



# NEWSLETTER

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*Term 4 Week 5*  
*4th November 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**

### November

Mon 2nd-Thurs 12th VCAA VCE Exams

Thurs 5th MIPS in attendance  
Kinder to Prep Transition Session-parents 9:15-10am. Students at 9-11:30am  
Prep Late Stay  
Grade 1 Sleepover

Fri 6th Mothers' Club Concert

Sat 7th Men's/Dad's Camp Oven Dinner 6:30pm

Mon 9th MIPS in attendance  
Make Your Mark Workshop  
COMPASS Hands on Learning for parents/carers 5-6.30pm

Tues 10th Gnurad School for Student Leadership, 11.30-1pm

Thurs 12th Kinder to Prep Transition Session-parents 9-9.30am and children 9-11.30am

Sun 15th Victorian Young Driver of the Year Competition

Wed 18th Year 11 Exams starts

Thurs 19th Kinder to Prep Transition Session children 9-11.30am

Thurs-Fri 19th-20th Roses Gap Grade 2 Camp

Mon 23rd Year 8 Federation Uni Camp permission slips return-deadline

Tues 24th-Fri 27th Year 11 'Step-up' Program into Year 12

Wed 25th Melvilles Caves Discovery-Grade 6 to Year 7 Transition Session

Thurs 26th Kinder to Prep Transition Session-children only 9am-2pm.

Fri 27th Year 11 Students Last Day

Mon 30th ASC-Nationals Basketball

### December

Tues-Fri 1st-4th ASC-Nationals Basketball

Wed 2nd Half day Transition-Grade 6 to Year 7

Wed-Thurs 2nd-3rd Year 8 Federation University Camp  
Year 10 to VCE/VCAL Step Up Days

Fri 4th Year 10 last day

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

The Wedderburn Community really came together as usual on Monday with the celebrations for the "Race that Slows Down a Nation". It was wonderful to be part of such a community team effort. The Wedderburn College community was excited to support the event with the provision of resources, games and student and staff help in many different ways.

Prior to the event our students designed a range of Welcome posters and on Monday students assisted with face painting and other activities at the children's carnival. Other students supported the various clubs that their families were involved in and our Home Economics Room was a hive of activity on Monday morning as students and staff put together some delicious salad rolls to support the Tennis Club. Our wonderful Parents Association ran a sweets and drink stall.

Staff and students enjoyed cheering on the Parade and being part of the excited crowd of the Hamish and Andy event.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the school by letting us know if your children would not be at school and for being safe when dropping off and collecting students to and from school.

Well done Wedderburn!

Assistant Principal Danny Fowles and I attended the Presentation Ceremony at the Plaza Ballroom, for the Victorian Education Excellence Awards last Friday evening. The nomination and shortlisting, down to the final 3, of the Outstanding Secondary Principal Award across Victoria, is recognition of the hours of hard work and dedication of every one of our staff members. Congratulations to Anthony Rodaughan, Kurnai College who won this Award. Thank you to all who congratulated the school on this achievement.

It was an honour to be presented with the Finalist Award from Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, the Hon. James Merlino and our Regional Director, Ms Jeanette Nagorka.

Mrs Margaret-Anne Wright, Principal



## P-6 NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

On Friday 6th November the Grade Twos are lucky enough to have Claire Saxby, an author, visit their room to launch her latest book "Christmas at Grandma's Beach House." Claire has written some great books, one being shortlisted this year in the CCBA awards. Claire will be bringing some of her books and is available at the end of the day for purchases and signings.

Mrs McKenzie, Classroom Teacher

All of our staff and students are getting excited for the Prep Late Stay and Grade One Sleepover tomorrow night. Jake Ward in Prep said: "I will love it. I really like that we will play games. I will get to play torch tiggly in the KLC. I like that it is only Preps". Evan McCoy in Grade 1 said: "It's going to be cool, there will be lots of things to do. We are going to do challenges with our food and a bear hunt. I'm not going to wear my Essendon PJs because they are ripped. I think I will wear the ones that have deer on them".

Mrs Tanya has some fun activities planned, and I think there might even be some dress ups involved!

Prep students are to be picked up from their classroom at 6:15pm, and Grade 1 students are to be dropped off at 7pm, and should have had dinner and a shower at home.

Thursday also sees our first Transition session for our 2016 Prep Students. Parents will be dropping off their children at Mrs Tanya's classroom between 8:40 and 9am, and the Parent information session will be held in the College staffroom from 9:15.

A big thanks to two parents of our current Prep students, Monique Ward and Fiona Gough, who will also be attending to talk about their experiences as a Prep parent and to answer any questions that our new parents may have. Tea, coffee and a light morning tea will also be on offer.

Our next value focus in Advocacy will be Positive Relationships.

Miss Julie Martin, P-6 Neighbourhood Leader



*Winners from today's P-6 assembly*



*Student from Wedderburn College participated in the Bendigo Bank Fun Run on Sunday-well done*

## YEAR 7-10 NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

### **Gnurad Gundidj - School for Student Leadership**

There will be an information session with the Principal of Gnurad Gundidj Campus for the School for Student Leadership at Wedderburn College on Tuesday 10th November 2015 at Wedderburn College commencing at 11.30am. This session will take about one hour and includes a short power point plus question-answer session.

### **2016 Year 9/10 Program & Early Entry to VCE**

The College is still in the process of finalising the 2016 timetable. It is not possible to provide Year 9/10 students with the elective options or the VCE unit options to apply for early entry to VCE until this process is completed. If any changes were made to the timetable students would have to re-select their electives and units, which is unfair and an inconvenience to all involved. It is expected that the Year 9/10 Handbook with these key details will be released by Week 6.

### **Year 8 Federation 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 there is no cost to students. Please make sure consent forms are returned by Monday 23 Nov 2015.

### **Year 7 Transition Events**

On 25th November students in Grade 6 and their families from Wedderburn College, Inglewood and St Mary's Primary 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**

What an eventful week we have had here in Wedderburn! It was absolutely fantastic to see the amount of community support at Hamish and Andy's 'Race that slows the Nation' on Monday. Many of our students volunteered and worked throughout the day with local businesses and community groups, ensuring there were enough meals, refreshments and entertainment to keep the huge crowd happy throughout the day.

It was also wonderful for us all to have a short break from school for The Melbourne Cup – with only three days left of the school week we certainly have a lot to do!

Our Year 12 students are almost half way through their official examination period, with nine more exams before finishing on Thursday 12th November. It has been lovely to see the support for our current Year 12s undertaking exams from other staff and students over the past few weeks.

As the Year 12 exams come to a close our Year 11 students will need to be preparing themselves for their examination period beginning on Wednesday 18th November. Often beginning a study routine can be challenging and if you wait for the mood to strike you to do your homework, it simply will not happen.

Here are a handful of strategies that you can use to get on track for a productive study timetable:

#### **1. Routine, Routine, Routine.**

You have them when you get out of bed, eat breakfast, brush teeth, etc. so why not formulate and use them to your advantage to study? Some students prefer using the routine of their school timetable: ie revising each subject that has been taught during that particular school day, where others prefer to have a priority list to complete.

Remember, having a good routine also means getting up a consistent time on weekends – don't fall into the cycle of getting up late and going to bed late. All Year 11 students are encouraged to meet with their Advocate teacher to discuss their study habits and feel supported while creating a study timetable.

#### **2. Break up each subject task list into smaller task lists.**

Just writing "English homework" on a study planner won't give you a crystal clear idea of what is required for that study session. No idea = fluffing about = procrastination.

Be detailed with what is required such as:

Compile Unit 2 Outcome 1 summary notes

Complete end of chapter review questions

Pre-read next chapter topic

Summarise list of key quotations for XYZ

Make a list of questions for topics not understood and ask or email teacher for assistance

#### **3. Break up the subjects and alternate**

Short sessions of 45-60 minutes are good but it is even better to alternate and mix up different subjects. Different subjects typically use different parts of the brain so get some variety into your study if you can.

#### **4. Find your zone**

Find a 'safe haven' where you can study. That may be in the garage, the school library, at Nanna's place etc. Pick a place that is quiet and free from distractions to help you find your zone.

Our Year 11 examination timetable will be released to students next week.

**REMINDERS:****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 aims of supporting students to complete homework, revision and other schooling requirements in a focussed, supportive environment. Healthy snacks are 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 VCAA Examinations:** will begin with the English exam on Wednesday 28th October and will conclude on Thursday 12th November.

**Year 11 Examination period:** will begin on Wednesday 18th November and conclude on Tuesday 24th November.

Mrs Barker, VCE Coordinator

## Compass News

**Hands on Compass Session (Repeat)**

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.

**Continuous Reporting -Week 5 (Repeat)**

Next week (Week 5 - how time flies) is the next key date for feedback and feed forward to be uploaded to Compass for all students in Years P - 11. Please note that often feedback/feed forward is uploaded at other times for some classes so you should be regularly checking your student's comments as well as monitoring whether they are up-to-date with their work commitments.

## 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 supervises. Any students who require assistance with any form of homework should attend.

**PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS**

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

Amber Gibson, Secretary

**KOOL SKOOLS CD**

This year's Kool Skool's CD is now available for purchase at the office. The cost is \$5 each.

Well done to the students who took part in making the CD. It is always the highlight of the year for the music students involved.

Mrs Jenny Wagstaff, Music Director

# Garden Gnome Gossips



This week Miss Martin's Grade 3/4 class visited the garden accompanied by Miss Arnold. The main attraction was seeing what the chooks were up to. As there have been three new chicks hatched this was more so.

Other students planted the remainder of the corn seedlings. Watering garden beds, raking and digging were also on the agenda.

Thanks for your help Grade 3/4.

That's all for this week.



## Resource Smart

At Wedderburn College the process of placing re-cycling tubs in classrooms, staff eating and working areas, the library and near photo copiers has begun hopefully making the landfill bins less likely to be filled with paper waste.

Grade 6 students have done a terrific job collecting these bins several times a week and emptying paper waste into the proper yellow lid re-cycling bins that the Shire collects each fortnight. At times the Grade 3/4 students help out with this task.

It's great to see students really enjoying wanting to make the school a waste free place.

Trina Vaughan, Garden and Resource Smart Coordinator



**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	Nov 6	Sharon Lockhart	Friday	27	Susan Keller
Friday	13	Susie Lockhart	Friday	Dec 4	Dede Williams
Friday	20	Christine Coombes			
Mrs Jen	Dougall,	Manager			

**Year 12 2016 Jumpers**

All Year 11 students going into Year 12 next year will be purchasing a Year 12 jumper. The cost is \$75.00 each and is to be paid by Friday 6th November 2015. If money is not received your jumper will not be ordered.

Please contact Megan Thompson on 0408 224 967 if you have any queries.

*(Year 12 2016 Jumpers - Please hand money and this form to the General Office before Friday 6th November 2015.)*

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on the jumper: \_\_\_\_\_

Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name and signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# 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.

## **\*ATTENTION LADIES & High School students\***

**Don't miss the 60<sup>th</sup> Mothers' Club Concert this Friday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup>  
8pm  
Town Hall**

**Parents of W.C. Students, kindly bring a plate of supper to share. Thanks heaps.**

**Please support this event as it is a major fundraiser for Wedderburn College.**

See poster attached to newsletter for more details



# Being SunSmart in Victoria



## When UV is 3+



Slip on covering clothing



Slop on SPF30 or higher, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen



Slap on a broad-brimmed hat



Seek shade



Slide on sunglasses (AS:1067)

Think UV, not heat! UV rays can't be seen or felt and can damage your skin on cool or cloudy days.

## When UV is below 3

Sun protection isn't required unless you are outdoors for extended periods or near reflective surfaces, such as snow.

Download the SunSmart app to find sun protection times for your location in Australia.



[sunsmart.com.au/app](http://sunsmart.com.au/app)



Cancer Council  
Victoria



VicHealth™

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

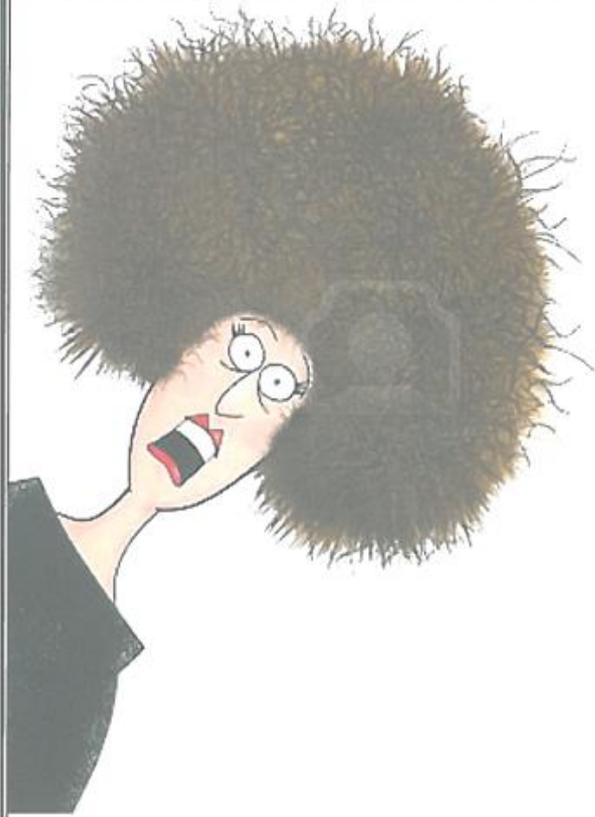
Thursday 10am – 4pm

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**