The Loddon Shire as part of their action plan for the future has identified the need to establish a forum to provide a student voice to Council. Last Friday Thomas Jackson and Monique Vella met with other young people from schools across the Loddon Shire to discuss and begin the Shire’s first Youth Advisory Council. The Loddon Shire are taking a great step in implementing this conduit to hear from our young people in our community and to put in place a model which allows them to freely talk to and be listened to by the decision makers in the Shire. Congratulations to Thomas and Monique on being prepared to represent their peers at this level.

The College has received positive feedback from parents/carers about our School Management System Compass following the workshops held recently. Our staff and students are working well with the system and finding that it is an effective method of communicating and accessing student work. Please do not hesitate to let the College know if you need some support with accessing Compass and remember our computers are available in the Library if you wish to access them.

Nominations for membership of the College Council has closed as of Monday March 2nd, 2015. As the number of nominations do not exceed the number of positions available there is no requirement for a poll. School Council parent members for the period 2015-2016 are Margaret Van Veen, Suzanne Jackson, Fiona Turnbull and Carolyn Stephenson. The DET members for the period 2015 -2016 is Hilary Mackay and there is an existing vacancy. I would like to congratulate and thank these people for accepting nominations and look forward to the their positive contribution at Council. The first meeting for this Council will be held on Monday March 16th at 7.30PM at which time the College 2014 Annual Report will be tabled.

A couple of reminders please:

- If you are collecting your child from school early please come to the Front Office to sign them out.
- If your child is not a regular bus traveller but is required to access bus travel on any occasion please request permission through the Front Office, not the bus driver. In addition if regular bus travellers are not travelling home on the bus of an afternoon please let the Office or Bus Captain know in the morning. This will stop unnecessary concern at the end of the day. A note in the diary or via Compass is always appreciated.

Margaret-Anne Wright, Principal
Homework Club
Once more the College is able to provide support to students by offering teacher assistance at a lunchtime Homework Club. The Club will be in the Library on Tuesdays at lunchtime (2nd half) and Mrs McHugh will be staffing it. Any students who require assistance with any form of homework are encouraged to attend.

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.

P-6 NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS
On Friday the 6th of March we have 5 students competing in the Loddon Mallee Swimming Championships in Bendigo. Good luck to Aliza Lockhart, Olivia Lockhart, Finn Turnbull, Emily Glenister and Max Ludwig. A special thank you to Sharyn Lockhart who is our parent helper on the day.

In P-6 Advocacy we continue to focus on the College Value of Honesty. Teachers are looking for students who embody this value in their interactions at school, to hand out awards at our next P-6 Assembly.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
March 6th- Loddon Mallee Swimming Championships
March 9th- Labor Day Holiday
March 10-12th- Grade 5/6 Camp Billabong Ranch
March 13th- Ride to School Day
            P-6 Assembly 9am BER Building
March 16th- World’s Greatest Shave Fundraising BBQ/Crazy Hair Day
March 18th-25th- Somers Camp
March 20th- Pupil Free Day
March 25th- School Nurse Prep Assessment
March 27th- Last Day of Term 1
            Casual Clothes Day with Gold Coin Donation
            Whole School Assembly 1:45pm KLC

Julie Martin, P-6 Neighbourhood Coordinator

Grade 2 News
Last week the Grade Twos wrote recounts about their excursion to the Post Office.

On Monday 23rd February the Grade Twos went to the Post Office and we posted our letters. Firstly we walked to the Post Office. Next we got some stamps. We went in the back of the Post Office and we had a look where the letters go. We got to stamp the date. It was fun at the Post Office and our letters will come to our homes.
By Istvan Kompar
On Monday 23rd February 2015 Grade Twos went to the Post Office because they wanted to send their letters. The first thing that happened was we walked with our partner. When we got there we put a stamp on the letters and put them in a black box. Then we went inside to see what happened next. They took the box out and sorted the letters. Next we got our partner and went back to school. We liked going to the Post Office very much.
By Ella Weber

On Monday 23rd February we went to the Post Office to post letters. Firstly we got our hats and Mrs Mckenzie said to get a partner. I chose Chelsea because she is my friend. Then we walked to the Post Office. When we were there we got our stamps and we posted them. Then Darren took the black box out of the special room. Next we got to stamp the letters. Then we went back to school and we got a drink and went to our class room. Finally we packed our bag and went home.
By Amelia Buschmann

On Monday 23rd February the Grade Twos went to the Post Office. First we walked down to the Post Office and we had to have a partner. Then we went into the Post Office and got a stamp and put the stamp on ourselves. Next we put our letters in the slot. Then we went back into the post office and Darren showed us how to sort them out. Finally we left the Post Office and we sang “Cats” in the park. We liked going to the Post Office it was fun!
By Darius Stephens

On Monday 23rd February the Grade Twos went to the Post Office and posted some letters. First we got to see the black box. Then we got to see Sharon and Darren. Next we stamped our letters. Finally we got to go back to school and read a book and then we went home.
By Danny Witham

Mrs McKenzie, Grade Two Classroom Teacher

**YEAR 7-10 NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS**

**Hands On Learning**
After a successful introduction of the Hands On Learning program last year, students in Years 7-10 have again started working on initiatives around the school for the 2015 Hands On Learning program. Ably lead by Peter McHugh, students will undertake a number of projects that beautify and benefit the college. The projects allow students to apply a variety of skills to a real life context and help them engage in their learning. Stay tuned during the year for updates on what this motivated group of students get up to.

**LMR Swimming Event**
Permission Forms have been uploaded to Compass for parent’s approval to the LMR Swimming Carnival. Approval can be given online or return a paper copy to the front office.

Richard Dougall, Year 7-10 Neighbourhood Leader

**YEAR 11-12 NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS**

**Year 11 /12 Learning Conversations Thursday March 12th**
Learning Conversations for students in Years 11 and 12 (both VCE and VCAL) will be held next Thursday March 12th. Information for how to book for these Learning Conversations via Compass will be sent home by the end of this week. As always if you have do not have access to the internet the school is happy to support you in booking your time for the Learning Conversation.

Mrs Lauren Barker, Years 11-12 Neighbourhood Leader

**Lions’ Club Youth of the Year**
Congratulations to Jo Isaac and Emma Lockhart who proudly represented Wedderburn College in the Lions Youth of the Year Competition last Thursday evening. Both girls made very moving arguments in their prepared speeches with Emma Lockhart going onto the District final in the competition. Fantastic effort girls!

Mrs Fiona Hall, Youth Leader Coordinator
GENERAL NEWS

Library News
Issue 2 of Scholastic Book Club is due on Wednesday 11th March 2015. Parents please check with your child if they have overdue library books.

Joan Earl, Assistant Librarian

Wanted
The Parents Association would like to hear from anyone with any Deb dresses, shoes or gloves they would like to sell. Please contact Amber on 5494 7444.

During the week Miss Martin's Grade 3/4 came up to the garden accompanied by Miss MacDonald now (Mrs Ryan).

The chooks needed their legs washed in oil. Oil gets applied as a deterrent. Something different for Grade 3/4 to be involved with and they were very keen to give it a go.

Students lined up holding their chook ready for washing. Yes washing not basting.

A good job done and students got to dig in the treasure garden.

Thanks for the great help.

On Monday afternoon Mr Hocking and the Horticultural Class came up to the garden to do more work in making the garden a more better productive area.

Students worked on the composting area, adding dirt and mulch to another composting bin as well as cleaning out the chicken shed of old straw and manure which was added to the mix.

Other students cleaned out more garden beds and a part of the garden which had been used for growing herbs. A new herb garden will be re-designed at a later date.

The chooks are enjoying scratching through dug over fresh dirt for tasty bugs.

Once again lots got accomplished.

That's all for this week.

Trina Vaughan, Garden Coordinator
Auditions! Dancers, Singers, Actors!

Auditions for this year's musical, "Back to the Eighties" will start tomorrow at lunchtime. Students from Grade 5 to Year 11 were invited to sign up for an audition at last week’s assembly. They were given information about the show and two short scenes to practice and will also be expected to sing before the small panel of teachers involved in the project.

The show will be directed by John Shaw, Jenny Wagstaff and Hilary MacKay. The performances will be at the Wedderburn Mechanics Institute Hall in August.

The show follows a group of American teenagers in the final year of school. They experience friendship, love, rejection and fun all while singing and dancing to the greatest hits of the 1980's. These include "Wake me up before you go go!" by Wham, "Girls just wanna have fun" by Cyndi Lauper, "Man in the Mirror" by Michael Jackson and "I had the time of my life."

Costumes, sets, props and music will be a lot fun too so we will need plenty of help in this department. Keep alert for more notices and information.

The Crew

Basket Ball After School 2015

Results of week 1 2015. 27th February

Girls
Green def Black 27-14
Yellow def Red 22-10

Boys
Blue def Yellow 64-28
Black drew Light Blue 35-35
Green drew Red 34-34

It was great to see everyone sharing the ball with the new younger players.
Thank you to all who helped with umpiring, scoring and coaching.
Please bring plenty of water and a happy face.
Contact Sam Isaac 0427947479 if needed.

Please note there been some changes to girls teams, will be up on the sport board.
Can everyone look in cupboards at home for previous basketball tops please?

Sam

COMMUNITY NEWS

“2014 AFLVIC Umpiring Group of the Year”
The Bendigo Umpires Association has vacancies for both males and females to become AFL football umpires in 2015 – Field, Boundary and Goal Umpires in the Bendigo, North Central and Loddon Valley football leagues.

Earn up to $45 an hour of tax free money.
You have the best seat in the house to be involved in the game of football.
Keep fit and earn money at the same time.
The BUA has a family friendly environment with brand new clubrooms and functions throughout the season; it is a great inclusive place to meet new friends. We were the “2014 Umpiring Group of the Year”
You will have the flexibility to choose what days and times you are available to umpire.
A supportive environment where everybody is given an opportunity.

Football experience is not a pre-requisite; you will receive all the training you require on Tuesday and Thursday night from 5.30pm – 6.30pm at Weeroona Oval, Bendigo. Training is not compulsory, especially for umpires who live outside the Bendigo area.
Join now and help us keep Country football alive.
Email – bendigoumpireassociation@yahoo.com.au or call John on 0458 496545 for more information.
**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
Wimmera Mallee Netball Region is hosting a
Senior Training Session with Eloise Southby

Sunday March 29th
6pm at Donald Recreation Reserve
$15 a person
BBQ and Drinks available during a Q & A session with Eloise after session.

To register please email wmnr@hotmail.com.au or contact your local association representative. Registration by Monday March 23rd.

Wimmera Mallee Netball Region Junior Camp

WHEN: Monday March 30th and Tuesday March 31st 2015
WHERE: Charlton Road, Donald
HEAD COACH: Richelle McKenzie
UMPIRE COACH: Eloise Southby

COST: $135.00
Entries close: Friday 13th March 2015 OR ASAP as this fills very quickly.

Junior Development Skills for players, 60 Places available.
A 2 day intensive camp where players develop their netball skills under the supervision of Northern Zone Academy coach who will be working with WMNR coaches. This is ideal for any player aged between 14-16 years (must turn 14 by 31/12/15) who want to improve their game to the maximum.

Coaches, 12 Places available.
At least 1 Level 1 coaches and 8 Assistant Coaches or experienced coaches will be needed. They will work alongside Richelle McKenzie and Eloise Southby. This will improve coaching your skills to take back to your school.

Junior Level 1 Umpires, 20 Places available.
All Australian accredited course. Pre requisite for C Grade testing & valid for 6 years. Will suit Year 7 & upwards students. Umpires must be motivated & show interest & commitment to umpiring.

Camp Mothers
We cannot run the camp with out them, they could help us stay up the night with the girls and supervising them overnight. Help a little with the meals but other wise have a good time and meet other netball mums/dads. No cost.

Payments
The personal information will be stored and used by the WMNR and may be passed onto the Regions T & D and State title selection. It will then be kept for administration purposes. It will not be used for any other purpose.

Please fill in attached form and return with payment to the address below before March 13th 2015.

Direct deposit
Account name: Wimmera Mallee Netball Region
Bank: Bendigo Bank
Branch: 633-000
Account No: 1492 51431
BSB: 633-000
Cheque/money order payable to Wimmera Mallee Netball Region.

Wimmera Mallee Netball Region
Indemnity Form

***This must be completed & returned with payment. ***

To Julie Gould wmnr@hotmail.com.au
430 Nine Mile Woosang Rd Richmond Plains 3518

CIRCLE : PLAYER UMPIRE COACH L 1 CAMP MUM

Name: _______________________________ DOB: _______________________________
Address: ___________________________________________ Pe: ___________________
Phone: Hm: ______________________ Wk: ______________________
Mobile: ______________________________
Email: ____________________________________________
Club/Association: ________________________________
Netball Vic Reg No: ______________________ Theory exam year:(Umpires): ______
Next of Kins Name: ________________________________ Address: ______________________
Medicare Number: ___________________________________________ Pe: ___________________
Ambulance Number: _____________________________
Current Medical conditions or injuries: _____________________________________________
Medication currently taking: ________________________________________

Indemnity & Photograph/Video Permission
In the event of any injury or illness, I authorize any WMNR Official in charge of the 2015 WMNR Junior Development Camp to obtain on my behalf and at my expense any urgent medical assistance, transportation and treatment as deemed necessary.

I give to not give permission for ______________________ photograph to be used in Wimmera Mallee Netball Region, Netball Victoria or Netball Australia promotional material.

Signed (Parent or Guardian): ______________________ Date: ______________________

Wedderburn Hockey Club Executive for 2015 Season
President – Carlie Turnbull
Vice President – Carolyn Stephenson
Secretary – Christine Coombes
Treasurer – Suzanne Jackson

Training commencement Dates
Minkey – Tuesday 3.30 to 4.45 commencing 24/3
U13 – Wednesday 3.30 to 4.45 commencing 18/3
Underage – Wednesday 3.30 to 4.45 commencing 18/3
Women – Thursday 6.00 to 7.30 commencing 5/3
Men – Thursday 6.00 to 7.30 commencing 5/3

Coaches for 2015
Mens & Womens – Russell Marland 0448 385 418
Underage – Carlie Turnbull 0438 347 071
U13 – Tom Nisbet 0427 346 312
Minkey – Carolyn Stephenson 0417 148 053 & Laura Van De Wetering

Fees to be advised after League meeting next week
Players/families will be able to register from 5/3 at any of the above trainings.

Any questions, contact Christine Coombes 0400 970 902
To Wedderburn Junior Football Players, Parents, Family and Friends,

Coaches: The W’burn junior football coaches for season 2015 are Adam Postle and Jordan Hargreaves for the Under 16’s and Aaron Lock for the Under 13’s.

Training: The first training and meet your coach night for the Under 16’s will be Thursday the 19th of March at 5.00pm with a BBQ to follow. Under 13’s will be the following week Thursday the 26th of March at 4.30pm with a BBQ to follow.

Auskick: Shane Lowe is the Auskick coordinator for 2015. Auskick is a fun introduction to Australian Rules football and open to all children (girls and boys) between the ages of 5 – 12 years. If you are interested in registering your child for Auskick or have any queries contact Shane on 0432176014. A commencement date will be advised and will be held on Thursday afternoon straight after school.

Helper required: We are looking for parents and/or grandparents or anyone capable of assisting us with the game day jobs such as timekeepers, goal umpires, interchange steward, scoreboard attendants. If you can assist please advise Kathy Turnbull 54943418.

The Under 13 and Under 16 players will be again put on a roster to run drinks and boundary umpire for the higher grades, these roles are becoming increasingly more difficult to fill with many juniors are playing hockey. This year we are inviting any girls that may wish to assist in running the boundary, there is a small amount of remuneration involved here and it can be a lot of fun.

Bowls Night: Don’t forget to get your team organized for the annual bowls night on Friday the 13th of March commencing at 6pm with a BBQ tea. It’s a great night of bowls for all of the family with excellent prizes on offer. Please register your teams of four on the sheet at the school notice board or call/text Tim Lockhart on 0409869230. If you can organize your own bowls please do so, the cost is $10 per person which includes BBQ.

B•wls Night
Wedderburn Junior Football Club
Friday March 13th - 6pm - Wburn Bowling Green

•BBQ Tea •Great Prizes

Teams of 4 people. $10 per person, includes BBQ tea.

A fun night out to be enjoyed by bowlers and non-bowlers of all abilities and ages. Support the local junior footballers and come along and have a roll.

Teams to Tim Lockhart on 0409 869 230.

Wedderburn Band Cricket Club
W.B.C.C. presentation evening will be held on Friday 6th March @ 7:30pm at the cricket grounds.

BBQ tea will be provided followed by presentation. All players to bring a salad & a sweet.

Any inquiries please contact Ian Gould 0419916282

CANTEEN NEWS
There is a new limited edition Oak flavoured-Chilli Choc Chilli

Canteen Roster
Fri Mar 6 - Susie Lockhart
Fri Mar 13 - Sharon Lockhart
Fri Mar 20 - Student free day

NO REWARD WITHOUT EFFORT
Wedderburn College Building Fund

The Wedderburn College Building Fund has been established to allow past students and parents to support the maintenance and beautification of our College buildings and its surrounds. Wedderburn College was built in the 60's and has educated many people from the Wedderburn area in this time. Most past students enjoy reminiscing about their school days, most recognising that school days were the best days of their lives. Often the reflections are accompanied by stories of teachers and the antics students got up to.

You can donate to Wedderburn College's Building Fund. It’s totally tax deductible and you’ll be paying back the school that gave you your start in life and continues to give you great memories with mates, especially old school friends.

Please contact the College (03 54943011) to find out how you can continue to make sure that Wedderburn College is a great school.

Parents, please ensure that you mark your children’s belongings. In this way, we can return lost properties to the rightful owners.

The College has its EFTPOS facility now in operation. Please come and pay your accounts whenever you are ready.

Please let the school know if there are any changes in your addresses, contact numbers, contact persons, medical conditions, etc.

JUST A REMINDER THAT IT IS NOT OK TO BE AWAY.

Student Banking Day is Tuesday.

Prep to Yr 12 students who arrive late to school are required to report to the Front Office to put their name down in the Late Book.

Don’t forget you can stay well informed of the goings on of the College by visiting the College website at: wedderburn-college.vic.edu.au
Wedderburn & District
Garage Sales
Saturday 7 March 2015

Over recent years the Garage Sales have been popular on the Saturday of the Minelab Wedderburn Detector Jamboree. Wedderburn Tourism Inc is coordinating the Garage Sales in conjunction with the Minelab Wedderburn Detector Jamboree Saturday 7 March 2015. The garage sales can include Korong Vale area.

The Wedderburn Op Shop will be open the same day at Wedderburn Community Centre.

To book a garage sale fill out details below and return to the Loddon Visitor Information Centre 24 Wilson Street Wedderburn. Bookings must occur by Sunday 1 March 2015.

Garage Sales to commence at 9am on Saturday 7 March 2015
Garage Sale Maps to be obtained from the Loddon Visitor Information Centre from 9am

Name (Person Responsible) .................................................................

Address Garage Sale ............................................................................

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Telephone ..............................................................................................

Cost $5.00 (must be submitted when booking the garage sale).
$5.00 goes towards marketing and promotions of the Garage Sale and producing the map.

A garage sale is the responsibility of the nominated person on the booking form.

For any further information contact Loddon Visitor Information centre 54943489.
7th & 8th March 2015
Labour Day Long Weekend
At Hard Hill Tourist Reserve
FREE ENTRY FOR NON PARTICIPANTS

Saturday 7th March 2015
6.45am Breakfast & Registration
$45.00 for the weekend including breakfast & entertainment on the Saturday Evening

All participants must be registered & are restricted to an 11 inch coil or equivalent (no magnets to be used on the field)

7.45am Competitor briefing

8am to 3pm Token Hunt - all tokens found are to be handed in by 4pm Saturday.
Rules & regulations must be adhered to

9am to 4pm The Monster Town Garage Sale (maps to be obtained from the Loddon Visitor Information Centre 24 Wilson Street Wedderburn from 9am) (Sat only)

10am to 2pm Coachhouse Gallery and Museum

Gold Prospecting Australia Detector demonstrations - These demonstrations are to introduce beginners to prospecting.
Run every 2 hours

Saturday Evening - 6pm tea followed by 8pm live band Wild Yabbi and minor draws for competitors in Detector Jamboree (must be on site to win)

Sunday 8th March 2015
7am Breakfast & Registration $35.00 (only if you didn’t participate on the Saturday)

7.45am Competitor briefing

Detector Jamboree
Come, Enjoy & Participate

8.15am to 1pm Gold Prospecting Australia Junior Detector Token Hunt - registration 9am cost $10 per child (6 - 16 year old). Children must be registered and are restricted to a 11 inch coil or equivalent. 1st Prize Minelab X-Terra 305 valued at $395, 2nd Prize gold nugget valued $200 and 3rd Prize a gift voucher for $50.
Draw to occur around 1.30pm

9am to 1pm Famers Market and variety stalls - to book a site contact (03) 5494 3489

9.30am Registration for Inglewood & Districts Bandig & Goldbank Junior Gold Panning Competition $5.00 per child

10am to 2pm Gold Prospecting Australia Detector demonstrations - These demonstrations are to introduce beginners to prospecting.
Run every 2 hours

10am to 1pm Inglewood & Districts Community Bandig & Goldbank Junior Gold Panning Competition, Tiny Tote 3 to 7 yrs, 8 to 10 yrs, 11 to 13 yrs and 14 to 18 yrs.
1st, 2nd & 3rd trophies for each age group

2pm to 3pm Minelab Wedderburn Detector Jamboree Token Draws
Major Draws sponsored by Minelab SDC 2300 detector valued $3000.00
Coltek Majors Draws
Wedderburn Tourism Inc to donate 2x Minelab X-Terra 305 valued $395 each.
Must be on site to win. Detectors, Coltek major prizes

Stalls Local Attractions Children’s Activities
No BYO Alcohol No glasses Dogs must be on a leash

For Further Information Contact
www.loddon.vic.gov.au or (03) 5494 3489
Loddon Visitor Information Centre (03) 5494 3489
www.wedderburn.vic.au

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