



# LINK LETTER

6 Apr 2023

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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,

We were very pleased to see how all students engaged in their learning this term. The whole school had an excellent start to the year, settling into their new classrooms, and class routines.

### Senior Swimming

All senior classes 3-6 attended swimming lessons this term. They had lots of fun and more importantly learned different swimming skills including water safety at the pool. We are delighted to say that students demonstrated our school expectations: Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be a Learner whilst on transport and at the pool. Junior students will also have the opportunity to attend swimming lessons later in the year.

### Dress up Day Fundraiser Event

Thank you to students, parents and teachers for helping us celebrate the beauty and uniqueness of our Australian Animals and raise money for our endangered Bilby. We had a display of creativity and ingenuity, and all the students and staff looked amazing. Check out some of the photos of the event with students and staff in their amazing dress-ups.

We still have a few chocolates left and the SLC will be selling these for \$1.50 and \$1.100 during the first week of term 2.

### Stranger Danger

We want to thank Dimity Hinch from the Wodonga Police for visiting our school to help us raise awareness and teach our students about stranger danger. Students attended age appropriate talks about stranger danger and learnt about how to stay vigilant and safe, as well as what to do if they feel they are in danger. We encourage you to ask your child about what they learnt in their stranger danger talk and have a discussion about this topic at home.



1st Day Term 2 for students - 26th April

## Anzac Day

It has always been a school tradition to send our school captains to represent the school at the Wodonga ANZAC day celebration. This year our school captains, Aubrey Cooper and Lela Duke-Wighton, will attend and will lay a wreath on behalf of our school to honour our soldiers.

## Curriculum Day

First day of term will be a pupil free day for teachers to work on the Numeracy curriculum and professional development.

I wish everyone a happy and safe Easter holiday break. Make sure you rest and recharge your batteries to come back energised and ready to learn in Term 2.

Regards

Leadership Team

## Important Dates

<b>24 Apr</b>	Curriculum Day - No Students
<b>26 Apr</b>	First day of Term 2 (for students)
<b>28 Apr</b>	Cross Country Yrs 3 - 6
<b>5 May</b>	Return raffle tickets for Mother's Day
<b>8 May</b>	School Assembly 9.15am
<b>11 May</b>	Mother's Day raffle drawn

## Sporting Achievements



Jake & Gabriel Golin from Wodonga West Primary School and Border Karate competed in the NAS Karate Competition on Sunday 26th March.

Both kids performed very well in synchronised team form (kata) and sparring. Well done boys.



Tallangatta Secondary College  
2024 - Year 7

**OPEN EVENING**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2023  
Presentation 6pm



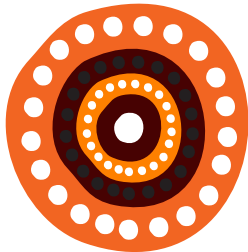
School tours available 9.30am each Tuesday during May.  
Please contact the college to make a booking.

For more information please phone

**02 6071 5000**

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## Koorie Morning Tea and Yarn

We would like to invite parents and carers of our Koorie students to a morning tea and yarn at Wodonga West Primary School after assembly on Monday, 8th May.

It will be an opportunity to meet other families and the school's Koorie Engagement Support Officer (KESO), Karmen Corscadden. Families can meet in the Kitchen at 9.4am. We look forward to seeing you there!

## DO YOU HOLD A CONCESSION CARD?

### CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a health care card or pension card, you may be eligible for CSEF. If you have had a change in family circumstances or a new family to the school please visit the school office to obtain a CSEF application form.



# Teaching Kindness

Kindness is a teachable virtue – but you have to make it a high priority. These 3 simple steps can help instil kindness as a key value in your child that they can take with them throughout life.

1. Use the language of kindness in your family. This will help to convey kindness as an important family value and expectation. For example:

"Would you be kind enough to help your sister pick up the family room?"

"That was a kind thing to do."

"Thank you for your kindness."

"Can you use kinder words to say that?"

"How can you settle this in a kind and peaceful way?"

2. As a family, brainstorm ways to practice kindness.

Together, make a list of kind things people do for others. Examples:

- A person holds a door for someone coming behind.
- Someone gives up a seat on a bus or train.
- People stop to help a driver who's having trouble.
- A passerby gives food or money to a homeless person.
- Friends and family make meals for a family that's just had a baby, is facing a serious illness, or has lost a loved one.
- A student is friendly to a schoolmate who seems to have no friends.
- You offer to help with housework or yardwork without waiting to be asked.
- You share a snack or treat with someone.

Once you have your list of kind acts, as a family create a definition of kindness. Use the sentence starter: "Kindness is . . . "

Sample definitions:

"Kindness is thinking of others and not just yourself."

"Kindness is helping someone who needs help."

"Kindness is caring about others and doing nice things for them."

Post your definition of kindness in a prominent place. Finally, in order to translate awareness of kindness into action, discuss ways you can each show kindness in the family, school, neighborhood, and so on. Ask each family member to commit to one way of trying to be kinder in the week to come.

3. Model kindness in word and deed.

- Treat your children kindly.
- Set an example of kindness and respect by how you talk to each other as parents. When you argue, avoid abusive language and make up quickly.
- Set an example of kindness and respect by how you treat and talk about persons outside the family such as relatives, neighbours, and teachers.
- Avoid uncharitable talk about other people—and explain why such talk is not kind or respectful ("We don't like it when people say bad things about us behind our backs").



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



**please see Mrs Potter**

## Plastic Bottle Caps

This year at Wodonga West we would like to run some fun lunch time activities. Please help us raise some funds for these activities by collecting plastic bottle caps. There will be a box set up in Mrs Potter's office where all bottle cap donations can be dropped off.



## Get Active Kids Voucher Program

In Victoria eligible families are able to apply for a voucher of up to \$200 to go towards the costs of their children playing a sport.

To be eligible your child must be:

- Aged 0 to 18 years
- a resident in Victoria
- named on a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and Medicare Card.



Visit the website [www.getactive.vic.gov.au](http://www.getactive.vic.gov.au) for more information.

# 3/4 SWIMMING



# Term 1 Teacher Challenge

All the students and staff enjoyed watching a fun teacher challenge at lunch time!



Who can put the most amount of sticky notes on their body in 2mins?



Miss Platt was the winner! Can you guess how many sticky notes she had on?



# SAKG NEWS



Students in Years 3 to 6 have been set a challenge in SAKG. Who can guess how many sunflower seeds are in the sunflower head that Mrs Kenny found in the SAKG garden? Bring your answers to the first SAKG lesson in Term 2!



**Sunflowers in  
the SAKG garden  
in full bloom**



## In the Kindergarten

Following on from our Harmony day discussions we have been looking at how we are all different. We have been discussing that our appearance does not define our gender. For example, both boys and girls can have short or long hair. The children have been drawing their faces and discussing the colour of their hair, eyes and skin as well as if they have long or short hair.



The children have been exploring the properties of colour. They have been creating pictures with coloured paper and water and watching how the colours run and mix on their page. This experience has initiated curiosity and wonder about colours and how the water they were using kept changing colour. The children were happy to share their knowledge and extend their learning.



Our  
Winners!



# KINDERGARTEN AUSTRALIAN ANIMAL DRESS UPS





# AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS EASTER PARADE!



# VISUAL PUZZLES & PROBLEMS!

Hi Everyone,

I was happy to see some people had a go at solving the previous problems. Here are the new Greg Tang visual problems. The problems will also be up in the library. This is something you can do as a family or a student can have a go by themselves. The last line of the poem is a clue so if you want to have a go without the clue stop before reading it. Bring in the record of your thinking and post it on the board in the library, put your name on the back if you want to. This will allow discussion of different ways people solved the problem. Happy puzzling!

SHOW US YOUR THINKING

## F-2 problem



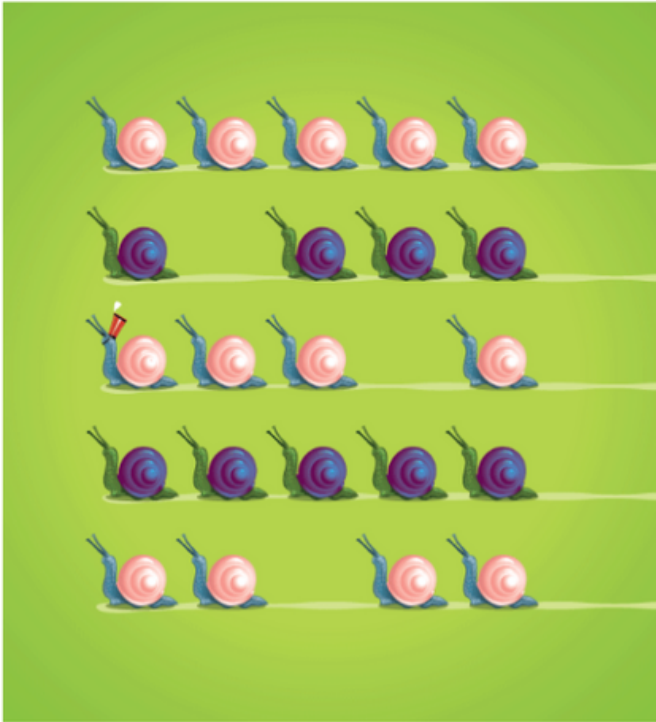
Pleasant times are never far,  
when viewing artwork by Renoir.

In simple moments he'd delight,  
a smile makes this day feel bright.

Please group UMBRELLAS to make 9,  
FIVE clever ways would be divine!



## 3-6 problem



One day while walking through a glade  
I came across a snail parade!

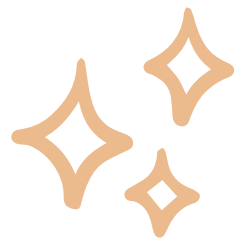
Rows and rows of snails I spied,  
"How do I count them all?" I cried.

Don't just group the ones you see,  
Consider where a snail should be!





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# Term 1 Report



What a busy start we have had to 2023.

It has been absolutely amazing to see so many new friends and families join our service this term.

Within our service for Term 1 we have primarily focused on engagement with the children and creating some long-lasting connections and friendships with their peers.

We were lucky to have an additional companion join us as well this term. Our new friend Remi joins us on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, she was greeted by so many smiles and of course pats as our friends got their chance to engage and interact with her. Remi will be an ongoing support for our service visiting throughout term 2.

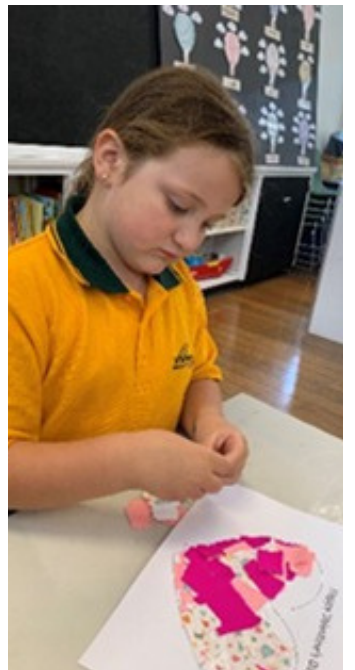
During this term we participated in Walk through where we were very busy cooking up a storm with 2Kg of onion and 200 sausages were cooked up for families to enjoy. It was great to meet so many new families and hope to see some more new faces within our service throughout the year.

## **April School holidays!**

With lots of fun in and out of the service, including watching Super Mario Bros, exploring the great outdoors with amazing tours to creating volcanos, sports, animals and celebrating First Nation people's rich culture, there is something for everyone.

Book in now









Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of April, 2023

Dear School Community,

### Temporary Change of Hours for Term 1-2 Holidays

Please be advised that our Wodonga store will be opening with reduced hours for part of the upcoming school holidays.

**These changes will be in effect from Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of April to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of April**, with regular trading hours resuming from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> of April.

Please see below for our reduced trading hours:

Monday 3/04	Tuesday 4/04	Wednesday 5/04	Thursday 6/04	Friday 7/04	Saturday 8/04	Sunday 9/04
9:30am to 5:00pm	9:30am to 5:00pm	9:30am to 5:00pm	9:30am to <b>3:00pm</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	CLOSED
Monday 10/04	Tuesday 11/04	Wednesday 12/04	Thursday 13/04	Friday 14/04	Saturday 15/04	Sunday 16/04
<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	10:00am to 1:00pm	CLOSED

We'd like to wish everybody a safe and enjoyable time over the holidays, and look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks to help prepare for term 2!

Kind regards,

Beleza School Uniforms



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## Wodonga West Primary School

Times 7:00 am - 6:00 pm

Location 230 Lawrence Street, WODONGA VIC 3690

Call 0447 007 044



Excursion



Super Excursion



In-house Fun



In-house Fun



Public Holiday

**NO SERVICE**  
**Public Holiday!**

MONDAY  
**10**  
APRIL



### Tribe Vibes

Lets go on a wild adventure! Show us your wild side with the traditional indigenous game of Awernts from a special connection with your animal friend, and appreciate our incredible Australian wilderness whilst on the hunt to identify animal tracks.

### Animal Totems

Badges, identify animal tracks, welcome to the party game, awernts. Plus, plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$8.28 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$55.27. Suburb Avg \$8.94.

TUESDAY  
**11**  
APRIL



### Wild Child Party

This wild child party will be larger-than-life! No matter your style, there's a party game for everyone. Tap into your inner wild child with a mix of active and traditional party games including freeze dance, hot potato, giant Jenga and more. Gather your friends and let the fun begin!

### Party Incursion

Don't say why party game, dancing foil experiment, ball head relay race plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$12.41 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$82.7. Suburb Avg \$13.23.

WEDNESDAY  
**12**  
APRIL



### Junior Explorers

Calling all Junior Explorers... it's time to gear up! Today we will decorate safari hats, make pocket-sized binoculars, decorate masks and scratch art, and even play with a fidget toy. These are perfect for your next wild adventure.

### Explorers Pack

Egg-celent relay race, quilling, nature pressure hunt plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$10.88 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$72.41. Suburb Avg \$11.59.

THURSDAY  
**13**  
APRIL



### What's the Buzz?

Today's adventure will see us visit the Beechworth Honey Bee School, where we will learn about the workings of a beehive through an interactive, play-based session! We will explore the different roles within a beehive, learn how bees are essential to the ecosystem and taste yummy honey. Yum!

### Beechworth Honey Excursion

Wild crocodile craft, crocodile races plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure. Arrive at the service by 8:30 am. Pick Up After 2:30 pm. Wear Runners & socks.

As low as \$51.64 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$104.24. Suburb Avg \$16.69.

FRIDAY  
**14**  
APRIL



### Animal Antics

Today will be jam-packed with wild animal fun! Design and make your very own paper mache pet. We'll also create camouflage reptiles and play a game of mystery animals and sleeping crows.

### Papier Mache Pet

Mystery animal game, reptile camouflage, jilera, sleeping crows. No time to sleep, but plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$8.28 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$55.27. Suburb Avg \$8.94.

MONDAY  
**17**  
APRIL



### Rumble in the Jungle

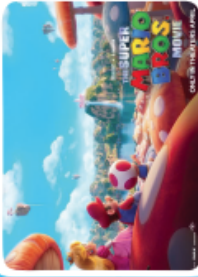
Today will be exciting! We'll work through the stages of building our own exciting volcanoes. Sculpting with clay, painting and then watching the magic happen. The fun continues with three-legged races and splatter tree paintings.

### Volcano Design

Three legged races, splatter tree paintings, puddle pop wearing plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$10.88 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$72.41. Suburb Avg \$13.23.

TUESDAY  
**18**  
APRIL



### At the Movies

From Nintendo and Illumination comes a new animated film based on the World of Super Mario Bros. A Brooklyn plumber named Mario travels through the Mushroom Kingdom with a princess named Peach to find Mario's brother, Luigi, and to save the world from a ruthless fire-breathing Koopa named Bowser.

### The Super Mario Bros. Movie (G)

Super Mario Bros. tube craft, Disney movie charades, popcorn autumn trees plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

Arrive at the service by 8:30 am. Pick Up After 2:30 pm. Wear Runners & socks.

As low as \$15.64 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$104.24. Suburb Avg \$16.69.

WEDNESDAY  
**19**  
APRIL



### Wellness Warrior

Free your mind today because we are going wild for well-being. Lets calm our inner wild child with fun activities and focus on ourselves! Then, the fun continues as we investigate our wildest dreams.

### Wellness Warriors Incursion

Dream jars, sleep masks, heart zap game, paper ball fight plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$12.41 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$82.7. Suburb Avg \$13.23.

THURSDAY  
**20**  
APRIL



### Floating on Air

Today we're going to reach for the sky as we jump on giant inflatables including castles, slides and obstacle courses at Inflatable Fun House.

### Inflatable Fun House Excursion

Freeze dance game, crazy monster pet craft, football plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure. Arrive at the service by 8:30 am. Pick Up After 2:30 pm. Wear Runners & socks.

As low as \$15.64 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$104.24. Suburb Avg \$16.69.

FRIDAY  
**21**  
APRIL



# Holiday Program Important Information!

## What to bring

- A healthy morning tea and lunch
- A labelled drink bottle for water
- Suitable clothing for an active day — closed toe shoes and a jacket if it is predicted to be wet and cold
- SunSmart hat for Spring and Summer holidays
- Medical Management Plan & Medication if applicable — see below for details

## Don't forget!

- Keep your lunchbox nut-free to keep everyone safe
- Do not include food items that need to be reheated
- Label all items with child's name!

## Personal belongings

Electronic devices, money and other valuables should be left at home.

If brought to the service, these items remain the responsibility of the family. TheirCare does not accept responsibility for loss or damage.

## TheirCare provides

- Breakfast and afternoon tea snack
- Sunscreen
- Water to refill bottles

## Child Care Subsidy

Please note that subsidised hours are calculated and allocated by Centrelink on a fortnightly basis. Check Centrelink for eligibility.

## Unexpected changes to activities

In the unlikely event that an activity is unable to run, an alternative activity will be provided. Activities and times are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather or provider availability. If an alternative cannot be sourced we will update your invoice to reflect this.

## Serious stuff!

### Medical Management Plan & Medication

All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition including allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

- a completed Medical Management Plan with a colour photo
- necessary medication

Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Conditions for booking that these are provided.

In the interests of child safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication or medication not be supplied.

## Changes to your booking

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or call us between 6:30am – 9:00pm weekdays on 1300 072 410.

## Fees for changes to your booking

More than 5 days	Less than 5 days*	On the day
No Charge	\$10.00	Full Fee

\*Less than 5 days from the start of the booking (120 hours from the start of the session).

When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 fee is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your families' circumstances.

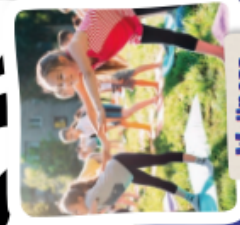
If you have any questions, please speak with one of our friendly Educators or call Customer Support on 1300 072 410.



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# Wild Kids

## Autumn Holiday Program



**Wellness Warriors**



**Fun Park**



**Movie Time**



**Animal Antics**

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# ANZAC Day 2023

Tuesday, April 25



The day to remember Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations.

- 5.45am** Dawn service in Woodland Grove
- 10.45am** Memorial march down High St  
(Form up at RSL 10.15am)
- 11am** Memorial service in Woodland Grove

Enquiries: Wodonga RSL (02) 6024 2023  
Wodonga Council (02) 6022 9300

\*Times were correct at time of printing, but are subject to change.



## INSIGHT-FULL KIDS GROUP PROGRAM

**Do you work with children** experiencing anxiety, difficulty regulating emotions, overthinking, or are struggling to manage stress in their lives?



**Insight-Full Kids is a program helping children to learn about their EMOTIONS and practise skills to help them better manage their thoughts, feelings and behaviours.**

**NOW ENROLLING FOR TERM 2 & APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

For further information contact us: [info@insighttherapiesvic.com.au](mailto:info@insighttherapiesvic.com.au)

# Raising Deadly Mob

FREE 8 week Positive Parenting Program

Each Wednesday Morning during Term 2

Commencing Wednesday 26th April

Time: 10.30am - 12pm

Where: Community Connections Building  
Wodonga

Help to  
understand why  
children behave  
the way they do

8 week practical parenting/carer  
program providing you with a tool  
box of ideas and strategies.

Our program focuses on an increased understanding and  
knowledge of self, Aboriginal culture and parenting practices/  
styles, to build resilience and strength in the family unit.

Sometimes raising our young ones can be a little tricky!  
Would you like to gain new skills?

Learn new skills  
in managing  
tricky behaviours

## Contact

Coby Brock Facilitator  
m. 0428 387 878 e. cbrock@vacca.org

Send referrals to  
omintake@vacca.org



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# April School Holiday Workshop **Puppet Party**

## **Unleash your creativity!**

Join Associate Artist **Rachel McNamara** for a puppetry bonanza.

A three day workshop of fun-filled drama - learning about story structure, movement and building (recycled) puppets.

Plus on the third day present a small show of your work created!

**Don't miss out - enrol today.**

## **WORKSHOP INFORMATION**

Ages: **8-12**  
Cost: **\$180**  
Dates: **April 17, 18 & 19.**  
Start: **9am – 3pm each day**  
Venue: **The Studio, Butter Factory Theatre**

\*There will be a small showing of work at 2:30pm on the third day. Participants will need to bring along their own lunch, snacks and drink bottle. Please wear comfortable clothing that is easy to move around in.

HotHouse will adhere to all COVID safe precautions as recommended by the VIC Government.



**Scan to book**

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# HOLIDAY DANCE CLUB



## APRIL 23

April Wed 19th - Fri 21st  
9am - 5:00pm | 5 -12yrs

No dance experience needed!  
Single class \$20 | 1/2 Day \$55 | 1 Day \$100 |  
2 Days \$180 | 3 Days \$255| Sibling Discounts

**Save the Date- Timetable out soon**

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## SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC

Hockey  
Albury-Wodonga



### Wodonga

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 9AM – 12PM

**WHERE:** Wodonga Hockey Centre

**COST:** \$40

*Equipment & morning tea supplied*

**CONTACT:** Maddy - 0475 450 406  
[hawparticipation@hockeyact.org.au](mailto:hawparticipation@hockeyact.org.au)

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