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

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be A Learner

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

School Council Autumn Working Bee

A reminder to all parents and carers that the school Council has organised a Working Bee for this Saturday 21st May between 9am and midday. We only have two Working Bees per year, and we need your support to do some jobs around the extensive grounds such as weeding, sweeping / raking up leaves, pruning, blowing our drains etc. If you can even spend just an hour it would be greatly appreciated. Please bring along your own gardening tools to use. We have two 'Lucky Door Prizes' of \$50 to be drawn on the day. Many hands make light work, so we hope you can support us with these tasks.



Education Week

Education Week is next week. Usually we would run our Junior Masterchef Competition, but as Mrs Kenny is away on Long Service Leave, we will do this at a later date when she returns. We are encouraging families to phone and make a time for a school tour, especially if they have young children beginning in Foundation next year or our 3 and 4 Year Old Kindergarten. We have already had lots of people come for tours and to enrol their children. It is important to remember that we have a limited number of places in our Kindergarten, so people need to get in quickly and enrol to avoid disappointment. If you know of any families with young children, please inform them as we would love them to pay us a visit and show them around as well as answering any questions they might have.

Pupil Free Days

A reminder that students do not come to school on our pupil free days on Wednesday 25th May and on Friday 10th June (which is a Reporting To Parents day). Theircare will be offering child minding on both these days so please contact Theircare to make a booking if you require care on those days.

I am also pleased to inform families that Theircare will be offering school holiday programs on our site, beginning at the end of term 3 (September). This is great news for our families who will be able to book full time or casual days as needed throughout school holiday periods.

Staff Illness

No doubt you have been hearing on the news about teacher and Education Support (ES) shortages everywhere. There simply isn't enough relief teachers around to cover any teacher absences, and as a consequence, we have had to on many occasions cancel programs or split classes across the school into other classrooms. This is not ideal, and we do this as a last resort. However, we have no other option. There has been some schools that have had to close particular year groups from attending just to cope with staff shortages. As Winter is just approaching we are seriously concerned about this continuing or even worsening. It is also very tiring for teachers to have extra students to deal with in their classrooms from differing year levels with limited space. I am just wanting our school community to be aware of these shortages and the toll they are having on our school systems everywhere, not just our school. Fingers crossed that it will not worsen to a point whereby Remote Learning needs to be introduced once again if it reaches a critical level.

Plastics Police

I am excited to introduce our newly appointed Plastics Police team. These eight students will be working with our school community to spread awareness about single use plastics within our school and community. They will also be establishing and promoting recycling within our school and community.

Our Plastics Police are: Beau Anderson, Willow Barber, Tina Nguyen, Niwaz Singh, Chelsea Pollard, Jemma Desouza, Marley Pearce and Sean Graham. Please see their photo with Victoria from the Victorian Police after she presented them with their badges (3 students were absent on the day). These students will have lots of responsibility to educate our community and plan activities across the year as part of their role.



Child Safety Standards

Promoting and protecting the safety and interests of children is a top priority for our school and Wodonga Federation of Government Schools (The Federation). Our School, along with the other schools within The Federation, has a zero tolerance of child abuse.

Since 2016, schools and organisations in Victoria who work with children up to 18 years old have had to implement the Victorian Child Safe Standards.

These standards have now been reviewed and Victoria has adopted a new set of Child Safe Standards which align with the National Principles for Safe Organisations. These Standards come into effect from July 1, 2022.

Our school along with the other schools in the Federation are required to review and update our existing Child Safe Policy and Code of Conduct.

We welcome feedback from our school community on the draft Federation Child Safe Policy and Code of Conduct. These documents can be reviewed by clicking on these documents below:

[Draft Child Safe Policy](#)

[Draft Child Safe Code of Conduct](#)

If you have any feedback, please speak to myself or eo@wodonga.vic.edu.au

Farewell and 'Happy Retirement' to Ms Donehue

It is with a sad heart that we all say Farewell to Ms Denise Donehue, our fabulous Education Support person who has worked at Wodonga West for 28 years. Denise officially retires tomorrow and will certainly be missed by all of us. Denise has had numerous roles within the school that have mainly consisted as classroom support for students with special needs (including signing for hearing impaired child), office administration, Occupational Health & Safety and her favourite role of Library Technician where Denise ran an exceptionally organised and efficient Library (now named Resource Centre). The Resource Centre remains Denise's pride and joy after many, many hours of working there and making it a beautiful place to enjoy. Denise has always been an enthusiastic, dedicated and loyal member of staff with a terrific sense of humour which we will miss. At all times, Denise has given 100% to her role and we thank her for all the hard yards she has put in at West over all those years. We would like to officially wish Denise a very happy, long and active retirement enjoying all the things she has always wanted to enjoy but not having the time to do so. Happy Retirement!

Regards,
Jocelyn Owen
Principal



Important Dates

20 May	Winter Sports MYOS
21 May	School Autumn working bee 9-12pm
23 May	Education week starts
25 May	Pupil Free Day
27 May	Reconciliation week
27 May	Winter Sports MYOS
31 May	Reconciliation Day dress up wear red, yellow, black



If you require a FREE breakfast pack,



please see Mrs Potter

Celebrate Reconciliation Week at our school!

The PFF will be holding a Free Sausage Sizzle on Tuesday 31st May -

Please let your classroom teacher know if your child will NOT be wanting a sausage

The whole school will:

Have a Reconciliation Dress-up day on the 31st May.

We ask our community to dress only in the colours:

Red, Yellow and Black



New Books

We have recently purchased some new books for our library that students, teachers and classrooms can use. These are a fantastic addition to our resources.



PFF FUND RAISER

Billy G's Gourmet Cookie & Biscuit Dough!!

Jump online at australianfundraising.com.au, purchase your favourite yummy cookie dough and raise some money for our school!



If you need help with ordering your cookie dough please contact the office

Smokers waiting to collect students

Unfortunately we are receiving complaints from neighbours who have informed us that parents / carers are dropping their cigarette butts on their property or nature strips / footpath area. This is a dirty habit and we would ask that our school community respects our neighbours and refrains from littering and dropping cigarette butts near their property. A reminder that smoking on school property is not permitted under any circumstance.



CHILD SAFE HOT TOPIC

Part of being a great parent is helping your child learn important life skills so they may leave the nest as a fully functioning independent adult when it is time.

If you're concerned that your kids are too young to start doing chores and helping around the house, you shouldn't be. Children as young as 2 can be tasked with simple chores, and learning to do things around the house has the potential to turn them into more successful adults.

AGE APPROPRIATE CHORES FOR KIDS

AGES 2-5	AGES 5-7	AGES 7-11	AGES 11-14	AGES 15+
				
PUT AWAY TOYS FOLD TOWELS AND SOCKS DUST LOW TABLES	MAKE THE BED FEED PETS SET THE TABLE	EMPTY THE DISHWASHER VACUUM CHANGE BED SHEETS	DO LAUNDRY PUT AWAY GROCERIES TAKE OUT THE TRASH	CLEAN OUT THE FRIDGE MOW THE LAWN RUN HOUSEHOLD ERRANDS

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Preschool (Ages 2-5)

Teaching kids to pitch in and help out around the house can start as soon as they're mobile. Turn it into a game, make it fun, and be sure to praise them for their efforts.

Young kids can:

- Put away their toys and books
- Dust baseboards and low tables: Pretend play cleaning tools are a great way to encourage your little ones to help out.
- Fold hand towels and pair socks
- Pull weeds
- Put dirty clothes in washing basket.

Lower Primary (Ages 5-7)

In the early elementary grades, kids are starting to develop more independence and a sense of personal identity. Giving them more complex chores will encourage their growing autonomy.

At this age, kids can do everything above as well as:

- Sort their laundry / put it in hamper ready to wash.
- Keep school work, books and backpacks organized
- Water houseplants, flower beds and gardens outside
- Get their own snacks from low pantry and refrigerator shelves

- Help prepare school lunches
- Feed pets
- Set and clear the table for meals: Put the expensive China away until your kids are older, and invest in an affordable set of dishes that can withstand some rough treatment.
- Make their bed
- Sweep
- Bring in mail and newspapers

Upper Primary (Ages 7-11)

Kids in the higher elementary grades are gaining confidence, developing their interests, and starting to pay attention to what's going on in the world. Give them only as much supervision as they need to complete the following chores:

- Load and empty the dishwasher
- Peel vegetables, grate cheese, and other simple meal time tasks:
- Prepare microwavable dishes and reheat leftovers
- Vacuum
- Fold and put away laundry
- Change bed sheets
- Wash the car
- Sew on a button: Keep a beginner's sewing kit on hand to make

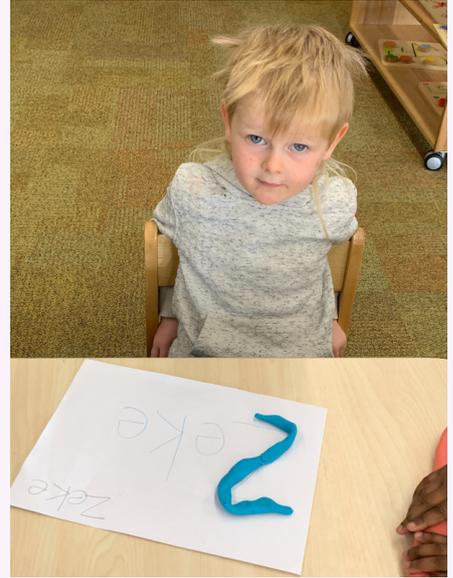
Pre-Teens (Ages 11-14)

Teenagers who have mastered all of the above chores are ready for more household responsibilities. Give them tasks that offer them a challenge, and be prepared to step in if they ask for help. At this age, consider having them:

- Do their own laundry: Collapsible laundry baskets are ideal because they're easy for kids to use on laundry day and store under their beds the rest of the week.
- Clean a bathroom, top to bottom: Colourful classroom caddies are great for all sorts of household cleaning projects. Assign each kid their own caddy for whatever cleaning chore they need to tackle.
- Help shop for and put away groceries
- Babysit younger siblings
- Prepare their own breakfast and lunch
- Read a recipe and prepare a family dinner
- Fill out school and extracurricular forms
- Take out the trash and recycling

Keep their electronic devices charged and updated: If you're tired of hearing, "Mum, have you seen my phone?" or "Why didn't you plug in my tablet?", encourage your kids to take charge of their electronics with a desktop charging station dock

In kinder we have been focusing on learning to recognise and write our names. We have been using playdough to form the letters in our names, pegging letter labelled pegs to the letters of our names and looking at our name cards to help us write our name.



Drawing and painting is a way that children can express their ideas and imagination. At kinder we provide many opportunities for the children to practice their skills in these areas. We encourage all children to participate in drawing/painting at the easels, creating pictures, writing and colouring in pictures at the drawing/writing table as well as chalk drawing on cement. These can all be activities that you can do at home to promote early pre-writing/literacy skills.

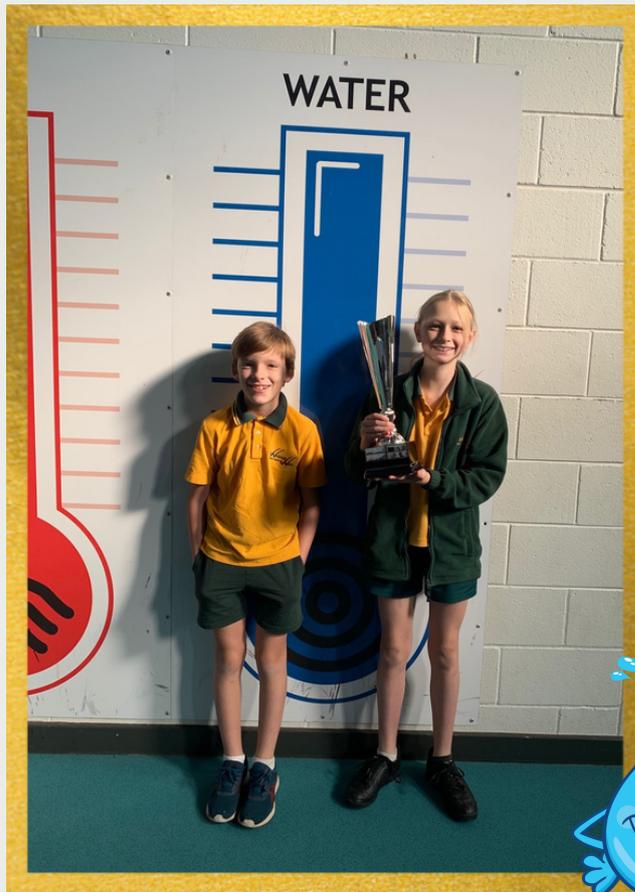




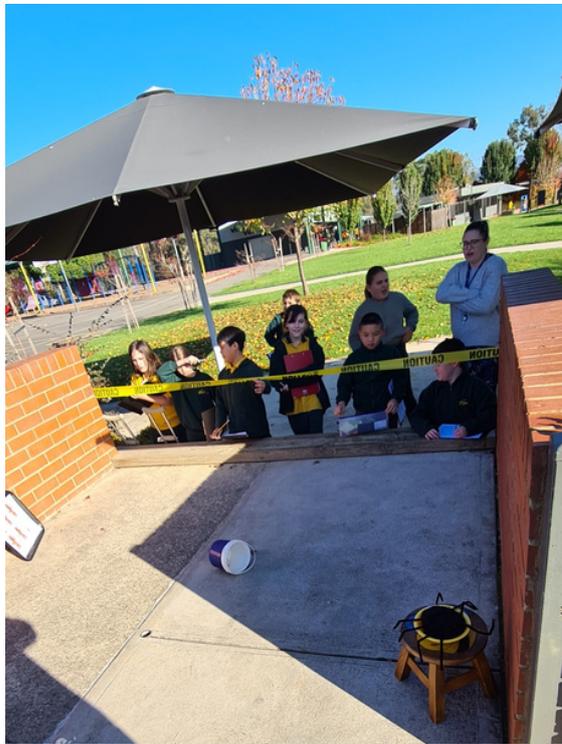
Cross Country

Congratulations to all the students who participated in this year's Wodonga West Cross Country! Thank you also to all our fabulous families who come and supported our runners and volunteered their time to supervise the course. And, a big shout out to all our lovely staff and students from Wodonga Senior Secondary College who helped with this event.

The winner of the 2022 Cross Country Cup is Water!







WODONGA WEST CRIME SCENE

WWPS Students enjoyed investigating their very own crime scene this morning to inspire their creative story writing ideas!





TheirCare
where kids love to be!

Upcoming Events/Info

Wednesday 25th
May, we are open
from 7am—6pm for
the pupil free day.

We operate from a
fully equipped
building next to the
kinder.

Our opening hours are:

BSC- 7am - 9am

ASC – 3:30pm -
6pm

We provide
breakfast for your
children between
7:00am and
8:15am.

Our delicious
afternoon tea is
served at 4pm,
once all the
children are signed
in and settled into
our service.

We currently have
vacancies
available for both
before and after
school care.

Why not pop in for
a visit and check
out the service or
you are welcome
to call us on
0447007044

We have had another busy and jam-packed couple weeks at Wodonga West TheirCare. The children have been involved in plenty of art and craft activities. This fortnight they have been really engrossed by creating different games using balloons, it has been interesting watching the children work together using their imaginations to create different play experiences amongst themselves.

We were also lucky enough this week to receive some new resources for the service, which all the children are super thrilled about! We have a new dolls house, dolls and furniture. We also now have dinosaurs and trucks and an abundance of new materials to create small worlds with.

Some fantastic news for our families as well, we have been approved to open for school holiday's during the spring!

Another reminder we also have plenty of spaces available in both before and after school care. If you are considering bringing your child to Their Care you are more than welcome to give our Coordinator Lee a ring on the service phone or even pop in for a visit during service hours.

Kind Regards,

Their Care Wodonga West



Service Number – 0447007044

Service Email – wodongawest@theircare.com.au

TheirCare HQ - 1300 072 410

TheirCare Email - info@theircare.com.au

Wodonga West Children's Centre

Autumn Working Bee



2 x lucky door prizes!

Saturday 21st May
9am - midday

Please bring along your
gardening tools!

Help keep our school beautiful!



ACTIVE KIDS ARE SMARTER KIDS



FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022

**Until they're ten, children must always hold
an adult's hand when crossing the road**

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eCanteen

Online canteen management software

eCanteen is an online order processing system for schools. It can be used on any device without the need for installation. It is mobile compatible as a free simple app installed from the website without any need of an app store.

The eCanteen online ordering system is designed with parents in mind. Many of its features are designed to make the process of ordering from the canteen convenient and simpler for parents of students. These features include:



Simple login

Login with a Facebook, Google or Microsoft Account to cut down on having to remember yet another login. Don't have one of these, don't worry it's easy to sign up to one of these providers for free.

Manage your own students

Your account allows you to create profiles for multiple students across multiple schools (should those schools be using the eCanteen online ordering system). This stores the details of your students and allows you to process orders for one or more children in a single transaction, rather than having to place individual orders for each student.

Order up to a week in advance

Not only does eCanteen allow you to order for multiple students, it also allows for you to place all your orders for the current week. Cut off times are set by your school's canteen, so please check to make sure you complete your order for a day before the cut off time.

Repeat Orders

Easily access previous orders to copy them into a new order, cutting down on time taken to complete your orders.

Easy, secure payment

All payments are processed by PayPal. PayPal is a trusted payment processing site which gives you security in knowing your details are securely stored, so you don't have to enter them every time. PayPal allows you to use either a credit card or bank account and keeps a record of all payments made.

www.ecanteen.com.au



eCanteen

Online canteen management software

Getting Started

Register Your Account

To use eCanteen you need to register an account and login. To do this you can use an existing Facebook, Google or Microsoft account. You will need to provide eCanteen with your First Name, Last Name, Email Address and Phone Number so that the school can contact you if there are any problems with your order.

Create Profiles

Once you have logged in you need to create a profile to be able to make order. A profile can be created for a Student or School Staff Member. When you create a profile, you must provide the First Name and Last Name of the student or staff member and select their school. Your school may also require you to provide student code, home group, teacher or room. You can have as many profiles linked to your account as you need, with each profile being able to be link to a different school as needed.

Placing an Order and Checking Out

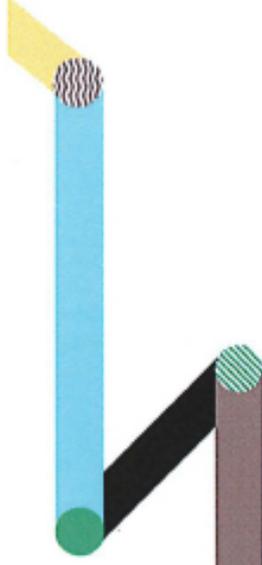
Now you can place an order for each of your profile. Click the new order button and add items to your order by clicking the select button. You can add multiple items by clicking the plus button. After clicking the save button you will return to see all your selected items. You can order for multiple profiles across multiple days of the week in one transaction. Once you have completed all your selections click the checkout button to process all your orders via PayPal.

www.ecanteen.com.au

1 ADD STUDENTS
Register your account

2 PLACE ORDERS
Create student orders

3 CHECKOUT
Securely pay for your orders

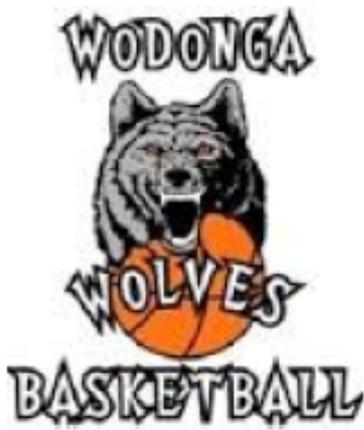


Parenting Programs Term 2 2022

Program	Location / Venue	Day	Date	Time	Registrations
WODONGA					
Tuning in to Kids emotionally intelligent parenting (2-10 years)	Gateway Health 155 High Street Training Room (G10)	Thursdays	5-week Program 19 th May – 16 th June	6.30pm – 8.30pm	Intake Team Wodonga (02) 6022 8888
Tuning in to Teens Emotionally intelligent parenting (10+ years)	Gateway Health 155 High Street Training Room (G10)	Fridays	5-week Program 27 th May – 24 th June	10am – 12pm	
Parenting Trans and Gender Diverse Kids and Teens	Gateway Health 155 High Street Room - F11B	Thursdays	6-week Program 28 th April – 2 nd June	6pm – 8pm	Lisa 02 6055 3053
Mother Goose (0-2 years)	Hyphen—Wodonga Library 124 Howell St	Wednesdays	Full Term Program 27 th April – 22 nd June	10:30am -11:30am	Andrea 0457 279 796
TALLANGATTA					
Mother Goose (0-2 years)	Tallangatta Community Centre 33 Towong Street (Library Space)	Thursdays	Full Term Program 28 th April – 23 rd June	10.30am – 11.30am	Paula 0447 310 679
LAVINGTON					
Mother Goose (0-2 years)	Orana Community Centre 40 Cardo Drive Springdale Heights	Fridays	Full Term Program 29 th April – 1 st July	10.30am – 11.30am	Orana Community Centre (02) 6025 3988

*There is no cost to attend these programs





WODONGA BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION

WINTER 2022



Junior Competition
Boys & Girls
U16&U18 - Monday Night
U14-Thursday Night
U8,U10&U12-Friday Night

Senior
Men & Women Competitions
Div1-5 Men & Div1&2 Women Monday Night
Wheelchair Basketball Wednesday Night
Social Men & Women Thursday Night

Register Online:
Wodonga Basketball Association | PlayHQ

Aussie Hoops
5-10 year old beginner program Monday & Thursday
Register Online: www.aussiehoops.com.au



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