Welcome to 2017 at Wodonga PS

What a great start to the year! Our students have settled quickly into the routine of learning and responded to the high expectations set by the class teacher. A special welcome to our:

- Returning families - great to see you all again!
- New families – thanks for choosing Wodonga PS and we look forward to learning together
- Foundation students and families – what a terrific start to your school life! We are so proud of how well you have settled in.
- New staff – today at assembly, our new staff were introduced - welcome to our WPS community!

Don’t forget to come along to our WPS community night tomorrow from 5.30 – 6.30pm. We look forward to seeing our school community come together for fun games and a free BBQ – meet in the Eating Area on the Brockley Street oval. RSVPs are due today indicating the number of sausages you need.

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Music Updates:
This year, choirs will be conducted each term. 'Expressions of Interest' for the Term 1 choirs (3/4 choir and 5/6 choir) are currently available via Compass. Due to the increase of classrooms (WPS now has 33 classrooms) into the Music timetable, choirs will only be run on Friday mornings with limited time. Our WPS choirs will be focussed on sharing their music within our school community during the first term.

School Communication
We continue to strive to enhance our communication to families. Please note the following changes for communication in 2017:
- Facebook – we aim to put up daily posts that share events and learning at WPS.
- Compass – this is our main communication tool directly to families – please check here frequently to ensure that you receive all information. Email and App notifications are activated when Compass messages are sent.
- Newsletter – we will be changing this format for Term 1 with a focus on Calendar Dates and Reminders. We will be creating an easy to read document that will highlight upcoming messages and events.

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Please note: Yard supervision commences from 8.45-9.00am and then from 3.30-3.45pm on school days.

CSEF - CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSION FUND
The CSEF is an annual State Government payment made to the school which is used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student. Primary school funding is $125 per year.

To be eligible for this fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government School must be a holder of a current Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC), or be a temporary foster parent.

Application forms are available at the school office and can be submitted to the school by 23rd June.

If you wish to use the CSEF to assist with the cost of upcoming school camps, then please fill out and return the form asap.

As part of the Victorian Government's Affordable Uniform Program, every Foundation government school student who is a recipient of the CSEF automatically qualifies for a uniform pack voucher. SSR has received government funding so that it can help more families needing financial assistance, and ensure no one is left behind.

SSR will provide a winter uniform:
- 1 long sleeve polo top and 1 tracksuit pants (Up to the value of $57) OR
- 1 bomber jacket (up to the value of $43) OR
- 1 Rugby Top (up to the value of $43)
Once approved, the voucher will be dispatched electronically to the school or uniform supplier. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer.

Eligible parents who have already purchased their child’s uniforms for the year can select items of a larger size from the retailer.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

As the school year commences, many families find their students have grown out of last year’s uniforms. If you have no-one to pass these onto, and they are in good condition, please consider donating them to the school as we have many families looking to buy *good quality second-hand* items. Thank you!

**WWC – WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS**

At Wodonga Primary, we value home/school partnerships and the time that some people are able to contribute through volunteering at school either in the classroom or on excursions/camps.

With changes to the Child Safe Regulations 2017, all parents who attend excursions and camps to hold a valid *Working With Children’s Check*. WPS also strongly encourages parents working within the classroom to hold a WWC.

More information and links to the application pages can be found at the following link. [http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/about+the+check/whats+new/?utm_source=TractionNext&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=New+application+process+campaign](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/about+the+check/whats+new/?utm_source=TractionNext&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=New+application+process+campaign)

Please contact the school if you would like to clarify any questions you may have, and then provide the school office with your card so a copy can be kept on file.

**SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Our school website has a Parent Information section where you can find lots of helpful information like:

- School bell times
- Term dates
- General Compass information
- School Council info
- Links to newsletters, Facebook etc
- School Plan
- Year level Assembly dates
- Attendance requirements
- Canteen Menu
- Medication Forms
- Change of Address form
- SRI Form

**DSTA – DEFENCE TRANSITION AIDE**

Wodonga Primary welcomes Brie Backo to school as our 2017 Defence Transition Aide. Brie has many years’ experience working with Defence families and is looking forward to her new role here. Brie sent a welcome letter to all Defence families today via Compass – please make sure you check for some vital dates and information.
MOTHER GOOSE
Our Mother Goose program at Wodonga Primary runs on a model that promotes enjoyable activities (songs, rhymes, finger plays and storytelling) to support attachment and interaction between parents/caregivers and their infants and young children. Mother Goose will commence on Thursday 9th February at 9:15am in the Club 37 room. Michelle looks forward to seeing you all there!

CANTEEN MENU
The 2017 Term 1 Canteen Menu remains unchanged from Term 4. If you require a copy, please follow this link to our school website – Parent Information – Forms – Canteen Menu.

MATHLETICS
Weekly Winner

Congratulations to Ladey Ladner who is this week’s Mathletics Champion with a total of 4940 points—well done!

From now on, our Mathletics winners will be celebrated via Facebook after assembly every Monday as part of our newsletter revamp.

SCHOOL BANKING
The School Banking Program teaches students to make good financial decisions while saving their pocket money.

Wodonga Primary accepts deposits for students to the Commonwealth and Hume Banks.
Bank books need to be brought to school every Tuesday, deposits will be banked and books returned to students by Thursday.

The first day of school banking is Tuesday February 7th.

If you would like to join one of the banking services, please pick up an information pack from the office or visit your local branch to open an account.

DO YOU HAVE A GREEN THUMB?
Our school Garden Club would love some additional help to keep their vegetable patches under control over the school year.

Assistance could be given either before or after school to help us with weeding, watering and general upkeep.

If you have some free time and would like to help out, please contact Tara Chambers on chambers.tara.t@edumail.vic.gov.au
At Wodonga Primary School we:

Keep Ourselves Safe

Decide Wisely

Follow Instructions

Demonstrate Respect
**SANDWICHES * **

Vegemite, Jam or Cheese Sandwich  $ 1.50

**Salad Sandwich**  
includes your choice of protein with carrot, lettuce, tomato & cheese  
* Rolls are an additional ….  $0.50

Buttered Roll  $ 0.80

Chicken Strip Wrap incl Cheese, Tomato, Lettuce, Mayo (toasted optional)  $ 5.00

**Salad Lunch Packs**  
....in a plastic container with a fork.  
include ..... your choice of Meat with  
Pasta Salad, Lettuce, Carrot, Tomato, Mushroom, Avocado, Beetroot & Cheese  
Meat options are… Chicken, Ham or Tuna

**Toasted Sandwiches**

Toasted Cheese  $2.20
Toasted Cheese & Spaghetti  $2.50
Toasted Ham & Cheese  $3.20
Toasted Ham, Cheese & Tomato  $3.70

**SUMMER TREATS**

Fresh Seasonal Fruit Salad Tubs  $4.00  
……with Yoghurt  $4.50  
Jelly & Custard Cups  $2.00

**HOT FOODS**

**Tomato Sauce is an EXTRA 20c**

Chicken Nuggets (GF available)  $0.50
Chicken Strips (GF available)  $1.50
Cocktail Frankfurts (3 per serve)  $1.20
Hash Browns (GF)  $0.70
Hot Cup of Noodles - Beef or Chicken  $2.50
Party Pies (Lite)  $1.00
Party Sausage Rolls  $1.00
Pizza  $2.50
Steamed Dim Sims (3 for $2.00)  $0.70

**From the Bakery…..**

Beef Pie  $3.00
Sausage Roll  $3.00

**Burgers**

Beef Burger - Beef, Sauce & Cheese  $4.00
Chicken Burger - Chicken, Cheese, Lettuce & Mayo  $4.00

**Hot Dogs (Wednesdays Only)**

Hot Dog with Sauce  $3.00
Hot Dog & Fruit  $3.50
½ Hot Dog & Sauce  $2.00
½ Hot Dog & Fruit  $2.50

* lunch preparation 9am - 12pm  
* snack sales 2 - 3pm

The canteen prioritizes foods without artificial flavours or colours

**DRINKS**

Apple Juice 100% 200ml  $2.00  
Apple & Blackcurrant Juice 100%  200ml  $2.00  
Orange Juice 100% 200ml  $2.00  
Large Apple Juice 500ml  $3.00  
Large Orange Juice  500ml  $3.00  
Up & Go - Choc Ice  $1.50  
Plain Milk  $1.20  
Flavoured Milk 300ml  $2.00  
……Choc, Vanilla and Strawberry

All juices have NO added sugar

**COUNTER SALES (daily)**

Available daily 2.00 - 2.30pm

Offering a range of healthy snacks

Items range in price from $1 to $2.50

As items are priced low, we recommend a $1 limit for younger students and $2.50 for older students

Volunteers are welcome to assist in the canteen:

- lunch preparation 9am - 12pm
- snack sales 2 - 3pm

Brown Paper Lunch Bags are an extra 10c each

**LUNCH ORDERS are available EVERY day**

**HOT DOGS are the ONLY item available on Wednesdays for lunch**

Place your order in the canteen slot before school