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Enrolments are Welcome for all Year levels, including Kinder for 2020.

Yard focus this fortnight: Playing by the rules

Principal's report

Dear Parents / Carers,

Book Week

As you are probably aware, this week is Book Week, something our school values and supports our whole school focus on Reading. Tomorrow from 2.30 – 3.30 pm we will be holding the Book Week Parade under the Gunyah (next to out Gym). We would love to see as many of our parents and community come along to watch, as I am sure the students will be wearing some very creative costumes depicting their special book or character. I do thank our community for getting behind these dress up days. The students do love the opportunity to be out of uniform and show off their creativeness. I am always amazed to see the efforts that families go to on these special event days. We have tried to provide everyone with lots of time to prepare. Today, our Kindergarten participated in this event, and as you can see by the photos, they all looked fabulous (including the staff). Lots of time was spent on sharing favourite books and talking about their costumes. Awesome job, parents!



Hoping to see lots of you at school tomorrow at 2.30 for the School Book Parade.

Weather

As the weather has been quite cold, we have had many items of clothing lost and found around the school. It really does make it much easier if clothing (especially tops) are labelled with names so they can be returned to the rightful owners quickly. We do not have a dedicated 'Lost Property' as in the past it never worked well and things seemed to stay there forever. If you have happened to lose an item of clothing, please look on the top of the student locker areas as this is where we place un-named items that have lost their owners.

Important Dates

23rd August	Book Week Parade 2.30pm at The Gunyah
26th August	Cultural Event
26th to 30th August	Arts Festival
29th August	Fathers Day Raffle drawn
29th August	School Concert 6pm at Galvin Hall
29th to 30th August	Fathers Day Stall
20th September	Term 3 finishes 2.30pm finish



Principal's report

Arts Festival and School Concert

Both these events are happening next week, and both are at Galvin Hall (Wodonga Senior Secondary College). There is a cost of \$4 per adult (children free) to attend the Arts Festival. If you keep your Arts Festival program you can attend on other days for free, as there are a number of sessions run across the week.

For the School Concert on Thursday 29th, there is a cost of \$5 per family to attend. This helps to cover the costs of power, hall hire, technical support etc. We will also have some lucky door prizes to be won. Our School Concert is a popular event and we are excited to have our Kindergarten children performing, as well as our School Brass Band with their first public performance. Students are expected to be there at 5.45 and will go into the Hall to get seated, with adults allowed into the Hall slightly later – just before 6pm.

Just Brass

Because of the School Concert next Thursday, there will be no after school Band Practice as usual. Students will still have their music lesson during the day, but will go home as normal at 3.30. They will need to bring their instruments to the Concert, and their special Just Brass T-Shirt, as they will be the first act to perform for everyone on the night – how exciting!

Parent Opinion Surveys

A reminder that if you were sent home a Parent Opinion Survey this year, they will need to be completed and returned by tomorrow (last day). They were in a large white envelope – so check bags as you might be one of the randomly selected 80 families. We already have quite a few back but not all.

Parent Survey Monkey

This is a different survey that all parents were sent via Compass. This comprises 10 simple questions and closes at the end of next week. Thank you to all those who have responded already – that is fabulous and we value your feedback very much. This is part of our feedback to inform our School Review in Term 4.

Regards,

Jocelyn

News from Just Brass



Just Brass practice after school on Thursday 29th August is cancelled due to the school concert.

Students and instruments need to meet Jeremy at Galvin Hall at 5.45pm for the school concert.

Just Brass will be the first performance.



There has been a confirmed case of Hand, Foot & Mouth in the school.

Cultural Event

On Monday 26th August we have our cultural incursion event. Brainstorm Productions will be coming to perform 'Being Brave'. It is a show that will help students accept change, deal with their emotions and bounce back when things go wrong. This performance will commence at 2.30pm on the day.

News from the Literacy Coordinator

Reading is Mind Feeding!

Tips for Helping Children with Reading at Home

Always be patient when they are reading and try not to emphasise speed. Also, try to read as much as possible yourself to model reading to your child. These years are a time when your child will learn more about the world. Engaging them in discussions improves their speaking skills, and helps them understand the world and their place in it.

Here are some general tips:

F-2

Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books. This will help develop your child's love of language. When reading to your child, read stories with expression, or try putting on the voices of characters. This will help make reading fun.

Point out important features about a book – for example, the words and pictures, the front cover, the spine, the contents page, or the title.

3-6

- If your child likes an author, find another book or a series of books by the same author.
- Encourage your child to read about their favourite author or illustrator at their website.
- Introduce your child to read different genres such as fantasy, science-fiction, action and adventure.

Book Week

We are excited for our Book Parade on Friday! The Kinder students will be having there parade on Thursday. We can't wait to see the costumes.

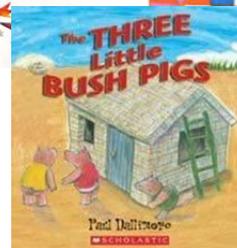
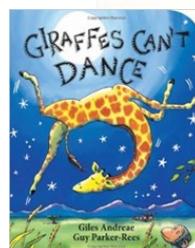
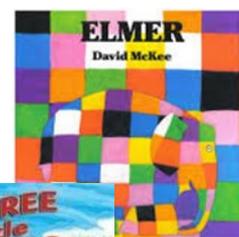
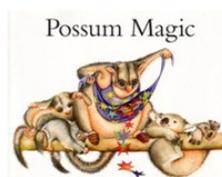
Readers of the Week

It has been great to see an improvement in the number of students completing reading each night, particularly almost have a 3-way tie between 3/4L, 1/2G and 5/6C. We are still averaging 40% as our highest in the winning classes so it would be great to see a class achieve 50% of students reading.

Ideas to help with home reading

Here are some fabulous books that you might want to find/borrow to read with your child. They have a strong storyline, which will help develop your child's comprehension.

- Fearless by Colin Thompson
- The Three Little Bush Pigs by Paul Dallimore
- Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae
- Possum Magic by Mem Fox
- Clancy the Courageous Cow by Lachie Hume
- The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
- Elmer by David McKee
- There was an old lady who swallowed a fly



News from the 5/6 Rooms

Yesterday the 5/6 classes were lucky enough to be invited to the Wodonga Middle Years/Wodonga Senior College Gala Concert. This was a chance for these schools to showcase their vocal and instrumental music programs. We were treated to performances by choirs, soloists and a variety of rock bands. Year 5/6 students were dancing in the aisles and it was great to see so many of our ex-students performing.

On another note—do not forget that our rich task excursion to Bonegilla Migrant Camp is coming up later in the term. Do not forget to return your permission slip and money to attend.

Deputy Mayor Visit

On the 9th of August we had a visit from the Deputy Mayor Kat Bennett. She told us about local government and what she does as the Deputy Mayor of Wodonga. I learned that what some people think about her job isn't true. People believe that the job is glamorous with lots of special events and meeting people but they actually have a lot more paperwork and more responsibilities than people think.—Alanna

I enjoyed how the Deputy Mayor was talking about the process of voting. It was really interesting.—Levi

I enjoyed how honest the Deputy Mayor was about the council and her life as a councillor.—Amelia



School Concert

You are invited to attend the 2019 School Concert!

Who: All students including Kinder

Date: Thursday 29th August 2019

Time: 6pm concert start (all students are required to arrive at 5.45pm for performance preparation)

Where: Galvin Hall, Wodonga Senior Secondary College

Entry: \$5 per family at the door—all are welcome
Families who only have kinder students may leave after their performance but its an expectation that all other families remain for the entire concert (as you would at any public concert/performance).

Lucky Door Prizes to be won!

News from the Wellbeing Officer

Mrs Potter is on leave

As of next week I will be on leave until the end of the term. While I am away we are lucky to have Miss Melanie King filling this position. I know you will all make her feel welcome.

Pom Pom making

Pom Pom making is on Thursdays at lunch time in the spare classroom on the gym side of LC4. Many students have been enjoying this activity. All students are welcome.



News from the Art Room

WODONGA AND DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVAL 2019

The Wodonga District Arts Festival is fast approaching. This event is a fabulous opportunity to bring thousands of students from our region together to celebrate the arts through performance and a visual arts display.

Key information:

Dates- Monday 26th August to Friday 30th August

Venue- Galvin Hall, located at the Wodonga Senior Secondary College, 69 Woodland Street, Wodonga.

Cost- There is a \$4 per person entry fee at the door (EFTPOS is available), this charge assists with the costs associated with putting together this event. You will receive a ticket at the door which can be used as a pass to access multiple concerts throughout the week.

Students/children-There is no entry fee for students or young children either participating in the festival or coming to watch a concert.

Program- available free of charge at the door.

Parking- available in surrounding streets, please be aware of driveways and signage as parking inspectors frequent the area during this event. Please note entry to the hall is from Woodland Street only.

We look forward to seeing many members of our community at this exciting event. We understand that some parents are only able to attend for their child's performance due to work commitments however, if you are able to, it would be great if you could stay for the duration of the concert to support all participants.

More information will be provided as we get closer to the event.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you there.

Performance Schedule

Monday August 26th 11.30 am

2nd act	Naomi Beasley & F/1	Dance	Singing in the rain
5th act	Laura Dinsdale & F/1	Dance	Party Like We Are Young

Tuesday August 27th 9.30 am

9th act	Ana Gonzales & 5/6	Dance	Faith
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Tuesday August 27th 1.15 pm

8th act	Gilda Nicol & 5/6	Dance	The Git Up
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Wednesday August 28th 9.30 am

6th act	Marissa Connors & 5/6	Dance	High Hopes
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Wednesday 28th August 1.15 pm

7th act	Eva Chick & 4	Play	Friends: Stanley Paste by Aaron Blabey
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Thursday 29th August 9.30 am

7th act	Ben Lord & 3/4	Play	The Friendship Play
9th act	Brad Stagg & 2/3	Dance	2/3 S Class Performance

Friday 30th August 9.30 am

8th act	Emma Polkinghorne & 1/2	Dance	All in this together
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News from the PE Coordinator

WODONGA WEST ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Last Friday we held a very successful Athletics Carnival at the Alexander Park Athletics complex.

The participation and behaviour of all students was is to be highly commendable. It was great to see so many students trying their best at every event.



The House Cup was keenly fought for by six very fast sprinters but this year won by Shianne in Earth House. Silver and Bronze both went to Water House!

A special thank you goes to the W.M.Y.C students for their invaluable assistance on the day. Also to our parent helpers, Ro Gavrilovic, Chandra Boon, Haylee Murray, Rachael (Justin's Nan), Cassidy(CSU) and Sarah Gallagher for their assistance with running events.



Congratulations to those students who were successful in qualifying for the District Athletics. This Carnival is being held on Tuesday 6th September in Albury. Notes will be sent out soon so please remember to return permission notes and keep training.



News from the Parents Club



Fathers Day Raffle will be drawn on 29th August - please return your tickets by 28th August.

If you would like to donate anything to the raffle please bring it in to the office by 29th August.

News from the Kinder Room

Last week we celebrated Science week in the kinder. This year's Science week theme was Destination moon. The children were able to fly to the moon in the spacecraft that was created using the kinder furniture and other purposely made resources. It was equipped with phones, keyboards, and switchboards, as well as helmets, space backpacks and space rocks. The children were able to extend their imaginative and investigation skills through this play scenario. The children displayed a great deal of knowledge and shared numerous "WOW" words during their play. The children really enjoyed dressing up as astronauts.



The children were also able to use the small wooden rocket to express their ideas and share their space play ideas with others. The children particularly liked the space rocks, which became a well-used component of their play

As it was science week, we also took the opportunity to create a volcano in the sandpit with the children. Before making the volcano the children shared their knowledge of volcanos as a group. This was followed by going out to the sandpit to build the volcano. The children then discussed what they thought would happen. They were excited and amazed when the volcano started to erupt.



Book Week in the Kinder Room



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Victorian Attendance Legislation

In Victoria, it is compulsory for children and young people aged 6–17 years to attend school.

Parents are legally required to ensure their child (aged 6–17 years) attends school every day and to provide an explanation for their child's absence from school.

Evidence shows that daily school attendance is important for young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don't fall behind both socially and developmentally. Young people who regularly attend school and complete Year 12 or an equivalent qualification have better health and employment outcomes and enjoy higher incomes.

The law provides a framework for school's attendance, exemptions and exceptions from attendance and parents' obligations relating to ensuring attendance. The rules are not in place to punish students' time away from school, which can be unavoidable. Instead, the laws are an effort to promote and improve student attendance across Victorian schools.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENSURING THAT A CHILD ATTENDS SCHOOL

School attendance is mandated under the *Education Training and Reform Act 2006*. It is the responsibility of parents, guardians or anyone who has parental responsibility for a child to ensure the child attends school on a regular basis.

HOW ATTENDANCE IS RECORDED BY SCHOOLS

Schools must record student attendance twice per day in primary schools and every period in secondary schools.

'POOR ATTENDANCE' FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE LEGISLATION

What is considered as "poor attendance" is determined on a case by case basis. However, under the legislation, if a student of compulsory school age is absent from school for five days within a school year and without a reasonable excuse, then further action can be taken, at the discretion of the principal.

UNEXPLAINED OR UNAPPROVED ABSENCES

A principal can approve or not approve any absence, based on the requirements of the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*, an individual school policy or on a case-by-case basis.

The Education and Training Reform Act 2006 provides some examples of what a reasonable excuse is for the purposes of explaining a school absence and includes, amongst other considerations:

- Illnesses and accidents;
- Unforeseen and unexplained circumstances;
- If the absence was a result of complying with another law;
- The child is receiving distance education through a registered school;
- The child is undertaking approved education, training and/or employment;
- The child has been suspended or expelled; and
- The child is attending or observing a religious event or obligation.

Unexplained Absence:

A principal will record an absence as 'unexplained' if no explanation about the absence is given to the school by the parent or carer of the student.

If you do not contact the school to provide an explanation on the day of the student absence, the school must attempt to contact the parent or legal guardian either by phone or in writing and seek an clarification within three days of the recorded absence.

If no contact can be made with the parent or other carers of the child within 10 days, the absence will be recorded as an unexplained absence and a noted will be made in the child's file. A parent or legal guardian can contact the principal at any time after the recorded absence to provide an explanation.

Unapproved Absence:

In general, a principal may record an absence as 'unapproved' when no reasonable explanation has been given for the student's absence. If a reason is given for a student absence is not approved by the principal than the school will notify the parent or legal guardian in writing.

ACTION THAT WILL BE TAKEN IF YOUR CHILD REACHES FIVE DAYS OF UNAPPROVED OR UNEXPLAINED ABSENCE

If a child reaches five days of unapproved or unexplained absence in the preceding 12 months then the school and principal will work with the parent or legal guardian to implement the appropriate support or intervention to assist the child and ensure they attend school every day and remain at school during school hours. If the support and intervention do not improve your child's attendance, the principal may decide to make a referral to the School Attendance Officer. This person is the Regional Director of the Department's Regional Office where you are located.

WHEN A REFERRAL IS MADE TO THE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OFFICER

The School Attendance Officer will investigate the student absence records and may take one or all of the following steps depending on the circumstances.

Issue a School Attendance Notice

Issue an Official Warning

Issue an Infringement Notice

For more information on the School Attendance Officer, see: [School Attendance Officers](#).

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Victoria Legal Aid's Child Support Legal Service is visiting near you. We provide advice about child support and paternity testing. We may also refer you to other organisations that can help.

We also present free community legal information sessions upon request. The Child Support Legal Service:

- is independent from the Department of Human Services (Centrelink and Child Support).
- provides free confidential appointments for eligible people to discuss legal problems with a child support lawyer.

To enquire about an appointment, go to www.vic.gov.au/legalaid or call Legal Help on 1300 792 387.



Child Support Legal Service



The Child Support Legal Service of Victoria Legal Aid (VLA) assists parents with legal problems relating to:

- getting or paying child support
- paternity testing
- changes of child support assessment
- spousal maintenance
- adult child "over 18" maintenance.

Free confidential in person or telephone appointments are available for eligible people at VLA offices and regional centres.

We may provide information or referrals to other organisations that can help.

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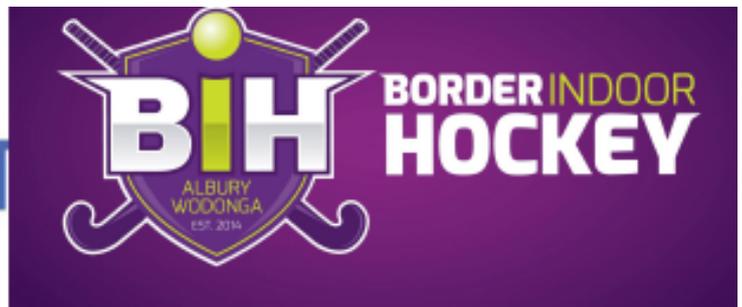
OUTREACH SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2019

September	
Mon 2	Melbourne
Thurs 5	Broadmeadows
Tues 10	Telephone
Wed 11	Frankston
Thurs 12	Mildura
Fri 13	Ringwood
Tues 17	Morwell
Wed 18	Sunshine
Fri 20	Dandenong
Mon 23	Melbourne
Mon 30	Bendigo

October	
Fri 4	Geelong
Tues 8	Melbourne
Wed 9	Frankston
Fri 11	Ringwood
Wed 16	Sunshine
Thurs 17	Telephone
Wed 23	Ballarat
Thurs 24	Melbourne
Fri 25	Dandenong
Mon 28	Telephone

November	
Wed 6	Melbourne
Thurs 7	Broadmeadows
Mon 11	Telephone
Wed 13	Frankston
Thurs 14	Mildura
Fri 15	Ringwood
Tue 19	Morwell
Wed 20	Sunshine
Thurs 21	Shepparton
Fri 22	Dandenong
Tue 26	Melbourne
Fri 29	Telephone

December	
Tue 3	Geelong
Fri 6	Ringwood
Tue 10	Melbourne
Wed 11	Frankston
Fri 13	Dandenong
Mon 16	Telephone
Wed 18	Sunshine



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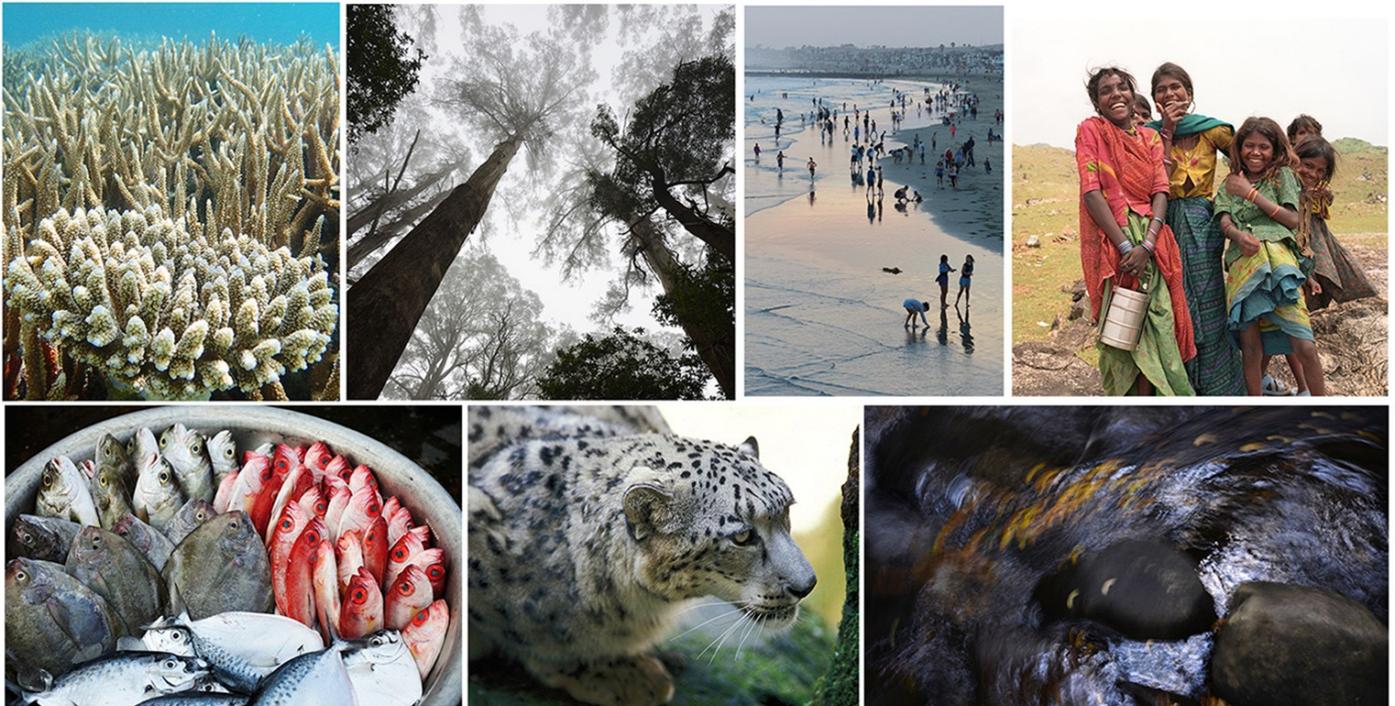
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WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
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Student Environmental Photography Competition 2019

Inviting students from all over Australia to share with us, through photography, how their environments and communities are responding to climate change and today's environmental challenges. We want images that are compelling and beautiful and that tell stories that will inspire all of us to live a more sustainable life. This competition is open to all primary and secondary students as long as you are studying in Australia. The competition will culminate in an end of year exhibition where visitors can view the winning and shortlisted entries and learn about the environment and the challenges of climate change.



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REMINDERS



Start looking for your green broad brimmed hat as you will need it for term 4.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen payments are now overdue for term 3. If you put \$5 per week away starting from next week you will have the \$25 needed for term 4 participation.

Students who have not paid cannot partici-



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