**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK**

**House Swimming Sports**

It was a very exciting atmosphere at the Wedderburn Swimming Pool last Friday as Jacka and Ansett went head to head in our annual House Swimming Sports. Ansett was victorious at the end of the day but all students participated enthusiastically for their houses. It was great to see parents and friends attend to cheer the students and enjoy our BBQ at the end of the sports. Many thanks to our very supportive School Councillors who cooked up a storm for all to enjoy.

**School Council Elections**

As usual at this time of the year elections are being held for the members of the Wedderburn College School Council. There are 4 parent vacancies and 2 staff vacancies to be filled in 2015. Retiring parent members this year are Margaret Van Veen, Suzanne Jackson, Carolyn Stephenson and Fiona Turnbull. Retiring DET members are Hilary Mackay and Marie Marsh. We thank these Councillors for their contribution over their term on Council and hope that they will consider re-nominating for another term. Nominations open on the 16th of February and forms may be obtained from the College Office from the 16th February. Nominations will close at 4.00pm on Monday March 2nd. Parents on School Council provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. If you would like to nominate please ask at the school. Again, Councillors who are retiring are encouraged to re-nominate.

**Compass School Manager System**

This year Wedderburn College has introduced Compass School Manager, an integrated system designed to optimise student learning and enhance communication between parents, students and teachers. Our staff and students have embraced Compass with it already delivering more immediate communication and organisational benefits. Our next step is to train you, our parents, in how Compass can help you have a greater involvement in your child's learning and improved communication between you and the College.

We are holding three information sessions for parents on Wednesday February 18th at different times in the day so that as many of you as possible can attend and get connected. The sessions are at:

- 9.10am
- 3.40pm
- 7.00pm

Information about COMPASS and your log in details were mailed to all parents on Tuesday. You will be able to log in to Compass as soon as you receive these details. The College will ensure that parents are provided with numerous training sessions to assist them in using Compass. The College will also make sure that computers are made available to parents who don't have access to the internet at home. Keep your eye out for this information. This is a very exciting step...
No reward without effort

Bushfire At-Risk Register
Wedderburn College is on the Bushfire at Risk Register (BARR). Students were issued with information about BARR and Code Red Days last Friday and information is also on the Website and our Facebook page. I am including this information in this week’s newsletter again for your information and our students’ safety.

School Photos
All students have taken home order envelopes for school photos which are being held on Tuesday February 17th. Year 7 students have had their envelopes either mailed home or sent home with a sibling. Please return the envelopes with payment/payment details, even if you do not want to purchase photos, by Friday February 13th so that they can be processed. Family photos are available. Please ask at the front office if you would like an order envelope for a family photo. It has been wonderful this year to see so many students in full uniform from the tips of their toes to the top of their heads. On school photo day it is even more important for students to be in uniform. Thank you for supporting our School Council Uniform policy.

Margaret-Anne Wright, Principal

P-6 NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

What a busy week we have had in the P-6 Neighbourhood!

Congratulations to Grade 6 students Isaac Holt, Katelyn Ward, Kelsea Nisbet and Finn Turnbull, who were elected by their peers as Primary Sports Captains for Jacka and Ansett respectively. All nominated students confidently delivered their speeches, and faced some tough questions from Mrs Wright. All students who put themselves forward are to be commended for their efforts - No Reward Without Effort.

On Friday we saw the College Swimming Sports, with Ansett claiming victory on the day. We were rewarded with warm weather, and great attendance by P-6 students. College Sports Day are considered an integral part of a holistic education, and all students are expected to attend. The Prep-Gr 2 enjoyed games with Mrs Chalmers and Mrs McKenzie in the smaller pool, while the Grade 3-6 participated in the Golden Goggles.

And the winners are…………
3/4 Boy - Nathan Crowe - Williams
3/4 Girl - Neve Nisbet
5/6 Boy - Finn Turnbull
5/6 Girl - Aliza Lockhart

This Semester the Primary Neighbourhood will be focussing on our school values in Advocacy, starting with Respect. In Grade 2 and Grade 3/4, students created a T Chart about what Respect looks like, and feels like.

There are many important dates coming up to put in your dairy:
11th February: 3-6 SRC Speeches
16th February: 3-6 Swimming
17th February: School Photos
2-6 Hockey Victoria
18th February: Prep Learning Conversations
23rd February: Whole School Assembly 11.30am
3-6 Swimming
20th- 12th March: Grade 5/6 Billabong Ranch Camp
17th March- 25th March: Warrinbinda Camp

Julie Martin, P-6 Neighbourhood Coordinator

Katelyn Ward, Max Ludwig, Finn Turnbull, Kelsea Nisbet, Isaac Holt and Emily Glenister after giving their speeches for P-6 Sports Captains
PREP/ONE NEWS-
This week we continue to learn how to recognise rhyme,
Their skill set is improving all of the time.
They have been telling stories about tadpoles and frogs,
Living in our swamp that contains sand, plants and logs.
Our greatest concern is that they’ll jump out and flee,
And head to the canteen for afternoon tea.

Learning Conversations
Prep parents will have the opportunity to catch up with me next Wednesday, 18th February. Interview times will be sent out shortly.

Tanya Chalmers, Prep /One Teacher

YEAR 6 NEWS- TERM ONE, 2015

Dates for your Diary
17/2/15 school photos and hockey incursion at WC
Swimming for two Monday afternoons 16th and 23rd February
Billabong Ranch Camp Tuesday 10/3/15 – Wednesday, 12/3/15

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I trust you had a restful break and have recharged your batteries ready for an exciting start to the year!
Our Inquiry Unit this term is Civics and Citizenship. In this unit we will provide opportunities for the children to develop an understanding of the importance of rules and laws, both locally and globally. They will investigate how laws can be changed and how they impact on the way communities work. They will learn about the various levels of government and the responsibilities each level has. They will explore voting rights and the difference between the ways we vote in Australia compared to other countries.

During Literacy we will also have opportunities to further develop their oral language skills by delivering a short speech and present it to the class. Some students have presented their Sports Captains speech or SRC speech while the rest of the students will be presenting a speech on a topic of their choice. Every child in the class has a Word of the Day date assigned to them according to alphabetical order according to their surname. Check your child’s date in their diary.
Please sign the diary each night/each time you hear your child read. Nightly would be fantastic!

In Maths we are studying place value, measuring angles and identifying them by name and in Advocacy we are looking at our school values and how we can live them in our daily lives.
Congratulations to all the children who participated in our swimming sports and thanks to all the parents who attended to cheer them on.

Our Billabong Ranch camp information sheets went home on Monday for your peruse. The money for this camp is required at the school office at your earliest convenience.

Lianne Brett, Year 6 Teacher

GENERAL NEWS

CHAPLAIN’S CHAT
Last year many of you will have noticed a hole being dug at the back of the vegetable garden (no, not a gold mine) which will have a tank inserted in it, which is the beginning of our Aquaponics project. This is something which will evolve over the coming months, becoming a project that students will be involved with for years. There are a number of sub projects that Aquaponics encompasses. These are namely; recycling, water conservation, water quality control, the nitrogen cycle, solar and wind power, building construction, natural vs chemical, fish food production, vermiculture, automatic monitoring systems, and the list goes on.
Watch this space as this project develops.

Graham Veal, College Chaplain
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
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

RE: CODE RED DAYS

Schools identified as being at the greatest risk of bushfires will be pre-emptively closed on days determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner as having a Code Red Fire Danger Rating. The Department’s priority is the safety of its staff, students and children. On a Code Red day all facilities on the Department’s Bushfire At-Risk Register will be closed.

Wedderburn College is included on the Bushfire At-Risk Register and therefore the College will be closed on days determined by fire authorities to be Code Red.

The school follows the Department of Education and Training (DET) procedures for the bushfire season and stays up to date with the revisions of the Bushfire ratings, procedures and advice. Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

It is intended that families will be provided with as much notice as possible of a planned closure. However, if unexpected weather patterns are experienced, closures may happen at short notice. The final decision to close our school will be confirmed no later than 1.00pm the day before the planned closure. The school will communicate the expected closure to our school community. Additional information will also be published on the Department of Education and Training website.


If the Bureau of Meteorology downgrades the risk forecast in the days leading-up to a planned closure, the closure may be cancelled and the school will be allowed to remain open. The final decision to pre-emptively close a school or children’s service will be confirmed no later than 1.00pm the day before the planned closure. Once the decision to close has been confirmed, there will be no change – regardless of improvements to the weather conditions the following afternoon or overnight. This will help limit confusion and provide time for parents and guardians to make alternative care arrangements for their children.

- No staff will be on site on days when the school is closed by the risk of fire.
- School camps will be cancelled if the area where the camp is taking place is at risk.
- There may also be changes to school bus routes. Depending on routes, this may also occur on days when the school is not closed.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – on such days, children should never be left at home unattended or in the care of older children.

For those of us living in a bushfire-prone area, the safest option when a Code Red day is declared may be to leave the night before, or early in the morning of the Code Red day.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family’s Bushfire Survival Plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements for your children in the event that our school is closed.

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website: http://www.wedderburn-college.vic.edu.au

- Most importantly at this time of year, if you’re planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.

- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family’s Bushfire Survival Plan.

Margaret-Anne Wright
Principal
Wedderburn College
6/2/15.
Wedderburn College is proud to have launched Compass School Manager (Compass) in 2015 to connect our College community. Compass will optimise student learning and enhance communication between parents, students and teachers.

Three information sessions will be conducted on Wednesday February 18th (see times below) so that as many people can attend and get connected as possible. You can bring your own device (e.g. laptop, tablet or smartphone) however computers will be available for use by those who don’t have their own. During Sessions 2 & 3 a parent who has used Compass at a previous school will be available to talk about their experience using Compass and answer questions from a parent’s perspective.

Light refreshments will be served so please make sure you RSVP for catering purposes.

Keep an eye out for your personal log in details in the mail

Parent Training Sessions

Date: Wed 18th Feb
Session times: 9.15am, 3.40pm & 7.00pm
RSVP: wedderburn.co@edumail.vic.gov.au
(or complete slip below and hand to Front Office by 16th Feb)

Lucky Door Prize: 1 x iPad Mini*
Runner Up: $20 iTunes Voucher x 2 people

*Apple iPad Mini 2 16GB Wi-Fi. Each attendee will receive a ticket and prizes will be drawn during Session 3. You do not need to be in attendance at the draw to claim prize

Get Connected:

- assistance logging in
- learn how to submit absences
- view student’s schedule
- view college calendar & newsfeed

Connecting our College Community

Developing positive learners for the world community

RSVP by 16th Feb. Hand in to Front Office or email wedderburn.co@edumail.vic.gov.au

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No Reward Without Effort
WEDDERBURN TENNIS CLUB PRESENTS
MARNEY MCQUEEN
FRIDAY 13th FEB, 2015
WEDDERBURN MECHANICS INSTITUTE HALL
Bookings ~ FIONA HALL 5492 7661
7.30 Refreshments BYO
8.00PM SHOW
$30.00 per Person
LIGHT SUPPER SUPPLIED

ACCOMPLISHED MUSICAL THEATRE STAR
(PRISCILLA, HAIRSPRAY, MOONSHADOW)
MARNEY MCQUEEN
IN CABARET
WITH ALL HER HILARIOUS COMIC CHARACTERS

Come and see a number of our students (and a teacher) featuring in this show! Why not book a table?

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PRESENTS
“LOVE THROUGH A LIFETIME”
A MUSICAL COMEDY REVUE
4 GREAT SHOWS
FRIDAY 20th & SATURDAY 21st FEBRUARY
FRIDAY 27th & SATURDAY 28th FEBRUARY
COST $10.00 PER ADULT $5.00 PER CHILD
$25.00 PER FAMILY
SHOW STARTS 8.00PM
Wedderburn Mechanics Hall
Reef Street
FOR BOOKINGS CALL ROBINA 6402454956
OR EMAIL wartsnall13@gmail.com
BYO DRINKS & NIBBLES

Ballroom Dancing.

Give your partner the ultimate Valentine present.
$100 for 16 classes for 2 & 2 tickets to the Masquerade Ball.

This is a must for anyone going to the Deb Ball, who want to learn to dance, or want to brush up on their dance steps.

Classes start
Tuesday 24th February,
7pm—9pm

Learn 10 different dances in 10 weeks. Culminating in a Masquerade Ball on 1st May.
Dance packs available for couples and singles
Single Pack: $80.00—10 classes and a ticket to Masquerade Ball.
Contact Wedderburn Community House on 54943489 for details.

Wedderburn Kindergarten
COMMUNITY OP SHOP
Ongoing opening hours are:
Wednesday 10am—4pm
Thursday 10am—4pm
Friday 10am—4pm
1st Saturday of each month 9am—12pm
All proceeds go towards supporting the Wedderburn Kindergarten
2nd hand school uniforms are available and donations of unwanted uniforms are welcome
Snacks
Rice Crackers .......................................................... $0.60
Sultanas ................................................................. $1.00
Chips (Salt or Honey Soy Chicken) ......................... $1.00
Yoghurt ................................................................. $2.00
Muffins ................................................................. $1.70
Quiche (sweet potato) ................................................ $1.75
Finger Bun ............................................................. $1.70
Pullapart (cheese & bacon or ham & pineapple) ....... $1.70
Pizza ........................................................................ $2.50

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

Lunch Items
Salads
Fresh salad (lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot, avocado, beetroot, cheese) ......................................................... $5.00
Chicken Breast Salad (lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot, avocado, cheese, chicken breast) ................................ $6.00

Lunch Items
Hot Food
Chicken Chilli Tenders (multigrain wrap, cheese, lettuce, sour cream)
1 piece ................................................................. $3.50
2 pieces ............................................................... $4.50
3 pieces ............................................................... $5.50
Lamb Souvlaki (multigrain wrap, lettuce, tomato, tzaziki) .......... $4.50
Homemade Beef Lasagne ........................................ $4.50
Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese .................................. $4.00
Baked Potato with cheese ......................................... $3.00
Homemade XL beef pie (305gm) ................................. $5.00
Aussie Meat Pie (175gm) .......................................... $3.75
Beef Traveller Pie (160gm) ........................................ $3.50
Sausage Roll ........................................................ $2.75
Dim Sim (steamed) .................................................. $1.00
Sauce (tomato, scy, sweet chilli) ................................ $0.20
Extra salad ............................................................. $0.50
Extra cheese .......................................................... $0.60

Lunch Items
Sandwiches - Fresh On Multi Grain Bread
Vegemite ..................................................................... $1.50
Cheese ....................................................................... $2.00
Vegemite & Cheese .................................................. $2.25
Salted (lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot, beetroot) ........ $3.50
Chicken breast, ham or tuna with salad (lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot) ................................................ $4.00
Chicken breast, ham or tuna with cheese ...................... $4.00
Extra salad ............................................................. $0.50
Extra cheese .......................................................... $0.60

TOASTED SANDWICHES - ADD 50 CENTS

Wraps - Multi Grain
Chicken breast, tuna or ham in multigrain wrap with cheese, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot, avocado .......... $5.50
Salad wrap in multigrain wrap with cheese, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot, avocado .......... $4.75

Drinks
Springwater ............................................................... $1.25
Prima Juice Boxes .................................................. $1.50
Orange Juice 300ml ............................................... $1.75
Orange Juice 500ml ............................................... $2.75
Breaka 250ml (strawberry, chocolate) ...................... $1.75
Nippys - small (strawberry, iced coffee, chocolate) ...... $1.75
Nippys - large (iced coffee, chocolate, honeycomb, iced mocha) ................................................................. $2.25
Oak (chocolate, strawberry, mint chocolate, molten caramel) ................................................................. $3.40
Ice Break ............................................................... $3.75
Milkshake made with ice cream (chocolate, vanilla, caramel, blue heaven) ............................................... $4.00
Slushy (only available Term 1 & Term 4) ................. $1.75

Ice Cream
Icy Twist (lemonade) ................................................ $0.90
Calipo-mini (raspberry, lemon) ................................. $0.90
Paddle Pops (chocolate, rainbow, banana, vanilla, tropisaurus) .............................................................. $1.60
Cyclone ................................................................. $1.70
Frozen Yoghurt (vanilla, mango) ............................... $1.80