



# LINK LETTER



10 Aug 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,

### Parents, Families and Friends (PFF)

Our hard working PFF Group would like to thank all the families who ordered the Cookie Dough just recently in their latest fundraiser. The school receives a small amount of money for each tub we sell. These funds are then generated back into the school through equipment and resources that the PFF supply, including the popular Year 6 Graduation Medals. We hope that our families have been able to enjoy making and eating the cookies or popping them into the freezer for future use. Thanks to PFF for organising this as well as the pick up of all the dough last Friday.

### NAPLAN Parent Reports

A reminder that the Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN reports are at the front office for families to collect. Many families have done so already and we thank you for that. Please share and discuss these with your child once you have collected the report which comes with a Parent information sheet to help you understand it. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further assistance in interpreting these reports.

### Parking Inspectors

Just a friendly reminder that we have had several unexpected visits from Wodonga Council Parking Inspectors around pick up and drop off times. They are monitoring people who are stopping or parking in 'No Stopping' areas around the school or across driveways etc. There is a significant monetary fine for doing so and they are taking photos of people and cars that are doing the wrong thing.



25 August Book Week Dress Up

Please also remember that the school Car Park is not a pick up and drop off area before and after school as we want to keep every child and family member safe. Do not drive in and around our car park. Only those with a valid Disability Sticker may enter. These stickers MUST be displayed on the windscreen and the maximum speed limit is 5 Km per hour as signposted. Many thanks to the vast majority that always do the right thing and park safely and legally around our school grounds.

Regards  
Jocelyn Owen  
Principal

### Important Dates

<b>11 Aug</b>	Athletics Carnival 3-6 years
<b>14 Aug</b>	School Assembly - 9.10am
<b>22-30 Aug</b>	Somers Camp
<b>25 Aug</b>	Book Week Dress Up Day
<b>5-6 Sep</b>	Kinder photos
<b>14 Sep</b>	PFF Fundraiser Day Dim Sims: Kinder only
<b>15 Sep</b>	PFF Fundraiser Day Dim Sims Last day of Term 3 2.30pm finish

## Term 3 PFF Fundraiser

Will be held on Friday 15th September. (Thursday 14th for Kinder). All money raised will go towards the school. Notes will be coming home soon, orders and money due 1st Sept.



**Dim Sims**      **\$1 each**  
**Primas**        **\$2 each**

## **2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey:**

**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 that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

The survey results will be communicated to parents / caregivers / guardians through annual reporting and to School Council.

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





# Book Week Dress Up Day



Friday 25 August

To celebrate Book Week we will be having a dress up day on **Friday the 25th of August**. This is your chance to come to school dressed as your favourite book character and share your favourite book with others. We will be having a parade in the gym in the morning with prizes for the best dressed.



## Coming in Term 4..... Wodonga West Art Show



Thursday 19 October  
4.30pm to 6.30pm

more information to come



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



**please see Mrs Potter**

## **School Canteen News**

Due to rising costs Icy twists and Mini Calippo's will now be \$1.50 each.

We will now be serving Slushies for \$2 instead of Hot Chocolates



## **Free Shoes**



There are shoes both new and second hand that are looking for a new home.  
If you could use a pair of shoes please see Mrs Potter on Monday.

# KINDER PHOTOS REMINDER

Kinder photos are happening 5th and 6th September. Please chat to Kinder staff if you are unsure of which day you have been allocated.



## LUNCH ORDERS - ONLINE

School lunch orders are now available to be ordered online through

### How to Register

- Visit the eCanteen website: [www.eCanteen.com.au](http://www.eCanteen.com.au)
- Click on 'New User'
- Select either Google, Facebook or Microsoft account to use as a login.
- You will then need to sign into your chosen account.
- Complete the fields to register your account with eCanteen.
- You will then be asked to create a profile for your student in order to place an order (this is done by clicking new profile). An account can contain multiple profiles (eg one profile for each student).
- Select Wodonga West Primary School and complete the student details - please enter classroom into Room Number (For example, 34C for Mr Celi's class).

Once this is completed you are now right to place an order by clicking new order. Orders must be completed by 9am if ordering lunch for that day.

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



# Fact Sheet

## Travel safe



Travelling to school or other familiar places by themselves is an opportunity for children to develop confidence and new skills. Many children start travelling independently in primary school. Parents and carers can help their children make the move to independent travel by using a few simple safety tips.

### Recognise, React and Report

When teaching travel safe skills it's important to remember the following general safety advice for children:

**Recognise** - What's happening around you? Are you safe?

**React** - What can you do if the situation is not safe?

**Report** - Tell an adult at home or school if something is not ok or you don't feel safe.

### Parent and carer responsibilities:

- Practice catching public transport, riding or walking the route together until your child is confident
- Know the timetable and how long it should take for your child to reach their destination or home
- Create a safety test for your child to pass before they can travel independently (ie ask them to lead the walk to school and demonstrate the safety skills they have when crossing roads)
- Very young children should always walk or ride with an adult or older child
- Make sure your child has your contact details and knows how to reach you. This might mean your child needs a mobile phone
- Develop a safety plan together about what to do if there is an issue (such as a bus not stopping, missing a train or falling off a bike)
- Make sure bikes and scooters are well maintained, that car seats are available and that your child has all the safety equipment required
- Always tell your child exactly who will be picking them up and what time
- Make sure you have met other parents or carers providing transport
- Ensure you have contact numbers of parents and emergency contact details for all children you transport and that others have the same for you and your child
- Ask to see licence and or insurance details for any drivers and ensure the vehicles are road worthy and safe

#### SAFETY TIPS

**When using public transport there are rules we all have to follow.**

**Being asked to leave or get off a bus, train, tram or ferry because of disruptive behaviour can be a safety issue for a child. It's important to remind them of their responsibilities when catching public transport.**

Create a family password to be used by anyone who is picking up your child. If they do not have the password, your child does not go with them

## Safety tips to teach your child

### Public transport (bus, train, tram, ferry)



- Know the timetable and how many stops between home and school
- Always have a travel pass or money to pay for a ticket
- Travel with siblings or friends if possible
- Sit where the driver can see you (particularly for younger children)
- Wait in a safe place, standing back from the edge of the road or platform
- If catching a bus, make sure the driver can see you waiting and hail the bus by raising an arm in the air
- When getting off transport make sure it is a safe place like the footpath or platform
- Always wait for the bus or tram to leave before trying to cross a road
- Ensure it is clear, left and right before crossing the road. Do not try to cross from behind or in front of a bus or tram
- Always stay on the platform, never walk on railway lines
- If you miss the bus, tram, train or ferry or it doesn't stop, implement the safety plan
- Talk to a trusted adult at school or home if you ever feel unsafe

### Walking

- Choose the safest route to school and back
- Use basic road safety skills such as how to safely cross the road and only ever crossing when the green walk signal is active at lights or at a pedestrian crossing
- Walk with siblings or friends if possible
- Always walk towards traffic but on the footpath or nature strip
- Be safety aware and on the lookout for hazards such as reversing cars
- When using headphones, only use one earpiece to stay alert to other noises like traffic or people
- Do not make stops along the way (ie to play in the park) unless this has been discussed and agreed to
- Do not accept a lift from anyone who is not known. Remember the *family password* rule
- Talk to a trusted adult at school or home if you ever feel unsafe



### Bike, scooter or skate board



- Always wear shoes, appropriate clothing and a helmet when riding, make sure it is fitted properly
- Stay on the footpath or a bike path if possible and make sure to look out for cars and pedestrians
- If there is no choice but to ride on the road, stay to the left and leave 1 metre between any other bikes or vehicles
- Understand the road rules for bike riding including the hand signals for indicating direction
- If riding in low light use lights and reflective clothing
- Travel with siblings or friends if possible
- Bikes and scooters are designed for one rider, doubling is illegal and unsafe
- Although it's not illegal to use headphones while riding, it's important to be alert to traffic or people noise. If wearing headphones use only one earpiece

### *No child left behind principle*

Some bus companies follow this principle. It is not a law. It is in place to ensure that children are not left stranded at bus stops.

It means drivers cannot leave a child at a bus stop if they do not have a bus pass or they don't have enough money to pay the fare.

It is important that children do not take advantage of this principle. It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure children have their bus pass or money to pay for the fare.

If your child is dropped off before their stop or is not allowed on the bus you can write a formal letter to the bus company or Transport Minister in your state or territory.





# SPORTS NEWS

## WODONGA WEST ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Hopefully the fantastic weather will stay around for our Wodonga West Athletics this Friday at Albury Athletics Centre! All students are encouraged to attend and try their best at every event. The highlight of the day will be the House/Teacher Cup which the teachers are hoping to win! Every student attending earns points for their house with bonus points for good attitude, effort and great style! Parents & Guardians are more than welcome to come and support their children.

Susan Macdonald  
P.E. Coordinator



## In the Kindergarten

The kindergarten has been celebrating National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day which was observed on 4 August with this year's theme being Little Voices, Loud Futures. We contacted Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) who were kind enough to supply us with some wonderful resources to use with the children to observe the day. These consisted of colouring pages, colouring books, story books and even 2 possum skins.

We listened to the story Can you Dance by Sally Morgan, and then the children learnt a dance by an Aboriginal Dancer which was created using the animals from the story.

The Children have painted hand prints displaying the Aboriginal flag, played with Aboriginal painted blocks and played dominoes using Aboriginal printed tiles.



# RECYCLING

The kindergarten is starting a recycling program with TerraCycle® called BIC's Best In Class Free Recycling Program. The kindergarten children invite the students, teachers and wider school community to contribute to this program by dropping your used writing implements in the box provided which will be located in the School Resources Centre. This poster shows which items are accepted for recycling.



## yes

- ✓ Pens, felt tips, highlighters, markers, mechanical pencils, correction tape and fluid pots, fountain pens, ink cartridges

## no

- ✗ Glue sticks
- ✗ Rubbers
- ✗ Rulers
- ✗ Pencils
- ✗ Sharp objects

**When in doubt, leave it out.**

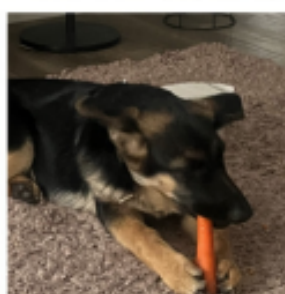
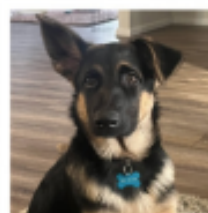
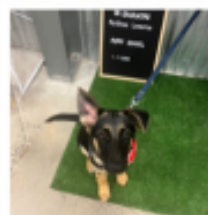
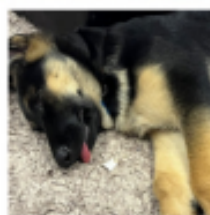
# MEET MISS CLOVER



**MISS CLOVER HAS BEEN VISITING THE SCHOOL FOR 2 MONTHS. SHE IS A 4 1/2 MONTH OLD GERMAN SHEPPARD PUPPY THAT BELONGS TO MISS HARTLEY.**

**MISS CLOVER LOVES GETTING PATS FROM ALL THE KIDS AND LOVES COMING TO SCHOOL TO VISIT THE CLASSROOMS.**

**SHE WILL BE HERE ON MONDAYS, THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS.**



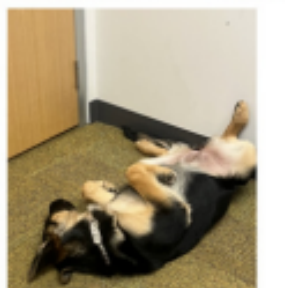
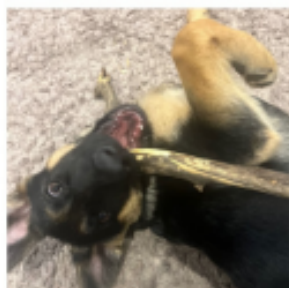
**MISS CLOVER HAS BEEN WORKING ON STAYING CALM OUT IN THE YARD AS SHE GETS VERY EXCITED WHEN SHE SEES THE KIDS PLAYING WITH LARGE BALLS.**

**SHE HAS LEARNT HOW TO SHAKE PAWS AND GIVE HIGH FIVES WITH HER NOSE.**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PICK UP ANY RUBBISH OUT IN OUR YARD SO SHE DOESN'T EAT ANY FOODS SHE SHOULDN'T.**

**WHEN YOU WANT TO SAY HI TO CLOVER PLEASE WALK CALMLY UP AND SAY HI.**

**WE ARE TEACHING HER NOT TO JUMP, SO SHE CAN ONLY HAVE PATS IF ALL 4 PAWS ARE ON THE FLOOR.**





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## Upcoming Events/Info

### Upcoming public holidays/pupil free days:

Last day of term  
15th September  
2023

### Our opening hours are:

BSC- 6:30am - 8:50am

ASC- 3:30pm - 6pm

We provide breakfast  
for your children  
between 6:30am and  
8:15am.

Our delicious  
afternoon tea is  
served at 3:45, 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  
0447 007 044

Please Note: if your  
child is not attending  
care PLEASE inform  
Maddie by phone or  
email

## **Half way through the term already! Whoooooh!**

Some highlights over the past two weeks:

Maddie & Chloe went to Big W to get us some new board games, down balls, basketballs, a uno deck and a foosball table. We had lots of fun with battleships, guess who, 3D snakes & ladders and twister, it was good to see all the children come together to play with each other and build teamwork within the new games.

On Friday we celebrated pyjama day for pupil free day, where we all dressed up in our cool and funky pj's, we were also treated to some pizza for lunch the top picks were Margarita, meat lovers, Hawaiian and ham and cheese! Yumm.

On Friday we celebrated genes for jeans day, Chloe & Maddie wore their jeans to service, and we got to style our own jeans with our colour ins and watch a movie with popcorn for our Friday funday.

This week we are celebrating dental health week, where we will be learning about healthy and unhealthy foods for our teeth and when we should be brushing to keep them healthy, clean, and white.

### **PLEASE REMEMBER**

Please remember to call or cancel your children when they aren't attending after school care or before school care.

We can not stress this enough as we only have a 20min window in which we deem that child missing and our procedure after 20 minutes is to call the police for a missing child.

All we ask is that you call or even text our service to advise us of an absence. 0447007044

Thank you



**Service Number - 0447007044**

**Service Email - [wodongawest@theircare.com.au](mailto:wodongawest@theircare.com.au)**

**TheiCare HQ - 1300 072 410**

**TheiCare Email - [info@theircare.com.au](mailto:info@theircare.com.au)**

# ENROLMENTS OPEN KINDERGARTEN

3 and 4 year old kinder  
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**2024**

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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.

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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.

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**1** ADD STUDENTS  
Register your account

**2** PLACE ORDERS  
Create student orders

**3** CHECKOUT  
Securely pay for your orders





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# Raising Resilient Children (from the Triple P International)

*For parents and carers of children aged  
between 2 and 10 years*



This session will provide information on:

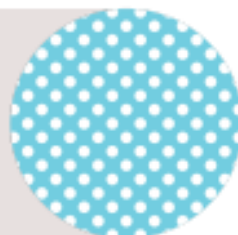
- Recognising and accepting feelings
- Expression of feelings
- Building a positive outlook
- Developing coping skills
- Dealing with negative feelings
- Stressful life events

Location	Date and Time	Cost
Online (link will be provided)	Monday 21st August 7pm to 9pm	This is a free program

## Book your place

To book your place contact Gateway Health on 0457 279 796 or email [parenting@gatewayhealth.org.au](mailto:parenting@gatewayhealth.org.au)

Bookings are essential



[gatewayhealth.org.au](http://gatewayhealth.org.au)

Please note this information applies to Term 3 2023.

# Tuning in to Kids

## Emotionally intelligent parenting

*For parents and carers of children aged between 2 and 10 years.*

This five-week program aims to help parents and carers understand their child's experience and connect with and support their child.



This program will look at:

- managing meltdowns
- tuning in to your children's emotions to help manage behavior
- emotion coaching – helping children to understand and regulate their emotions
- problem-solving and self-care
- the different styles of parenting.

Location	Date and Time	Cost
Gateway Health 155 High Street Wodonga	Wednesdays 2nd - 30th August 10am - 12noon	This is a free program

## Contact us

For enquires and to register your attendance please call 0457 279 796 or email [parenting@gatewayhealth.org.au](mailto:parenting@gatewayhealth.org.au).

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Please note this information applies to Term 3 2023.

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People living well

# Dads Tuning in to Kids Group Program

*For parents and carers of children aged between 3 and 12 years.*

**This seven-week program is aimed at male parents and carers.**

This program will support you to help your child understand and manage feelings ('emotional intelligence').

Children with good emotional intelligence:

- have better concentration at school
- have better success making and keeping friends
- are more able to manage conflict with peers
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry.



Location	Date and Time	Cost
Felltimber Community Centre - 189 Melrose Drive Wodonga	Wednesdays 26 July - 6 September 2023 7pm to 9pm	This is a free program

Light supper will be provided.

## Contact us

For enquires and to register your attendance please call Andrea on 0457 279 796 or email [parenting@gatewayhealth.org.au](mailto:parenting@gatewayhealth.org.au).

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Dads Tuning in to Kids



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# Weekly Carevan Meals

## **Monday Lunch 12pm – 1pm**

St Marks Anglican Church, North Albury (Car park area)  
Corner Corella & Gulpha Streets, North Albury

## **Tuesday Night 6pm – 7pm**

Nagle Centre (Quamby House)  
Dempsey Place, South Albury

## **Wednesday Night 5.00pm – 6.00pm**

Westside Community Centre (*Not operating during School Holidays*)  
16 Mulga Place, West Albury

## **Thursday Night 5.30pm – 6.30pm**

Xavier College, Currawong Street, Albury

## **Thursday Night 6:15pm – 7:15pm**

Felltimber Community Centre Wodonga

**Come along and enjoy nutritional meals, good company and great service**

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