



NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 10
15th June 2016

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The Newsletter is designed to offer an information service to the parents of Wedderburn College students and local people interested in Education.
Deadline for newsletter articles is STRICTLY 9am Tuesday via email address above.

DATELINE

Playgroup every Tuesday morning from 9:00am to 10.45am (Please note time).

June

- Tues-Fri 14th-17th Year 11 Unit 1 Examinations
- Thurs-Fri 16th-17th Lions Public Speaking Competition Primary
- Fri 17th Try a VET Day in Charlton (Year 9)
Kool Schools leaving at 6:30am for Melbourne
- Mon 20th MIPs in attendance
College Council
- Mon-Tues 20th-21st Year 9 First Aid Course
- Mon-Wed 20th-22nd Year 10 Pre Driver Education
- Wed 22nd P-6 Social
- Thurs 23rd Year 7 Immunisation 9:30am
Year 12 Studio Arts Immersion Day
- Fri 24th Whole School Assembly, KLC 9:00am
Last Day Term 2, Dismissal at 2:30pm

July

- Mon 11th Term 3 commences
- Mon-Fri 11th-15th Year 9 Bogong Winter Connection Camp
Year 10 Work Experience
- Tues 12th House Athletics
- Wed 13th Primary Netball Championships
- Thurs 14th SSV Cross Country Melbourne Bundoora Park
- Tues 19th Student Free Day
Deb Ball photos viewing Library 5-7pm
- Wed 20th Year 8 NCTTC Orientation Day
- Mon 25th Prep to Year 12 Learning Conversations
Year 12 Tertiary Information Service (TIS)
Charlton Civic Hall
- Tues 26th NCD Athletics Sports
Glenda Millard Author Visit Playgroup-Grade 6
- Wed 27th NCD Athletics Back up
- Thurs 28th VCE 12 English Galileo Excursion to Bendigo

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- Fri 12th Year 10 University Experience Day -

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Many in our community will remember that in May 2014 the then Premier of Victoria, Denis Naphthine visited Wedderburn and announced funding of 1.2million dollars for upgrades to Wedderburn College. You could be forgiven for having forgotten about this or to be wondering what is happening with this funding. Here is the most recent update. Since the announcement of the funding, (which stays in the government coffers until the works are done) consultation has occurred with staff and College council who rated various aspects of our grounds and buildings. In addition the DET undertook inspections, identified maintenance areas and prioritised areas for works. This is called an Assets Management Plan. Once these areas were identified, work began with an architect who has liaised closely with the school to design an upgrade to Block B – the administration offices, library, staff areas and classrooms at the end of this block. We believe we are ALMOST at the stage when these plans can go to tender and work will be able to commence.

In the meantime the College has undertaken much needed maintenance and improvements to our facilities to make the best possible environment for our student and staff to work and play in each day. The following maintenance and improvement projects have been undertaken:

1. Upgrading of out of date and non-compliant fittings across the school
2. KLC stadium and foyer painted
3. External painting to Block A
4. Replacing of locks to classroom doors to ensure compliance
5. Partial painting to the internal classrooms and offices in Block A – this holiday period will see the remainder of the internal classrooms painted in this building.
6. Provision on shade on the top oval
7. Building a pavilion for seating, outdoor classes on the top oval
8. Building a shed for active learning classes e.g Hands On Learning, Human Powered Vehicle
9. Provision for efficient storage of archiving of school records
10. Updating of signage around the school
11. Safe fenced area for our Playgroup
12. Updating of seating and outdoor furniture across the College grounds
13. Renewal of planting and landscaping at entrances to the school in both Hospital Street and Chapel Street
14. Major works to our fire system will be undertaken in the

holiday break ensuring compliance and safety for us all.

All this, and the ongoing regular maintenance to the school infrastructure as it is identified.

So now our next scope of work is focussed upon the old basketball court which currently is an unattractive and under-utilised area of the school. Plans are afoot to address the poor surface making it a safe place for students to play on and to provide opportunities for outdoor activities for students. A permanent ping pong table, re-positioned basketball backboard, 4 square court/s, shade areas provided by both plantings and a physical sail structure along with seating is within the plans to revitalise this area and making it a really attractive space for our students to enjoy. All going well this work will be completed this year. This work is separate to the upgrade our \$1.2 million will fund.

I acknowledge the know how and skill of Nick Chalmers, as these works have been scoped and undertaken. Nick's knowledge of our school and its infrastructure is amazing and his help in working with tradesmen, completing maintenance and building, and providing expert advice has been fabulous.

Look out for all this work as it progresses and takes shape.

END OF SEMESTER REPORTS

End of semester reports will be available for all parents and students on Compass from Friday 24th June.

The end of semester reports are a culmination of previous continuous reports over the past semester.

I would encourage parents and students to access these written reports over the break. This is an opportunity for parents to discuss their child's progress and set down goals for learning in the second half of the year.

There will also be an opportunity in term 3 for parents to attend Learning Conversations to discuss your child's progress with their Advocacy teacher or classroom teacher.

A letter will go out next week explaining how parents can access the reports on Compass. The letter will also provide information for families who are unable to access the reports from home and how we can support you here at school. Make sure you ask your child for this letter next week.

Margaret-Anne Wright, Principal

P-6 NEIGHBOURHOOD

PRIMARY SOCIAL

Get ready for the first social of 2016- My Letter is Better!

Date: Wednesday 22nd June

Time: 5:00pm – 6:30pm

Venue: Wedderburn College KLC

Entry: \$5 each, \$12 for a family of 3 OR \$15 family of more than 3.

Music, Games, Dancing and a great chance to dress up and get out with some friends! Snacks for sale.

All you have to do is dress up as anything you want that begins with the first letter of your name.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

On the last day of term, Friday 24th June, please join us for a whole school assembly, beginning at 9am, in the KLC. Our P-6 captains Chelsea and Dylan will be presenting Student of the Week, and Caught Being Good for Positive Relationships awards. Teachers will be contacting families to let them know if their child has won an award.

Mrs McKenzie's Grade 1/2 class will also be making a special presentation, sharing some of their learning.

ADVOCACY VALUE FOCUS



YEAR 6 SCIENCE

For Year 6 Science we require 24 x 250 - 300ml empty drink bottles; either water or soft drink. These are required for an experiment where we use bicarbonate soda and tartaric acid to inflate a balloon which is attached to the top of the bottle. Please send them to school to be delivered to Mrs Brett if you can help out. Thanks

NETBALL COMPETITION AND ATHLETICS SPORTS

Notes will go out this week in regard to Grade 5/6 girls Netball Competition on Wednesday 13th July and Athletics Sports on Thursday 14th July along with the need for parent helpers.

Julie Martin, P-6 Neighbourhood Leader

YEAR 7-10 NEIGHBOURHOOD

SCHOOL UNIFORM

A reminder that students are required to wear the correct school uniform at all times. Hoodies are not part of the school uniform - even under school jumpers. Students can wear additional layers of clothes under their school uniform however their school shirt or jumper must be the top layer. Any students seen with hoodies sticking out of their jumper will be asked to remove it.

YEAR 10 DRIVER EDUCATION - PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Next Tuesday evening (21st June) Year 10 students will be completing their night drive as part of their driver education program. At the same time parents are invited to attend an information session from the lead instructor of the driver training centre. This session is an invaluable opportunity for parents to learn how to support their child in becoming a safe driver. Please RSVP using the provided slip on the information letter or email richard.dougall@wedderburn-college.vic.edu.au ASAP.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE TRAINING SESSIONS

With just over a week to go until the end of the term, Year 10 students must have their work experience organised. There are also training sessions left to attend where students will be required to complete their assessment to ensure they are competent to go out into the workplace. All Year 10 students need to attend these training sessions before they go on work experience.

YEAR 9/10 SEMESTER TWO ELECTIVES

Year 9/10 students have received a reminder of the electives they have chosen for next semester. If you wish to request a change please return your form back to Mr Dougall by Friday 17th June 2016.

Richard Dougall, Year 7-10 Neighbourhood Leader

YEAR 11-12 NEIGHBOURHOOD

Welcome to Week 10!

Our Year 11 students have had a busy week this week, undertaking their end of Semester One examinations. This process is a great opportunity for our students to begin experiencing official examinations and prepare the for their Unit 3 & 4 exams next year. When the exam period draws to a close, Year 11s will begin their Unit 2 studies.

Year 12 students should be ensuring that they continue to log onto their Edrolo account and take advantage of the guided revision opportunities. Edrolo is an online resource that provides comprehensive and up to date online video lectures that can be used to support students with revising key content for their Unit 3 and 4 subjects. If you would like some support with logging in or your Edrolo account please make sure to speak to your classroom teacher.

Wedderburn Community House is running the RSA (Responsible Serving of Alcohol), Food handlers and RSG (Responsible Serving in Gaming venues) Certificates again this year.

This is the perfect opportunity for senior students to get ahead of the pack by having their certificates ready for heading off to study at University or TAFE next year, or perhaps looking for full time employment after completing their studies.

The popular RSA and food Handlers Certificates will be held on the one day, Sunday 24th July.

To book places or register you interest please contact Wedderburn Community House on 54943489.

**RSA, RSG & FOOD
HANDLERS CERTIFICATES.**

Sunday 24th July
**RSA (Responsible Serving of Alcohol)
& Food Handlers Certificate.**
 An excellent trainer
 from Melbourne on site.
 Nationally recognised certificates.



RSG (Responsible Serving at Gaming Venues)
 available online.

These certificates are a requirement for working in, or wanting to work in the food & drink industry, such as cafes, restaurants, hotels, supermarkets.

New laws requiring the RSG in sports bars, TAB, or gaming venues.

All community groups need people with these certificates to run bbq's, street stalls selling food, serving drinks at community events.

You do not need to be over 18 for the RSA course.

\$ 80 for one course, \$140 for 2 certificates.
 \$190 for all three certificates.

Bookings before 8th July, on 54943489.

COMING UP:

TERTIARY INFORMATION SERVICE – MONDAY 25TH JULY.

Tertiary Information Service are representatives from each of Victoria's universities, TAFEs and several independent colleges that travel across the state providing information sessions for Year 12 students working to finalise their post-secondary study options.

Year 12 students will receive information on the application process for tertiary courses and the range of study opportunities available.

The program ensures all Year 12 students can make well-informed choices about their futures.

Have a great week everyone!

Mrs Lauren Barker, VCE Coordinator

North Central LLEN has a Facebook Page which is aimed at students in Years 10, 11 & 12 as well as parents and past students.

If you 'friend' "North Central LLEN" you will receive up to date information on apprenticeships, traineeships, university courses, University and TAFE Open & Experience Days, VTAC information, courses available at Neighbourhood/Community and Resource Centres, study tips, motivational quotes, links to scholarships, plus lots more.

It is an easy way for students to communicate with our MIPs staff also. We encourage you to 'friend' us so we can share current information with you all.

Abby Shay, MIPs Coordinator



COMPASS

CONTINUOUS REPORTING AND LEARNING TASKS

Wedderburn College uses Compass to provide parents and students throughout the year with feedback and feed forward on students' progress. It is important that students and parents log in to Compass regularly to view this feedback and feed forward. To view click on students' profile and then the learning task tab. For additional information about students' work habits you can also view their progress reports on Compass (see below)

COMPASS SMS NOTIFICATIONS

When ever your child receives a positive Compass chronicle highlighting them meeting one of our five values (Respect, Responsibility, Honest, Doing Your Best and Positive Relationships) or they receive a confiscation, out-of-uniform or late work chronicle parents will receive a SMS reminder to check Compass to see the details of the chronicle. The sender ID will say COMPASS.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress Reports for the first half of Term 2 will be accessible on Compass School Manager by the start of next week. See the instructions below to access them.

Step One:

Go to www.wedderburn-college.vic.jdlf.com.au or click on the link on the Wedderburn College website.

Log in using your Compass Username and Password. (Please contact us if you have forgotten your log in details).

Step Two:

Select "Profile (Attendance, Schedule, Reports) under your child's name (on the left of the home page).

 Profile (Attendance, Schedule, Reports)

Step Three:

Select Reports Tab



This will bring you to your child's Progress Report.

Generally Progress Reports are accessed online through Compass.

If you have no or poor internet connection at home please let us know so that we can print and mail them home for you.

GENERAL NEWS

POWER HOUR

The Power Hour allows students a quiet and supervised space and time to complete homework and get support. This year it is on Thursday, straight after school in the BER building.

HOMEWORK CLUB

The College provides support to students by offering teacher assistance at a lunchtime Homework Club. The Club is 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.

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT,

Last week I attended another 2 days of training with Rhythm 2 Recovery, a workshop using drumming as a therapy tool. Having been involved in DrumBeat and music teaching in general over the last few years I have become increasingly interested in the effects that music has on the brain. This latest training has fueled that interest even further.

According to neuroscience, playing a musical instrument is the brain's equivalent of a full body workout. It engages nearly every area of the brain at once, and as in any other disciplined, structured workout, playing music strengthens those brain functions allowing us to apply that strength to other activities particularly during academic an social settings.

So why is this so? Playing music is found to increase the volume and activity in the brain's corpus-callosum, the bridge between the two hemispheres, allowing messages to get across the brain faster and through more diverse routes. Because

of this it has also been found that playing a musical instrument has great benefit to people who have had brain injury as a result of an accident allowing other areas of the brain to take over from the damaged area.

Drumming fits in to this area so well because of the fact that both hands are required giving us what is known as mirrored hand therapy which balances both brain hemispheres.



Graham Veal, College Chaplain

CANTEEN NEWS

Please see attached for the 2016 menu- these prices have been in effect since the beginning of the school year and are the current prices.

Please remember that sauce costs \$0.30.

Breaka chocolate and strawberry milk have been replaced with Oak chocolate and strawberry milk - same size and same price. Chocolate Oaks (UHT) are unavailable until mid-late June.

17Jun Leanne Holt

24Jun Christine Coombes

If you are not able to make your rostered day, please find a replacement and let the school know.

Jen Dougall, Manager

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, 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.



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TALKING MATTERS BENDIGO

(Free Speech Pathology Drop-in Clinic for children under school age)

A speech pathology drop-in clinic is a place where families can come to discuss their child's speech and language concerns without having a referral or a pre-arranged appointment. The service is available for children aged birth to school entry. No appointment is necessary and a 20-30 minute timeslot will be allocated to you on arrival. A brief discussion of your concerns regarding your child's development will occur, with some suggestions provided to assist your child's communication.

2016 Dates and Venues

Date	Venue	Time
Wednesday 24 February 2016	Bendigo Primary School, Violet St, Bendigo	9.00am-12.00pm
Wednesday, 23 March 2016	Kangaroo Flat Primary School, 60-80 Olympic Parade, Kangaroo Flat	9.00am-12.00pm
Tuesday, 12 April 2016	Lightning Reef Early Learning Centre, Holmes Rd, Bendigo	9:00am-12:00pm
Wednesday, 18 May 2016	Bendigo Primary School, Violet St, Bendigo	9.00am-12.00pm
Wednesday, 15 June 2016	Kangaroo Flat Primary School, 60-80 Olympic Parade, Kangaroo Flat	9.00am-12.00pm
Thursday, 14 July 2016	Lightning Reef Early Learning Centre, Holmes Rd, Bendigo	9:00am-12:00pm
Wednesday, 17 August 2016	Bendigo Primary School, Violet St, Bendigo	9.00am-12.00pm
Wednesday, 21 September 2016	Kangaroo Flat Primary School, 60-80 Olympic Parade, Kangaroo Flat	9.00am-12.00pm
Tuesday, 18 October 2016	Lightning Reef Early Learning Centre, Holmes Rd, Bendigo	1:00pm-4:00pm
Wednesday, 16 November 2016	Bendigo Primary School, Violet St, Bendigo	9.00am-12.00pm

Enquiries: Helen Lees
MCH Clinical Coordinator
Phone: 4408 6590

Food Handling/

Safe Practice Course

For people involved in commercial and community food preparation.

(SITXFSA101- Use Hygienic Practices for Food Safety)

Wednesday June 22nd 7:30pm to 10:30pm

**Venue: St Arnaud
Community Resource
Centre**

Cost of course \$105

**Enrolment and payment are required by
Wednesday June 15th**

Enquires and Enrolments to:

St Arnaud Community Resource Centre

85 Napier, St

Ph: 03 5495 1997

Mon to Fri 9am to 3pm





Bendigo Health CAMHS & Schools Early Action Program

Wedderburn College

Dear Parent,

Have you ever thought about wanting some new ways to help your child cope with the ups and downs of life? To help teach your kids about strong feelings and how they can manage them better? To learn parent approaches to remain calm when things get stressful in your family?

These feelings skills are really important to help children make and keep friends, do well at school and feel good about themselves.

Parents of children in prep to grade 6 at Wedderburn College have an opportunity in Term 3 2016 to participate in a free parent program. It is an 8 week program which runs from 1.15-3.15pm at the Wedderburn Football Club rooms.

The group will commence on **Thursday 14th July 2016** and conclude on **Thursday 1st September 2016**.

For more information on the program, please call Kerry or Jane on phone 5442 7596.



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!



TERM TWO TO-DO LIST:
- pay for Amy's school excursion
- buy James new cricket shoes
- find out more about Saver Plus!

Match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500. Saver Plus is looking for new participants in your local area.

You may be eligible to join if you or your partner have:

- a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- a child at school or starting next year
- some regular income from work.

Call or SMS Carol, your local Saver Plus Coordinator:
03 5448 1024 / 0439 935 516 or
carol.gledhill@bsl.org.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

Kids with Confidence School Holiday Program 2016



Kids with Confidence is a structured program established for children with a family member who has a mental illness. The aim of the program is to teach kids about mental health & wellbeing, to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness and to encourage new relationships and opportunities to learn and have fun.

The school holiday program is a two day program giving kids time away from home with peers and also giving the parents a break during the winter holidays.

Upper Primary aged kids

When: Tuesday 5th July and Wednesday 6th July

Where: The Hub at Wedderburn College

Times: 10.00am – 3.00pm

Cost: Free

Registrations & queries:

Cara Ryan phone: 5431 7000 email: cryan@idh



- Apple
- Ant
- Astronaut

Come along to 2016's Primary Social!

Music, Games, Dancing and a great chance to dress up and get out with some friends!

Snacks for sale!

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Date: Wednesday 22nd June

Time: 5:00pm – 6:30pm

Venue: Wedderburn College KLC