

Principals Report

Education Week

Education Week was celebrated with a wide range of student activities across the College. Many of the activities are featured in this weeks Newsletter. Our thanks to Kim O'Shea and Helen Boulton for coordinating the week of activities. We hope many of the visitors to the school left with a better understanding of the highly talented students we have and the wonderful opportunities they are given at our College.

Report Writing Day

Students will not be required at school on Friday, June 12 as teaching staff devote the day to finalising their Semester 1 assessments and the writing of subject reports. In the coming weeks students will also be asked to make their own self-assessments of their progress in relation to the goals they set at the beginning of the semester. These self assessments are included with the teachers subject reports. The reports will be issued to students on the last day of term.

Vern Hilditch
Principal

Assistant Principals' Report

Uniform

Thankyou to all parents who consistently and regularly support the College by ensuring their child wears the correct uniform on a daily basis. With the colder weather fast approaching it is important that students come to school in the correct uniform. Some students have been wearing baggy track pants during the school day, these are only permitted to be worn as PE uniform. Students will be sent home to change should they arrive at school in track pants. The College and uniform retailers are investigating a warmer winter pant which will be presented to the College as soon as possible. Students and parents will be consulted before a change in uniform occurs. It is very important that all uniform items are named. Across the College, there are currently 10 windcheaters that have no names and therefore cannot be returned to their owners.

If you require any winter uniform there is a selection of near new items that can be purchased through the second hand uniform shop. If you wish to try any of the available items contact Kellie or Kim at the Huon Office, or Joy or Dot at Felltimber.

It is important to note that all students who have PE in Period 7 are able to wear their correct PE uniform home at the end of the lesson. Students cannot come to school in their PE uniform or remain in their PE uniform for the day if they have PE at the beginning of the day.

A reminder to all students, the uniform policy states that shoes must be **completely black**. If you are having difficulty buying black shoes please speak to your A-Team teacher. Ballet flats will no longer be acceptable footwear in Term 3, shoes need to be completely enclosed. If you are purchasing new shoes, please keep this in mind.

Well Adjusted Students Learn More Effectively

According to new research the secret of doing well at school is for students to have a high level of emotional intelligence (EI). Maree Ryan, head of the vision unit at Kardinia International College in Geelong has conducted this research. "Emotional intelligence skills - how we understand, manage and organise our emotions- underpin our ability to relate to other people. People with low EI may over react to annoyances, feel unnecessarily anxious and have difficulty relating to other people, this in turn puts them at risk of not being able to achieve their full potential. However students with high EI do better academically, form relationships more easily, are less disruptive and happier." The restorative approach we use for student management at Wodonga Middle Years College helps to build EI in young people and their families.

Students with high EI are able to:

- Perceive and express their own emotions, talk easily about their feelings
- Understand other people's emotions
- Balance emotion with reason
- Manage and control their emotions, and manage other people's emotions
- Remain focused on what they are doing when stressed
- Overcome anger by thinking through what has caused it

Alyson Miller, Maree Cribbes
Assistant Principals

Education Week - May 18-22

Celebrating Education Week- Cross Age Tutoring

As part of the Year 9 contribution to celebrate Education Week a group of ten Year 9 students visited Melrose Primary School for a Cross Age Reading Session. Students worked in numerous classrooms and not only



read with the primary students but also enjoyed Art and PE. They thanked the Principal as they were leaving and were invited back to further their studies in their "Advance Program" in the future.

Special thanks to Hollie Radomski for her assistance and photographic skills.

Helen Lees
Year 9 English



Chess - Teachers V Students - Education Week

After a hard fought battle it is with pleasure that I announce the teachers the victors!

Results as follows: (student = s, teacher = t)

A win for Ryan Davis (s) over Helen Lees (t).

Mark Evans (t) showed Ryan



Davis (s) that his win had been a chance offering.

Corey Prenter (s) showed Helen Boulton (t) how good a player he is!

Points to Russell Polson (t) courtesy of Steven



Heyenga (s).

More points for Mark Evans (t), thanks for the game Matt Annetts (s).

Other games saw Zac Yates (s) steal the game from Corey Prenter (s).

Blake Hodgson (s) showed Ray Warr (s) how good a player he is.

A draw for Matt Annetts (s) and Adrian Rix (s).

Well done to all players. There will be another challenge later in the year.

A return to our normal competition this week.



Helen Boulton

Battle of the Minds - Year 8 - Education Week

With great anticipation the Fell-timber Year 8 A-Teams took on the parents and staff team last



Thursday for the "Battle of the Minds". A range of questions covering general knowledge

and school curriculum was asked. Each team consisted of seven people. Competition was spirited with 8D coming out on top. Well done to Katherine Green, Billy Hines, Cody Ebbels, Jasmine Kohne, Ryan Lumby Rachael Robertson and Rachel Taylor. Thanks to parents Sonia Tilev and Steve Damm for participating.



Year 8 Team

There will be more Education Week reports in the next newsletter.

Sport

WMYC Felltimber Cross Country

In cool, cloudy conditions we had over 300 participants in this year's Cross Country Carnival. It proved to be a successful afternoon with something to cater for all students whether they were runners, walkers, skippers or helpers. A big thanks to all staff and students who assisted.

Danyl Woods was first across the line in a time of 18min 14 sec, followed by Luke Bird 19:17 and Mason Nhansana 20:08. First female across the line was Gemma Power 22:57



followed by Nida Mollison 23:45 and Steph Murray 24:13.

Final announcements of team placings will be announced at our next school assembly to be held shortly but a summary of age champions and runners-up are included

here. (Bogong = B; Patterson = P; Fraser = F; Indigo = I)

13 Year

BOYS

1st- Jacob Scott (B)
2nd- Joel Heiner (B)
3rd- Ryley Duncan (P)

GIRLS

1st- Gemma Power (B)
2nd- Steph Murray (B)
3rd- Zoe Pitts (B)

14 Year

1ST- Liam Potter (B)
2nd- Tyrone Neal (Fraser)
3rd- Josh Jenson (F)

1st- Nida Mollison (F)
2nd- Sinead Ryan (B)
3rd- Maddison Kaindl (I)

15 Year

1st- Danyl Woods (P)
2nd- Luke Bird (Indigo)
3rd- Mason Nhansana (B)

1st- Kiah Mack (F)
2nd- Kelsey Pitts (B)
3rd- Isabelle Pattison(P)

16 Year

1st- Dean Sweet (P)
2nd- Ben Russell (I)

1st- Flick Lannan (I)

The Cross Country team to represent the College at the Zone Level will be announced this week. Permission forms will be handed out during the next two weeks.

Tim Williamson

Felltimber Sport Coordinator

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Year 7

Harrietville Camp - Felntimber

On Wednesday we left at 9:30 to go to Harrietville for our Year 7 camp. When we arrived the other camp was still there so we played and had our lunch in the park across the road until they left. When we came back we listened to the park owner, put our gear in our cabins and went to our first activities. Our group had kayaking at the dredge hole. Three people fell in (all from 7E) and the team I was in won two out of three of the races. Then we had Hut Building. Lots of people went back to change out of their wet clothes so we started without them. The hut had to be water resistant and our hut only let a couple of drops through. When we arrived back we had showers and then dinner which was lasagne and desert was ice-cream with peaches. After dinner we watched a movie (Madagascar 2 Escape to Africa), had a hot chocolate, and then went to our cabins. In my cabin was Hayden, Ryley, Cody, Jacob, Liam, Brady, Alex and myself. I had a good sleep. That morning for breakfast we had bacon, eggs, spaghetti, toast and cereal. The morning activity for my



group was the bushwalk. Heaps of people jumped in all the puddles and we saw a deer and a dead kangaroo. For lunch when we arrived back we had sausage rolls with watermelon and salad. After lunch we were going to climb to the snow instead of our normal activities but the snow line had moved back

because some of the snow had melted, so we did our normal activities. We had bush cooking first (we cooked marshmallows and pikelets) and then we had initiatives and ropes. After that we had enough time to go across the road to get some ice-cream from the cafe. I had boysenberry and mint choc-chip. It was beautiful. For dinner we had roast beef and for desert we had chocolate pudding. That night I kicked the footy with some people then we had a quiz. There were four teams which were our groups. There were three rounds with questions about our school, subjects and random questions with challenges at the last two questions. One of them was a waltz that two people from each group had to do. Since we didn't have any music, Mr Williamson led everyone to singing the song. It was pretty funny. Overall, my group came third and group four came first. After that we had a hot chocolate and went to bed. I woke up around six o'clock because Ryley and



Jacob had to go to Albury for athletics Hayden, Alex and I went to get the newspapers but they hadn't arrived at the general store. For breakfast I had scrambled eggs, baked beans, toast and cereal. First we had town orienteering. I was paired up with Liam. Some of the questions were about the school, the camp site and a bridge. Liam and I finished first so we went to get the papers. This time they were there. Because we did a good job with the town orienteering Mrs Patterson

(who was the teacher with our group) brought everyone an ice-cream. This time I got strawberry and cream with caramel. I also got a hot chocolate with my own money. Both were absolutely beautiful. Our last activity was Yoga and the flying fox. Yoga was a bit boring but I had two goes on the flying fox so that was pretty good. For lunch we had salad and ham rolls. They were pretty good. After that we put all our luggage on the bus and left. On the way back we stopped so people could get pictures of the snow. After that Mr. Demeo and I looked at the football pages in the paper and did the quiz. We got back early so I had to wait about ten minutes until Dad arrived. Overall, it was a good camp.



Ted Elkington

Camp Review

I, Eloise Bonnie Rogalski went on the Term 2, Week 2 Harrietville School Camp for Year 7's, on the 30th April 2009 and this is the way I remember the camp.

P.S. This review is based on a true happening.

Day 1, Wednesday 30th April 2009

I arrived at Wodonga Middle Years College (Felntimber Campus) on the 30th April 2009 at exactly 8 hours and 54 minutes (8:54am). I stood just off the staff car park zone with my Mother (Rose-Mary Kay Rogalski) and my trusty bags (I don't really trust them though).

We stood in that same position until most of the people in 7E, 7F and 7G came out from hiding. Then we had to leave our Mummies and Daddies to fend for themselves. We hobbled over to this really big object, it was called 'A Bus'.

We got on this so called bus and started on our long journey to Cairns, whoops Harrietville. A week before the camp someone said that the camp was two blocks over the school bridge in Harrietville so about half way through the bus trip I made up a joke based on that information and this is it "What is brown, sticky and funny?" and the answer is "A Bridge". Why a bridge you ask? 1. A bridge is Brown, 2. A Bridge is sticky as in a stick and 3. I laughed at the bridge so it is funny.

Then we arrived at Harrietville. We got off the bus at the place we were staying (don't ask me the name of the place cause I can't remember it). Then we unloaded the bus. We waited awhile for Hilary (she works at the place we were staying) which was good because it gave me time to tell everyone my awesome joke. We then had a talk to Hilary and then we adventured off to our first place to have lunch (the park). At the park I got a lolly and put it on a leaf and floated it down the river. At the park we were put in four groups, Group 1, Group 2, Group 3 and Group 4. I was in Group three

First up I had the bush walk. The bush walk was for one and a half hours. There were a lot of puddles but I managed to stay dry, unfortunately others got wet 'a lot'. On the bush walk we got to see a dead kangaroo, a really old house (well it didn't really look like a house, it looked like a pile of tin to me, but it was interesting to look at), and a man in a ute. We got to eat two biscuits.



We had tea at 6:00pm which was lasagne with peas, corn and potato (I think).

That night we watched Madagascar Escape 2 Africa and drank hot chocolate in red cups. And I found out that I had a twin who wore the same P.J.'s as me.

Day 2, Thursday 1st April 2009

We woke up out of our beds and got ready for breakfast which was at 8:00am. For breakfast we got to eat bacon and eggs, Cornflakes, Rice Bubbles and something else! We got to drink orange juice mmmmm... and water.

Then we left for our first activity for the day. Group 3's activity was Bush cooking. We ate all the packets of marsh mellow for all the groups so Mr Derwentsmith had to go buy some more. We also got to cook pikelets (they needed jam because they weren't so nice).

Then we went to our second activity. Group 3's activity was ropes and initiatives. In initiatives we had to get across the river

with five stones (there was no river it was just blue carpet and the stones weren't stones they were square pieces of lino I think) and we had to get treasure (which was stones coloured with chalk) without touching the ground because it was lava (not really). And ropes were just swinging across ropes and climbing over a wall.

Then we went to lunch. Which was sausage rolls, fruit, salad and potato salad.

Then we went to our third activity. Group 3's activity was touring the town and answering the questions we were given on the town. My group won that challenge so we got to buy our ice-creams first. I got blood shot orange and lemon gelato. Then we had dinner which was a roast with beans, pumpkin, potato and gravy.

After that we did trivia. In trivia we had to do the waltz and my team was like the best well they did dance but not really together but at least we had a go! My team had to be a toaster and a car jack which was fun. And we got two packets of gummy worms.

Day 3, Friday 2nd April 2009

We had breakfast at 8:00am which was scrambled eggs and hash browns. The eggs tasted disgusting so I didn't eat them.

Then we headed out to our second last activity of the camp. Group 3's activity was kayaking. In kayaking we had races and in one of the races we got two single bladed paddles and we had to join together in our groups we were put in and the outside people had to paddle. And guess what, I was one of the people on the outside. Then we got out of the kayaks and went to our next activity which was hut building but some people went back to camp and got changed into warm clothes and didn't come back and others stayed and did the hut building. I would like to tell you about what we did in hut building but I was one of the people that went back.

Then we had lunch which was sandwiches with apples and oranges.

Then we packed up and got on the bus to go back and see our long nearly lost parents and family.

The End



Eloise Bonnie Rogalski

Footy Trip

Collingwood V Carlton Football Trip

Last weekend a coachload of football enthusiasts from both campuses travelled to the MCG to witness a bruising encounter between old rivals. Unfortunately, for some, the game was a little one sided but it was awesome to be part of an 83,000 roaring crowd and to witness the brilliant Chris Judd in action. Hugs from the team mascot was a highlight.



There are still some seats available for the Hawthorn/Geelong game on July 25. Notes will be reissued shortly so watch the bulletins. My special thanks to the staff who gave up their time to enable the trip to happen.

Lyn McNicol



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Dates to Remember

Dates for 2009	Activity
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
Friday, June 26	▶ End of Term Two

Canteen Roster - Felltimber

Monday, June 1	Katrina Dawes
Tuesday, June 2	Anne Whitehead
Wednesday, June 3	Helen Deegan, Dot
Thursday, June 4	Ralene McKenzie
Friday, June 5	Help Wanted