



# NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 6  
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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

**Tuesdays - Playgroup from 9:00am to 10:30am**

### November

Wed-Fri 15th-17th 9/10 Outdoor Ed Coastal Camp  
Thurs 16th Prep Late Stay  
Fri-Thurs 17th-24th Year 11 Unit 2 Exam Period  
Mon 20th 'Kinship Care Info Session' 5pm  
Finance Committee and School Council  
Mon 20th Year 10 Road Smart Activities  
Fri-Thurs 17th-23rd Year 11 Unit 2 Exam period  
Thurs 23rd Celebration dinner Year 12  
Fri 24th Year 10 Road Smart Activities-Driver  
Education Centre Charlton  
Christmas Festival 10:00am onwards  
Fri-Thurs 24th-30th Year 12 'Step Up'  
Mon 27th Year 10 Road Smart Activities  
Mon-Wed 27th-29th Gr 3/4 Queenscliff Camp

### Dec

Fri 1st Year 12 'Step Up'  
Year 11 students last day  
Fri-Mon 1st-4th Glasses for Kids Program  
Mon-Wed 4th-6th Year 10 into 11 "Step Up"  
Tues-Wed 5th-6th Year 8 Fed Uni Camp  
Wed 6th Year 10 last day  
Fri 8th Kinder Transition Day  
Mon 11th Finance Committee and School Council  
Tues 12th Year 7 Transition-full day orientation  
Tues 19th Pupil Free Day  
Wedderburn College Awards Night  
Fri 22nd Last Day Term 4 dismissal at 1:30pm

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### EXAM PROGRAM

Our Year 12 students are now well into their exam program and Year 11 students are preparing for their work.

Best wishes to all students at this important time of the year and my thanks to all staff for the work undertaken in supporting all students involved.

### END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

The 2017 school year is closing quickly and there are many programs that staff have planned and are presently undertaking. It is important at these times that everyone endeavours to remain informed.

I request staff and parents to ensure *good communication* is in place at this time. If parents have any concerns, please contact the staff member involved or give me a call if you have specific difficulties.

**Mr Ron Payne, Principal**

### PREP, GRADE 1/2

Our thumbs are getting greener in our room! We have watched our bean seeds slowly develop shoots and leaves and are now potted up. Some of our basil seeds have germinated too. This week there is some homework about plants that may benefit from some extras brains!

During Literacy we have been reading and writing persuasive

text. We will be much wiser watching television ads now!

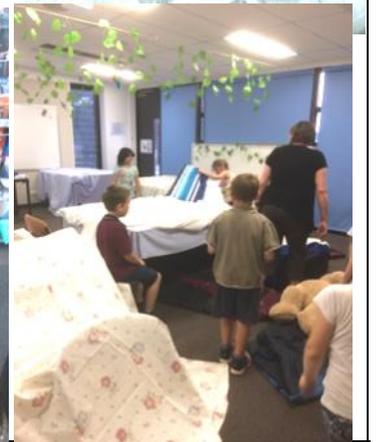
We had super fun last Thursday night at the Grade One Sleepover!

### Highlights included:

- Making cubbies to sleep in our jungle
- Bursting balloons
- Chocolate game
- Night walk
- Supper in the 'swimming pool'
- Breakfast at our 'café'
- And sleeping all night yahoo!!!!

Don't forget the Prep Late Stay is on Thursday 16th November. Children need to be picked up from school at 6:15pm.

**Mrs Chalmers and Mrs McKenzie  
Classroom Teachers**



### **GRADE 3/ 4 T**

We are all getting very excited about our camp to Queenscliff in 12 days! Everyone is reminded to use their 'items to bring list' to check off everything and make sure they have it all ready for camp. Please don't forget if your child needs to take any medication whilst on the camp it needs to be handed to the teacher on the morning of the camp in a sealed bag/container with the medication form that was sent home earlier. If any questions or queries arise before the camp please don't hesitate to contact me at the school.

Miss Laura Trembath, Classroom Teacher

### **P-6 ART**

Wow, the year is really flying by!

The P-2s are finishing off their unit on Indonesian influenced art by making masks. Next we will be looking at Impressionist artist, Claude Monet.

In 3/4 Art, students are working on completing their Indian festival elephant collages. Next we will investigate mandalas, how to make and print our own.

The 5/6s have been fine tuning their clay skills making Middle Eastern inspired tiles.

### **5/6 MATHS**

We have been expanding our knowledge of decimals and how they relate to fractions. Can you list at least five situations where we use decimals in real life? We explored the place value of digits in decimal numbers and how to correctly line up the digits when adding or subtracting decimal numbers.

This Friday is our second last module test for the year. It's great to see so many students striving to improve on their growth.

Next week we will be undertaking the last On Demand test for the year.

Homework is due on Wednesday!

**Sue Prevos, Primary Art and Maths Teacher**

### **GRADE 5/6**

Transition is getting into the swing of things for the Grade 5/6's. We have spent many sessions in one of the classrooms in the newly renovated building site along with participating in the exciting transition days with the Inglewood and Bridgewater students as they visited our school. We have enjoyed touring the senior classrooms as well as meeting some teachers such as Miss Holt and Miss Graham who might be teaching us next year. Start preparing for our next transition day on 12th December 2017.

We have loved having the drama classes with the Year 9/10 Drama students. It is fun doing impromptu acting and games.

Our Puberty sessions started this week with Ms Deocampo so we are keen to learn lots of new information about our bodies, health and hygiene along the way.

Poetry is at the top of our priority list, finalising the Poetry Booklet as we print off or handwrite our poems to share with the class.

We are all so excited about our Inquiry project where we are putting ourselves in the eyes of an Asian person living in Australia in the 1900's. Some students are dressing up as their character, some are eating Asian food, some students are practicing the use of chopsticks. It is great to see the excitement our students have at becoming their character so they can fully understand any experiences they may have had.

School Captain Speech – Grade 5's should be preparing their School Captain speeches at home and bring them in prior to Friday 1st December to ensure they are fully prepared for the P-6 School Captain speech day on 1st December.

Swimming – starts on Tuesday 21st November. Please ensure students attend school and are prepared with all equipment needed.

Christmas Festival – for our class tree, we need 3 old tyres to use as a base. If anyone has any unwanted old tyres, please share 3 with our class.

**Miss Jess Higgins, Classroom Teacher**

## VCAL STEP UP WEEK. YEAR 10 TO YEAR 11- NEW STUDENTS

As a pre requisite for the VCAL 2018, Year 10 students are to attend an interview with the VCAL teachers and leadership before being accepted into the course. Parents are expected to attend the interview. The focus of the interview is to outline the expectations of the course and to answer any questions that arise. In the interview students can discuss their interests, passions and goals for the future so that a program can be developed around their needs.

Prospective students are required to bring a folio of evidence of their best Year 10 school work and other supplementary materials to the interview. Students have been given an application booklet to be completed and brought to the interview along with their folio of evidence. Students will also be given assistance completing the booklet in Advocacy classes.

Interviews are to be held on Wednesday 6th December to coincide with Year 10 to 11 Step Up week. Parents and students are encouraged to contact the school to organise a time on the day or to arrange another day or time that is more suitable. The interview will take about 20minutes.

For further information about the VCAL program, please contact the school or consult the link below:

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/vcal/employers/empfaq.aspx>

## STEP UP – YEAR 11 TO YEAR 12 STUDENTS

Current VCAL students who wish to return next year will also need to attend an interview to establish their goals and expectations for 2018 and to reaffirm the expectations of the school. They are required to write a letter of application as outlined on their ‘Progression Application’ document. Parents are not required but are welcome to attend.

The interview for these students will take place in the week of the Year 11 to 12 Step Up program, beginning on Monday 27th November.

**Janene Godden, Mark Gretgrix, Rhys Church, VCAL Professional Learning Community**

## SENIOR STUDENTS ADVOCACY

It has been a productive few weeks at the Senior end of our school, with Year 12 VCE students undertaking their end of year examinations. Although the majority of students have completed their exams, some still have until next Tuesday, 21st November to finish.

Students, parents and community members are reminded that our examinations take place at the Wedderburn Trotting Pavilion that they need to consider minimising disruptions and noises during the below times:

<b>Wednesday 15th November</b>	9.00am – 11.45am 2.00pm – 4.15pm	Physics Legal Studies
<b>Friday 17th November</b>	9.00am – 10.45am	Studio Arts
<b>Monday 20th November</b>	9.00am – 10.45am	VET Community Services
<b>Tuesday 21st November</b>	9.00am – 10.45am	VET Engineering

Our Year 12s, their families and staff will celebrate the completion of their secondary schooling on Thursday 23rd November with our annual ‘Celebration Dinner’. This dinner will be held at the Wedderburn Golf Club. We are looking forward to a wonderful night celebrating their achievements of our great bunch of senior students!

Although the year is rapidly drawing to a close, it is important for our Year 11 VCE students to be at school each day until Friday 1st December. These students will undertake their end of year examinations between Friday 17th and Thursday 23rd November. These examinations are an important part of our VCE student’s schooling and provide an opportunity to prepare for their future Year 12 exams. Students should be revising their class content and undertaking study in preparation. A timetable for these examinations can be found below:

Dates	Session starting at 8:55	Session starting at 11:30	Session starting at 13:25
Fri 17, Nov 2-on-day: 0 3+on-day: 0	Set as N/A 11English exam 08:55 - 12:10 (3h 15mins)	Set as N/A	Set as N/A
Sat 18, Nov 2-on-day: 0 3+on-day: 0	Set as available	Set as available	Set as available
Sun 19, Nov 2-on-day: 0 3+on-day: 0	Set as available	Set as available	Set as available
Mon 20, Nov 2-on-day: 1 3+on-day: 0	Set as N/A 10General Mathematics exam 08:55 - 10:35 (1h 40mins) 11Maths Methods exam 08:55 - 11:05 (2h 10mins) 11General Mathematics exam 08:55 - 10:35 (1h 40mins)	Set as N/A	Set as N/A 11Indonesian Written exam 13:25 - 15:05 (1h 40mins)

Tue 21, Nov 2-on-day: 2 3+-on-day: 0	Set as N/A 11Psychology exam 08:55 - 11:15 (2h 20mins) 	Set as N/A	Set as N/A 11Health & Human Development exam 13:25 - 15:40 (2h 15mins)  11Physics exam 13:25 - 15:05 (1h 40mins) 
Wed 22, Nov 2-on-day: 2 3+-on-day: 0	Set as N/A 11Accounting exam 08:55 - 10:35 (1h 40mins)  11Business Management exam 08:55 - 10:35 (1h 40mins) 	Set as N/A	Set as N/A 11Biology exam 13:25 - 15:05 (1h 40mins) 
Thu 23, Nov 2-on-day: 4 3+-on-day: 0	Set as N/A 11Health & Physical Education exam 08:55 - 10:35 (1h 40mins)  11Studio Arts exam 08:55 - 10:35 (1h 40mins) 	Set as N/A	Set as N/A 11Legal Studies exam 13:25 - 15:05 (1h 40mins) 

**ALL Year 11 VCE and VCAL** students will take part in our ‘Step Up’ week from Friday 24th November until Friday 1st December. ‘Step Up’ provides a great opportunity for students to gain a head start to their Year 12 studies and is a great introduction to their Unit 3 & 4 content. **It is extremely important that all students attend.** Step Up timetables will be released to students through Compass before the end of this week.

Please remember that our Year 11 **VCAL students** are expected to continue to attend Wedderburn College on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays until Friday 1st December.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday 17th - Thursday 23rd November - Year 11 Examination period

Thursday 23rd November – Year 12 Celebration Dinner

Friday 1st December – Last day for Year 11 VCE and VCAL students

**Mrs Lauren Barker, Senior Student Advocate**

## 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 any time 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 on 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.

### LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to all students who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2017. Many students received awards at the P-6 Assembly on Thursday 9th November winning prizes of books, pens/pencils. A very big thank you to all teachers who helped and encouraged their students to achieve this great incentive, which has been running for 10 years.

The last book club order for 2017 is due back on Monday 27th November 2017. Definitely no late orders accepted.

Any students who have overdue books, could you please check at home for them and return them to the Library as soon as possible.

A big thank you to Amber Gibson who helped with the Scholastic Book Fair at which we reached the fabulous amount of \$ 1,582.00 of which we get a % and receive the equivalent in books.

Happy reading!

**Joan Earl, Librarian**

## CANTEEN NEWS

Term 4 Canteen Roster

### November

Friday 17th Kylie Cunningham      Friday 24th Sharyn Lockhart

### December

Friday 1st Karen Holt

Please note that students in Years 7-12 wishing to have a lunch order, need to have them in no later than 10.30am. The blue box to place your orders in is located just inside the door of the BER building.

Please note that Slushies are no longer available for purchase in the Canteen. There are still plenty of other drinks/ice-cream options available.

This **Friday 17th November**, will be **Hot Dog Day** in the Canteen!

This cost \$3.50each. If you want tomato sauce, then a \$0.30 is added to the cost.

Please have all orders (with monies) in to the Canteen by **Thursday, 16th November**. Unfortunately, orders placed after Thursday will not be accepted.

**Mrs Ros Witham, Canteen Manager**

## LUNCHTIME SPORTS REPORT

Last week the year 9/10 HPE class held the first week of lunchtime sports. We played basketball and the scores were Black (29 points) vs Green (21 points), Blue (35 points) vs Plain (26 points), Red (20 points) vs Yellow (24 points).

Big thanks to the umpires and spectators for helping and cheering. We had three 3-pointers scored by Finn, Aliza, and Nick.

This week we are playing ultimate Frisbee in the KLC. This will be on Monday, Tuesday and Friday between 1:15pm and 1:50pm. All guests are welcome.

Teams	Points
Yellow	4
Blue	4
Black	4
Green	0
Plain	0
Red	0

**Elliot Reeves, Year 9/10 Sports Media Manager**

## MOTHERS CLUB CONCERT REPORT

Last Friday 10th November was the annual Mothers Club Concert held at the Mechanics Hall. The night was well attended and the audience was entertained by some very talented ladies. This event, as always, is the Parents Association's highest money raiser for the year which is a fantastic achievement. The theme for the 62nd year was a tribute to two amazing ladies who have supported our community greatly and were very well deserving of such a status. The evening was a great success with lots of laughs which is something the ladies who attended would be expecting. To the helpers that assisted with this event, including cast and crew the ladies at the door, in the kitchen and everyone that was there till the end you all did a great job. Thank you.

Just on finishing the year with this event I would like to say it has been both a pleasure and privilege leading the Parents Association and I would appreciate this opportunity again in the coming year.

**Trina Vaughan, Parents Association President**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Wedderburn College Parents' Association is selling second hand uniforms at the College. We are selling them every Friday morning from 8.45 - 9.30am. If you cannot make it during these times you can contact Kylie Cunningham on 0409 389 916 to arrange another time that suits. All money raised from the sale of uniforms will go to the Parents' Association to help assist with camps, Christmas books, etc. If you have any second hand uniforms to donate please deliver them off to Joan in the library or contact Kylie.

## KINSHIP CARE INFORMATION SESSION, MONDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2017 AT 5:00PM

Recognising the great work of grandparents and extended families who are looking after nieces, nephews, friends, grandchildren and great grandchildren Wedderburn College and Anglicare Victoria would like to invite you to an information evening on Monday 20th November at 5:00pm.

Often when families find themselves looking after the children of loved ones it is a rushed and stressful time. The Anglicare Info Night aims to put you in touch with other kinship carers and a broader network of support. It is a

chance to get assistance in navigating legal situations, respite, financial difficulties and gaining the right support for you and your family. Student are more than welcome to attend, as there will be a supervised play/activities area. Light supper/ snacks will also be provided.

Please come along to share ideas, gain assistance and support others.

Any questions please contact Mrs Annita Steel or Mr Richard Dougall.

### NO JUNIOR WEDNESDAY TENNIS TODAY

There will be no junior tennis today after school (Wednesday November 15th). Sorry for the inconvenience. We will resume next week. Any queries please contact Meg Lockhart 0458 944 258. New primary or secondary school-aged players are always welcome.

### WEDDERBURN REDBACKS AMALGAMATION COMMUNITY MEETING

You are invited to attend a community meeting to discuss the proposal to amalgamate the football, netball, hockey, junior football and football ladies clubs into one called the Wedderburn Redbacks Inc.



**When: Wednesday 6 December @ 8pm (after senior football training)**

**Location: Wedderburn Clubrooms**

A brief presentation on the journey so far will aim to inform all members of the club and community around the amalgamation process.

An opportunity for questions, answers and feedback will follow.

Your attendance will be appreciated as the working party value your input and together we can make this club great.

### WEDDERBURN BEYOND '18 COMPLEX

The Wedderburn community is raising funds for a new multipurpose facility located on Donaldson Park. This is an exciting project for our community that will develop state of the art facilities that will cater for our current and future generations of children.

Please follow the link below to find out more details on the facility and how you can show your support for this project.

<https://asf.org.au/projects/donaldson-park-reserve-committee-of-management/>

## Career Taster Day at Charlton

### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Are you an adult looking for a career change?

Have you just finished school?

Thinking of working in Hospitality or Health Services?  
Like to be a barista?




Buses available from Pyramid Hill, Boort, Wedderburn and Wycheproof

Low cost - \$20, travel & lunch included

Try our hands-on "taster day" - **Charlton Trade Training Centre** - have a look at **local training** for your next career move ....

Hear from trainers and people working in these industries:

- Hospitality
- Barista
- Health Services



Numbers are limited - To book your place or for more information, call Anne or Loretta at Boort Resource and Information Centre (BRIC) on 5455 2716.



## WEDDERBURN TROTS

### Membership

### Tickets \$20.00

Available from Wedderburn Community House

Members' cash draws on Cup Day to the value of \$5,000.00

## Sunday 21st Jan 2018

Further details from

## Tom Nisbet 0427 346 312







