



WODONGA WEST CHILDREN'S CENTRE

# LINK LETTER



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**Enrolments are welcome for all year levels, including Kinder for 2022**

**Be Safe**

**Be Respectful**

**Be A Learner**

Dear Parents / Carers,

## Principal's Message

### Last week of term

Next week is our last week of school for 2021. What a year we have had and I am so proud of all of our staff, students and families for all of their efforts over what can only be described as a very challenging year. All of the hard work and effort everyone in our community have put in to ensure that life remained 'as normal' as possible for students is much appreciated and everyone should be commended for their efforts through this time.

Our teachers did an amazing job of continuing the learning without students inside the classroom, and families and children did an equally amazing job of continuing the learning inside their homes. Let's hope that in the coming year of 2022 school life can be back on track as much as possible.

### 2022 Details

Monday the 31st January 2022 will be the first day back for all students.

### Class Placements

On Friday (last day of the year) your child will bring home a letter outlining their confirmed class placement and teacher for 2022. Please make sure you keep an eye out for this in their school bag so you do not miss the important information.

### Our New Foundation Students

All Foundation students will have Wednesdays off in February 2022.

These dates are as follows

Wednesday 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd February 2022.

Classroom teachers will be making appointments with all students on these days to conduct individual 1 hour literacy/numeracy interviews. Please make sure you book in for one of these as soon as possible. Details about these interviews and bookings will be available on day 1 2022.



**Last Day of Term 4 - 2.30pm Finish**



## Book Packs

The school office will be open on Friday the 28th January for families who wish to pay for the voluntary school fees and book packs. The \$50.00 book pack fee covers all of the items needed for classrooms including, stationary, books, pencils, rulers etc. These book packs will then be waiting for children in the classroom ready for their first day back. More details on collection and payment of the book packs will be sent home next week (last week) of term. So please look out for this information that will be sent home as a letter with your child.

## Movie Day - Last Week of School

As part of the specialist program (normally Arts/PE/Science). Each unit within the school will be given the opportunity to participate in movie time.

All students are encouraged to bring along their own fresh fruit to eat during the movie.

The movies being previewed by the year groups are

3-6 In the Heights

F-2 Vivo

## Dress Up Day - CHANGE OF DATE



Wednesday 15th Dec!

Change of date due to change of pool party. The theme will be "Christmas Bling" and will be a \$2 donation. All funds raised will go to research for "Williams Syndrome".

## Class Parties Years Foundation-Year 4

Wednesday 15th December will be class party day.

Traditionally on this day all students are encouraged to bring a plate to share with their class.

However, due to COVID safety this year we are asking all parents to please supply unopened packaged food. Class teachers will notify all parents through class DOJO about what your child will or will not need to provide on this day, so stay tuned.

## Year 5/6 Disco, Graduation & Pool Party

During the last week of 2021 there are a few special celebrations for our Year 5 & 6 students.

Monday 13th Dec is the MYOS disco from 2.00-3.30pm. The theme for this year is "White Christmas" so students in the 5/6 classes may come to school dressed in sun smart (no singlets) casual clothes ready for their special afternoon. Snacks will be provided at the Disco by our amazing PFF Fundraising Committee. We thank them for all of their efforts to organise this special event for our students.

Tuesday 14th Dec at 6pm is the Yr 6 formal graduation ceremony in the school Gnyah, parents and guardians should check their school DOJO for special details about this event.

Thursday 16th Dec **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE** is the yr 5/6 pool party at Tangambalanga pool. All students will need to make sure they have a hat, sunscreen, rashie/sunsmart clothing to protect them from the sun and a towel. They will also need to remember to bring their own lunch and drink bottle.



## Just Brass

It is with great sadness that we announce the closure of the Just Brass program which has been graciously funded through the Salvation Army. Both the Wodonga Salvation Army and our school had hoped to continue the program but due to funding and circumstances beyond our control it is not to be. There will however be one last concert!

### **Final Concert PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**

Wed 15 December 2021

2:30pm - 3:30pm

Please stay tuned for the Webex link which will be published on Class DOJO and compass tomorrow.

A huge thanks goes out to Jeremy Kerr for all of the hard work he has put into the Just Brass program, I know that the students will miss his lessons.



### **Kinder Graduation (for children transitioning to primary school only)**

On Tuesday 14th December we will be holding the 2021 Kindergarten Graduation for the children transitioning off to Primary school next year!

Time: 9am - 10am

Wodonga West Children's Centre Gym.



Please note due to Covid 19 only fully vaccinated adults can attend and you must sign in using a QR code and show your proof of double vaccination before entering the gym. Numbers will be limited to two adults per child and masks will need to be worn by anyone over the age of 12. After the graduation, parents will collect their child from a staff member before leaving.

### **Congratulations and Goodbye.**

As it is the end of the year we have some further farewells to make. Miss Lisa Anderson our Foundation teacher and more recently our school tutor will be finishing up with us. We congratulate Lisa on her successful appointment at Chiltern Primary School for 2022. We wish Lisa well in her new role and thank her for all of her hard work and dedication she has given to helping the students at our school.

Regards,  
Britt Hartley  
Acting Principal

### Important Dates

<b>13 December</b>	Final Assembly for 2021 -school only. Webex link will be on Dojo
<b>13 December</b>	MYOS School Disco: 2pm- 3.30pm
<b>14 December</b>	Kinder Graduation Ceremony - 9am Gym
<b>14 December</b>	Year 6 Graduation - 6pm at the Gunyah
<b>15 December</b>	Class Party Day: Foundation - Year 4
<b>15 December</b>	Dress Up Day Fundraiser \$2 donation
<b>15 December</b>	Just Brass Concert: 2.30pm Gymnasium
<b>16 December</b>	MYOS Pool Party
<b>17 December</b>	Last Day of Term 4! Early Finish 2.30pm
<b>28 January 2022</b>	Student Book Packs day
<b>31 January 2022</b>	First day Term 1 2022

# Meet our New Staff for 2022!

Hi everyone! My name is Jess Reitano and I am so excited to be joining the Wodonga West community next year! I am originally from Far North Queensland but my fiancé and I have been living in the Albury/Wodonga region for almost 4 years now. I absolutely love living in this area but still struggle every winter dealing with the cold!

I have 2 greyhounds named Donut and Missy and enjoy spending any free time curled up with a good book. Hopefully that gives you a bit of insight into me and I can't wait to meet you all soon!



Hello, My name is Kaitlyn Platt and I will be joining the Wodonga West Primary School teaching team in 2022. I grew up in Echuca which is about three hours along the river from Albury/Wodonga. I have spent the last four years in Melbourne studying to become a primary school teacher.

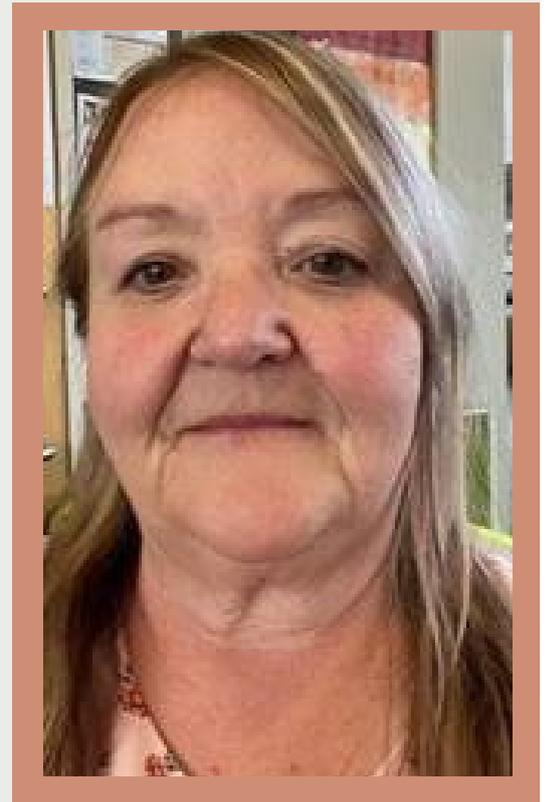
Although Melbourne was fun, I have decided to make the move back to country Victoria to be closer to family and friends. I look forward to joining the WWPS community and meeting each and every one of you.

Hello everyone,

My name is Kay Cantwell and I am very excited to be coming to teach at Wodonga West.

I have been teaching for over 30 years , most recently at Baranduda. I enjoy teaching very much and my favourite thing to teach is literacy. I am married with two adult children and I have a granddaughter.

My favourite thing to do is to travel. I have visited a lot of wonderful places in the world, one of my favourites is the Cinque Terre in Italy. In my spare time I love to garden, sew and ride my bike.



## Christmas Food & Toy Drive



The Salvation Army has sponsored the Just Brass program for the last 3 years at our school and has asked us to make donations towards their Christmas Food and Toy Run.

New toys and non-perishable food items can be sent to the school front office up until the last day of term to donate to families in need.



# Change of Dates

- Dress Up Day Fundraiser  
For Term 4 is now on Wednesday 15th December.  
Please remember to bring your \$2 donation  
for this worthy cause.



- Just Brass End of Year Concert  
Is now Wednesday 15th December at 2.30pm.  
Please enjoy our final concert!



- MYOS Pool Party  
Is now on Thursday 16th December at Tangambalanga Pool.  
Please bring a hat, sunscreen, rashie/sunsmart clothing and a towel.  
Students will also need to remember to  
bring their own lunch and drink bottle.



**PLEASE NOTE**  
**THE SCHOOL ON-SITE CANTEEN IS NOW**  
**CLOSED FOR THE YEAR**

# Kinder Graduation

(This is for children Transitioning to Primary School only)

**TUESDAY 14th DECEMBER**

**Wodonga West Children's Centre GYM**

**9:00am—10:00am**

**Ceremony will start at 9:15am (sharp)**



When you arrive, please escort your child to an educator who will be waiting to sign the children in before entering the gym.

Due to COVID-19 the following restrictions are in place.

- Only FULLY Vaccinated adults can attend the ceremony.
- All adults must sign in using the QR code available and show educators your proof of Double Vaccination before entering the gym.
- Only 2 adults per child are permitted to attend. All attending must adhere to social distancing measures.
- Masks must be worn at all times for everyone over 12 yrs of age.
- After the graduation, parents will collect their child from a staff member before leaving.

**LEARN TO SWIM**

**VICSWIM Summer Kidz** Program is a great way for your child to **learn how to swim & stay safe** in & around water!

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**ENROL FOR SUMMER**

**\$30** p/w

\*An additional entry cost may apply at some pools.

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# Persuasive Writing Text

Some examples from our wonderful students.

Dear Mrs. Owen

I am writing to you to persuade you that zoos are a good environment place for animals.

First off zoos take great care of the Animals they keep. To ensure that the animals are happy they give them a replica of their natural habitat to make the animals feel at home.

Secondly if zoos did not exist many species of the animal kingdom would be vulnerable or critically endangered at risk of becoming extinct. Zoos teach children to care for a care and respect animals and their habitats. Zoos have a colossal impact on people views on animals and how they should be treated!! Staff at the zoo not only take care of their animals they help ill or harmed animals too nurse them back to health and release them back into their natural environment.

Many species have gained in numbers by the help of zoos. Zoos help all around the world for our Animals!!!

Yours sincerely, Jordan constable

Dear Mrs Owen,

I believe that outdoor play is better than indoor play.

Firstly, I believe we can play more games outside then inside and there is *way more* space outside then inside.

Secondly, whenever we are at a McDonald's play area we have to take off our shoes and be a specific age to be able to play on the playground and oh my lord it's *excruciating* to be adults who still want to be a kid.

Thirdly, indoor play area is *so* small that I sometimes feel claustrophobic because how small the area is but on the other hand, outside play area is bigger and comfy.

Lastly, when you're in the indoor play area little kids are everywhere and after a while you get surrounded by these little crazy creatures and since its indoor you can smell their armpits and yucky feet, but on outdoor there's fresh air and more space so you won't smell them.

Kind Regards, Rhiana

Dear Mrs Owen:

Hello, I am here to inform you why country life is better than city life,

The first reason is that country life is so relaxing like it's just so peaceful. No cars, trains, buses or loud voices!

Everyone knows each other and so we can keep in touch since in small towns there is only like 300 people but in a city there is like 100000 people and that's a lot.

In the city it is so difficult to even move around the streets let alone the traffic and since towns are smaller there is only 1 or 2 of a place in each town that's good since you don't have to memorise every single route!

Plus country life is cheaper meaning way less people are out on the streets begging for food but city life is the opposite.

On a sadder note city life has a lot of pollution meaning that climate change is going to come in to play quicker.

So In conclusion the only reason why I would want to live a city life is to have a look at the gorgeous buildings and landmarks.

So do you believe me now?

Yours sincerely,

Angelina

# Book Bags

Available for purchase in the front office \$10 each.



A great addition for students from Kinder all the way through to the end of Primary School.

Book bags are perfect for keeping books and documents safe in backpacks and is recommended for borrowing library books from the school library.



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CLINICS

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**WED 12 JAN**

ALBURY NETBALL ASSOCIATION

11am-1pm

Boys Only Clinic

2pm-4pm

Girls Clinic (8-12yrs)

5pm-7pm

Girls Clinic (13-17yrs)

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