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Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be A Learner

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

Yard focus this fortnight: Respectful to our environment

Principal's report

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Where has term 3 gone to? The busier we are, the quicker it flies. During the holidays, I do hope everyone has a chance to slow down and re-charge their battery. Before we know it Christmas will be upon us.

During Term 4 we have many facets of planning to do for the following year, including staffing, organising classes , Foundation and Year 6 Transitions ('Headstart' for Year 6 students), reporting to parents, Melbourne overnight trip for MYOS , Smile Squad dental visit, Year 6 Graduation, our Arts Show and more.

We also have our School Review early Term 4, which every school undergoes every four years. This will mean having external people coming into the school, contracted by the Department of Education for several days to look at our data and learn about the operations of the school. Although there has been a significant amount of effort gone into our school self- evaluation, it will be really informative to have the perspective from others who work in a wide range of schools, and this will help to guide our work moving forward into our next Strategic Plan which will prioritise our foci for the next for the next four years.

Sunsmart – Term 4

A reminder that all students will need to be wearing a school broad brimmed hat during term 4 when outside in the sun. If you have lost your school hat, we do sell them at the front office for \$10 each. Please also make sure hats are labelled (on the inside of the hat) with the student's name.



Important Dates

20th September	Last day of Term 3 2.30pm finish
7th October	Curriculum Day No students at school
8th October	First day of term 4 for students

News from the Literacy Coordinator

Parent Opinion Survey

Our 2019 Parent Opinion Survey report has been received by the school. Surveys were randomly sent out to 85 of our families, of which we only had 24 families respond. We have 144 families at our school (excluding the Kindergarten) so approximately one sixth of families took part.

There was an improvement in most of the areas on the survey from the previous year, which is really pleasing to see. We are always seeking ways to improve and provide a quality education for all our students.

Please see the following results;

Parent Participation and Involvement was at 75% positive responses, 19 % neutral,

School Support was at 79% positive responses, 14% neutral,

Teacher Communication was at 77% positive responses, 10% neutral,

General Satisfaction was at 75% positive responses, 13% neutral,

Physical Environment was at 96% positive responses, 4% neutral,

School Improvement was at 79% positive responses, 17% neutral,

School Pride and Confidence was at 83% positive responses, 13% neutral,

High Expectation for Success was at 88% positive responses, 4% neutral,

Student Motivation and Support was at 77 % positive responses, 17% neutral,

Stimulating Learning Environment was at 75% positive responses, 17% neutral,

Effective Teaching was at 77% positive responses, 15% neutral

Student Agency and Voice was at 78% positive responses, 15% neutral

Confidence and resiliency Skills was at 79% positive responses, 13% neutral,

Managing Bullying was at 71% positive responses, 19% neutral,

Non Experience of Bullying was at 54% positive responses, 8% neutral,

Promoting Positive Behaviour was at 83% positive responses, 13% neutral,

Respect for Diversity was at 79% positive responses, 18% neutral,

School Connectedness was at 79% positive responses, 14% neutral,

Positive Transitions was at 75% positive responses, 19% neutral.

Thank you to all those who took the time to complete the survey and send it back to school. Your input is highly valued and helps us with planning for the future.

Hope everyone has a very happy and safe holiday and finds some time to enjoy this gorgeous weather.

Regards,

Jocelyn Owen

Happy

HOLIDAYS

ROAD SAFETY

We have had reports of students running in front of moving cars around the Lawrence Street and Norah Avenue intersection.

Please remember to always cross the road safely.

News from the Wellbeing Officer

Ms King

I would like to thank all the students at Wodonga West Primary School for making me feel so welcome at your school. Unfortunately my last day will be Thursday 19th September, this is when Mrs Potter will be retuning. I have had such a wonderful time and will miss you all. Have a good school holiday break.

Term 3 Links Tally

Our winners are **FIRE** with 305 links! They have chosen the reward of a DISCO! Congratulations Fire!

In second place is **WATER** with 284 links! They have chosen the reward of DVD & CHILL! Congratulations Water!

In third place is **EARTH** with 281 links! So close! They have chosen that reward of PLAYDOH AND CRAFT! Congratulations Earth!

Walk to School Month

The month of October is walk to school month. We encourage all students and families to be more active and try and walk/ride or scoot to school. There will be a tally kept in the classroom and everyone who does walk/ride or scoot to school will go in the draw to win some prizes. If you live too far away to walk to school you may wish to consider parking the car a couple of blocks away and walk with your younger children, or dropping your older children a couple of block away from the school to walk (so long as it is safe to do so).



Positive Childhood Experiences May Buffer Against Health Effects Of Adverse Ones

Every moment matters.

Every interaction with a child has a reaction in that child.

Even as we keep working to address the many social and cultural factors we need to address to prevent negative experiences, we should be focused on proactive promotion of the positive. In particular, there's a need to promote a kind way of being. So that wherever a child goes – to school, early care, walking around their community, to a doctor – they're met with warm adults who purposely try to see and respond to them and meet their needs for care and guidance.

News from the P.E. Coordinator

DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all our students who participated in our District Athletics Carnivals at the Albury Athletics Complex recently.

Unfortunately, the weather wasn't kind and we couldn't complete all rotations and events on the day. As a result, all schools met and submitted their own school Carnival times and distances to be collated.

Congratulations to our 9 competitors who will now progress to compete in the Division Athletics at Albury on Friday 11th October.

Well done to Khristeen Weatherall, Shianne Weatherall, Belle Marcuzzi, Tessa De Ruiter, Mathew Dykstra, Zavier Hayes, Lincoln Barnes, Scott Hodgetts and Menghong Heng, who will represent us next term.

Students who missed out on the High Jump events have been given information notes about being held on the first Wednesday of Term 4 at Wodonga South.

JUNIOR SWIMMING

The Prep—Year 2 swimming program will be held at the Wodonga Leisure Centre, beginning next Monday 28th October 2019.

Information and permission notes will be given out early next Term, so please remember to return these ASAP so you don't miss out.

Susan Macdonald

P.E. Co-ordinator



News from SLC

Last Friday the School had the opportunity to take part in a Wheel Chair Sports fundraiser.

We raised \$285.00

As you can see from the photos the children had a ball of a time! This day gave us the opportunity to practise many of our Respectful Relationship valuables and skills particularly team work, resilience, empathy and doing our best.

Dennis Ramsay our volunteer gave us some very positive feedback. He said that he works at lots of different schools and that our students were a big stand out for the way we were prepared to challenge ourselves and get along with others. He enjoyed our inquisitive nature. Well done everyone for showing your very best Wodonga West Primary School values and thanks to Dennis for a great day.

Anyone interested in wheel chair sports should contact the Wodonga Leisure Centre, as classes are often run throughout the term.

Melissa Watson



News from the Playground



We would like to say a huge

THANK YOU

to



for building and donating our new Pirate Ship Playground.

Indie School is a registered and accredited non-government school which provides an alternative education for young people aged 15-19.

News from the Kinder Room



The children have been extremely busy putting their creativity and imaginations to the test. They have been using recycled materials and boxes to create objects. The children worked really hard to create their masterpieces with only a little helping hand from the educators. All the children were able to give a detailed description of what they made. They were all really proud of their creations. The smiles on their faces says it all.



Lewis was so excited with his hovercraft he couldn't wait to test it out in water when he got home to see if it floats.... and it did.



If you are looking for something to do in the holidays with your children, why not collect some boxes, containers, lids and other materials found out and about and start creating and designing a masterpiece together. Happy Holidays.



Reading at home

Make reading fun

Reading at home should be fun and easy—something you both look forward to—a time for laughter and talk.

- Share the reading, take turns or see whether your child wants to read or be read to today
- All children like to be read to, so keep reading to them. You can read in your first language
- Visit the library together and help them choose books to share
- Read emails from family aloud
- Play card and board games together

Talk about reading

- Talk about pictures in books
- Sing songs, read poems and make up rhymes together—the funnier the better
- Be a role model. Let your child see you enjoying reading and talk about what you are enjoying
- Point out words on signs, shops and labels
- Play word games like “I Spy” and “Simon Says”

Make it a special time together

Reading is a great chance for you and your child to spend special time together. Make reading:

- Quiet and relaxing
- A time to sit close to your child
- 10-15 minutes without interruption, away from the TV
- An enjoyable, interesting and special time
- A time to praise your child for making an effort

Here's some tips—

If your child is stuck on a word wait a few seconds, give them a chance to think. If they are still stuck, help them try to work the word out by saying “read the sentence again and think what would make sense”. Ask “could it be...?” (and give a word that might fit). The pictures also help them check they have got the right word. If they still can't work out the word, tell them and praise their efforts. Remember, reading should be fun.

Help your child link stories to their own life. Remind them about what they have done when a similar thing happens in the story.

Talk a lot to your child while you are doing things together. Use the language that works best for you and your child.

ySafe Parent Cyber Safety Session

Information Summary & Follow-Up Resources

Hi there!

Hopefully you were able to attend the parent cyber safety education session held at Wodonga Senior Secondary College on Wednesday 11th September. It was our pleasure to speak with you all and help provide some insight into the precarious and exciting online world.

Parent's Guide to Cyber Safety

You'll find access to the exclusive area of our website on the below link. This is where you can access the parent guide that summarises the information discussed during the session, as well as other useful information like digital contracts, and links to social media help centres.

<http://ysafe.com.au/ParentInformation.html>

Digital Parenting Book

We are so excited to finally announce the release of our 'Digital Parenting' Book! Working tirelessly behind the scenes to bring this to life, our award-winning team of cyber safety experts have shared everything that you need to know about setting up a cyber safe home.

The book covers all the pertinent topics relating to cyber safety, including reviews for popular apps, age recommendations and screen time guidelines, and a raft of downloadable worksheets and templates. What's more, we wanted this to be a powerful and practical resource for parents, so we partnered with Family Zone to give you a one-year subscription to their state-of-the-art parental control tool (for up to three kids and six devices). This will allow you to practically enforce screen time limits, filter out inappropriate content, and control access to social media & other apps installed on your child's device



Our sites

Wangaratta

45-47 Mackay Street
Wangaratta Vic 3677
T: (03) 5723 2000

Wodonga

155 High Street
Wodonga, Vic 3690
Freecall: 1800 657 573
T: (02) 6022 8888

Myrtleford

32 Smith Street
Myrtleford Vic 3737
T: (03) 5731 3500

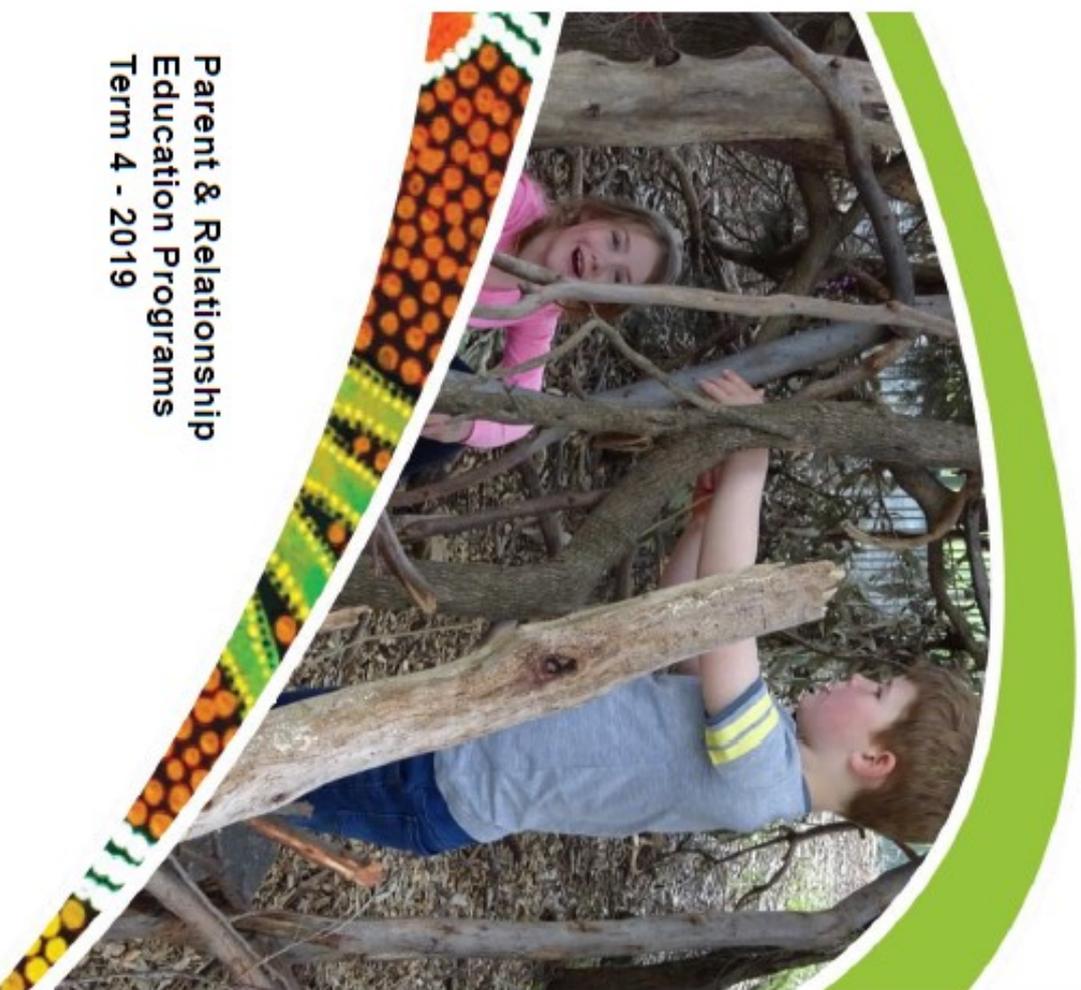


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Interpreter



**Parent & Relationship
Education Programs
Term 4 - 2019**

Parent & Relationship Education Programs –Term 4, 2019 (bookings essential for all programs)

Program	Venue	Date	Time	Phone:
Positive Parenting Telephone Service (PPTS)	Free call telephone service	Ongoing	day & evening appts	1800 880 660
WODONGA				
Tuning in to Kids – emotionally intelligent parenting (2-10 years)	Gateway Health - Training room G10 155 High St, Wodonga	Wednesdays 30th October to 27th November 2019	10am - 12pm	Intake Team (02) 6022 8888
Mother Goose (0-2 years)	Gateway Health - Conference room 155 High St, Wodonga	Wednesdays 9th October to 18th December 2019	10.30am - 11.30am	
Tuning in to Teens	Gateway Health - Training room G10 155 High St, Wodonga	Tuesdays 22nd October to 26th November 2019	6pm - 8pm	
TALLANGATTA				
Emotion Coaching: Connecting With Our Kids (2 hour workshop)	Tallangatta Library	Tuesday 10th December 2019	10am -12pm	Intake Team (02) 6022 8888
ALBURY				
Mother Goose (0-2 years)	Albury Community Health	Monday 14th October to 16th December 2019	9.45am - 10.45am	Intake Team (02) 6022 8888
BEECHWORTH				
Emotion Coaching: Connecting With Our Kids (2 hour workshop)	Quercus Beechworth 26-30 Ford Street, Beechworth	Wednesday 4th December 2019	10:30am to 12:30pm	Intake Team (02) 6022 8888
CORRYONG				
Tuning in to Kids – emotionally intelligent parenting (2-10 years)	Elyne Mitchell Library Corryong	Thursdays 7th November to 21st November 2019	10:30am - 1:30pm	Intake Team (02) 6022 8888
MOUNT BEAUTY				
Emotion Coaching: Connecting With Our Kids (2 hour workshop)	Lakeview Children's Centre Reserve Drive, Mount Beauty	Wednesday 30th October 2019	9:15am to 11:15am	Intake Team (02) 6022 8888
WANGARATTA				
Tuning in to Kids – emotionally intelligent parenting (2-10 years)	Pangerang Community House 38 Ovens Street, Wangaratta	Fridays 8th November to 6th December 2019	10am - 12pm	Intake Team (03) 5723 2000

2020 YEAR 7 Academic Advancement Program

Is your child a high achiever?
Do they have the capacity to work at a significantly
faster pace and depth than their peers?

Second round Expressions of Interest for
2020 Year 7 Academic Advancement Program
NOW OPEN

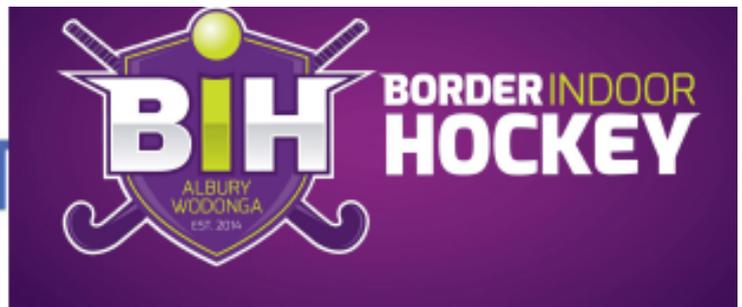
Please contact the College for further information



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[@borderindoorhockey.com.au](https://borderindoorhockey.com.au)

T. 0438 235 395 Mel

9th Oct 2019 - 12th Feb 2020
16 week competition

U12, U15 | Men & Women Senior | Premier
\$200- senior & premier \$165- u12 & u15
Includes uniform ~ Shirt and socks

\$25 off all new junior player registrations

'New players' is a player who has not played in the BIH competition since 2014

\$50 off all new senior player registrations



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
WODONGA SPORTS & LEISURE CENTRE



BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE
RUN - JUMP - THROW

JOIN WODONGA LITTLE ATHLETICS!

Registrations now open!

Little Athletics forms the foundations for all sports.

But mostly, it's a great way for your family to keep fit and active and heaps of fun with your friends!

Girls & Boys 5-15 years
Every athlete is encouraged to improve their own personal bests.

Come and see how it all works from Saturday 21st September.

Find us on Facebook and Instagram:

@wodongalittleathletics

Email: wodonga@lavic.com.au



The Wodonga Community Cricket Blast Program

The program is aimed at 5-7 year olds, and will be on Monday nights at 5.30pm. It is \$75 for 9 weeks, starting on November 11th and finishing on February 17th (none held during school holidays).

Students are also able to register for Master Blast (8-10 year olds on Wednesday nights and Under 12's on Friday nights. These are done via the website www.playcricket.com.au

Your local clubs are:

- Wodonga Bulldogs
- Wodonga Raiders
- Belvoir
- Baranduda

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WODONGA**

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VIP SALE
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Monday 18 Nov - Saturday 23 Nov 2019

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MONDAY - FRIDAY: 9:30AM - 4:30PM

SATURDAY: 9:30AM - 12:30PM

SUNDAY: CLOSED

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Bags!

***VIP SALE CONDITIONS:**

Discount applies **ONLY** to Beleza brand full retail priced items.
Shoes & Discounted items excluded. Some other exclusions apply.

REMINDERS



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



All students will need to have paid their \$25 by the end of the first two weeks of Term 4 to participate in the popular Christmas cooking session. Please note it is part of the term program and students who do not participate throughout the term will not have the option of just paying to do the Christmas cooking session.



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