FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Welcome to our new school year.
A very big thank you to all parents and carers who have ensured that our students are ready to learn in 2015 and have the correct equipment, devices and uniform that they need to be active participants in school life.

Learning Conversations last Thursday have empowered students to set goals for the year and take control of their learning with the support of their parents/carers and teaching staff.

We are excited to welcome seven excited Preps to our school. We hope they are enjoying their time at school with Mrs Tanya Chalmers.

We welcome new staff members to our school community. Liana Elias will be teaching Indonesian, Fiona Hall returns to the College and will take Food Technology and Carolyn Stewart, who is also a familiar face around the school, is this year working with students in Years 7-10 teaching Humanities and with VCE students teaching Accounting.

Our House Swimming Sports are this Friday 6th February. The swimming sports are always a terrific way for our College community to catch up and talk together. Please come along and support our students as they battle out the rivalry between Jacka and Ansett and enjoy our BBQ after the presentations.

In 2015 we are excited about taking on a new online management system, COMPASS. This will enable us to communicate quickly and effectively with everyone; students, parents and staff. It is important that we have all our parents mobile and email contacts so that we can keep everyone up to
date and informed. If you have not provided the school with your details please do so as soon as possible. There will be training sessions for parents on Wednesday February 18th to show you how this program works.

We look forward to a successful year of learning and amazing experiences for all our students. If you have any queries or concerns please call at the Office and the staff will make an appointment for you to speak to the most appropriate person. We are only too happy to discuss any of your concerns.

**Conveyance Allowance**

Conveyance allowance are payments to parents/carers through the school to assist with the cost of travel expenses. To be eligible for this allowance students must reside not less than 4.8 km from the nearest school bus stop. If you believe you qualify for this allowance, please contact the Office during Office Hours from 8.30AM – 4.30PM before Friday February 20th 2015.

Margaret-Anne Wright, Principal

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**P-6 NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS**

Welcome back to all Primary students and parents for 2015.

This Term, we started things a little differently with Parent Learning Conversations last Thursday, which was a great chance for parents, carers, teachers and students to touch base and ensure that our students had everything ready to begin classes on the right foot. Teachers were able to share and explain our new look Reading and Communication diaries, hand out timetables and discuss with students their learning strengths and areas for improvement.

Our enthusiastic new preps began on Monday, and were welcomed by the wonderful Mrs Tanya, and there was hardly a tear in sight. A big thanks to Trina Vaughan and the Wedderburn College Parents’ Association for organising a welcoming morning tea for Prep parents in the staffroom. It was a great opportunity for our new prep parents to share stories about getting ready for the first day of school- I think the earliest riser was one very excited new prep at 5:30am!

Reading and Communication Diaries, and Student Diaries started being sent home this week. Please ensure you are getting back into the habit of listening to your child read each night, discussing the book with them, and signing the diary so their teacher knows they have read. Also utilise the diary to communicate with your child's teacher.

Term 1 is a Sun Smart Term. All children are required to wear a broad brimmed hat, or a legionnaires hat. No caps allowed.

This Friday is Swimming Sports Day. All students in Prep, Grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 will need to be at the College at 1:45pm, as they are participating in activities at school and will then be taken to the swimming pool at approximately 4:30pm to participate in other activities. Students in Grade 5 and 6 are expected to be at the pool by 1:45pm. Students will need to bring hats, drinkers, towel, and bathers. Please label all of your child's items. Please do come along and cheer your child on, and observe the day's activities.

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Julie Martin, P-6 Neighbourhood Leader

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**Centrepay**

As you know family statements are sent out during the year, Wedderburn College has set up a Centrepay Business Application so we can receive payments directly from your Centrelink payments. Centrepay is a voluntary direct bill paying service for families receiving Centrelink payments. With Centrepay, families can pay their statements by having regular amounts deducted from their Centrelink payments and paid directly to the school’s bank account. If you are interested in setting up payments to the school, you can contact me at the front office.

Mrs Marie Marsh, Business Manager
YEAR 7-10 NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

Year 7 DOXA Melbourne Camp
Our Year 7s head off to Melbourne next week with Mr Dougall, Ms Metcalf and Mrs McNamara. The bus will leave Wedderburn on time so make sure you’re there by 7:15am! Students who live in the Inglewood district will be picked opposite IGA (at the regular bus stop). Please be there by 7:40.

A reminder that students must wear school uniform to and from camp. There will be days during the week when students can wear free dress so take a variety of clothes including bathers for the Melbourne Aquatic Centre. There are a number of opportunities during the week when students can purchase souvenirs and other small items/food/snacks. It is recommended that students bring a small sum of spending money.

Uniform for Students Attending NCTTC on Wednesdays
In 2015 students attending North Central Trade Training Centre (NCTTC) will be required to wear school uniform, commencing next week (Wed 11th Feb). There are a number of reasons for this change, which will be communicated to parents in a letter sent home with their students today.

Richard Dougall, Year 7-10 Neighbourhood Leader

YEAR 11-12 NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

Welcome to Term 1 of 2015! It seems like just a little while ago that we were wishing our 2014 graduating students the best of luck with their exam results and tertiary offers! I hope you all had a relaxing break and are prepared to get into the swing of things for this sure to be exciting school year.

I would firstly like to extend my sincere congratulations to our 2014 Year 12 graduates who have received tertiary offers at the following institutions:

- Jarvis Holt, Media Studies, Swinburne University of Technology
- Shaun Stephenson, Law/Business, Latrobe University
- Lyndon Springthorpe, Psychological Science, Deakin University-Geelong
- Dayna Marsh, Psychological Science, Deakin University
- Rachel Coombes, Agriculture, Melbourne University
- Emily Van De Wetering, Education, La Trobe University

We all look forward to hearing of your many academic and social adventures in the near future!

This year’s Year 12 students are already on the go, busily organising themselves to ensure they are prepared for their upcoming course content and assessments – yes, they’re just a few weeks away!

After finally settling into the year 12 room our VCE Year 12s will be heading off to Ocean Grove on Wednesday the 11th of February until Friday the 13th of February. Students will take advantage of a few days down the coast to set some goals, discuss their motivations and identify ways that they can support their own learning. A visit to Deakin University’s Waterfront campus will also be included in their three day trip. All Year 12 VCE students have received information and a permission form for their orientation camp and are asked to ensure they are handed in at the front office before the end of this week. Students will be provided with a suggested list of clothing etc to bring later in the week.

Our Year 11 students have been busily getting organised for their first year of VCE studies. One lucky Year 11 student, Vitor Giatta, is joining us on an exchange program from Brazil for the whole school year – we are very excited to have him join our already vibrant bunch of Year 11s and wish him all the best in his studies!

Our VCAL students have also been busily organising themselves for the school year over the past few days. Some students still need to begin considering their Structured Work Place Learning for 2015 and are reminded to seek support from their classroom teachers, our SWL Coordinator, Barry McKenzie or myself.

With all of these exciting things happening it’s important to remember to start getting into good habits early in the school year. This means using your diary, having a regular bedtime and making sure you’re getting enough sleep! Making sure you’re keeping organised and well rested will help you to achieve your best this year.

Until next time

Lauren Barker, VCE-VCAL Coordinator
GENERAL NEWS

Inter-house Swimming Sports Friday 6th February 2:00pm-6:30pm

The school Inter-House Swimming Sports will be held on Friday 6th February at the Wedderburn Swimming Pool. Like previous years they will start at 2:00pm and conclude with a free BBQ at approximately 6:00pm. Students (except those in Prep-Grade 4, as they are to go to the College) are expected to be at the pool by 1:45pm so that the day can begin on time. Those students who usually travel by bus will do so on this day however times will be adjusted accordingly.

All students in Prep, Grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 will need to be at the College at 1:45pm as they are participating in activities at the school and will then be taken to the swimming pool at approximately 4:30pm to participate in other activities.

Those students in Grade Three and Four will be participating in a variety of activities in between the events for Grade Five-Year 12s. There is also the opportunity for Grade Three & Fours to compete in the ‘Golden Goggles’ event (30m freestyle).

Students will be required to be wearing sunscreen, a hat and sunsmart shirt when not competing. All students are expected to come to the sports on the day and remain at the pool for the duration of the sports. They will not be able to leave the pool area without written permission.

Age groups for the day’s events are taken from 31/12/15.

All parents and spectators are most welcome to make the day a positive experience for everyone.

If there are any parents/guardians who would like to volunteer some of their valuable time to helping with the primary students’ activities then please contact me at the College.

Hope to see you there.

Ricky Allan, Sports Coordinator

CAREER NEWS

Forces In December 2008 Defence committed to providing a national work experience program. The program aims: to foster community awareness of Defence as an employer of choice – Navy, Army, Air Force and APS; and contribute to the development of skill of young people to transition into the workplace. In 2015, we are partnering with the Air Force Head Quarters Gender Diversity program to offer an incredible program for girls aged 16-18 who have a passion for aviation careers.

The Flight Camp for Girls (16 – 18yrs) is a residential work experience program being held down at RAAF East Sale from 10 -13 March. There is no cost for students to attend. Applications close on February 6th.

Being a pilot in the Air Force is one of the most demanding, exclusive and sought after jobs in the world. Now you have the rare chance to experience a taste of life as an Air Force pilot with 'Flight Camp'. Flight Camp is a four day residential program designed to showcase the diverse activities aimed solely at young women who have an interest in flying. Held at RAAF Base East Sale, Flight Camp is designed to give participants a comprehensive overview of life in
the Air Force, particularly as a pilot. The dynamic program will include flying in Air Force aircraft, an opportunity for some time in a flight simulator and observing actual squadron operations. Serving Air Force pilots and other members will talk about their roles and personal experiences and what motivated them to become an Air Force pilot.

Below is the link where students can find more information about the program and submit their applications. https://defencecareers.nga.net.au/cp/index.cfm?event=jobs.checkJobDetailsNewApplication&returnToEvent=jobs.listJobs&jobid=8e6dbd3c-957b-bd76-1b6c-8037a76e341&CurrATC=defenceworkexp&CurrBID=edbfca3%2D025%2Df7b%2D3d4%2D6d63f891&JobListID=83aa67bb%2D5ab1%2D7a5e%2D512%2D6d3e05dae980&jobsListKey=26af5cd5%2Dc4d3c5%2D9d7%2D6Da0eda626e47b&persistVariables=CurrATC,CurrBID,JobListID,jobsListKey&lid=34908790026

Ms Abby Shay, Careers Coordinator

Wellbeing News

Need help managing stress or anxiety?
If your child or teen has difficulties with anxiety or just seems to have too many worries, we would like to introduce you to BRAVE Self-Help – an interactive, online program for the prevention and treatment of childhood and adolescent anxiety. It was developed by a group of researchers from the University of Queensland and now, with the support of beyondblue, this program is now freely available to all young people aged 8 - 17 years old who are living in Australia. BRAVE Self-Help provides strategies for children and teenagers to better cope with their worries. There are 4 programs available, one for children aged 8 - 12 years, one for teenagers aged 12 - 17 years and one for parents of children at these ages respectively. The program can be accessed as often as you like, from the comfort of your own home. For more information, or to register for the program, please visit www.brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au.

Ms Evans, Wellbeing Coordinator

Individual Career planning for students in Yrs 10 – 12.
The ‘Managed Individual Pathways’ (MIPs) initiative ensures that all government schools provide individual career counselling and pathway planning for students in Years 10, 11 and 12.

The Career Pathways Coordinator in our school, Abby Shay, is employed through a partnership with schools in the North Central region and the North Central Local Learning & Employment Network (NCLLEN). The program supports students individually as well as youth programs in the community. Abby comes to our school three days a month and meets with students one on one to discuss individual strengths and interests, explore career pathways, research courses and help prepare students for life after school; employment, apprenticeships, training, gap year, TAFE or University.

During interviews, students complete a Career Action Plan which is emailed to the student and relevant staff as a record for discussion and to assist with individual planning. Parents of students under 16 are asked to sign a consent form before interviews can proceed. These forms are filed at the NCLLEN office.

Abby works closely with staff and the NCLLEN Workplace Learning Coordinator, Barry McKenzie to assist students seeking work experience and work placements (as part of a VET course), taking up apprenticeships or further training. Assistance is also offered to develop student’s skills and confidence when applying for work, preparing resumes, cover letters and practising interview techniques.

Relevant career information and resources are posted throughout the year on the school newsletter.
and on the NCLLEN Facebook page.  [https://www.facebook.com/home.php](https://www.facebook.com/home.php)

All students are encouraged to join this page to help our staff keep in touch with their career destinations.

For more information about Career Pathways planning, Work placements and the MIPs program please contact Abby Shay 0429 148 399 or email mips@ncllen.org.au and Barry McKenzie 0400 696 156 wlc@ncllen.org.au

**CHAPLAIN’S CHAT**

It is great to be back at Wedderburn College again this year after the holidays and also have the opportunity to continue to be part of the school. The National Chaplaincy Funding Program is continuing to support us here for potentially another four years, but is being reviewed in two years’ time. I am so pleased to be able to continue in this wonderful community and get to work with many more people.

Speaking of holidays, I spent a couple of weeks relaxing on the beach in South Australia and exploring the volcanoes and caves around Mount Gambier. There is so much to see there; much of it being underground. I am really interested in soil structure and how certain soils are richer than others, so some of those questions were answered through exploring that area. I was also surprised to see that there are so many dormant volcanoes stretching across the area from South Australia right through the southern part of Victoria and also touching on our area here. I think I have found another interest to help fill my spare time with.

Graham Veal, College Chaplain

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Welcome back - I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday.

Included in the newsletter is the 2015 Canteen Menu. The Wedderburn College canteen operates to provide students and staff with healthy, delicious and economical meals. The canteen operates on a not-for-profit basis - meaning that all food and drink is priced to cover costs only. This year there has been a number of significant cost increases to the canteen. Unfortunately these costs need to be passed on in 2015. Price rises have been kept to the minimum. We look forward to continuing to provide you and your children with high quality food at affordable prices. Keep an eye out for some fantastic tasty new additions to this year’s menu.

Please bear with me as I get settled in to the new year - if you've ordered something for your child that I haven't had a chance to cook yet, or that we haven't received I will offer your child an alternative!

For all Prep to Year 6’s:

All lunch orders must be put in the class lunch order container before the container is taken to the office in the morning. On your child/ren’s lunch order envelope/s please write your child/ren's name, homegroup, teacher & exactly what you would like to order & include payment.

For all Staff Members & Year 7-12’s:

All lunch orders must be in the canteen order box (located in the canteen) by 10am. There will be no more lunch ordering at recess time. When you place your bags in the canteen box for your lunch orders, please ensure you have payment in your bags. We will no longer be permitting payment upon pick up to speed up the serving process.

If you have lunch orders for multiple children, please write a separate order for each child. Putting all the money in one envelope for all the children is fine. Please remember to write on the envelope who is their teacher and what class they are in. Don’t be worried if you don’t have exact change - the canteen will provide change.

Don't forget that sauce costs 20 cents - if you want sauce with your orders, please ensure you add 20 cents to your payment.

Forks & spoons cost the canteen money. If the students haven't ordered food that needs a fork, they will be charged 5 cents if they want a fork or spoon!

Milkshakes **MUST** be preordered as a lunch order as they are quite time consuming to make.

Slushies, ice cream and chips are only available at lunch time - students cannot purchase these items at recess.

Jen Dougall, Canteen Manager

**Canteen Roster**

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COMMUNITY NEWS

PARENTS ASSOCIATION
Welcome all to the school year. We hope the year for your children and yourself runs smoothly. The Parents Association will be holding its first meeting for the year on Monday 16th February at 7pm.

For those of you who don’t know much about the Parents Association, we are a group of parents who fundraise to put money back towards the students through donations towards camps, deb ball, end of year activities, HPV and sporting supplies. We do this through catering, mothers club concert, stalls, running the deb ball, information nights and the fete.

More hands make less work, so everyone is welcome.

For more information, please contact me on 5494 7444.

Amber Gibson, Secretary

Help wanted with After School Basketball, please
Our successful basketball program is all set to continue into 2015 but we are looking for some assistance please. Sam Isaac has been running the program capably and efficiently but now due to work commitments is not able to contribute as much time to the program as previously. We are hoping someone from our community might be able to help our students and Sam out by volunteering to support Sam and therefore keep the program going for the kids.

Please contact either the College on 5494 3011 or Sam Isaac on 0427 947 479 if you think you can help.

Changes to the Secondary School Vaccine Program
Transfer of contact information to local council

Dear Parent/Carer,

The secondary school vaccine program helps ensure students and communities are protected from diseases such as diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, human papillomavirus and chicken pox.

Local councils deliver the program and schools distribute the vaccine consent forms.

Recently the Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009 were amended to authorise schools to release parent and student information to local councils so that councils can follow up with parents after the consent forms have been distributed.

This means that we will provide your local council with your contact details and a local council representative may contact you with vaccine program information. If you do not wish for your details to be provided to your local council, please advise the school in writing before close of business (4.30PM) 28 February 2015.

If you are unable to contact the school by the above date you will need to contact the officer responsible for the vaccine program at your local council in the event that you have queries about your contact details.

Every day immunisation saves lives and makes it possible for Victorians to live free from the illness and the disability caused by many infectious diseases. All Victorian secondary students can receive these vaccines for free through the school-based program.

The next step will be to return the student’s vaccine consent forms to the school as soon as possible after your student receives them. Without returning a consent form, a student may miss the opportunity to be vaccinated. It is important the consent forms are completed and returned to the school, regardless of whether you agree that the student will be vaccinated or not as part of the school-based program.

For further information please go to the following links:
[insert link to the school’s privacy policy]
http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/contact/Pages/complainschool.aspx
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## Lunch Specials

Wednesdays: BLT (bacon, lettuce, tomato on toasted multigrain bread, with a thin spread of mayonnaise) $4.00

## Lunch Items

### Salads

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### Ice Cream

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Wedderburn Art Gallery

The Australian Day entries involving students of the Wedderburn College are on view at the gallery. There will be a morning tea on Wednesday 11th February at 10:30am. Parents, grandparents and friends and community members can come and see and read the amazing work of the College students while you enjoy a cuppa at the same time.

Sheila Gaines, 5494 3342