



# NEWSLETTER

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*Term 4 Week 3*

*21st October 2015*

The Newsletter is designed to offer an information service to the parents of Wedderburn College students and local people interested in Education.

## DATELINE

**Homework Club every Tuesday, 2nd half lunch time, in the Library**

**Power Hour every Tuesday, after school 3:40-5PM at the BER Atrium**

**Playgroup sessions Mondays 2-3:30pm; Tuesdays 9-10:30am**

### October

Tues-Wed 20th-21st Life Education Van visit-P-6 students

Wed 21st Year 12 VCE Last Day

Thurs 22nd Prep/One Kinder Visit  
 Year 12 Celebration Dinner

Wed-Sat 25th-31st Year 12 VCE Exam Period

Wed 28th MIPS in attendance

Wed 28th-Fri 30th VCAA VCE Exams

Wed-Fri 28th-30th Scholastic Book Fair

Thurs 29th Kinder Transition Session-parents and children

### November

Mon 2nd-Thurs 12th VCAA VCE Exams

Tues 3rd Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Thurs 5th MIPS in attendance

Thurs 5th Kinder to Prep Transition Session-parents and students

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

This week we farewell our Year 12 students and send them into the world beyond school. No doubt they will follow many different pathways as they continue their journey in life. As they leave Wedderburn College, we know that they have been given amazing opportunities that are second to none. They have had caring and interested staff that care about their wellbeing as well as their academic learning. It was said at our assembly on Monday that no one ever really leaves Wedderburn and I think this sentiment is very true. So often we have visits from our students who lived and went to school in Wedderburn, some many, many years ago and some only a short time ago, all with fond and special memories of their time at school here. Our community and school forms our lives and we are proud of our 2015 Year 12 students and look forward to hearing of their successes and pathways into the future.

### Hamish and Andy

On Monday 2nd November, Hamish and Andy will be transmitting their radio program from Wedderburn. Wedderburn College school day will continue. However, we are aware that some students maybe supporting community organisations to run events on this day. If your child is not attending school please notify the school preferably via COMPASS previous to the day (or by phone) if COMPASS is not possible.

### Drop off and pick up on Monday, November 2

Due to the Hamish and Andy event, parents are ask to make their drop offs in the morning as normal. Please note however, that the pick ups after school must only be at the end of Chapel Street. This is very important for the safety reasons.

On Monday I attended an important Information session with the Regional Director and the Assistant Regional Director for Principals in our Region to receive the information and strategies that Deputy Premier James Merlino who is the Minister for Education has rolled out in relation to the Government's new education reforms, the Education State.

The session outlined the four state wide priorities that have been identified as focuses to improve student outcomes and within these priority areas there are six initiatives, these are:

Priority Area	Initiative
Excellence in teaching and Learning	Curriculum Planning and Assessment
	Building practice Excellence
Positive Climate for Learning	Empowering students and building school pride
	Setting expectations and promoting excellence
Professional leadership	Building Leadership teams
Community Engagement in Learning	Building Communities

There is strong research evidence that demonstrate action focusing on these initiatives lifts student achievement, engagement and wellbeing outcomes. Our College is well placed to implement the work outlined with these reforms as we have already delved deeply into the work focussing on excellence in teaching and learning with the work that has been undertaken over the past two years on curriculum design, planning and delivery and our shift to ongoing assessment. Some of the other actions we have been involved in include classroom observations and use of students and staff surveys. As we implement the reform strategies we will continue to use and build upon the range of strategies that will enhance the increase in student learning across the board. The Education State reforms are an exciting opportunity for us to consolidate our work and to continue with our work of school improvement.

Mrs Margaret-Anne Wright, Principal

## **P-6 NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS**

There was a great turn out for Monday's Whole School assembly, when we said farewell to our Year 12 students, and wished them luck as they are about to undertake the VCE exams. We also had our P-6 student of the week awards, and congratulations to those students:

Mrs Tanya Chalmers - Kiara Gough and Katlyn Norman  
Mrs McKenzie - Istvan Kompar and Charlee McCurry  
Miss Martin - Shelby Douglas and Bridget Stephens  
Miss Collins - Connor Winslett and Chelsi Collins  
Mrs Brett - Tangi Punguika, Dale Kleehammer, and Emily Glenister  
Ibu Metcalf for LOTE: - Libby Norman and Scott Reid  
Mrs Prevos for Art: - Maikia Punguika and Andy Kalmar

### **PEANUT BUTTER**

Just a reminder that peanuts, and any peanut products are banned from the school, to ensure the well being and safety of all students at the College.

### **ADVOCACY VALUE**

Primary students are learning about the importance of being honest in advocacy. <http://kidsactivitiesblog.com/59684/teaching-kids-honest> : this a link to a great blog, which has some frank advice about how to teach your children to be honest.

### **YEAR 6 NEWS**

This Friday, 23rd October, is our annual visit to Gill Millie's garden. We leave at recess and will return at the end of the day. It should be a great day of outdoor fun and activities. Please remember to bring your own lunch, water bottle and hat.

Children have spelling words to practise each night. Parents are encouraged to check these words and the novel that your child is reading. This week we are writing Haiku poems and these are due on Friday.

### **KINDER VISIT AND PARENT INFORMATION SESSION**

Next Thursday, 29th October, our Prep students for 2016 will be making the first of their classroom visits for the year. These students will be dropped off by their parents at Mrs Tanya Chalmers' classroom, and parents are asked to stay and attend an information session from 9:15-10am in the Staffroom with myself.

Miss Julie Martin, P-6 Neighbourhood Leader

## **YEAR 7-10 NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS**

### **Victorian Young Driver of the Year Competition**

Congratulations to Laura Van De Wetering, Evan Van Veen, Jesse Douglas, Braydon Springthorpe and Rhordan Holt who have been selected to participate in the Victorian Young Driver of the Year Competition. Students were selected from their performance at the driver training they undertook earlier in the year. The competition is on Sunday, 15th November in Melbourne. Good luck!

### **Year 8 Federation University (Uni) Camp**

Year 8 students will be attending Federation University on Wednesday 2nd December, staying overnight and returning on Thursday 3rd December. This camp is a fantastic opportunity for students to get a taste of what post

schooling life is all about - both at Uni and TAFE. The camp is fully organised by Federation University and is at no cost to students. Please make sure consent forms are returned by Monday 23rd Nov 2015.

### **Year 7 Transition Events**

On Wednesday 25th November students in Grade 6 and their families from Wedderburn College, Inglewood Primary and Inglewood St Mary's are invited to attend an afternoon of activities and dinner at Melville's Cave to commence the transition activities into Year 7 in 2016. Students will travel out to Melville's Caves at 2pm. Dinner is being provided by the Parents Association at 5pm. Parents/carers are welcome to come out at anytime to participate and meet other families.

Mr Dougall, Year 7-10 Neighbourhood Leader

## **YEAR 11-12 NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS**

This week signifies the end of an era for our Year 12 students as they finish up their official classes before the beginning of their examination period. Their graduation is a wonderful achievement that in time they will look back on with pride regarding the friends they have made, the battles they have both won and lost, the experiences they have enjoyed and the success they have achieved.

Success for our senior students in the coming months may be measured by qualifying for university, getting into the TAFE course they applied for, gaining paid employment or even embarking on some form of travel. Regardless of what their endeavours may be, the future is theirs to take advantage of, to make a difference and to understand what great opportunities there are for the taking.

I ask them to be brave – take chances, live life and know that they leave here with our best wishes and blessings. Wedderburn College is so proud of their achievements and look forward to hearing of their many adventures in the years to come. Congratulations to our class of 2015!

We will be able to further celebrate these achievements with our Year twelves and their families at our Year 12 Celebration Dinner on Thursday night.

Official VCAA VCE end of year examinations will begin on Wednesday the 28th of October with the English exam. Our last examination here at Wedderburn College will be on Thursday the 12th of November. Please see on the following page for the examination timetable:

Our Year 10 and 11 students should have received their 'blocking sheet' for their classes in 2016 last week. Some student are still yet to return their forms and are asked to do so by the end of this week.

The Year 9/10 Art class will have the presentation and judging of their 'Baldarchi' prize portraits this Friday at 1pm. Members of the community are invited to attend the opening and to participate in voting for the 'people's choice' prize! Some snacks and finger food will be provided. Please RSVP to Mrs Barker to register your attendance.

### **POWER HOUR:**

Students in Year 9-12 are invited to attend our POWER HOUR study sessions on Tuesday evenings in the BER Atrium between 3.40 – 5.00pm. This supervised study session will be supervised with the aim of supporting students to complete homework, revision and other schooling requirements in a focussed, supportive environment. Healthy snacks will be provided for students during the after school session.

Any community members who are interested and would like to volunteer their time to support students during Power Hour each week are encouraged to make contact with Margaret- Anne Wright or myself.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- ☞ **Year 12 student's last day:** Our Year 12 students will conclude their official last day at school on Wednesday the 21st of October
- ☞ **Year 12 celebration dinner:** Our Year 12 Celebration Dinner will be a wonderful chance for us to celebrate our Year 12 student's achievements on the evening of Thursday the 22nd of October beginning at 6.15pm. All students should have returned their RSVPs to the front office
- ☞ **Year 12 VCAA Examinations:** will begin with the English exam on the 28th of October and will conclude on the 12th of November.
- ☞ **Year 11 Examination period:** will begin on the 18th of November and conclude on the 24th of November

Mrs Barker, VCE Coordinator

<b>Wednesday 28 October</b>	9.00 am – 12.15 pm English		
<b>Thursday 29 October</b>	9.00 am – 11.45 am Psychology		
<b>Friday 30 October</b>	9.00 am – 11.45 am Biology		2.00 pm – 3.45 pm Further Mathematics Examination 1
<b>Monday 2 November</b>	9.00 am – 10.45 am Further Mathematics Examination 2		3.00 pm – 5.15 pm Business Management
<b>Tuesday 3 November</b>	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday		
<b>Wednesday 4 November</b>	9.00 am – 10.15 am Mathematical Methods (CAS) Examination 1		3.00 pm – 5.15 pm Health and Human Development
<b>Thursday 5 November</b>	9.00 am – 10.45 am VET Information and Communications Technology	11.45 am – 2.00 pm Physical Education	3.00 pm – 5.15 pm Mathematical Methods (CAS) Examination 2
<b>Friday 6 November</b>			3.00 pm – 5.15 pm Accounting
<b>Monday 9 November</b>			
<b>Tuesday 10 November</b>	9.00 am – 11.45 am Chemistry		2.00 pm – 4.15 pm Legal Studies
<b>Wednesday 11 November</b>	9.00 am – 10.45 am Visual Communication Design		
<b>Thursday 12 November</b>	9.00 am – 10.45 am Studio Arts	11.45 am – 2.00 pm IT Applications	

## Compass News

### Hands on Compass Session

On Monday 9th November between 5pm and 6:30pm parents/carers are invited to attend a training session on Compass. This will be an opportunity for users to get assistance and training on any feature of Compass (logging in, submitting absences, viewing student's attendance, continuous reporting, etc.). A number of computers will be available to log into and practice using the Compass system. This is a hands on session so you can arrive/leave at any time that suits you.

## GENERAL NEWS

### Homework Club

The College provides 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.

### LIBRARY NEWS

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR 2015:** The Fair will run from:

Wednesday 28th October      9.00 am - 3.00 pm  
Thursday 29th October      9.00 am - 3.00 pm  
Friday 30th October      9.00 am - 2.00 pm

Could all students with overdue books please return them, so that other students may read them. Thank you .

Joan Earl, Librarian

**Chaplain's Chat**

If you can remember back as far as last year you may recall that I ran a blokes camp oven dinner for dads and guardians at Skinners Flat Reserve which turned out to be a great evening even though we were given the pleasure of being soaked with rain. Well due to the requests of a few people to do it all again, I have organised another one for Saturday 7th November (see attached brochure), so if you are a bloke, come and enjoy a camp oven dinner at Skinners Flat at 6.30pm. In the unfortunate event of a total fire ban then cancellation will occur, but will go ahead otherwise. Please let me know if you are attending so that I can prepare enough food.

Graham Veal, College Chaplain

**Wedderburn College**  
 Men's/ Dad's  
 Camp Oven Dinner  
 Saturday 7th November  
 6.30pm  
**Skinners Flat Reserve**



Enjoy an Aussie Camp Oven  
 Dinner including damper and  
 billy tea.  
 ( Please Bring a Chair )

For catering purposes, please phone **Graham** on  
 0427 163 363  
 or ring **Wedderburn College 5494 3011** to book in  
 or to obtain more information.

**PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS**

This is a request that all parents to please bring a plate of supper for the Mothers Club Concert . Help is also required to set up on Friday 6th Nov from 9am. Regards

Amber Gibson, Secretary

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**WEDDERBURN COMMUNITY OP SHOP**

Wedderburn Community Op Shop is in DESPERATE need of second hand uniforms. If you have any school uniforms that no longer fit your child or you no longer need them, can you please donate them to the Op Shop? You can drop them at the shop when we are open on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or the last Sunday of the month (Farmers Market). We also have a drop off bin located right next to the Tyre Centre coming into town from Bendigo direction.

**CANTEEN ROSTER:**

Paddle pops are currently only available in chocolate and rainbow flavour. We are still selling Olaf the Snowman ice creams for \$2.20. the canteen is still selling homemade Shepherds Pie for \$4.50, and homemade XL meat pies for \$5.00. We currently only have raspberry flavour available for Slushies. They are still \$1.75.

The canteen is always looking for new parent volunteers to help out on Fridays. The time required is 1130am - 130pm. Please contact the school to let us know if we can put your name down for next year!

Roster for Term 4:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
Friday	<b>Oct 16</b>	Karen Holt	Friday	13	Susie Lockhart
Friday	23	Michelle Hargreaves	Friday	20	Christine Coombes
Friday	30	Dede Williams	Friday	27	Susan Keller
Friday	<b>Nov 6</b>	Sharon Lockhart	Friday	<b>Dec 4</b>	Dede Williams

Mrs Jen Dougall, Manager

The Year 12 2015



# MEDIA RELEASE



## Fire Season: Prepare NOW

With record high temperatures already this October the fire season is well and truly on us. Low rainfall through the winter months has our area at heightened fire risk. To aid residents to be properly prepared for the impending fire season Buloke Shire Council are encouraging residents to clean up their yards.

For the week commencing Sunday 18 October it will be **FREE** to dispose of green waste at any of Council's landfills and transfer stations. The usual cost of \$2.50 per meter will be waived until Sunday 25 October. Normal landfill and transfer station times apply and are available at [www.buloke.vic.gov.au](http://www.buloke.vic.gov.au) or by calling 1300 520 520.

It also timely to remind local farmers to place their fire breaks inside paddock fence lines rather than on roadsides.

"Given the early presence of bushfires already in Victoria this season these next few weeks are vital to ensuring the safest possible summer. If everyone does what they can in our towns and on our farms to reduce the potential for fire, Buloke will be a safe place for all in our community", said the Buloke Shire Mayor, Cr Reid Mather.

**End release**

**For further information contact Travis Fitzgibbon on 1300 520 520**



## **MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm  
at Wedderburn Korong Vale R.S.L. Sub Branch  
110-112 High Street, Wedderburn**

**ENTRY COST: \$15.00 PER HEAD WITH A MAXIMUM OF 4 PEOPLE PER TABLE.  
Entry includes 5 raffle tickets with continual draws throughout the  
night for a variety of prizes and major prize draws.**

***Supper provided***

**ALL QUESTIONS AND BOOKINGS TO SECURE YOUR TABLE TO 0478 545 341 OR  
email [wedderburnrsl@telstra.com](mailto:wedderburnrsl@telstra.com)**

### **SPONSORS**

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| -TASCO Petroleum Mildura      | -Bunnings Warehouse                 |
| -IC WATER Wedderburn          | -Village Roadshow Theme Parks (QLD) |
| -National Sports Museum (MCG) | -Acacia Lane Archery Wedderburn     |
| -The Bendigo Trust            |                                     |

**OVER \$800.00 IN PRIZES TO BE WON**

***Proceeds from the evening will go to the Memorial Paver Project.  
Pavers to be laid at our premises to honour our local World War 1 veterans and inscribed with  
name, rank etc.***

Do you have your  ?

Would you like 9 hours of FREE  
professional driving lessons  
in Bendigo?

Inglewood & Districts Community  
Bendigo Bank may be able  
to help you.

Application forms are available from:  
Wedderburn College office and  
Bendigo Bank agency at  
Randall's Foodworks

Completed forms can be left at the Bendigo Bank agency at Randall's or  
at the Inglewood Branch  
Further information please contact  
Linda Younghusband on 5438 3359



Wedderburn  
Kindergarten

## COMMUNITY OP SHOP

At the Wedderburn Community  
Centre, Wilson St.

Opening hours are:

Wednesday 10am – 4pm

Thursday 10am – 4pm

Friday 10am – 4pm

Last Sunday of each month 9am – 12pm  
(Farmers Market day)

2nd hand school uniforms are available  
and donations of unwanted uniforms are  
very welcome!





**\*Attention Ladies\***

# **MOTHERS' CLUB COMEDY CONCERT**

**-Celebrating 60 fabulous years-**



**November 6th, 2015**

**8pm**

**Wedderburn**

**Town Hall**

**Adults: \$15**

**Pensioners: \$10**

**H.S. Students: \$10**



**\*Exceptional Supper**

**\*Sensational Entertainment**

**\*Truck loads of Laughs**