

Principals Report

End of Semester One Only Six Weeks Away!!!

We are about half way into Term 2 and I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all students to use the last six weeks of term to their best advantage.

End of semester reports will be written **for all students**, based on work completed over the **entire semester**. Please reread your Interim Reports which were handed out at the end of last term and make sure you have addressed all concerns raised in each subject.

Nothing less than Your Personal Best is what we expect from all students at all times.

We also expect your personal best in how you care for each other and the College. This is the difference between a good school and a great school.

The values of Respect, Trust, Tolerance and Consideration you display individually and collectively towards others and to the school facilities largely determines how this school is organised and run and how successful we are as a school.

"Individually **YOU** do make a difference! Collectively a huge difference."

Education Week

This week the College is celebrating Education Week in a number of different and exciting ways. Each campus will run programs including photography, cooking, mechanics, library challenge, science, parent/student night, classroom visits and primary school visits. Please ask your student what their year level has planned and come along and enjoy the various opportunities offered.

Grade 6 Student and Parent Information Meeting and Tours

Over 300 parents and students attended our Information night held last Tuesday in the PAC at the Senior College. Many took advantage to tour both campuses on Wednesday afterschool. If any parents or students missed the opportunity and would like to find out more about what the College has to offer please contact either of the Assistant Principals Maree Cribbes at Huon or Alyson Miller at Felltimber to arrange a personal tour. Grade 6 initial enrolment forms will be sent to all Primary schools for distribution before the end of term.

NAPLAN Testing

Testing was completed for the vast majority of students this week. Thankyou to all teachers for supervising the 700 students in our College who sat the five tests over three days. Students who were absent will need to sit the tests they have missed over the next week. Special thanks to Mr Polson and Mr Burke for coordinating such a large exercise which has involved two thirds of our school population.

Validation of Student Information and Parent Contact Data

Over the next three weeks we will be sending home the information the school currently holds on each child enrolled in the College. We would ask all parents to check it carefully as the accuracy of this information may be vital in the event of an emergency involving your child. If the information is not correct please make the necessary changes on the form. Please sign the bottom of each page even if there are no changes. Please have your child return the form to their A-Team Teacher.

Vern Hilditch
Principal

Assistant Principals' Report

Attendance: It's Not OK to be Away!!

Many students have their educational program severely interrupted by absences. For a student to reach their full potential at school, students must attend regularly. This means only a few days away from school during the year. If a student attends a nine day fortnight, that is one day in 10 school days absent, a total of 25 days would be accumulated, the equivalent of an extra five weeks of absences in a year. Under such circumstance how could any student be able to keep up with their studies? As parents you have a critical role to play in protecting and supporting your son/daughter's future.

We, parents and the school need to work together to help students to understand the importance of attending school on a consistent and regular basis. School and parents have a legal responsibility to account for the whereabouts of their young people daily.

The College has implemented a range of approaches to inform parents of attendance patterns. Daily attendance is recorded at the A-Team meeting, class rolls are marked for each lesson, contact with families is initiated when patterns of absence occurs by either the class teacher or a year level team leader. If a student is absent a note is required immediately on return, this is handed to the A-Team teacher and recorded as an approved absence. When a student is late it is also recorded.

We would encourage you to make contact with your child's A-Team teacher, class teacher, year level team leader or if necessary an Assistant Principal to follow up any concerns you have in relation to attendance. It is very important that absence notes are provided explaining the reason for the absence, these need to be signed and dated by a parent or carer.

Regular attendance is critical to success, when a student misses a class they lose the thread of the subject material, making progress difficult. Could you imagine making sense of a book if you have only read two of the six chapters?

Shoes

Many students are wearing 'ballet type flats'. The school policy states that students must wear completely black, fully enclosed shoes. The change to the uniform policy was explained to students at student assemblies and placed in newsletters during Term 4, 2008.

This decision was made in 2008 after advice from Podiatrists and also to ensure that we adhere to Occupational Health and Safety Requirements.

We understand that many parents have purchased new footwear and therefore are unable to buy new shoes for their child so early in the year.

We would however, request that when you are replacing shoes that you purchase 'fully enclosed, black' shoes.

It would be expected that all students at the Middle Years College would be in the appropriate footwear by the commencement of Term 3, 2009. If you have concerns with purchasing the shoes in this time frame please contact your child's A-Team Teacher at the College.

Examples of appropriate footwear were sent to parents during term one with a letter. If you require a copy, please ask at the office.

Maree Cribbes, Alyson Miller
Assistant Principals

Education Week - May 18-22

Lots of exciting and varied things are planned for Education Week. Parents are invited to attend.

Huon

Tuesday, May 19

- Readers Cup, 1.15pm in the Library featuring the Stephanie Meyer book "Twilight"

Wednesday, May 20

- Music Extravaganza, 1.30pm in the Drama room
- Music Extravaganza, Periods 6 / 7 in the Drama room
- Dads and Lads, 4.30pm - 7.00pm
- Science Happenings, 4.30pm - 7.00pm
- Photography workshop, 4.00pm - 5.00pm

Other activities include Manga Club, Klub Indonesia and Klupiak Eating Competition. Contact the Huon Campus for details.

Felltimber

Monday, May 18

- Year 9 students to Melrose Primary

Tuesday, May 19

- Year 7 "In Class" during Periods 3, 4 and 5

Wednesday, May 20

- Chess Challenge, Students V Teachers, 1.05pm

Thursday, May 21

- Battle of the Minds, Periods 4/5, Teachers V Students
- "Twilight" Challenge, Library at 1.15pm
- Scrapbooking Club, 3.30pm - 4.15pm

Education week will be well and truly celebrated in the WMYC Campus Libraries. There is a quiz running from Monday to Thursday with the winner to be drawn on Friday at 1.15pm. Pick up an entry form from your Library.

The Readers' Cup, featuring the Stephenie Meyer book, *Twilight*, will be held in the Huon Library on Tuesday, May 19 at 1.15pm. We have three teams competing for the trophy as follows:

Cullens: Rochelle Flack; Kailee Murdoch; Annie Francis and Jess Boyd.

Vampires: Ian Magill; Geraldine Darnell; Samantha Clarke and Elle Clearson.

Twilights: Demmi Ekman; Lizzy Walsh; Rosie Pieper-Waite and Emily Kelley.

The Readers' Cup will be held in the Felltimber Library on Thursday, May 21 at 1.15pm. There are three teams competing for the trophy as follows:

Vampires: Kiera Atkin; Hayley Reeves; Franshane Rago and Ms Glasson

Cullens: Renee Benz; Tara La-ramee; Ashley Willett and Bu Kelly

Team Edward: Zoey Gow; Carly Sibbald; Ashlee Davis and Mr Carter

Our recorders on the day will be Cheresa Snibson and Tamara Chisholm from Felltimber Campus, and Jasmine Van Aken from the Huon Campus.

Author Stephenie Meyer has taken the world by storm with her Vampire Series of books: *Twilight*; *Eclipse*; *New Moon* and the final in the series *Breaking Dawn*. Meyer was named USA Today's "Author of the Year" in 2008. She was also the biggest selling author of the year, having sold over 22 million books in 2008 alone, with *Twilight* being the best selling book of the year.

Members of the College Community are most welcome to be in the audience, so come along and support your team.

Sue Manek
WMYC Librarian

Year 9

Australia at War

On Wednesday May 6, Year 9 had the good fortune to hear Warrant Officer Class 2 John Fertch, from the Australian Army, present a brief history of Australia's involvement in war. Below are some of the reflections students shared about what they learnt from this experience...

"How many of the wars started." *Isabelle Pattison*

"Australia was known as a part of the British Army."

"They fought not only in fields but in schools and buildings as well." *Kimmi Craig*

"Some wars fought for water." *Kole Fertch*

"The Army is good and helpful in Australia."

"So many people died on both sides and some people are still missing from the wars."

"We fought in a lot of places."

"Victoria Cross medals are the highest rank you can get".

"There were more wars involving the ANZAC's than just WWI, WWII and Vietnam."

Sport

Year 8 Girls Soccer

Congratulations to all girls who participated and represented the Huon campus in the NEDSSSA Year 8 girls competition on Wednesday, May 6. The girls certainly looked the part in their impressive soccer tops, and new team socks. This inspired the girls to try hard, even though many had little experience in playing the game.

The girls lost three games and drew one. All girls played well. Some outstanding players for the day were Kara Taylor, Jess Kaisner, Chloe Bowers and Brianna Bice.

Thank-you to Nikola Bukvic (Year 9) and Alex Brown (Year 8) who supported the team by taking on the role as linesman. Thank-you also goes to Nerae and Kirk Dunn for their organisation.

Congratulations to the Felltimber girls team who will go through to play at the next level.

Nerae Anstee

Thanks

Many thanks to Gino's Pizza, Mayfair Drive, Wodonga who kindly opened early last Thursday, May 14. They made pizzas for the students who assisted on the campus tours Wednesday afternoon.

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Education Week Activities

Education Week will take place from Monday, May 18 till Friday, May 22. Education Week celebrations at Felltimber Campus of the Middle Years College will include a **Visit the Classroom** day on Tuesday, May 19.

This activity will be organised by the Year 7 and Arts, Technology, LOTE Teams.

Parents/Guardians are invited to visit their child's Year 7 class during the times listed below:

Unit	Teacher	Room	Time
Language	Cameron Dent	H2	Periods 4 / 5
Language	Julie Kelly	H4	Periods 4 / 5
Food Technology	Marg Williams	J8	Periods 4 / 5
Visual Arts	Sue Jarvis	J2	Periods 4 / 5
Visual Arts	Marg Leddin	J3	Periods 4 / 5
Visual Arts	David Jones	J10	Periods 4 / 5
Technology	Mark Evans	J1	Periods 4 / 5
Drama	Avril Lambert	DEC	Periods 4 / 5

Maps of the Campus will be available outside the office on Tuesday, May 19.

WMYC Year 7 Visual Arts Electronic Learning Project

Two WMYC Year 7 Visual Arts classes are participating in a project titled 'With One Work' this semester. It is an e-learning project jointly organised by the Hume Region of DEECD and Benalla Art Gallery.

The project involves each student responding through an art medium of their choice to a Roman mosaic titled, *Marriage of d' Admete. (250BC)* All artworks will be exhibited at the Benalla Art Gallery during September 2009. Students will also make an electronic copy of their artwork that will be sent to the Nimes Museum de Beaux Arts in France, where the mosaic is housed. The electronic images will be projected on a wall near the mosaic during October 2009.

At present students are working on a range of art pieces including, jewellery for Admete, Lino prints based on a more modern wedding scene by Arthur Boyd, ceramic coins featuring Admete and a lion, mosaics, a collage of a modern take on the groom asking the potential father in law for his daughter's hand in marriage, paintings of romantic scenes and Roman helmets.

The following students are participating in the project:

Shannon Cooper, Monique Flanagan, Jacqueline Warr, Nathan Hunter, Cooper Halsall, Brandon Taylor, Amy Lovett, Michael Michelini, Tiffany Smart, Ashleigh Morris, Brodie Peters, Amy Salisbury, Cody Rankin, Eloise Rogalski, Katelyn Reed, Jacob Scott, Mia Tait, Bianca Porter, Ryan Van Ree, Travis Weston, Joshua Jensen, Cameron Ellis, Wade Antone, Matthew MCCabe, Brayden Cook, Nicole Coutts-Smith, Hayden Ennis, Taran Giles, Hayden Hamilton, Jake Mallichan, Jayde-Aimee Norton and Mikaela Riley-Edmonds



Admete's Crown by Shannon Cooper



Linocut inspired by Arthur Boyd's Bride Series: Josh Jensen, Wade Antone, Hayden Ennis

Interdisciplinary Connections

To further enhance student understanding of ancient cultures some Year 7 Humanities classes are investigating various aspects of Ancient Roman cultures and societies this semester.

Japanese Trip

Wodonga Middle Years College is running a homestay to Japan in November 2009. This study trip will be expected to take place in early November for about 13 days. Our school would like to seek the interest of prospective participants. Could parents please contact the front office at your child's campus and leave their name and contact details. The homestay is part of the Year 8 and 9 Japanese Language program offered at our College and is open to those students enrolled in Japanese. The trip will have two components. The first is a homestay with a Japanese family whom your child will stay with and go to school with each day. The second component is a week of travelling to Hiroshima and Kyoto. The school believes this experience will be of the utmost educational value for your child and wish families to seriously consider this wonderful opportunity. Could we please request that all expressions of interest be forwarded to our College by Friday, May 29.

Cameron Dent

Year 7 Technology and Design Class

Our first assignment for the year was making dog tags out of metal. You could stamp any words or names onto it. It was pretty easy and I liked using the buffing machine because it made the tag shiny. For wood we



made pot stands and five square puzzles. Pot stands are used for when you take out a boiling hot pot. You put them on the bench so that the pot doesn't burn it. Making the five square puzzles was quite easy. I enjoyed



spray-painting. I spray-painted mine silver. For plastic, we made a pencil holder. One of the new machines we used was the line bender. It makes the plastic floppy so you can bend it. Our most recent assignment was making a LED photo frame. You had to make a frame out of wood then put a picture of your choice on the front. Then you put LED lights wherever you want. They look pretty cool when you've finished them. I have had great time learning about Technology and Design.

Eloisa Murray

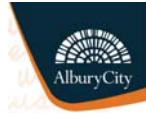
Year 7 Ceramics - "Bugs"

By Haley Reeves



By Chris Smith

Library



Short Story Competition

Time to put pen to paper and fingers to the keyboard for the 2009 Albury City Short Story competition. This year the theme is open, so unleash your imagination!

Categories are:

Open	up to 3000 words
Secondary (Years 7-12)	up to 2000 words
Primary (up to grade 6)	up to 1000 words

Prize Money:

Open	\$700
Secondary	\$300
Primary	\$250

For more information contact your campus Library or your English Teacher.

Sue Manek
College Librarian

Chess

Round 9 saw a small but dedicated group of players including two new ones: "Winston '98" and "Untitled".

Results this week:

"Adro" court-martialled "Cpt. Wart Hammer".

"Shadow" dampened "The Storm's" mood for the afternoon.

"Sandro" made a meal out of "Pie Master".

A draw for "Untitled" and "Winston '98".

If members no longer wish to continue playing chess please let me know. There are other players who would like to join. I will be removing players names if they haven't attended since first term.

Have a great week everyone and see you on Wednesday when we will be challenged by some of the teachers.

Helen Boulton

Community Notices

Dru Yoga and Meditation Classes

Classes held at Border College of Natural Therapies, 24 Brockley Street, Wodonga.

For further information contact: Deb - 6020 8297, 0427 644 007, Margot - 6072 3472 or 0400 723 476, or Maggie - 0411 627 513

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Cross Country Skiing Holiday Programs

Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club with the support of Ski Cross Country Victoria, is organising skiing programs in the second week of the school holidays: Wednesday July 8 to Saturday, July 11. The programs cater for beginner to advanced cross country skiers of Primary Years 3-6 and Secondary school age.

The National Cross Country Coach and members of the National Cross Country Ski Team, including past and future Olympians will be part of the program.

For information or applications contact:

Jim Gargan: xccamp@internode.on.net or
03 5754 1785 or
03 9024 1436



New Name, Same Business

The name has changed but it is business as usual at Gateway Community Health in Wodonga.

What was Upper Hume Community Health Service has undergone a transformation changing its name and image. The health service started in 1994 and although it now has a fresh look and more inviting name, the health programs and support it provides are unchanged.

Gateway Community Health provides counselling and support for alcohol, tobacco and other drug related issues; parenting programs, family therapy, and mediation; mental health support services; community health information, and health promotion, as well as general counselling for relationships, grief, gambling, family violence, youth issues, drought, anxiety and depression, and family and children's counselling. Anyone in need of information or support can use Gateway's services, just phone 02-6022 8888 or 1800 657 573.

Dates to Remember

Dates for 2009	Activity
Tuesday, May 19	► Year 7 Soccer
Friday, May 22	► Year 9 Squash and Table Tennis
Tuesday, May 26	► Year 7-9 Badminton ► Year 9 Football
Thursday, May 28	► Year 9 Soccer
Wednesday, June 3	► NEDSSSA Cross Country ► Year 7-9 (Girls) Football
Monday, June 8	► Queens Birthday Holiday
Wednesday, June 10	► Year 8 Football
Friday, June 12	► Report writing day
Thursday, June 18	► Year 7 Football

Canteen Roster - Felltimber

Monday, May 25	Katrina Dawes
Tuesday, May 26	Dot Wallace
Wednesday, May 27	Helen Deegan
Thursday, May 28	Dot Wallace
Friday, May 29	Marg Quine