It is hard to believe that we have almost made it to the end of Term 1! Well done to everyone on a great term’s work - especially our students who have demonstrated their capacity to take charge of their own learning with support and guidance. The Learning Goals set at the Teacher Led Conferences can now be reviewed and celebrated! Congratulations to our Taiko drummers who performed at assembly today - these students have been putting in great effort with their learning in the Japanese room and have been rewarded with lunchtime Taiko sessions. Thanks for sharing your learning with us - a great achievement.

**Penny Hedin is Retiring**

This week, we will be farewelling Penny Hedin. Penny has been a wonderful teacher at Wodonga Primary School, teaching across various year levels throughout her time here. Penny has guided many students to discover the love of learning and to feel successful at school. We wish her all the best with her new adventures – Penny will be taking leave for Term 2 prior to officially retiring from the Education Department at the start of Term 3. Thanks for a great career!

*Laurie Mooney will be taking over the class for the remainder of the year.*

**Easter**

A reminder to keep returning the raffle books to the office for our annual Easter raffle - lots of Easter bags full of goodies to be won!! Thank you to the many families who have donated items – the boxes are filling fast.

The raffle will be drawn at a special assembly on Friday at 9.10am along with our Easter Hat parade - keep creating your hat to wear at the parade!

**ANZAC Day**

ANZAC day will be acknowledged at Wodonga PS early in Term 2. We will be participating in the following:

- ANZAC day assembly – 24th April with guest speakers
- ANZAC day wreath making – Defence students and families – 24th April
- Student learning around citizenship and ANZACs – 24th April
- ANZAC march – all students at WPS are welcome to march with our school to acknowledge the efforts and service of our Defence forces – meet our school group at 10.20am outside the Wodonga RSL building on 25th April. Students must be in full school uniform – parents can meet us outside the library at the completion of the march.

**Holiday Happenings**

During the Term break, the following works will be occurring in our grounds:

1. a number of gum trees will be removed due their size and danger of falling limbs.
2. three plane trees near the Brockley building will be removed - these trees are damaging our paving, roof and roadways.
3. new flagpoles will be erected in the courtyard area. Thanks to Cathy McGowan who has presented our school with new flags which will be unfurled next term. The current flagpoles will be removed.
Music Updates:

We are excited to welcome a new music tutor to Wodonga PS offering private lessons with brass instruments. Please contact the office or the Music room for more information.

The Albury Wodonga Eisteddfod will be happening in July/August. Please note, that Wodonga Primary School will not be entering choirs in 2017. Students are encouraged to consider entering for solo and duos in vocals and instrumental sections. The link to the Eisteddfod sections and entry details is here. Please contact Aaron Silver in the music room if you have questions.

Active April

Don't forget that WPS is signing up for Active April again this year - we would love to have you as part of our Active April team. Throughout the month, we will be highlighting some of the ways that our families keep active. Sign-up to the team via the Active April website: https://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au/

Our Team ID is: wodonga-primary-school

Club 37 – Vacation Program

The Club 37 Vacation Program has been released. A copy is available via our OOSHC page on our website. Please ensure you observe the new Booking Policy to avoid disappointment.

Stay in touch with Events / Activities – using Compass as your information base

If you are the recipient of CSEF, please check with the office prior to paying

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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.


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.
ANZAC Day 2017

The day to remember Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations.

Tuesday, April 25
Woodland Grove on High St and The Cube Wodonga Courtyard

5.45am  Dawn service in Woodland Grove
6.45am  Breakfast at RSL Wodonga sub branch
10.45am  Memorial march (High St)
11am  Memorial service in Woodland Grove
Noon  Refreshments and traditional games at Wodonga RSL sub branch.
12.30pm  Simulcast the Gallipoli dawn service from Anzac Cove in Turkey on The Cube Wodonga Courtyard Big Screen
2.40pm  2017 Anzac Day AFL match - Essendon vs Collingwood, live from MCG on The Cube Wodonga Courtyard Big Screen (no alcohol, family-friendly)
5pm  Simulcast the Lone Pine memorial service from Gallipoli in Turkey on The Cube Wodonga Courtyard Big Screen

Enquiries: Wodonga RSL (02) 6024 2023

*Times were correct at time of printing, but are subject to change.*
Anzac Day Memorial March Service road closures

Sections of High St, Elgin Blvd, Reid St, Havelock St, Hovell St and Lawrence St closed from 10.15am to 12.30pm. Hovell St adjacent to Woodland Grove closed from 5.15am to 2pm

March starts at 10.45am
Memorial service 11am to noon