

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

Be Safe	Be Respectful	Be A Learner

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

As this is the last Linkletter for 2023, I would like to thank our school community for your support and engagement with the School and Kindergarten. As always it has been a pretty 'full on' year for us all, there is always something on the go, so thanks for your contributions you make as parents. We always make decisions on what is best for the students and keep them at the centre.

In 2024 we will continue to operate with eleven classrooms which makes for an excellent learning environment for students as 11 classes allows for smaller numbers in classrooms. We will also be operating the Kindergarten for three days (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday). There are some limited spaces left in the Kindergarten for 3 and 4 year old's offering 15 hours of <u>FREE</u> Kindergarten over 2 of the 3 days.

Book Packs for 2024

Student Book Packs for 2024 will be available to purchase on Monday 29th January in our Gym during the following hours; 9.30 – 11.30 and 1.30 – 3.30. Book Packs are \$80 which contain their stationery items for the year. Payment can be made by cash or EFTPOS.

Return to School Date

All students will begin school on Tuesday 30th January 2024. During the month of February, Foundation students will not come to school on Wednesdays, unless they have their assessment interview time with their teacher which takes about one hour.

December Student Reports

Student End of year Reports were sent out on Compass yesterday. Please ensure you open these and have a read as they will inform you of your child's progress. It is important you discuss the content of these with your child also and provide them with your praise. A lot of time and effort goes into preparing them, and I would like to congratulate our teaching staff for doing a great job.



Last Day of School

This year students last day of school is Tuesday 19th December and school finishes at 3.30pm on that day. On this day, we will hold a final whole school assembly in our Gym from 2.45 - 3.30pm. This assembly will be to say farewell to our year 6 students who are heading off to Secondary School. Parents/Carers are welcome to attend. All students will be dismissed from the Gym at 3.30pm

Graduation Ceremonies

The Year 6 Graduation Ceremony will be held at Wodonga Senior Secondary School tonight at 6pm. Kinder Graduation will be held next Tuesday 19th December. It makes me very proud to watch our students transition to the next exciting chapter in their lives. Thank you to our Year 6 and Kindergarten staff for going to all the effort to make both these events memorable for both the students and their families. We wish our year 6 students all the best for Secondary School and the future. We hope to hear great things about your aspirations and achievements.

Student Learning Awards

Next Monday 18th December, we will be holding our normal assembly in the Gym from 9.10am to celebrate Student Learning Awards. Parents and our school community are most welcome to attend. We will also be drawing the winners of the WWCC Christmas Raffle.

Classroom Placements for 2024

Tomorrow (Friday) we will be sending home a card which states your child's classroom teacher for 2024. A lot of time and effort has gone into these placements. Students got to meet our new staff on their Transition Day last week so will already know their teacher for 2024. Friday will also see class parties happen and the MYOS Students will attend their annual pool party. Information for class parties will be sent by classroom teachers.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year. We look forward to working together in 2024, and to families with their last child going off to Secondary School – all the very best for the future and remember us fondly.



Important Dates				
14 Dec	Last day of Kindergarten Year 6 Graduation at 6pm			
15 Dec	Class Parties & MYOS Pool Party			
18 Dec	Christmas Raffle Drawn, Assembly			
19 Dec	Kindergarten graduation Last day of school for students pick up 3.30pm			
20 Dec	Pupil Free Day, last day of school for 2023			
29 Jan	Book Packs			
30 Jan	First day of school for students 2024			
31 Jan	Foundation students rest day			

FAREWELLS

Judy Kenny

Judy started working at the school at the beginning of 2012 and has overseen the SAKG Program since starting with us. Judy's passion for sustainable gardening and cooking healthy nutritious food is evident in her enthusiasm in her classes. Judy has always been good at coming up with different and unique ideas from the sunflowers to the coloured pine cone plants at the entrance to the garden, to the unusual produce made in the garden such as cumquats to brambleberries. Judy's ability to involve the students in having a go at things they have never cooked or tasted before has been great for the kids. Judy has been a great character to have around the school. Judy's passion for this program and our students has been a great asset to our school and she will be missed by all. Judy will be retiring and she plans to do a lot of travel and welcome her second grandchild so I am sure this will take up a lot of her time.





Tuti Jones

Tuti has been the Indonesian Teacher here for over seven years. During this time Tuti has been a delight to have on staff and all the students have enjoyed learning Indonesian from Tuti and her own personal stories right through to Teaching the students how to make traditional Indonesian spring rolls (which taste amazing). Tuti's patient and calm approach in class has always been a great asset when teaching Indonesian. Tuti is taking on a fulltime role as an EAL Education Support at Wodonga Middle Years College in 2024.

Jess Watson

Has worked with us through 2023 and has been a great addition as an education support staff member. Jess has worked in the classroom and has been of great assistance to both staff and students. Jess does have a background in the agricultural industry and I would like to thank her for her contribution this year and wish her well for her future endeavours.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank our staff leaving as they have all made a valuable contribution to our school community in their own areas and will be missed by all. I also want to thank our staff for all their efforts during 2023, they often go above and beyond to ensure the very best for our students.

Jocelyn Owen Principal



THEIRCARE NEWS



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



If you require a FREE breakfast pack,



please see Mrs Potter

Great News from the Wellbeing Office!!!

Mr Baker's Lego Club cadets have been very busy putting their teamwork and communication skills to the test and creating some of the finest Lego build's Wodonga West Primary School have ever seen! From aeroplanes and emergency service vehicles to donut vans and hotdog stands – Emma, Jess and Chloe have impressed every step of the way! Well done girls! You have done an amazing job!





CHILD SAFE HOT TOPIC

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 maybe 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://gifs.gov.gu/cfcg/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.gu/ 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://danielmarcombe.com.au/,
keeping.kids.safe.resources/.



eSafety Commissioner

DanielMorcombe.com.au



In the Kindergarten

Flyaway Gymnastic session – Funded by the Colour Run Fundraiser

The kinder children thoroughly enjoyed the gymnastic sessions. They practise many different Gymnastics skills such as balancing, coordination, core strength activities, somersaults and holding their weight up while holding onto the even bars. The children were all very brave as they conquered their fears to swing around the bar while being assisted by the Flyaway Gymnastics coach and the educators.

























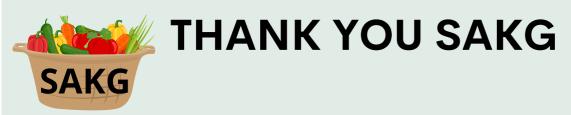
END OF YEAR DATES Kindergarten Graduation – 19th December (only for children who are transitioning to Primary School in 2024)



IN THE KITCHEN

The children enjoyed their last SAKG lessons for the year making pizza and yummy berry icecream from the garden. They had a wow of a time singing along to Christmas songs, with "Last Christmas" proving to be the most popular. Mrs Kenny was very impressed with the vocals and enthusiasm of 34C in particular.





Our amazing SAKG staff and volunteers enjoyed a thank you luncheon under the trees in our lovely garden. A big thank you to the year 5 girls from Ms Terlich's class for setting and decorating the table so beautifully









Term 4 Report 2023

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS DURING TERM 4

What another fun filled term we have had at west but unfortunately it does have to come to end but not without highlighting some of the amazing things we have experienced and engaged in over the past 12 weeks.

World mental health day was 10th October 2023 and we believed that this deserved a full week to be celebrated and work through together as a service. Our service stives on not only meet the expectations and needs of the children but also providing them with a safe and secure environment.

We participated in the colour run by making 250 snow cones for the children after they had competed there run. This was a HUGE hit with 6 different flavours of snow cones. What an amazing afternoon.

We got to go over to see the Wodonga West Art Show one afternoon, this was so fun for us as we got to go and see all the children from the school's artwork they have created, Mrs Owen was very kind to let us all get a free lucky dip from the prize box.

we have introduced our new WeCare charity, this involves a sheet that is displayed on our blackboard and every time we follow the rules & expectations, be kind and listen, help others, and maintain a clean and respectful environment we get stickers on our chart and once our chart is filled, we donate \$50 to our charity which is 'Cerebral Palsy.'

We also had a very spooky 2 weeks in our service creating an amazing environment, filled with cobwebs, spiders, ghosts, and pumpkins. We have made so many different types of artworks using a huge range of mark making objects. and also playing games all based around Halloween. We also starting our Christmas celebrations early with service decorating, arts, and crafts and so much more planned over the last few weeks leading up to Christmas.

Holiday program

We will be returning to care on the 8th of January 2024 and our fun doesn't stop until our last day on Monday 29th January.

This holiday program we have some amazing incursions such as grind and slide learning how to skateboard. Spray dye pandas, <u>Shaa</u> fly cork hats, TC got talent, elephant toothpaste a design your own matildas bag and tag. Excursions include regent cinemas, hot house theatre and 3D bowling. Our in-house days are exploding with some amazing passport days such as Mexican fiesta, Japanese journey, Scottish charm and Hawaiian Luau

































KINDERGARTEN



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





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









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







GENERAL INFORMATION



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.

ONLINE STORE 24/7

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.

DISCOUNTS(RETAIL STORE ONLY)

<u>Membership discount:</u> -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) <u>This year's sale will be on Sat</u> 28 Oct. to Sat 4 Nov.

BELEZA VOUCHERS

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





Uniforms Available at Beleza Wodonga: 94 High Street, Wodonga Phone: (02) 6056 9402

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



RETAIL PRICE LIST FOR 2023 - 2024

WODONGA WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Shop Online at: beleza.com.au/online-store

ITEM DESCRIPTION	ITEM COLOUR	SIZES	RETAIL FROM (\$) (INC. GST)	BELEZA MEMBERS IN-STORE PRICE*
GENERAL UNIFORM				
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	S - XL	\$ 17.00	\$ 16.15
HARD BRIMMED SLOUCH HAT WITH SAFETY CUP [WITH LOGO]	BOTTLE	S - 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.

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

Updated 03/10/2023



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176 High Street Wodonga, right next to Sesame Lane. Ph: 02 6056 3413

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We are open weekdays 9 to 5 and Saturday 9 to 1pm. Come in and see our friendly, helpful staff Amanda, Steph and Trish, who will go above and beyond to make sure your needs are catered to.





Flying Fruit Fly Circus presents

BORDERVI 2 – 22 DECEMBER 2023

CIRCUS ARTS SHOWCASE

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER - CIRCUS HQ, ALBURY

The energy and enthusiasm of our Saturday program kids will fill the training floor to bursting at Circus HQ.

NIGHT FLIES CABARET



MONDAY 7 DECEMBER - CIRCUS HQ, ALBURY

A dazzling display from the talented Night Flies, showcasing a wide range of entertaining circus acts.

CIRCUS IN THE SOUARE: CHANGES

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 5.15PM, 6PM, 7PM SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER 10AM, 11AM, 12PM JUNCTION SQUARE, WODONGA



breath away with a brand-new work, Changes, performed throughout Wodonga Council's Fridays in the Square and Christmas Fun in Junction.

THE LONG PIGS

WEDNESDAY 13 - THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER **BUTTER FACTORY THEATRE**

Spine tingling original theatre, hilariously dark and frighteningly funny.



AIRBORNE

THURSDAY 14 - SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER GATEWAY VILLAGE AMPHITHEATRE



A breathtaking world premiere combining the art of the flying trapeze with the enchanting backdrop of the Gateway amphitheatre.

YOU & I

FRIDAY 15 - SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER **BUTTER FACTORY THEATRE**



Jesse Scott and Lachlan Mcaulay return to the Border where their love story - of circus and of each other - began.

THE GRAD SHOW

TUESDAY 19 - FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER BORDERVILLE THEATRE



The graduating class of 2023 performing their last show together as Fruit Flies in our brand new Borderville Theatre.



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www.borderville.com.au















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January 15 Albury Entertainment Centre

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3rd, 4th and 5th of January

Albury High School

625 Kiewa St, Albury



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Every 2nd Wednesday online 12.30pm

OR

RSVP: Facebook or oohccw@woomera.org.au 02 6057 7400

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