

31 October 2024

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Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be A Learner

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Upcoming Transition Events

Foundation transition days - Beginning on Tuesday, the 19th of November we will be welcoming all of our foundation students for 2025 into the school for the morning. They will attend the school for four Tuesdays in a row and gradually build up their time to almost a full day so that they can get to know the school and meet some other staff who will be working with them next year. The dates for these events are Tuesday 19th November 9.15am - 11am, Tuesday 26th November 9.15 am - 12pm, Tuesday 3rd December 9.15 am - 12pm and Tuesday 10th December 9.15 am - 2pm.

Whole school transition day - On Tuesday, the 10th of December the school will be hosting a whole school transition day. This is the time where all students get to move up a year level and work with a range of different teachers who may be their classroom teacher for the following year. The students will be split into three groupings and rotate between the teachers, so they have a chance to meet all of the teachers for that year level. It is also our hope that we will be able to have any new staff who will be joining our school for 2025 in attendance that day, so that families and students can get to meet them and show them what a great place it is to work and learn.

Headstart week - For all of our year six students attending Wodonga Middle years campus they will have a Headstart week from December 9 through to December 13. Our staff will be there to meet and greet the students on Monday morning for a short period of time before they get underway with the days activities. Then they will have the chance to spend the whole week on the school grounds getting to know the campus, meeting lots of different teachers and participating in lots of different classes and activities that will be on offer for them in year seven in 2025. Please make sure you have placed your enrolment with the college so that your child can attend these sessions.

Student Requests 2025

In the upcoming weeks, our staff will begin to prepare the class placements for 2025. This process takes a lot of work and requires continual adjustments - especially as new enrolments come into the school before the end of the year. We ask that if you have a request for your child

to be placed in a class with a particular friend that these be addressed in writing to the principal and delivered to the school- No later than Friday, the 22nd of November. Please be aware that as our final staffing and allocation of teachers to grade levels is yet to be completed, you cannot request, a staff member for your child's teacher.

Remembrance Day

On Monday, November 11, our school will participate in the local Remembrance Day ceremony, along with the Wodonga community. This includes two of our SLC students, Omar Khan and Casey Ferguson laying a Remembrance Day wreath at the ceremony, which will occur at 11am at the water tower. At the same time, our students at school will participate in a small ceremony to acknowledge the significance of this day. Remembrance Day memorabilia are currently available for purchase from the school office.

Respect and consent

This week as a school community we have been following up with conversations with a range of students around consent.

Consent is an important topic which helps students manage relationships and understanding personal boundaries. Consent involves having permission to touch another person's body. As a school it is important that all of our students understand that no one has the right to touch anyone else without permission. This could include simple acts of contact including holding onto someone's hands, high fives, touching someone on the shoulder, asking for a hug or asking for other physical contact such as kissing etc. We will be following up with explicit teaching around consent in our respectful relationships program to help all of our students understand this important concept and make our school a safe and happy place for everyone.

Regards,

Britt Hartley
Assistant Principal

Important Dates

1st November	Beechworth Bee Excursion Year 3-6
7th November	Kanga Cricket Excursion Year 5-6
29th November	Wodonga Gold Cup Holiday Pupil Free Day
2-6th December	Sailing Excursions Year 5-6
9-13th December	Headstart Week - Year 6 Students Attending WMYC in 2025
17th December	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony 6pm at Wodonga Senior Secondary
19th December	Last Day of Term 4 for Students

DON'T FORGET

PFF Ice cream,
Prima & Pop Corn
Fundraiser orders
are due Monday
4th November

Sun Smart Awareness

Now it is October the weather is warming up and we need to be more mindful of protecting ourselves and our children from the sun. In **Term 1 and Term 4** our school implements a **no hat no play** policy to ensure all children are protected from sun exposure. Please make sure your child has their green broad brimmed hat every day in their bag so they can enjoy their breaks!



We are SunSmart - a note for families

Too much of the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer.

UV damage accumulated during childhood and adolescence is associated with an increased risk of skin cancer later in life. Skin cancer is the most common cancer in Australia. It is also one of the most preventable cancers.

You can't see or feel the sun's UV. Whatever the weather, if the UV levels are three or more, it's important to *Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide!*

Sun protection times

Don't just wait for hot and sunny days to use sun protection. Check the sun protection times each day so your family can be protected when they need to be.

Daily local sun protection times and weather details are available from the SunSmart widget on our school website, in the weather section of the newspaper, on the SunSmart website at sunsmart.com.au and as a free SunSmart app. Sun protection times can also be found at the Bureau of Meteorology website and live UV levels are available from ARPANSA.



SunSmart membership

Our school is a registered member of Cancer Council Victoria's SunSmart Schools Program. We aim to protect children and staff from too much UV.

Sun protection and skin cancer prevention is a shared responsibility. Please help support our SunSmart membership and sun protection efforts by ensuring your child follows the SunSmart measures included in our policy at school and at home.

During the daily local sun protection times (usually from mid-August to the end of April), **use these 5 SunSmart steps – even if it's cool and cloudy.**

1. **SLIP** on covering clothing

For free dress days, ensure your child wears clothing that covers as much skin as possible (e.g. elbow length tops with a higher neckline or collar and longer style shorts or skirts). Densely woven fabrics are best.



2. **SLOP** on SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen

Apply a generous amount of sunscreen at the start of the day and make sure children have sunscreen in their bag ready to reapply throughout the day. Sunscreen should be reapplied every two hours. Please ensure children get plenty of sunscreen application practice at home so they'll be all set when they are at school. Under supervision, ask children to put a dot of sunscreen on each cheek, nose and chin and rub it in (avoiding the eye area) and sunscreen squiggles or dots on the back of the neck, arms and legs to cover these areas.

3. **SLAP** on a hat that protects the face, neck and ears

Choose a wide-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hat. Peak caps and visors do not offer enough UV protection so please leave them at home. Please help your child remember to bring and wear their approved **school hat**. Please keep this at school so they will always be ready for outdoor activities, outdoor learning and play during school days. For the walk to and from school and weekends, please have an extra **home hat** to help keep children protected at home.

4. **SEEK** shade

Choose shady spots for learning and play whenever possible.

5. **SLIDE** on wrap-around AS1067 sunglasses

When appropriate and practical, help protect the eyes with sunglasses.

Need information in another language? Call 13 14 50 and ask to be connected to Cancer Council Victoria in your language

PE NEWS



Kanga Cricket Carnival

All Year 5/6 students will participate in the Kanga Cricket Carnival being held next week, on Thursday 6th November, at Willow Park. As the weather is warming up, make sure you bring plenty of water, your school hat and any asthma medication. There will be a BBQ, but often queues are long, so remember to pack your lunch as well.

Parents are welcome to attend to cheer on our teams!

Susan Macdonald
P.E. Co-ordinator

SLC NEWS

For more than 100 years, the annual RSL Australia **POPPY APPEAL** has supported Australian veterans and their families.

By purchasing items through the Poppy Appeal, you will help the RSL continue to deliver life-changing support to our veterans when they need it most.

Students can purchase POPPY APPEAL merchandise at school

Items available to purchase range from \$2 - \$5 each

Grade 6 students will visit all classrooms to give students the opportunity to purchase items



Lunch Orders

Please remember that school lunch orders need to be placed in the lunch order box in the office by 9am. Online lunch orders are available to all families through eCanteen, please visit www.ecanteen.com.au or see the office for more information.



SAKG NEWS

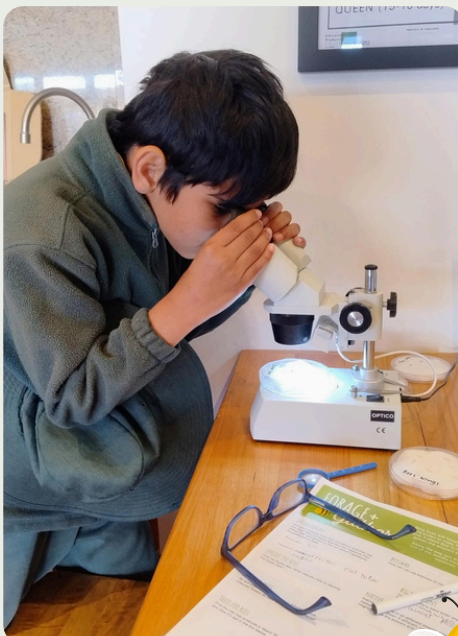
Over the last couple of weeks, 56N, 56T and 56C have continued working hard on restoring the area around our old frog pond. The plan is to clean up the area and create a friendly habitat with the hope that some local frogs might make it their home!

We have also been picking lots of citrus from our trees recently and this has meant that we were able to create some beautiful fruit platters to eat alongside our sushi and Tamagoyaki, a Japanese inspired egg roll with spinach.

Our 1/2 classes have been getting creative with the building blocks during late afternoon garden sessions. It's fantastic to see them move from creating simple square boxes at the beginning of the year to now creating 3D shapes



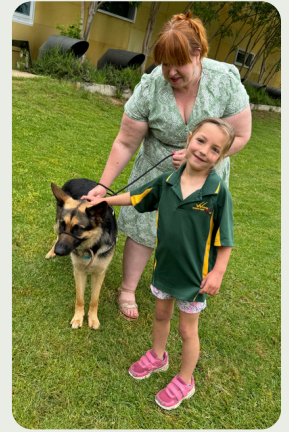
Beechworth Bee School Excursion





KINDERGARTEN NEWS

With the playground renovations taking a little longer than anticipated, we have been venturing outside into the school grounds to get some fresh air and physical activity. The children have enjoyed playing games on the front lawn and going for walks around the school. It has been especially exciting running into and getting to pat our school dog, Miss Clover.



As it is getting closer to the end of the year, transition to primary school is now becoming a strong focus within our Kindergarten. School readiness sessions have now started and will run over a 4-week period. These sessions are solely for those children attending primary school in 2025 and are run exactly like a school day. The day starts with the children lining up outside when the school bell rings, before being led into the kinder, just like the foundation arrival routine. Learning sessions then begin with the children completing structured tasks in handwriting, early literacy and numeracy. The children join the foundation students for lunch and spend play time in the school playground alongside the primary school students. Throughout the week, they also spend time learning in the foundation classrooms when they are vacant. These experiences all complement our transition to school process.

Our Kindergarten is seeking donations of unwanted pants and shorts in sizes 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Donations can be dropped into the Kindergarten or office.



KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

2025

- ✓ Fully funded (no cost)
- ✓ 3 and 4 year old
- ✓ Enrol now for 2025

Enrolment packs are
available from the office

*To secure your place
please submit your
enrolment form asap*

For tours and enquiries

 (02) 6024 1188

www.wodongawestps.vic.edu.au



WODONGA WEST CHILDREN'S CENTRE

BREAKFAST CLUB

Toasted Sandwiches
Fruit Cups
Primas

EVERY MON & WED

8.30-8.50AM



- Running for Term 2!
- All kids welcome
- Held in the SAKG Kitchen

COMMUNITY NEWS

Proudly presented by Drop In & Take Off

Girls Skate

FREE FEMALE SKATEBOARD WORKSHOPS
ALL ABILITIES
ALL GEAR PROVIDED



Proudly presented by Drop In & Take Off

Girls Skate

ALBURY SKATE PARK

4PM - 6PM

TUESDAY
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OCTOBER 22ND
OCTOBER 29TH
NOVEMBER 5TH
NOVEMBER 12TH

FINAL SESSION - AL'S SKATE CO
NOVEMBER 30TH
6PM - 9PM



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CHANGE OUR GAME

FREE FEMALE & ALL ABILITY
SKATEBOARD WORKSHOPS
ALL GEAR PROVIDED



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WODONGA SKATE PARK

SATURDAY 16TH NOV - 10AM & 11AM
SATURDAY 23RD NOV - 10AM & 11AM
SATURDAY 30TH NOV - 10AM & 11AM

ALL GEAR PROVIDED





Girls just want to have A BLAST



Get into Woolworths Cricket Blast Its a fun active program for girls, whether it's your first time with a bat or you're a backyard Cricket star!

FREE GIRLS ONLY BLAST 5-14 yr old's

6 week program - 4th November - 9th December
Noreuil Park - 4:30pm-5:30pm
Scan the QR Code to register



Join your nearest club

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SEEKING PLAYERS

SEASON 2024-2025



**THE WODONGA RAIDERS CRICKET CLUB
ARE SEEKING PLAYERS FOR THE
WOOLWORTHS BLAST PROGRAM 5-10YRS
& JUNIOR GRADES AGES 11-15YRS
FOR THIS SEASON**

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES CONTACT MICHAEL:



0427949762



MIRLEAND1970@GMAIL.COM

2024 VIP SALE

BELEZA WODONGA

94 High Street, 3690

TRADING HOURS

Mon to Fri: 9:30am - 5:00pm

Sat: 10:00am - 1:00pm

**SATURDAY
2nd NOV TO
9th NOV**

20% OFF*

IN-STORE ONLY*

***CONDITIONS APPLY**

Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer, voucher or discount. Discount available on full priced Beleza branded items only.



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 - Friday : 9:30am to 5:00pm
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 bag zips 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 2024 for incoming preps in 2025

VIP sale:

- 20% off all Beleza branded uniform items (excluding existing discounts)
- This year's sale will be on Sat 2nd Nov. to Sat 9th Nov.
BELEZA VOUCHERS

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

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.

COULD YOU FOSTER A CHILD?

We **URGENTLY** need **Foster Carers in your area.** Enquire now on how you can help change a child's life.

CanIFoster.com.au | 1800 932 273



OUR NEXT SESSION IS: 2nd November 2024

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

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

First Saturday of the month
10am to 1pm
Wodonga Senior Citizens Centre
15 Havelock Street

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For more information follow our Facebook page or visit ecoportal.net.au

Engagement Support vouchers are available to you

When you engage with the ParentsNext program CVGT Employment can

offer Engagement Support vouchers following attendance at face-to-face appointments.

During your appointment, we will discuss your personal preferences and the type of vouchers that will offer the greatest benefit to you.

- The vouchers are designed to assist with the rising cost of living
- Up to \$250 in vouchers are available per eligible participant

Initial Engagement Support – \$100 voucher

Offered to new participants who commence in the program after attending an initial face-to-face appointment

Ongoing Engagement Support – \$50 voucher

Offered to existing participants in the program who attend ongoing face-to-face appointments

Scan the code for more information or to request a callback from one of our Transition Support Coaches.



[f](https://www.facebook.com/cvgtemployment) [i](https://www.instagram.com/cvgtemployment) [in](https://www.linkedin.com/company/cvgtemployment)
132 848
cvgt.com.au

DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN AGED 0-12?

JUNCTION SUPPORT SERVICES PRESENT:

EARLY HELP PROGRAM

WE CAN PROVIDE SUPPORT WITH:

- Developing & Maintaining Routines
- Understanding and learning how to respond to children's big behaviours.
- Building and strengthening attachment and connection between parent, child and siblings.
- Supporting School Attendance
- Regulating Screen Time
- Promoting Participation in the Community
- New Parent Adjustments
- Supporting children to meet developmental milestones

THIS PROGRAM IS COMPLETELY **FREE** & WE CAN TRAVEL TO YOU!

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE...

155 Melbourne Rd
Wodonga VIC

0260 437 400

<https://junction.org.au>

- You can access the Early Help Program by self-referral with the team at Junction Support Services
- Speak with your local school, kinder, childcare or maternal health team.

THE MURRAY CONCERT CHOIR

Music Director: **Jeremy Kerr**
Accompanist: **Sandra Williams**

presents:

HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS

A Very **HOLLYWOOD** *Christmas...*

...celebrating songs & carols from your favourite Christmas movies.



Friday 6 December 2024 at 7:30pm
Zion Lutheran Church, Walla Walla



Saturday 7 December 2024 at 7:30pm
St Matthews, Albury



Sunday 8 December 2024 at 2:30pm
St John's Anglican Church, Wodonga

Tickets: \$25.00 (\$20.00 concession), under 18 free

Available on line at Try Booking,
Cinema Centre Albury, choir members or at the door

<https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/murrayconcertchoir?embed>





Positive Parenting Telephone Service

Our free 6 to 10 week program helps you to:

- have stronger, more positive relationships
- set rules and limits
- manage everyday behaviour problems.

Our program is for parents, grandparents and carers of children aged 2 to 12 years.

Participants complete a workbook and are supported by weekly 30 minute phone calls with a trained parenting educator.

All of this can be done from the comfort of your own home at a time that suits you.

 1800 880 660

This is a **FREE** service, and enrolments are taken all year round. Call us for more information or to enrol.

Bookings for Term 4 parenting programs now open



Sessions are free.
Bookings required.

Gateway Health runs group-based parent education programs and information sessions for parents and carers of children aged from 0 to 18 years.

Scan the QR code to explore available programs.



Freecall: 1800 657 573
gatewayhealth.org.au

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health

People living well



READY-SET-CONNECT



Hello, Albury!

FREE NDIS NETWORKING EVENT

 Thursday 07/11/2024

 9:45 AM to 12:30 PM

 Commercial Club Albury 61
Dean St Albury NSW

WHO?

Support coordinators, support workers, people with disability, teachers, parents and carers are all welcome.

WHY?

Get to know NDIS providers servicing your local area and boost your contacts in a fun and informative networking session.

HOW?

Register at oncommunity.net.au/Ready-Set-Connect

JOIN US

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