



# LINK LETTER

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**Enrolments are welcome for all year levels, including Kinder for 2023**

**Be Safe**

**Be Respectful**

**Be A Learner**

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents / Carers,

### Book Week Parade

I would like to thank our school community for the way you engaged with our Book Week Parade held yesterday in our Gym. The effort that people went to was amazing to have students decked out in their costumes representing characters from their favourite books. I would also like to thank all our staff whom also went to great lengths to dress up as a book character. It was terrific to see our Kindergarten children join in as well and enjoy the parade. A big thank you to Marissa Connors, our Literacy Leader for organising the parade and for awarding books to the winning students chosen in each class. We really appreciate parents that go to so much trouble hand making costumes that look awesome and it is a really great way to connect with your child or children in doing so.

### Fathers' Day Stall

Our wonderful hardworking PFF group has organised a Fathers' Day Stall for our students in the school and the Kinder on the 1st and 2nd September. There is a terrific range of gifts to purchase with prices ranging from 50 cents to \$5. Our students really enjoy shopping for the special people in their lives so please ensure they bring along their money on either of these days. Any proceeds raised go towards the PFF fundraising efforts which get returned to the school through special requests or projects the PFF want to complete, with students benefiting. The PFF just recently used some of their funds to purchase a brand new barbecue which they used for the first time cooking the last sausage sizzle for students to enjoy.

Thank you to the PFF members for your hard work. If anyone has any time to assist the PFF, please contact the school and we will pass it onto the PFF group who will be thrilled to have more support.

## Theircare

If anyone wishes to utilise holiday care for the upcoming holidays, please contact Theircare to book. Bookings can be made for the full 2 weeks, or casually as it suits you. They do a brilliant job, and the Holiday Program will now be offered on site at our school. During these holiday programs they plan many special events to keep the children stimulated and entertained.

## School Camps approaching

A reminder that the year 5/6 and 3/4 camps are fast approaching – during the week of the 5th – 9th September. We are very excited to be able to offer these free camps this year. We know everyone will benefit from this experience and return home with lots of interesting stories to tell. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us during that week.

Regards,

Jocelyn Owen  
Principal



Book week 2022 winners!

## Important Dates

- 1 - 2 Sep** Father's Day stall
- 2 Sep** District Athletics carnival
- 5 - 7 Sep** High Country Camp Years 5-6
- 6 Sep** Kinder photos
- 8 - 9 Sep** High Country Camp Years 3-4
- 16 Sep** Last day of Term 3 - early finish at 2.30pm

# BOOK WEEK PARADE 2022!



On Tuesday, 23rd August, we held our annual Book Week Parade. After 2 years of not being able to hold our dress-up day, we were finally able to see everyone dressed up as their favourite book character. What an amazing effort! The students looked fantastic and we enjoyed the special appearance of Snow White! Thank you for all of your help organising the costumes and books. It was a fantastic day!





## Wellbeing Report

**If you require a FREE breakfast pack,**



**please see Mrs Potter**

## PFF NEWS

A big thank you from the PFF to all our Wodonga West Primary School families and staff for contributing to our fund raising events. We are happy to report that we have been able to buy some excellent classroom supplies and have also been able to purchase a much needed barbecue. The barbecue will enable us to be able to continue to hold our very popular sausage sizzles throughout the school year.



**THANK YOU!**

## Help and resources

### Kids Helpline

Kids Helpline provides free and confidential online and phone counselling to young people aged 5 to 25. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

[kidshelpline.com.au](http://kidshelpline.com.au) or 1800 55 1800.

### eHeadspace

eheadspace provides free online and telephone support and counselling to young people 12 - 25 and their families and friends. It is available 9am to 1am (Melbourne time), 7 days a week.

[eheadspace.org.au](http://eheadspace.org.au) or 1800 650 890

### Support for parents

Each state or territory has a dedicated Parentline that offers counselling, information and a referral service. Opening hours vary by state.

[Parentline](#) (QLD and NT) — 1300 30 1300

[Parentline](#) (VIC) — 13 22 89

[Parentline](#) (NSW) — 1300 1300 52

[Parent Helpline](#) (SA) — 1300 364 100

[Parentline](#) (ACT) — 02 6287 3833

[Parent Line](#) (TAS) — 1300 808 178

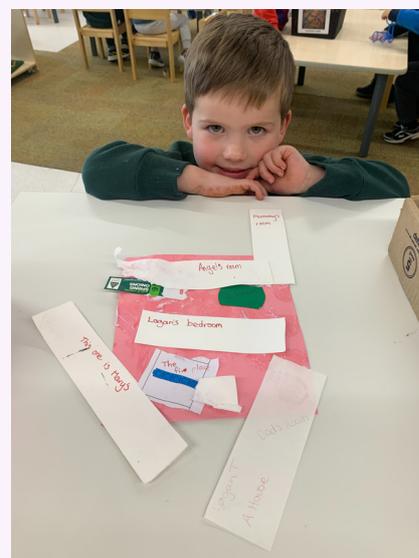
[Parenting WA Line](#) (WA) — (08) 9368 9368 or 1800 111 546

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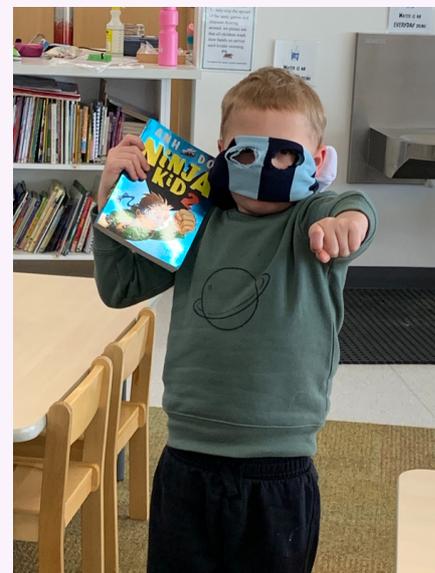
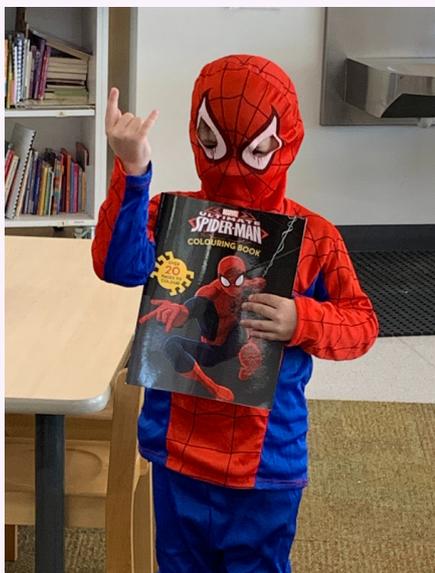
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The children have been busy cooking up a storm in the kitchen with Mrs Hillas. They have been learning new skills and are slowly becoming more confident to taste new foods. They have recently made fried rice as well as chicken and vegetable soup. The kindergarten classroom sure does smell amazing on cooking days. We hope you are enjoying the samples that are coming home as well as attempting to cook these recipes at home for your family.

The children have been working on increasing their creative skills in our craft area. We have been learning about how we can turn items we find on the collage trolley into pictures or objects with meaning. The children are starting to create pictures and artwork that are recognisable and talking about what they have created with the educators.



The kinder children really enjoyed participating in the book parade alongside the primary school students. The children all looked fabulous, so a big shout out goes to our families for going to so much effort for this event.





# Sports News

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

What fantastic weather we had for our Wodonga West Athletics recently! After several years of cancelled events, it was fantastic to finally hold our Athletics Carnival again. The participation and behaviour of all students was highly commendable. It was great to see so many students trying their best at every event, considering for many, this was their first Carnival.

The highlight of the day was the House/Teacher Cup which was keenly contested by all involved. Every house earned bonus points for effort and determination, but the overall winner on the day was Water!

A special thank you goes to the W.S.S.C. students for their invaluable assistance on the day and to our parent helper, Chandra Boon.

Congratulations to those students who were successful in qualifying for the District Athletics. This Carnival is being held on Friday 2nd September in Albury. Please remember to return permission notes and keep training.

Susan Macdonald  
P.E. Co-ordinator





# Camp News

## REMINDER

Not long now until our Year 3-6 Camps, and we are very excited (and almost organised!). We can't wait to try out the flying fox and the ropes course and check out the farm animals. And all the other stuff!

Years 5 and 6 are heading off on Monday September 5 for two nights, and Year 3 and 4 are heading off for one night on Thursday September 8.

A packing list and a letter with bus times and other reminders went home last week. Please remember that all participants need to have a negative RAT in the 24 hours before we go.

Please see your class teacher if you have any questions.

Gilda and Marissa – Camp Coordinators



**WODONGA WEST CHILDREN'S CENTRE**

**FATHER'S DAY STALL**

**1ST AND 2ND SEPTEMBER**

**HAPPY**

**FATHER'S  
DAY**

**STUDENTS CAN PURCHASE A  
GIFT FROM 50C TO \$5.00**



# KINDER PHOTO DAY



*Tuesday  
6th Sept*

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## WE WANT OUR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS/GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. We encourage all families to participate in this survey. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

While previously a random sample of approximately 30 per cent of parents/caregivers/guardians have been selected to participate, this year, all families are invited to participate in the survey.

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from Monday 15th August to Friday 16th September.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Simplified Chinese, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

Survey results will be communicated to parents/caregivers/guardians through annual reporting.

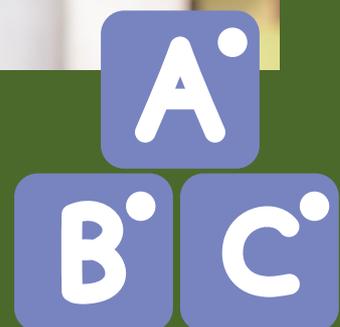
Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.



# Enrolments 2023 Kinder & Foundation

Limited spots available for 2023  
Get in early to secure a position

 02 6024 1188





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WODONGA  
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

## Wodonga Middle Years College Swimming Carnival

We welcome all new Year 7 students to participate in our HeadStart Swimming Carnival. Represent your house team in a variety of swimming and novelty events. With the water slide open and plenty of fun to be had, you won't want to miss it! What a way to wrap up a wonderful HeadStart week and kickstart your journey here at Wodonga Middle Years College.  
Permission and transport information to be delivered closer to the date.

**Where: Albury Swim Centre**

**When: Friday 9th December during HEADSTART**

**What: WMYC Swim Carnival**

**Who: All 2023 Year 7, 8 and 9 students**

**Why: Fun, Fitness and School Pride**





# 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](http://www.ecanteen.com.au)



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## 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](http://www.ecanteen.com.au)

**1** ADD STUDENTS  
Register your account

**2** PLACE ORDERS  
Create student orders

**3** CHECKOUT  
Securely pay for your orders

# Community Lunch

*You & family are invited*



**Tuesday 20th September 2022**

**AWAHS IN WODONGA**

**12PM - 1:30PM**

**RSVP to Britt by txt 0433 007 326**



**TO ATTEND MUST BE DOUBLE VAXXED &  
HAVE NO FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS**



**OUR NEXT SESSION IS:  
3rd September 2022**

**What do you do with broken household items?  
You can fix them at the Repair Café!**

**Our experienced repairers will help you repair them –  
for free!**

**First Saturday of the month, 10.00am to 1.00pm  
Senior Citizens Centre, 15 Havelock Street, Wodonga**

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