



# LINK LETTER



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**Enrolments are welcome for all year levels, including Kinder for 2024**

**Be Safe**

**Be Respectful**

**Be A Learner**

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to Beechworth Honey who sent our school a beautiful box of fruit and vegetables. All the vegetables and fruit in the box must be pollinated by bees alone, demonstrating just how important these creatures are to the world and for providing food (other than just honey). Mrs Kenny was able to teach our students about this in the SAKG lessons and the students were fascinated. We placed all the names of our students into a raffle and Mrs Kenny drew out a lucky winner to take the box of goodies home. Congratulations to Jarrah Valentine in 3 / 4 V who was the winner of the raffle. This is the first raffle Jarrah has won and he was very excited to take it home for his family to enjoy (minus the blueberries that mysteriously went missing. I am wondering why Jarrah has a blue tongue today!) At least they are healthy.

A large number of parents stayed and met for a parent information session. It was terrific to see so many and to have such great questions answered. Well done, Miss Hartley, for preparing for and running this session which was so well attended. There are a further 3 sessions the next 3 Tuesdays. The students will have exposure to our staff and a range of activities and learning spaces so that they become increasingly aware of the school's layout and its workings. The students all did really well and we hope to see you all again at the next sessions having fun and interacting with each other.

### 2024 Foundation Transition

We held the first of four Foundation Transition days on Tuesday with great success.



**No School Friday 24th November 2023**

### **PFF Icy Pole and Ice-cream Day**

Our wonderful PFF have put on another icy pole and ice-cream day for our students today. These days are very much enjoyed by our students and I am pleased to say that this time the weather was perfect for such treats. Well done PFF for organising and spending so much of your precious time helping the school out. We really appreciate your support, and any funds raised go directly back into our school and Kindergarten to buy things students enjoy and use.

### **Kindergarten Recycling**

A reminder that our Kindergarten is collecting old or broken plastic pens / biros for recycling so that less go into landfill. Old pens can be taken and placed in the special container in the Resource Centre. Thank you to all those that have sent them in already.

Jocelyn Owen  
Principal



### **Important Dates**

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| <b>21 Nov</b>  | Foundation Transition Session 2<br>9.15am - 12pm  |
| <b>24 Nov</b>  | Wodonga Gold Cup<br>Public Holiday - No School    |
| <b>28 Nov</b>  | Foundation Transition Session 3<br>9.15am - 12pm  |
| <b>4-8 Dec</b> | Year 6 Headstart                                  |
| <b>5 Dec</b>   | Foundation Transition Session 4                   |
| <b>11 Dec</b>  | MYOS School Disco 2pm-3.30pm                      |
| <b>13 Dec</b>  | Bowling Excursion                                 |
| <b>14 Dec</b>  | Year 6 Graduation at 6pm                          |
| <b>19 Dec</b>  | Last day of school for students<br>pick up 3.30pm |
| <b>20 Dec</b>  | Pupil Free Day, last day of<br>school for 2023    |
| <b>30 Jan</b>  | First day of school for students<br>2024          |



# Wodonga West Christmas Raffle

Tickets \$1 each  
Drawn 18th December



1st Prize \$100 Coles Voucher & Rocking Horse

2nd Prize \$50 Coles Voucher & Wooden Wheelbarrow

3rd Prize \$50 Coles Voucher

## MYOS School Disco

The Year 5/6 Disco will be held on Monday 11th December in the school gym.

**2pm to 3.30pm**

**This year's theme is SUPERHERO!!!**



## THEIRCARE NEWS



Vacation Care will be starting from 8th January 2024 please see Theircare for more information



**Wellbeing  
Report**

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



**please see Mrs Potter**

# WEST GOT TALENT

The Grand finale of 'West's Got Talent' will be on Monday 27th of November. Our three finalists are Willow Barber, Beau Anderson and Havannah Hingston, we wish them all good luck.



A huge thank you to the contestants, Judges and all the helpers that have made this competition possible. Also thank you to everyone that has come along to watch, you have been wonderful.

# Fact Sheet

## Video calling safety



### Video calling is fast becoming a popular part of our everyday lives



Apps such as Facetime, Whatsapp, Messenger and Skype are now being used for a range of purposes from socialising with friends and family to engaging in extracurricular activities and online learning for school.

Familiarity using video calling can often mask the hidden dangers that this new medium poses.

### Know the dangers

Live stream, video calling platforms and applications, which allow people to meet in a virtual space carry potential risks particularly for their under-age users. Familiarising oneself with the platform's privacy, security features and their functions is a great idea for parents and carers. Knowing their limitations enables parents and carers to acknowledge and reduce the dangers video chatting presents. Loopholes exploited by online predators enable the potential for information and image sharing, porn and content bombing, spam, and cyberbullying.

Here are some simple steps that parents and carers can use to make video calling safer for kids.

### Age

Many video calling apps have quite low age limits – for example, Facetime (4+), Zoom (4+) and Google Duo (4+) – possibly masking the risks. Skype (12+), Houseparty (12+), Messenger (12+) and WhatsApp (12+) are more restricted. There are apps designed specifically for children such as Jus Talk Kids (3+) and Messenger Kids (4+).

### Talk openly

Have a conversation with your child about the reasons why they may be using the video calling platform or application. Are there other options? Who are they trying to connect with? Talk candidly about the risks and benefits of using the platform or application. Explain to them that just as we must learn how to be safe at home and out in public, we must also learn how to be safe when we are online.



### Use the safety features

Show your children the safety features of the respective platform or application they are using. Teach your child how to block unwanted callers, messages, and spam. For example, on the Facetime application, you can tap the Info button next to the contact name/number. Then tap Block this Caller and Block Contact to confirm. If they are using applications such as Houseparty, teach them how to keep the chat room locked.

Familiarize yourself with the default settings, parental controls and notifications that relate to each video calling platform and application, adjust the privacy settings accordingly. Make clear agreements with your child (age dependent) about how they will navigate pop up advertisements, requests to join meetings or chats, random hyperlinks and in application purchases prior to allowing children access to video calling devices.

Remind your child to communicate with you regularly about their safety concerns and make sure you allocate regular time to sit with them to reassess safety and access with all the devices in your home.



## Think of the call as a public space

Talk to your child about the dangers of information sharing and remind them not to say or do anything that they may later regret. Educate your child about the dangers associated with engaging in seemingly private conversations with close family and friends that may turn out to be public. Some applications and platforms may be susceptible to hacking potentially resulting in content being recorded and shared without the child's knowledge and consent. Conversations may also be overheard or viewed by external parties, such as visiting friends in a participants' household.

## Be aware of clothing/appearance

Protect children's privacy by ensuring that they are appropriately dressed and presented. Ask children to throw on a shirt or change their clothing so that modesty is maintained. Avoid identifying details such as children's school or sport uniforms.



## Use the device in a shared space within the home

Use a shared space such as the kitchen or the living room so you can keep an ear and eye on the conversation and monitor its content. This also keeps the call public and prevents accidental sharing of private spaces or moments online (e.g. another family member changing in the next room).

## Model safe use of video calling apps

Use applications and platforms like Facetime or Zoom with your child, demonstrating safe practices such as: positioning yourself in an open space, making sure that you protect private information (e.g. your full name, address and children's school) and being aware of what you're sharing. Reinforce that they can always talk to you about anything that happens on the app or platform.

## Think about what is appropriate to share virtually

In our haste to be innovative, it can be easy to overlook personal safety considerations. Not all activities are suitable for sharing online. For example, discuss with your child why activities such as gymnastics or yoga may not be appropriate for sharing online and perhaps should wait for face to face interactions.

Video calling can be a fantastic solution to isolation and a great way to share time with friends and family. As with all new platforms, it is important to be aware of the risks for young people. Armed with this awareness, parents and carers can plan for safe use of these new tools.

## Where to Get Help

- In an emergency, call the Police or triple zero (000)
- If you suspect that a child has experienced abuse or is at risk of harm you should contact the relevant state or territory child protection agency. The Australian Institute of Family Studies has an up to date contact list (<https://aifs.gov.au/cfca/publications/reporting-abuse-and-neglect>).
- Parentline - 1800 30 1300 provide free telephone counselling and advice to parents and carers. Resources are available at <https://www.parentline.com.au/>, to support parents and carers to understand a wide range of issues related to raising children and young people
- Kids Helpline - 1800 55 1800 provide a free, 24 hour counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25 on 1800 55 1800. Resources and webchat are available at <https://kidshelpline.com.au/>.

## Useful resources

- Keeping Kids Safe Resources – The Daniel Morcombe Foundation provides free downloadable activities to engage children and young people in learning about personal safety at <https://danielmorcombe.com.au/keeping-kids-safe-resources/>.
- eSafety Commissioner.





## In the Kindergarten

Term 4 is an exciting time for our 4 -5 year old Kindergarten children as they prepare to transition to Primary School. To support this transition the children going to school next year have been invited to attend extra school readiness sessions in the kindergarten. These sessions replicate the day in a Primary School environment and the routine is the same as what is implemented at school. The schedule follows the school timetable and the students eat lunch with the foundation students and play on the school playground. These sessions are extremely beneficial for the children and help support a smooth transition to Primary School.

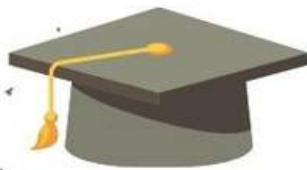


### END OF YEAR DATES

Last day of kindergarten - 14th December

Kindergarten Graduation - 19th December (only for children who are transitioning to Primary School in 2024)

# KINDERGARTEN



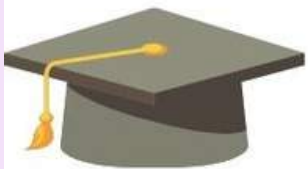
## GRADUATION CELEBRATION

**19 December 2023**

**Wodonga West Children's Centre  
GYM 9:00am—10:00am**

**Ceremony - 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.



*class of 2023*



Wodonga West Children's Centre

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# WMYC Colour Run

**When:** Friday of HEADSTART (8<sup>th</sup> of December) from 12:30pm – 2:30pm. Dismissed from WSSC - Bus travellers will be walked back to WMYC.

**Where:** Wodonga Senior Secondary College Oval

**Travel:** Walking to WSSC with your 2024 teachers

**What to wear:** light coloured clothing that can get dirty

**What to do:** When accessible, check the parent portal and make sure you have permission.





# ENROLMENTS OPEN KINDERGARTEN

3 and 4 year old kinder  
enrolments now open for 2024

**2024**

For tours and booking enquiries

☎ (02) 6024 1188

🌐 [www.wodongawestps.vic.edu.au](http://www.wodongawestps.vic.edu.au)



# 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



**To All Families of Wodonga West Primary School,**

As your school's uniform supplier, we would like to welcome you to our Beleza Wodonga store!

**LOCATION**

**Beleza Wodonga Store**

94 High Street,  
Wodonga VIC 3690

**OPENING HOURS**

**Monday -Thursday:** 9:30am to 5:00pm

**Friday:** 9:30am to 4:30pm

**Every Second Saturday\*:** 10:00am to 1:00pm

**Sunday:** CLOSED

\*Please refer to our Google Business Listing to confirm our Saturday hours

**Phone:**

(02) 6056 9402

We have attached some useful information with regards to uniform purchases with Beleza School Uniforms.

Your family is welcome to join our Beleza School Uniform Membership, where you'll receive **5% off your purchases** in-store all year round.

We look forward to meeting you all soon!

Warmest Regards,

*Beleza Team*





## RETAIL STORE WODONGA

### GENERAL ENQUIRIES

For all general enquiries of uniform items, please contact our Beleza Wodonga Store and our friendly Beleza Staff will assist you with any enquiry you may have.

### LAY-BYS

Lay-bys are welcome all year round. 10% deposit is required. Available in-store only.

### WARRANTY AND REPAIRS

Products appearing to be faulty should be returned to the Beleza Store with proof of purchase. Items have a warranty of up to 6 months (except school bags have 12 months warranty). Please note all warranty and repairs will be assessed by Beleza Head Office.

### EXCHANGES

All uniform items can be exchanged within 4 weeks of purchase if it is brand new with all price tags attached. This must be presented with the proof of purchase.

### DISCOUNTS (RETAIL STORE ONLY)

#### Membership discount:

-5% off all purchases, all year round

#### Prep discount:

- 10% discount in Term 4 2023 for incoming preps in 2024

#### VIP sale:

-20% off all Beleza branded uniform items (excluding existing discounts)

This year's sale will be on Sat 28 Oct. to Sat 4 Nov.

### BELEZA VOUCHERS

All vouchers are to be redeemed in our retail store only.

## ONLINE STORE 24/7

[beleza.com.au/online-store](https://beleza.com.au/online-store)

All uniform items are available for purchase on our online store 24/7.

### ONLINE SHIPPING

- Order processing time can vary between 1 - 10 days
- Sent via Australia Post
- Flat rate of \$10 standard postage
- Free shipping over \$100

### EXCHANGES/REPAIRS FOR ONLINE ORDERS

All exchanges and repairs can be processed using one of the below: 1. In our retail stores

2. Can be posted back at customers expense to Head Office.

All repairs will be assessed at our Head Office.

**Trading Hours\***

Monday - Thursday: 9:30am to 5:00pm  
Friday: 9:30am to 4:30pm  
Every Second Saturday\*: 10:00am to 1:00pm  
Sunday: CLOSED

\*Please refer to our Google Business Listing to confirm our Saturday hours

\*Store hours are subject to change

## WODONGA WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL RETAIL PRICE LIST FOR 2023 - 2024



Shop Online at: [beleza.com.au/online-store](http://beleza.com.au/online-store)

ITEM DESCRIPTION	ITEM COLOUR	SIZES	RETAIL FROM (\$) (INC. GST)	BELEZA MEMBERS IN-STORE PRICE*
<b>GENERAL UNIFORM</b>				
SHORT SLEEVE POLO TOP [WITH LOGO]	GOLD/ GOLD TRIM ON BOTTLE COLLAR	4 - 16	\$ 25.00	\$ 23.75
LONG SLEEVE POLO TOP [WITH LOGO]	GOLD/ GOLD TRIM ON BOTTLE COLLAR	5 - 16	\$ 27.00	\$ 25.65
SUPER FLEECE WINDCHEATER [WITH LOGO]	BOTTLE	4 - 16	\$ 27.00	\$ 25.65
POLAR FLEECE FULL ZIP JACKET [WITH LOGO]	BOTTLE	4 - 16	\$ 36.00	\$ 34.20
POLAR FLEECE VEST [WITH LOGO]	BOTTLE	4 - 16	\$ 33.00	\$ 31.35
SOFT BRIMMED SLOUCH HAT WITH SAFETY CLIP [WITH LOGO]	BOTTLE	5 - XL	\$ 17.00	\$ 16.15
HARD BRIMMED SLOUCH HAT WITH SAFETY CLIP [WITH LOGO]	BOTTLE	5 - XL	\$ 15.00	\$ 14.25

ITEM DESCRIPTION	ITEM COLOUR	SIZES	RETAIL FROM (\$) (INC. GST)	BELEZA MEMBERS IN-STORE PRICE*
GIRLS SUMMER DRESS	FABRIC CODE: 8330	5 - 16	\$ 41.00	\$ 38.95
GILRS CULOTTES	BOTTLE	4 - 16	\$ 25.00	\$ 23.75
RUGBY SHORTS	BOTTLE	4 - 16	\$ 22.00	\$ 20.90
SURF STYLE GABERDINE SHORTS WITH SIDE ZIP-POCKET	BOTTLE	4 - 16	\$ 29.00	\$ 27.55
BASKETBALL SHORTS	BOTTLE	6 - 16	\$ 21.00	\$ 19.95
GIRLS POLY COTTON BOOTLEG PANTS	BOTTLE	4 - 16	\$ 29.00	\$ 27.55
SUPER FLEECE TRACK PANTS WITH CUFFS AND INTERNAL ZIP-POCKET [DOUBLE KNEE UP TO SIZE 10 ONLY]	BOTTLE	4 - 16	\$ 30.00	\$ 28.50
SUPER FLEECE STRAIGHT LEG TRACK PANTS WITH INTERNAL ZIP-POCKET [DOUBLE KNEE UP TO SIZE 10 ONLY]	BOTTLE	4 - 16	\$ 30.00	\$ 28.50
SURF STYLE GABERDINE PANTS WITH SIDE ZIP-POCKET [DOUBLE KNEE UP TO SIZE 10 ONLY]	BOTTLE	4 - 16	\$ 32.00	\$ 30.40
ANKLE LENGTH SOCKS	BOTTLE or WHITE	ALL SIZES	\$ 6.00	\$ 5.70
KNEE HIGH SOCKS	BOTTLE or WHITE	ALL SIZES	\$ 7.00	\$ 6.65

\*Beleza Membership is a free membership program available to all members of your School community and offers discounts on your School's uniform for in-store purchases in Beleza Retail Stores. Membership discounts are unable to be used in conjunction with any other offer or promotion.

Updated 03/10/2023

\*\*Please note pricing may vary depending on size range and between Australian made and imports. Prices are effective from July 2021.



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We want to work with you to make a positive and lasting difference to the lives of children in your community.

As a Key Assets foster carer we'll provide you with 24/7 support, a dedicated social worker and on-going training. If you're looking to provide love, safety and care for a child we'd love to hear from you.







## Are you over 25 with a spare bedroom?

If you answered yes then you're already on your way to becoming a foster carer.

Victorian children and young people in your local community need a safe space to call home



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