - 3pm Intake Team

African Parenting Program PH: (02) 6055 3053

Gateway Health Rooms F11a & F11b, 155 High St, Wodonga

Wednesdays 6th March to 27th March 5:30pm - 7:30pm Lisa

Foundations of Attachment PH: (02) 6022 8888

Gateway Health - Training Room G10, 155 High St, Wodonga

Fridays 1st March to 5th April 10am – 12pm Intake Team



FREE – Parenting Program

Tuning into Kids – is a five week parenting program that supports parents with children aged 2 to 10 to become more aware of their child's emotions and their 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.

Programs details:

Course 1:

Thursdays 28th February 2019 to 28th March 2019.

Times – 9:30am to 11:30am

Room – Conference Room

Course2:

Tuesdays 26th February 2019 to 26th March 2019

Times – 6pm to 8pm

Room - Training Room

Venue – Gateway Health, 155 High Street, Wodonga

Bookings Essential – Phone Intake on 02 6022 8888

COST - FREE

Reminders



We are collecting clean empty small sized food cans for a project with the SAKG Program. This is part of our 10th Birthday Celebration to be celebrated in May this year.
Please bring along your cans to the front office.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen payments are due for term 1. If you put \$2.50 away each week of term you will have the \$25 required for the next term.



Compass

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



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.