



NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 4
3rd August 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).

Aug

- Fri 5th Jeans for Genes Day, gold coin donation
- Thurs 11th P-6 Assembly 9am BER Building
MIPS in attendance
Yr 12 VTAC Lunch with MIPS
Mothers Club Concert Meeting 5:30-6:30pm, Football Clubrooms
- Fri 12th Year 10 University Experience Day - **(Cancelled moved to 9th Sept)**
- Wed 17th Netball Championships Grade 5/6
Year 10 into Year 11 Information Evening - understanding VCE, VCAL and VET. 5:30-6:30pm
Year 7 Information Session, 6:30-7:30pm
- Mon 22nd Book Week
MIPS in attendance
Year 11 and 12 Learning Conversations 3:40-5:30pm
VTAC Information Session 5:30-6:30pm
College Council
- Tues 23rd Jungle Shimmy Performances (Playgroup, Kinder and P-4)
- Fri 26th Book Week Parade
Garimba World Championships-VCAL Fundraiser

Sept

- Fri 2nd Father's Day Stall
Primary Basketball Tournament Grade 5/6
- Mon 5th Yr 7-12 Calder Athletic Sports
- Tues 6th P-6 Calder Athletic Sports Charlton
- Fri 9th Year 10 University Experience Day - Federation University (**new date**)
MIPs in attendance
- Fri 16th Last Day Term 3
Footy Colours Day, gold coin donation

Friday 2nd September- Father's Day Stall/Primary Basketball Championships Grade 5/6
Wednesday 7th September- Calder Athletics

JEANS FOR GENES DAY FRIDAY, 5TH AUGUST 2016

What is Jeans for Genes?

Jeans for Genes is the iconic fundraising campaign of Children's Medical Research Institute.

Each year, Australians unite by wearing their favourite jeans and outdoing each other with crazy denim outfits, and donating money or purchasing merchandise, to support genetic research. This Friday wear your favourite jeans (normal

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Attendance at school is a big factor in a child's success at school. The importance of being at school every day cannot be overlooked. Of course if a child is sick then it is sensible for them to be at home or seeking medical treatment, however many children have large numbers of absences for reasons that cannot be justified. Children are being dealt a poor hand when they are given permission to have a day off because they have visitors, have a birthday or for other reasons that can be avoided. It is important for us all to work together to support children to have the best possible outcomes. Not being at school affects educational opportunities, the ability to maintain good friendships and relationships with peers. If you are having any difficulty with your child not wanting to attend school please speak to your child's class teacher, advocate or Neighbourhood Coordinator, Julie Martin (Years Prep-6), Richard Dougall (Years 7-10) or Lauren Barker (VCE/VCAL) or Mair Evans our Wellbeing Coordinator.

Each year the school conducts an opinion survey of 15 per cent of our school community. Parents are randomly selected to participate and we use the information support and direct our decision making to make our school the best it can be. The survey is anonymous. Randomly selected families will have recently received the survey via mail. Please complete it and return it to the Office asap.

Mrs Margaret-Anne Wright, Principal

P-6 NEIGHBOURHOOD

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 5th August- Jeans for Genes Day
- Thursday 11th August- P6 Assembly 9am in BER
- Wednesday 17th August- Netball Championships Grade 5/6
- Monday 22nd August- Book Week
- Tuesday 23rd August- Jungle Shimmy Early Years Performance Playgroup, Kinder and P-4
- Friday 26th August- Book Week Parade

school wear on top) and donate to help raise money for medical research. Bring along a gold coin donation which will be collected by the SRC.

Every dollar raised on the day helps scientists at Children's Medical Research Institute discover treatments and cures, to give every child the opportunity to live a long and healthy life.

BOOK WEEK PARADE- FRIDAY 26TH AUGUST

Our annual Book Week parade is fast approaching, have you started planning your costume yet? Each year all P-12 students, staff, parents, siblings and other College community members are invited to participate in our Book Week Parade. Each year I am amazed at the creativity and enthusiasm of not only the students, but also the staff in their costumes! There are fantastic prizes up for grabs, and lots of fun to be had. Get planning now!! Check out some of the dress up winners from 2015.



PRIMARY ADVOCACY FOCUS



PUBERTY CLASSES

Year 6 students will be participating in their Puberty classes beginning this week. It will be presented by the school nurse, Janice Deocampo, each Wednesday afternoon. This will be a three week program utilising the double lessons that are available on Wednesdays. For some classes students will be together and for some periods of time the boys and girls will complete separate activities.

Julie Martin, P-6 Neighbourhood Leader

YEAR 7-10 NEIGHBOURHOOD

YEAR 10 ORIENTATION TO VCE/VCAL - SAVE THE DATE: 17TH AUGUST

Time flies and during Term 3 we begin to organise orientation for Year 10s into VCE/VCAL. There will be an orientation session for students and parents on Wednesday 17th August 2016 at 5:30-6:30pm. This is an important session to discover more information regarding future study pathways into VCE and VCAL as well as additional information regarding continuing on VET subjects. It is highly recommended that students begin to think about possible study options and subjects they may wish to study next year. To assist, students can book in to see Abby Shay our MIPS Co-ordinator. Students can make an appointment in the MIPS book at the library desk. There is a MIPS date on Thursday, 11th August.

GRADE 6 INTO YEAR 7 PARENTS & STUDENT INFORMATION SESSION - 17TH AUG 2016 @ 6:30PM

Wedderburn College invites students in Grade 6 and their parents to attend an information session at Wedderburn College. The session is on Wednesday 17th August 2016 commencing at 6:30pm. The session will run for approximately one hour. As well as finding out information regarding the transition from Grade 6 into Year 7, students and parents will also have an opportunity to ask questions about transition and have a tour of the school facilities.

Additional transition activities:

29th November: half day transition activity. This is a chance to get to know other students joining from Inglewood.

6th December: Step up day. A chance to be a Year 7 student for the day.

More information will be provided at the Parent Information session as well as through the newsletter as the activities get closer.

YEAR 10 FEDERATION UNI EXPERIENCE POSTPONED TO FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH

The strong partnership with Federation University continues for our College with the opportunity for our Year 10 students to attend the 'Uni Experience Day' on Friday 9th September. The purpose of this annual day is to provide our students with a first hand experience of university life. It especially caters for students with academic ability to undertake university study but unlikely to consider it due to lack of awareness, financial hurdles or being the first in the family to attend a university. Our College highly values the relationship with Federation University and the Schools Outreach Program as it has had a definite impact on our past students considering further study after year 12.

YEAR 8 - 2017 NCTTC SELECTION FORM

Students are required to return their NCTTC Selection Form for next year's Wednesday program by the end of this week. Please hand form in to the front office. If you need a new form please see Mr Dougall.

CURRENT YEAR 10 STUDENTS - LYNNE KOSKY MEMORIAL VCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year the Department of Education and Training provides two scholarships for two outstanding Year 10 students currently enrolled in registered Victorian schools who plan to study VCAL in Years 11 and 12 as a pathway to further study, employment or training, and who face financial barriers to remaining in education. See the newsfeed on Compass for more information and a link to the application process.

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

There is a Parent/Student Information session being held in Bendigo at the Bendigo Library at 7:30pm on Tuesday 9th August in regards to a Student Exchange Program. Hear from returned students, find out more about discounts and scholarships available and ask questions. Visit www.studentexchange.org.au

WORK EXPERIENCE REFLECTIONS FROM STUDENTS

I completed my work experience at Swan Hill South Kindergarten.

Everyday I would walk 2 kilometres to the kinder. It was an averaged size kinder in a very convenient spot. The staff, parents and children were all very friendly. They made it very easy for me to settle in.

The tasks performed were a little bit out of my comfort zone at first but I soon warmed up to things and found easier ways to do things. I picked up the routine and how everything worked extremely quickly.

I enjoyed every moment of my work experience, even the hard task of pushing the children on the swings.

This experience taught me more about communication, teamwork, teaching methods and how to interact better with children.

By completing my work experience I have been able to narrow down my future career path. I have decided that I will continue ,u schooling at Wedderburn College and then head to University to complete my Early Childhood Diploma or Bachelor.

by Tahlia Hargreaves

On my work experience I was given the opportunity to seek an insight into Rhonda Allan's job as the Mallee Sports Assembly Coordinator for the Buloke and Gannawarra Shires. Part of Rhonda's job is organising activities around the shires such as golf and indoor bowls to get people in the community involve in the sporting community. During my experience with Rhonda I had the opportunity to go to Cohuna and see the golf activity that Rhonda organised. Due to

bad weather we did not participate and only a few people showed up. I also went to Kerang where I watched and took part in the indoor lawn bowls in a small group of people with disability.

On the Wednesday we travelled to Charlton where I assisted a group of people with disability to play a modified version of indoor lawn bowls. On my work experience I learnt that organised events can easily be changed by the weather forecast and that there is a lot of work to be done behind the scenes before the event can go ahead.

I really enjoyed my time with Rhonda as it gave me an insight into what type of work she does and what activities are offered in the local communities. It also showed me that there are many jobs out there that are very interesting and would be a good career pathway for me.

by Carly Isaac

I completed my work experience at Wonga Park Primary School last week. This particular primary school has about 300 students, ranging from Prep to Grade 6. The staff and students were incredibly friendly as soon as I arrived, and I was warmly welcomed at 8:45 that first Monday morning.

The first class I participated in was a prep classroom, which began with lots of hugs and stories because they missed their teacher so much over the holidays. Other year levels I experienced was two, three, four and five, and it was interesting to see how to communicate with all the different age levels and their understandings of certain things.

Each day except Wednesday, I went into the Kitchen class with a lady named Jenny, and along with grades 3 and 4's, we cooked delicious and interesting meals using ingredients from their garden. I absolutely loved this aspect of my work experience although it did involve me doing some more tedious jobs such as washing dishes and tea towels and sorting through utensils, but that's what work experience is all about. In the regular classrooms I was usually just helping the students to read, write and set goals for this semester which was exciting.

Another day I went into a P.E. class and an art class, both good fun and interesting to watch and be involved with.

Lunchtimes were possibly the most fun where I was on the oval watching soccer games. There were quite a few injuries and arguments, I was being the mediator for most of those.

Over all I absolutely loved my work experience and was sad when it ended. This has opened my eyes to what being a primary teacher would be like, and it would definitely be a possibility for a future career. I will keep it as an option.

by Bridget Mullins

WORK EXPERIENCE REFLECTION FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Audience: Students, parents, school staff

Purpose: to think through and express impressions and opinions about work experience.

Your Name: Kyle Simpson

Workplace: Keech Castings

What was the workplace like? It is a massive foundry with 136 workers and every worker you talk to is nice

What jobs did you observe? Sweeping and fixing stuff

What jobs did you do? Help maintenances

What did you enjoy? sweeping

What did you learn? That it's an early start

Do you think you would like this to be your career? No

How has this influenced your plans for school, education or work? Knuckle down

Working with Bendigo Magistrates' Court

Completing work experience at the Bendigo Magistrate's Court was a fresh and eye-opening experience. There are multiple court rooms and I sat and observed in each one of them. Although being professional, the staff at the Court were fun to work with and made each day a new learning experience. I usually sat up at the Registrar's desk next to the Registrar. I got to organise matter files, pass on documents from the prosecutor to the Magistrate and fold letters into envelopes. I enjoyed learning about legal terminology. I would definitely take up doing something within the Commerce area.

by Lucy Witham

Working at Robertson Hyetts Solicitors (Bendigo)

Completing work experience at Hyetts Solicitors was a very similar but different experience to the Court. Robertson Hyetts is a reasonably big firm, accommodating about 30 employees over 2 storeys. This was more of a hands-on experience. At the solicitors I contributed to typing up file notes, word documents and other important records regarding matters. I also attended a couple of property settlements at other law firms. I enjoyed learning about conveyancing and family law. Again, I learnt new terminology and processes within this area. I would definitely take up doing something within the Commerce area.

by Lucy Witham

Richard Dougall, Year 7-10 Neighbourhood Leader

YEAR 11-12 NEIGHBOURHOOD

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS AND VTAC INFORMATION AND APPLICATION EVENING:

Learning Conversations for our Year 11 and 12 VCE and VCAL students will take place on Monday 22nd August between 3.40pm and 5.30pm. All students and their families are able to book interview times online through Compass or may contact individual staff members to arrange a time. These conversations will provide the perfect platform to discuss individual student's performance and provide guidance in preparation for Year 11 and 12 examinations and assessments.

An important VTAC application process information session for all Year 12 students and their families will begin directly after our Learning Conversations on Monday 22nd of August. All students and their parents/carers planning to lodge an application for tertiary study at either University or TAFE next year are strongly encouraged to attend.

During the session we will go over the application process step by step as well as discuss important timeline dates. Students will also be provided the opportunity to begin the application process. Some information will also be provided regarding the calculation of the ATAR, preferences and offers. Our MIPs Coordinator Abby Shay will be in attendance on the night and will be able to provide information and guidance as required on the night.

EDROLO:

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.

DON'T FORGET:

On Wednesday 17th August we will host an important information evening for all Year 10 students. The session will begin at 5pm with a BBQ for all attendees, with the official presentation beginning at 5.30pm. This session will include essential information for students making decisions for VCE and VCAL pathways in 2017. The session will also contain vital information about subject selections. The information session will cover the options open to students in 2017 including studying VCE, VCAL and VET courses. There will be a number of staff explaining the different pathways students can take in VCE and VCAL.

All students are required to attend and parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to also be in attendance to ensure everyone is fully informed.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Year 10 into Year 11 Transition Information evening – *Wednesday 17th August, 5pm BBQ, 5.30pm information session*

Year 11 and 12 Learning Conversations – *Monday 22nd August, 3.40pm – 5.30pm*

Year 12 VTAC Information and Application Evening – *Monday 22nd August, 5.30pm information session*

Have a great week.

Mrs Lauren Barker, VCE Coordinator

COMPASS

Don't wait for the end of semester to view your child's progress. Log in to Compass and view teacher feedback and feed forward at anytime by checking out your child's Learning Tasks. Children also receive regular (every 5 weeks) progress reports on their Organisation, Behaviour, Attitude to Learning and Work Completion. Learning Tasks and Reports can be found under your child's profile page.

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.

GLENDA MILLARD VISIT

On Tuesday 26th July renowned Australian children's author, Glenda Millard, of Castlemaine, visited Wedderburn College primary and pre-school students. She read from her 27 picture story and chapter books and introduced the students to her tips and tricks for writing successfully. Children from Prep to Grade 6 were full of questions such as: "Where do you get your ideas from?", "Do you ever make mistakes?" and "Which comes first, the words or the pictures?"

Glenda gave reassuring and inspiring responses to the young storytellers. From "Lightning Jack" to "Mrs Wiggins and the Wartymelons" and "For All Creatures", children, parents and teachers were delighted with the wit and expressive language used to construct these timeless stories. We look forward to reading work inspired by Glenda's lively presentations.

Glenda shared her strategy of including humour for the benefit of the parents and teachers reading her books to children, learned from years of reading to her own children.

The College will be celebrating Children's Book Awards during August with many activities and performances planned. The theme for Book 2016 is "Australia – Story Country". The winners of sections for novels, information books, picture story books and illustrations will be announced in late August.

Miss Hilary MacKay, Teacher Librarian

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

Yesterday after a slight mishap on the way to work caused by a mechanical dysfunction of the brakes on my van, I realised that sometimes the plans you make can be totally disrupted causing you to have to think things through in a different light. My initial thought was not all that good as it prevented me from getting to work, but as I stood looking at the trees on each side of me that I missed hitting as I waltzed off the bitumen and through the woods, (that would make a good song) I was very thankful that no harm had come to me or the van, so I made the decision to look for the good that may come out of this situation.

There were two good things that came my way. One was the fact that the brakes on my van have now had a major overhaul and will stop me (at the right time and the right place) and the other was that I was able to connect with someone along the way who was in a worse place than myself, and needed someone to talk to unload their burden. We have both gone our ways happier than in the previous few hours.

We can all learn that in the midst of what looks bad, we can always be on the lookout for some positive outcomes.

Graham Veal, College Chaplain

CANTEEN NEWS

Please remember that sauce costs \$0.30. Please see below for the term 3 roster. If you are unable to volunteer on your rostered day, please arrange a swap with another parent and let the canteen know.

Roster for term 3:

5Aug Stacey Reeves

19Aug Sharyn Lockhart

2Sep Susan Keller

12Aug Susie Lockhart

26Aug Julie Gould

16Sep Leanne Holt

Jen Dougall, Manager

Garden Gnome Gossips



With the rain and cold of winter it was a blessing to have the sun shining during the week. Being on yard duty at lunch time I was surprised to have some of the Grade 3/4 students visit.

They were able to dig in the dirt for gold and have cuddles with the chooks.

What more could you ask for than a smile from happy students.

Trina Vaughan, Garden Coordinator



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.

WANTED!

Old hard cover books for an upcoming Year 9/10 Art project.
Please drop any donations at the Art Room or front office.

Save the Date.....
Coming soon

Wedderburn College Fete
Friday 14th October
Stalls available to the public

More information to come

**Wedderburn College
Parents' Association**

Mothers' Club Concert Meeting
Thursday August 11th 2016
5.30pm to 6.30pm

Wedderburn Football Clubrooms
All past, present and future MCC cast
members welcome to attend.
Discussing potential changes
to MCC organisation
Your input is valued.

Thanks heaps, Alex Holt Ph: 5494 3757



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Friday 5th August 2016