

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,

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of term one. Everyone is feeling a little jaded, so it will be lovely to have some time to slow down and have a break from the school routine. This year, Easter falls at the end of the holidays, so we have 2 weeks and one day (Easter Monday). We come back to school on Tuesday 23rd April, and then we have a public holiday for ANZAC Day on 25th April. Although it will be a disjointed week, we do still expect everyone to be at school on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday of that week, as every day counts.

Casual Clothes Day

Tomorrow is Casual Clothes Day. This has been organised by our Student Leadership Council who have decided that the funds we raise will go towards buying sports equipment for classrooms to use. A \$2 donation is required to come in casual clothes. Please support our SLC and we hope we can raise the money required to support their wishes.

School Council

At our Annual School Council Meeting held this month, the following School Councillors were elected as office bearers; Lauren Barber (School Council President) and Suzanna Matthias (Vice School Council President). I congratulate both Lauren and Suzanna for holding such important roles within the school and I know that they will both work hard with the rest of our

school councillors to make great decisions for the school and represent all families so that we are continually improving and providing the best for our students. Our current School Councillors include:

Jocelyn Owen (Principal)

Lauren Barber (School Council President)

Suzanna Matthias (School Council Vice President)

Sharon Mawby (Treasurer)

Melissa Watson (DET)

Sarah Morrow (Parent)

Renee Porter (Parent)

Stephanie Grant (Parent)

Jessica Thompson (Community / Kinder)

School Council Meetings are held twice each term in the evening. I thank this wonderful group of people for taking on this important role in the governance of our School and Kindergarten.

Parents, Families and Friends (PFF)

Congratulations to Chandra Burns (President), Amanda Guy (Vice President) and Michelle Humphrey (Secretary / Treasurer) for being elected into these roles on the PFF for this year.

This is quite a small, but very efficient group of people who put in their own time and effort to support all students in our school through their fundraising efforts. I sincerely thank all the PFF members for the effort they make

across the year, and their passion for making our school the very best. This takes a lot of planning, organisation, communication and time. From the students especially, a huge THANK YOU to each and every one of you. You do an awesome job and we appreciate it.

Sunsmiles

We have had a wonderful group of people here from Sydney University who have delivered the Sunsmiles program to all our students (as well as the Kindergarten). This involved a really informative session on taking care of your teeth and the importance of brushing twice per day and avoiding sugary food and drinks. Students really enjoyed the puppets and receiving their bag of goodies to help look after their teeth. At lunchtime, the Carevan arrived with yoghurt and fruit platters for the students to enjoy. This was followed by the students each having a free fluoride varnish treatment applied to their teeth to help prevent any decay. This treatment usually lasts for 6 months. With brushing twice daily and consuming less sugary foods or drinks, we hope all our students can prevent serious oral health issues that can impact negatively on their wellbeing. We have been lucky having this program once again in our school for our students and their families.

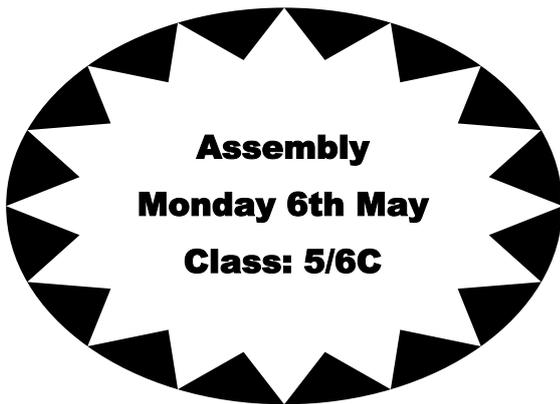
Happy Holidays Everyone!

Regards

Jocelyn Owen

Principal

Important Dates



Friday 5th April	Icy Pole Day Casual clothes (\$2 donation) 230pm finish
Tuesday 23rd April	Term 2 commences
Thursday 25th April	Anzac Day Holiday
Thursday 2nd May	Cross Country

Sports News

WODONGA WEST CROSS COUNTRY

Our Wodonga West Cross Country will be held on Thursday 2nd May at Willow Park. All students in classes 2/3 to MYOS have been training and will participate in a 2km (9/10 years) or 3km (11/12 years) distance. Year 2's can run a modified course if they wish. Permission notes will be given out next week and need to be returned ASAP, so they do not get lost over the holidays and you don't miss out on a great day!

This will be our first event where house points will be awarded for all students who participate!

If any parents are able to help, please see Mrs Macdonald, or contact the school.

SPORTING SCHOOLS

Fortunately we have been successful in attaining substantial funding from Sporting Schools again, so that students in our junior school can participate in a Gymnastics program next term, FREE of charge!

Students in F/1H and F/1B will be doing the Launchpad Gym Fun program over four weeks, attending the Flyaway Gymnastics centre each week.

This is an excellent program and I'm sure the students will be very excited to be attending. **Permission notes went out this week and need to be signed and returned as soon as possible.**

Susan Macdonald

P.E./Sport Co-ordinator

Wellbeing Report

Attendance

If your child is absent from school often, their learning and friendships are affected. Learning becomes disjointed and difficult. Students who stay away from school:

- Miss the introduction of new work and revision of what has been learned
- Fail to complete work
- Miss maths, reading, spelling tests, and the explanation of homework and worksheets
- Fall behind with their learning
- Develop disjointed home-reading routines, and often fail to complete homework
- May lack confidence and feel embarrassed because they cannot do work the class has been studying
- Feel left out from class discussion when they have missed a special class activity and cannot do the associated work
- Miss specialist lessons because these lessons only occur once a week
- Miss celebrations, for example student of the week, class awards, excursions, school visitors, assemblies and special activities
- Can find it difficult to break into established friendship groups and develop good friendships with their peers
- Can develop a poor attitude towards school believing, 'I won't miss much if I'm not at school'
- Fail to realise that the teachers and students miss them.

If your child has more than 5 days absent in a term they are at risk of the above dot points. If your child is constantly late to school or constantly being picked up early from school their learning is also being greatly affected. If they are 5 minutes late or picked up early each day that is 25 minutes a week and in a 10 week term this is equal to more than 4 hours learning a term. If you multiply that over their whole schooling it is a lot. Mornings is settling and daily instruction and the afternoon is discussing the day and important messages that the students need to take home or remember for the next day.

Please help your child reach their full educational potential by remembering each day, each minute counts.

Minute to Win it

Over this term students in year 5 and 6 have been participating in some fun and challenging games. There were 7 games in total that were offered and Menghong and Amelia both beat the clock in 5 of those games and received a prize. Honourable mention goes to the students that won 4 out of the 7 games. They are Belle, Khai, Anthony and Alana E.

Next term the year 4 students will have the opportunity to participate.

LIBRARY End of Term One

All Library Books are now due back at School.

Could I please ask Parents / Guardian to remind students to please check to see that they have returned their Library Books.

Thanking you for your Assistance,
Denise Donehue



The poster features a large globe of the Earth as a background. A white chef's hat is positioned at the top left. Overlaid on the globe is the text "COOK YOUR WAY AROUND THE WORLD IN TERM 2" in white, bold, sans-serif font. In the center of the globe, there is a photograph of five young people in a kitchen, wearing yellow shirts and black aprons. In the top right corner, there is a circular logo for "SAKGAHLE ACADEMY" with a red watering can icon and the text "Creating a nurturing learning community" and "KUTODEN GATEWAY FOUNDATION".

Mrs Kenny and Mrs Hillas invite you to join them on an epic food journey around the world.

Let your curiosity (and appetite) run wild while you learn how to make scrumptious delicacies from cultures across the globe.

To participate please see office staff to pay for SAKG term 2

Three small images showing different cuisines: a plate of three tacos with meat and vegetables, a plate of green dumplings with a dipping sauce, and a bowl of spaghetti with meatballs and sauce.

ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day is a significant day in Australian history and as a school community Wodonga West Children's Centre always lays a wreath in memory of the fallen soldiers. The Wodonga RSL encourages our school to participate in the March.

This year our school captains will lay a wreath on behalf of our school community.

I urge all students and parents/carers to join us and meet at the Wodonga RSL on ANZAC Day **25th April 2017 at 1030 on Reid Street**. Students attending must wear their school uniform.

Poppies and ANZAC badges will be available to purchase in Term 2.

Liz Haynes

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RESPOND

Reflexive Evidence and Systems interventions to Prevent
Obesity and Non-communicable Disease

The Reflexive Evidence & Systems interventions to Prevent Obesity & Non-communicable Disease (RESPOND) project is an exciting study that is being conducted at our school. All Grade 2, 4 and 6 students at our school are being invited to participate. This study will examine influences on healthy weight and related behaviours (physical activity, sedentary behaviour, diet quality, sleep and wellbeing) among children and adolescents across the Goulburn Valley and Ovens Murray region of Victoria. We ask that you please read the information carefully, so that you can make an informed decision about your child's participation. We ask that you only return the **OPT-OUT** recruitment form should you and or your child decide **NOT TO** participate. We are using an **OPT-OUT** recruitment process whereby your child's participation in this study is assumed unless you indicate via the return of the signed **OPT-OUT** recruitment form that you do not wish for your child to participate.

Bee-Bot Coding, with the ½'s.

By ½ P and ½ G

Today we did coding with Miss Chick at lunch time. It was fun. We coded bee's to make it move. **Savannah (1/2 P)**

We are having fun in Miss Chick's class today. Everyone is liking it. I made my bee-bot do a dance. **Kaylee (1/2 G)**

I love to play with the bee- bots. They are so much fun. I hope we can do it again another time. **Hayley (1/2 P)**

I made it go into a triangle. **Mia (1/2 H)**

I love my Mum. I came to play with bees. They have a little toe ball on them so they can drag a mini trailer. **Jhett (1/2 P)**

I am making my bee-bot go under the table and back. It is fun. **Indie (1/2 G)**

I had a great helper doing my bee-bot. My helpers name is Jake. It was the best time. It was cool seeing how it was. **Daphne (1/2 G)**

I like my helper Jake. Bee-bots are fun. **Emma (1/2 G)**

I had fun helping the little kids today. We were doing coding with the 1/2's. **Georgia (5/6 N)**

It was fun teaching the little kids how to code bee-bots. I enjoyed playing with them. **Scott (5/6 N)**

The year1/2's did a great job for their first time coding. I liked being a helper. I had a good time helping the little kids. **Jake (5/6 N)**

Today I helped some little kids program bee-bots. They were really fun and I enjoyed it. **Jordan (5/6 N)**



Student Survey

WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, well-being and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

Students from years 4 to 6 at our school will participate in the survey. Your child will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Your child has the right to refuse or withdraw from the survey at any point before, during, or after completion of the survey.

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only. All responses to the survey are kept anonymous in the response file. Personal identification data will not be recorded in the survey response file. This ensures that the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times.

This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period **Monday 29 April to Friday 7 June**. The survey only takes 20 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

The survey results will be reported back to the school before the end of term 2. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Data suppression rules are used for schools with low student numbers per year level.

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher or visit: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyat.aspx>



Thank you to those families who donated to our Easter raffle your generous contributions made this fundraiser a big success.

Carevan Sun Smiles Program

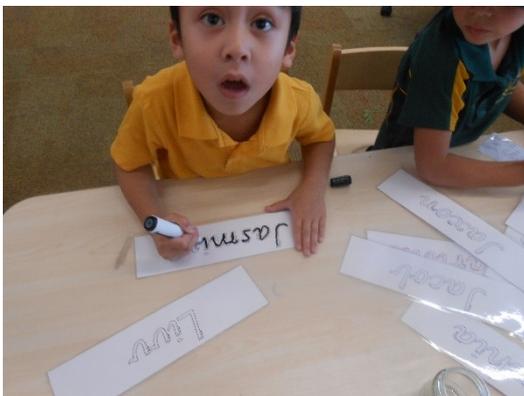


Kinder News

The children have been learning about patterns and have been using blocks to copy simple pattern cards. They have also experimented with making their own patterns with the blocks.



To help the children learn to write their names they have been using whiteboard markers to trace their laminated name cards. The children were so enthusiastic that they started tracing their friends names too. You can help your children learn to write their names by giving them the opportunity to continue practising to write their names over the holidays.



The Sun smiles team visited kinder this week to teach the children about the importance of cleaning their teeth. The children listened to the story "Who is the tooth Fairy's Best Friend?" and then dressed up as the characters in the story. This was followed by the children having a dental check and a fluoride application. The kindergarten children were all very brave during their dental check.



To help us celebrate Easter in the kindergarten the children have been singing "5 Easter Buns in the bakers shop" and have been busy making Easter baskets and bunny ears. The children have also made Easter hats at home with their families. The children will finish the term off by participating in an Easter Hat Parade followed by a shared afternoon tea with the kindergarten children and their families. Happy Easter Everyone.





All Aboard promises a full day of activity that challenges young people to engage with their peers, experience new things and make new connections.

Friday, April 12, 2019

Time: 8.30am to 5pm

Cost: \$20 Ages: 9 to 16 year olds

For the form, and further information visit wod.city/youthevents

Board a bus and enjoy a positive and fun filled environment while being transported between four great activities. Lunch provided. Participants are asked to bring their own water bottle and are able to bring money for additional food if they wish. Buses will be wheelchair accessible and spaces for support workers.

To secure your spot, complete the activity consent form and return to info@wodonga.vic.gov.au along with payment by 5pm Wednesday, April 3.



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Reminders



As we approach term 2 please remember to clearly label jumpers and jackets to avoid them being lost.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen payments of \$25 are due for term 2. Please make payments by no later than the 3rd May. If you save \$5 every week you will have the full amount by 3rd May.



We are collecting clean empty small sized food cans for a project with the SAKG Program. So far we have managed to collect 125, only 100 to go!!

Please bring along your cans to the front office.