

Principals Report

New School Council President

At the first meeting of the newly elected 2009 College Council, Vicki Hilderbrand was elected as Council President, Les Burr as Vice President and Damien Healy as Treasurer. Thank you to parents and teachers who have volunteered to assist the College by nominating to serve on our College Council.

Our thanks also to retiring members of Council: Jane Carrington and Debbie Quinn.

Adrian Wells has also formally resigned from Council after a contribution of over 35 years of service to School Councils in Victoria. A function will be held to recognise Adrian's extraordinary support to Victorian education. More information will be provided in a future newsletter.

2009 School Council Membership

Co-opted Members: B Fox, L Burr, V Hilderbrand
 Parent Representatives: L Yates, N Fleming, C Johnson, D Neverauskas, D Anderson, S Ryan
 DEECD Representatives: R Polson, U Reeb, J O'Donnell, D Healy

Visit by Candy Broad MLC Minister for Housing and Local Government

We were delighted to host a visit by The Hon. Candy Broad, Member for Northern Victoria at Felltimber Campus during lunchtime on Thursday. Candy had a tour of our existing facilities, visited a number of classrooms, spoke to some students and teachers as well as studied our plans for the refurbishment of the campus and the construction of a Performing Arts Centre.

2008 Annual Report and 2009 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP)

Copies of both of these publications will be available in the next few weeks from the office at both campuses. The Annual Report provides information about what was achieved during 2008. Extracts of the Report will be included in future editions of the Parent Newsletter.

The AIP clearly indicates the priorities, implementation strategies and milestones we hope to achieve during 2009. The areas covered include curriculum use of computer technology, teaching and learning, student assessment, literacy, numeracy, student transition into and out of the College and Indigenous education.

Interim Reports

Interim Reports will be distributed at 2.00pm on the last day of Term. Parents will get an overview of the progress of their child in all subjects being studied.

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held after school on the first Wednesday of Term 2, April 22.

Vern Hilditch
Principal

Assistant Principals' Report

Need some Healthy Lunchbox Ideas?

Packing healthy fare needn't be as difficult as you may think.

"The number one tip for parents is to keep the school lunches interesting!" Says Chris Browne from 'Go for your life.'

"Try making small changes to your daily lunchbox routine. For example, grab some large cookie cutters and cut your children's sandwiches into fun shapes, cut fruit into bite size pieces, or make a fruit salad rather than including a whole piece of fruit."

He says allowing children to choose from a selection of healthy options will encourage them to eat their lunch, as opposed to bringing it back home, swapping it with other children - or simply binning it at school.

"The more involved children are, the more ownership they will take over their lunch?"

"If possible, try growing some vegetables at home like alfalfa, tomatoes or lettuce and include these in your children's lunch."

Mr Browne says parents should include interesting and tasty foods that will give their child the energy to get through a busy school day.

"The six main ingredients for a healthy lunchbox are vegetables, fresh fruit, dairy such as low-fat cheese or yoghurt, some protein such as a hard-boiled egg, some wholegrain bread and plenty of water," he says.

"Chop up vegetables like carrot and celery for a quick, easy snack, a salad, a salad sandwich with wholegrain bread and a slice of cheese, or wholegrain crackers with a low-fat dip."

For more healthy lunchbox ideas, see: Go For Your Life website www.goforyourlife.vic.gov.au

Winter Uniform

With the on-set of the colder weather, it is important to ensure students wear the appropriate jumpers/windcheater with their pants or skirt. Please note that beanies are not acceptable uniform. All items of uniform should be clearly named.

Maree Cribbes, Alyson Miller
Assistant Principals

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club

Joe Cashman and Mandy Knight run the Friday Morning Breakfast Clubs at Felltimber (at the canteen) and Huon (in B7). All students are welcome to partake of pancakes, toast with jam and hot milo. A celebrity member of staff assists each week. Fridays 8.15am - 8.45am.

Arts/Technology/LOTE

Drama

Drama this year has taken on the challenge of Shakespeare and in Term 2 our local community will be invited to a Year 9 performance based around significant scenes from a selection of Shakespeare's plays. The Year 9's at Felltimber are exploring key scenes from *The Merchant of Venice*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Macbeth* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

The students have spent most of this term familiarising themselves with some of the features of life in the 16th Century and the language and beliefs of Shakespeare's England. They are looking at how Shakespeare's characters deal with their passions and obsessions as they seek revenge, fall in love, experience hatred or are consumed by their ambition. So keep an eye out for this show, the performance dates will be in next term's newsletters.

The Year 8 Drama group has been working at developing their improvisation skills and will be hosting a Theatre Games competition late in Term 2. This group has shown an incredible ability to attempt new and challenging scenarios and their exciting progress indicates a great show on the way. It is very exciting to see these young actors taking risks and sharing their ideas in an area that is often challenging to experienced performers.

In Year 7 the emphasis has been on team co-operation and developing a drama skill's base. This group has worked hard to learn ways of using their bodies and voices to present entertaining physical theatre, tableaux and short scripted pieces. Their imaginative approach and enthusiasm has made for some high energy and hilarious sessions and it would be wonderful to see them take on the challenge of more in depth exploration in Drama next year.

As Performing Arts teachers, we are continually delighted to be teaching such an exciting, diverse and naturally talented student community. It is our hope to be bringing short shows to our parents and local communities throughout the year. Two of our students, Jake Barry and Celeste Schaeffer - both experienced dancers - have taken the initiative and formed a Hip Hop dance troupe. Celeste and Jake will be choreographing original dances and although this troupe is in the early stages of rehearsals, they are aiming high and hope to perform at concerts and compete at a regional level later in the year. All in all, it's shaping up to be a really exciting year and we look forward to seeing you at one of our events!

The Performing Arts Team

Year 7 Japanese

Mr Dent's Year 7 Japanese Language classes have had a special cultural event to celebrate their studious efforts! We decided to cook some yummy Japanese curry! The students wrote the full recipe using their computer laptops so they could cook the curry for their families and as part of their ongoing Japanese assessment portfolio. They have also uploaded the Japanese language tool bar so they can actually write in Japanese what they learn in a word document. Families, please ask to see what your child has written in Japanese on their laptops. We cooked about 4 litres worth of curry, served it on rice and they loved it! The students also shared their cooking with some of our staff. Well done Year 7 Japanese! Next time please try to cook this sweet curry for your families.

Cameron Dent (Dent せんせい)
Japanese Teacher

Music

All instrumental music students should have received a letter regarding lessons in Term 2. The permission form and payment for Term 2 must be received by the last day of Term 1 if you wish your son/daughter to continue with music lessons in Term 2. If you did not receive the letter, please contact me immediately so that I can send one to you.

Kerrie O'Connell
Music Coordinator

Year 9

Outdoor Ed All day Kayak Trip

On Thursday the 12th of March the Outdoor Ed class took to the Mighty Murray River, for an all-day Kayak trip. The day started at Water Works where we unloaded the boats from the trailer and into the water.

We stopped for a touch of morning tea at Mungabareena, as the



clouds

rolled in and the rain became imminent! The paddle continued and the kayaker's arms became heavier, and the paddling techniques became more creative as a result. We soldiered on to Norieul where those who had not capsized ended up just as wet as those who had, as the rain poured down.

Overall a very enjoyable day was had by all.



Hollie Radomski
Outdoor Education

English

The following Acrostic poems were written by Year 9 English students during class. They were discussing different sorts of homes, homelessness and this was based around the text: "The Simple Gift" by Steven Herrick.

Homeless

Hobo, homeless, hungry, no habitat
On my own
Moneyless-existence
Existing alone, no one to care
Lonely, living on the streets
Everyone ignores me
Sorrow, sombre, sad individual
Society rejects us

Homes

Happiness together
Outside in the yard
Mansion
Everyone enjoys each others company
Safety!

Helen Lees
English

Year 7

Student Experiences of Secondary School

High school is a lot different from Primary school because there are lots of things that you can do to improve yourself.

Here is what I have been up to:

Humanities: 7F have been doing mapping e.g.: Bedroom map and a Bird's eye view map.

English: We have been making autobiographies about the first week of high school, last week of primary school and how we felt about leaving primary school.

Drama: I have been performing mimes that we made ourselves e.g. My group did an aeroplane mime and it was really enjoyable.

Maths: I have been working on maths mate sheets on Tuesdays.

Art: My art class started off drawing robots in our diaries and then drawing them on A3 paper. Then we just started making little lizards out of clay.

Science: My class have been doing the lab safety, what to do and what not to do, then we did some pracs like heating porcelain over a flame.

PE: 7F and 7B have been working together most of the time but now we are split up and are working on the sports day stuff like high jump and javelin.

Georgia Ransley

I like high school because you get to meet lots of different teachers and students. You also get lots of opportunities to do different classes.

In Humanities we have been doing mapping portfolios.

In English we have been doing autobiographies.

In Maths we have been doing lots of different mathematical equations such as order of operations and square roots.

And that is what we have been doing at WYMC Huon campus.

Bailey Reid

School Nurse

Information on the HPV vaccination Program

All parents worry about protecting their children and want the best for their future. The good news is there is a new vaccine, Gardasil, that can help prevent girls from developing cervical cancer when they are older. Parents can help protect their daughters by making sure they receive the vaccine.

The cervical cancer vaccination program started in April, and will be given to girls, free of charge, at their schools. In Victoria, the vaccination program is staggered, so that some school girls are vaccinated in 2007 and the rest in 2008. The vaccine is administered by injection in three doses over a period of six months.

The vaccine works by immunising girls against certain strains of the human papillomavirus (HPV) that are known to cause 7 out of 10 of cervical cancers. The vaccine will also prevent 9 out of 10 cases of genital warts.

Twelve may seem young to begin vaccinating girls against an infection that is contracted through sexual contact, but that's the point – to immunise them long before they are exposed to any risk. HPV is very common – 4 out of 5 people will have it at some time in their lives. Usually the body clears the virus naturally, but sometimes the virus can lead to cervical cancer. Parents of students who have missed receiving this vaccination at school should phone Wodonga Council on 6022 9300.

Helen Allen
School Nurse

Year 7

IMMUNISATION PROGRAM

An immunisation program is being conducted at the College on:

Friday, March 27 - Huon Campus

and

Monday, March 30 - Felltimber Campus

Consent cards and information have been given to students and should be returned to the College by **March 24**.

If your child has already been vaccinated or you do not wish for them to have the vaccination you are still required to return the completed consent card.

If your child misses out on their vaccination on the day, a catch-up session will be held at the Senior Citizens Hall, Hovell Street, Tuesday, April 14, 4.30pm - 6.00pm.

- ◆ all students will receive the first dose of Hepatitis B
- ◆ girls will receive the first dose of Gardasil

The chickpox vaccine is also available to students who have not been previously vaccinated or who have not had the disease.

Please call Wodonga Council's Environmental Health Department on 6022 9300 for further information.

Return your forms by the above date to go into the draw to win a Nintendo Wii.

Chess Club

Welcome to "Dark Master" our latest player. We are a small group but certainly know how to play chess!

Results last week:

"Dragon Master" took the game from "The Cube".

"Siren" tried, but "Adro" had other ideas!

A dark cloud descended over "Mythical" thanks to "Shadow".

A draw for "Cpt Wart Hammer" and "Dragon Fire".

"Cinnamon Snaps" wanted to snap "Sandro" but it didn't work out that way.

A battle of the "Masters", though this time "Dark Master" proved he had the talent over "Night Master".

A quick game for "Flame Boy" and "Mack". "Flame Boy" the winner.

Helen Boulton

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Sport

Super 8's Cricket - Felltimber

Both campuses entered teams in the NEDSSSA Super 8's carnival last week. Felltimber had Year 7 and 8 boys and girls and Year 9 girls. Year 7 boys team won two out of three pool matches defeating Galen and Huon but losing to Wangaratta High School. They qualified for the final against Wangaratta but were again defeated by a very strong Wangaratta High School team.

Team members were Aiden Sinclair, Jake Moon, Sam Scott, Cody Hewat, Ryley Duncan, Jacob Scott, Darcy Potter, Ted Elkington and Liam McKay. Thanks to Andrew Cardwell for looking after the boys.

The Felltimber Year 7 girls team defeated both Galen teams in the pool games but were defeated by Wangaratta High School. They came up against Wangaratta High School in the Final where they reversed the previous result and won the final by 51 runs. A fantastic effort by the girls who will now progress to the Zone Finals in Term 4.

Team members were Sam Gaskin, Tiffany Smart, Keely McLaren, Georgia Nieuwerth, Courtney Hillier, Stephanie Murray, Eliza Russell, Kristen Nichol, Macalya O'Connell.

Felltimber Year 8 boys were undefeated during pool games and finished runner up to Wangaratta High School overall being just behind on runs against wickets lost ratio. A great effort by the team who were looked after by Brock Shirley. Team members were Zac Barter, Tyson Neander, Seamus Quinn, Joel Heiner, Beau Styles, Jaiden Stojanovic, Liam Potter, Corey Prenter, Jordan Palmer and Cody Ebbels.

Ben Russell managed the Year 8 girls team. They defeated Galen B team but were defeated by Galen A and Huon and finished in 5th place.

Team members were Sheridan Casley, Carleah Flynn, Tilly Murphy, Tiegan McGuire, Sarah Tilev, Keira Taylor, Natasha Williams, Erin Pike and Jade Kiffen.

Felltimber Year 9 girls won two out of their three pool games against Galen 1 (a Year 10 team) and Galen 2, they played off for 2nd and 3rd place against Galen 2 but unfortunately they were beaten the second time around. A great effort by the girls to finish 3rd on the day as they were playing 2 players short all day.

Team Members were, Rachel Mallichan, Imogen Llewelyn, Carly Sibbald, Kylie Whitehead, Kiah Mack and Megan Howard, they were looked after by Miss Radomski for the day.

Congratulations to all the players who represented WMYC on the day.

Brock Shirley



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Community Notices

Wodonga Junior Rugby League

Registration and training days every Wednesday
(Birth certificate will be required for registration)



4.30 to 6.00 at Melrose Primary School Oval

Boys and Girls from under 16's down to under 6

Competition starts May 2, 2009

Enquiries please phone
Wayne 60594028 , 0417234211 or
Neil 60598731, 0419216300

Parkland Tennis Club

Saturday morning Junior competition

Further information: Philomena Dobson 6059 7474

Dates to Remember

Dates for 2009	Activity
Monday, March 23 - Wednesday, March 25	► Huon - Year 7 Camp (7A,7B,7C,7D)
Thursday, March 26	► Huon Athletics Carnival
Friday, March 27	► Immunisations-Huon
Monday, March 30	► Immunisations-Felltimber
Monday, March 30 - Wednesday, March	► Huon - Year 7 Camp (7E,7F,7G,7H)
Tuesday, March 31	► Felltimber Athletics Carnival
Thursday, April 2	► VSSSA Swimming
Friday, April 3	► Last Day Term 1
Monday, April 20	► First Day Term 2
Wednesday, April 22	► Parent /Teacher Interviews
Monday, April 27 - Friday, May 1	► Felltimber - Year 7 Camp (April 27 - 29: 7A,7B,7C,7D) (April 29 - May 1: 7E,7F,7G)

Canteen Roster - Felltimber

Monday, March 30	Katrina Dawes
Tuesday, March 31	Dot Wallace
Wednesday, April 1	Helen Deegan
Thursday, April 2	Dot Wallace
Friday, April 3	Marg Quine