

Year 9 News

South of the Border Day

A big thankyou to all involved. The afternoon was great fun and the leadership team worked hard making sure that the events ran smoothly. We had Pinatas, Mariachi bands, World Cup soccer goal kicking and I can't forget the fantastic food!.



Binders

Quite a number of parents have asked me about homework and why students are not bringing homework home with them. Students are required to bring home their binders each day and must complete their cornell notes for every class. This means that they must complete the questioning on the left of the notes.

Questions, topics and links based upon the information in the main body. They must then complete the summary section underneath. This process should be visited daily.

Students need to update their Assessment guideline sheet and fill in information such as timetables at school and their study timetable for home.

All students are required to have a binder and if they have destroyed or lost their one from semester 1, they are for sale at the front office for \$7.

Subject Selection

This week we are spending a great deal of time balancing class numbers and helping students adjust their timetable to cater for different needs and pathways.

This will be occurring every recess and lunch in the Year 9 office. Students are advised to consult with their parents when adjusting their timetable.

Transition to Senior College

This term the Year 9 students will be part of the course selection process for Year 10. Dates are given in this section in regards to information evenings at the Senior College and deadlines for course selection sheets. Students will be heavily involved in the process and will have plenty of opportunity to seek the advice from the careers advisor Darrin Carter (Felltimber Campus), their A-Team Teacher and Coordinators

- Year 9 Team

YEAR 9 TO 10 TRANSITION - KEY DATES

Wednesday 29th July - 7pm Parent Information Evening at WSSC Galvin Hall

Yr 9 Transition visits to WSSC begin in **Week 4** and continue into **Week 5**

Wednesday 12th August - 7pm VCE, VET, VCAL Information Night, WSSC, Galvin Hall

Wednesday 19th August - Subject Expo 7pm WSSC Galvin Hall

Principals Report

Parent Information Nights

Planning is well underway for 2010. We are now at the stage where choosing courses and seeking advice on pathways needs to occur so student subject choices will ensure that we are meeting their individual and collective needs in Years 7 to 10. Over the next few weeks parents and students will be invited to a number of Course Selection Parent Information Nights held at both the Senior and Middle Years Colleges.

Current Year 9 Parents are invited to an information night at the Senior Secondary College on Wednesday night August 12. During the same week Year 9 students will be visiting the Senior Secondary College for information sessions.

Two information evenings have been planned for next years Year 7 students. The first evening will be held on Wednesday 29 July at 7.30 in the Huon library. The topic will be for those who are interested in an Accelerated Learning Program. Information is included elsewhere in this newsletter.

The second meeting will be held on the 27th of August also in the Huon library at 7.30. Discussions will be held with parents to answer any questions on the laptop program and digital learning devices required by all Year 7 students in 2010.

Education Committee Meeting

An open meeting of the Education Committee of School Council will be held at 7.30 on Monday 10 August in the Felltimber Library. The Agenda will cover a discussion about the structure of the school day, understanding NAPLAN (National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy) and Implications of the building program on curriculum planning in 2010. Parents are invited to attend.

Maree Cribbes on Extended Sick Leave

Maree has undergone major surgery and will be away from school for some time. Suzanne Rogers has acted in the position of Assistant Principal at Huon this week. We all wish Maree a speedy recovery.

What the young people of Wodonga think

The Wodonga Council's youth services team has gathered an extensive body of information from young people in Wodonga. Since the start of the year we have collected more than 2250 surveys, spoken with 82 young people through focus groups and 97 young people attended the Red Expression Youth forum. Their feedback will be valuable in helping us plan for the future.

The key messages young people gave the Youth Services Team were;

- There is a lack of non-sporting recreational activities in Wodonga for young people;
- Wodonga's young people are highly connected to sporting activities within the community;
- Young people want to be involved in the community;
- There needs to be a shift in social attitudes so that young people feel valued in Wodonga;
- Young people would like a more diverse range of shops and entertainment in Wodonga;
- Young people's relationships with people who are important to them are essential to their participation in community life and feeling they belong;
- Young people link access to education with better opportunities for their future;
- A better transport system would make it easier for young people to access employment opportunities, and; Young people want an environmentally-friendly city.

The Council through the Youth Services Team are inviting any young person interested in developing actions to address these issues raised to contact them.

To express interest or to find out more information please contact :

Mellisa Long
Team Leader Youth Services, CITY OF WODONGA
Ph: (02) 6022 9701

- Vern Hilditch, Principal

Assistant Principals' Report

Last week, very successful assemblies were held at both the Huon and Felltimber campuses. These assemblies celebrated the achievements by students from Years 7 to 9.

It was fantastic to see so many parents attend the celebrations and support the outstanding efforts of the students at the Middle Years.

All award recipients and their families were invited to attend a morning tea at each campus. I would like to thank Marg and Sandra and their canteen staff for providing such a delicious spread.



Felltimber Award recipients

Achievement

Year 7

Zoe Pitts
Samantha Gaskin
Anthony Potter
Megan Hildebrand
Connor Craig
Rachael Dance
Samuel Scott
Franshane Rago
Ted Elkington
Kayla McKay
Keyha Howlett
Amy Salisbury
Kristen Nichol
Eliza Russell

Year 8

Bradley Chalker
Sarah Beckett
Jackson Hunter
Liam Potter
Seamus Quinn
Emilee Goulding
Hayley Roberts
Ryan Lumby
Sarah Tilev
Hayden Bamford

Year 9

Emma Knowles
Elese Cox
Bree Townsend
Isabelle Pattison
Teagan Chalker
Sara Seymour
Meg Bodsworth
Mason Nhansana
Emma Pedder
Sahej Gabbi

Diligence

Year 7

Ryley Duncan
Cody Hewat
Joshua Jensen
Brady Johnson
Eloise Rogalski
Alexander Ross
Jacob Scott
Aarzu Singh
Courtney Hillier
Kristen Nichol
Mitchell Babington
Kelsey Freeman
Mackensie Hansen
Eloisa Martin
Michael Michelin
Stephanie Rowarth-West
Bradley Honey
Hayley Reeves
Hayden Ennis

Year 8

Rebecca Cook
Emily Flanagan
Melissa Pumpa
Brittany-Jane Wadley
Steven Heyenga
Jessica Bone
Maja Ferguson
Ebony Reeves
Casey Wild
Jayme Burton

Year 9

Kylie Whitehead
Rhiannon Taylor
Natalie Evans
Georgia Pattison
Ashlee Davis
Carly Sibbald
Savannah Page
Stephanie Beer
Brianna Benstead
Heather Chapman
Jessica Peisley

Huon Award recipients

Achievement

Year 7

Zoe Reeves
Jazmine Perinoni
Laura-Meg Collins
Kelsey Hodgess
Brodie Ziersch
Eleanor Ward
Stephanie Wynd
Mason Smith
Tegan White
Emily Woollard

Diligence

Year 7

Chidiebube Uba
Nicole Ellis
Natasha Fraser
Mikayla Robinson
Jasmine Fulford
Annika Sutherland
Courtney Amos
Sydney Watson
Lauren Fitzsimons
Abby Newton

Year 8

Matthew Spooner
Jasmine Van Aken
Georgia Griffiths
Phoebe Pinder
Kailee Murdoch
Michelle Damm
Kelsey Watson
Brandon Gardner
Jesse Bartlett
Rowan Daniel
Erin Lannen

Year 8

Danica Miel
Brandon Zurek
Alicia Jackson
Morgan Thomas
Grayson Price
Kenneth Hawkins
Madeline Sargeant
Zhen Zheng
Natasha Jovetic
Emily Kelley
Travis Tilker
Andrew Crossman

Year 9

Jayme Brewer
Rochelle Flack
Jarrod Hills
Tayla Curtis
Sarah Fitzsimons
Samantha Johnstone
Ellen Clearson
Jenna-Lea Hynes
Kelli Evans
Ashleigh Nicholas

Year 9

Sara Hurnen
Tania Duncan
Matthew Winnett
Jake Cardwell
Stephanie McNamara
Jake Williams
Mitchell Turk
Kayla Detez
Jay Angell
Lewis Ayton
Jessica Frost



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MATHS CIRCLES

Two Harvard University Lecturers, Bob and Ellen Kaplan will take up residence at Wodonga Middle Years College and Flying Fruit Fly School from Monday August 3rd to Friday August 7th.

They will be at Huon Campus Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th; Felltimber Campus Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th; followed by Friday 7th at the Flying Fruit Fly School.

The Kaplan's will work with teachers and students at our College focusing on developing an understanding and love of mathematics.

Their approach is called "Maths Circles" and involves students being asked a mathematical question and then talking and experimenting with ideas and theories to construct their own understanding of mathematical concepts.

For parents and community members who are interested to find out more about Maths Circles, Bob and Ellen will run a Community Forum at Wodonga Senior Secondary College on August 4th. A flyer with further details is attached to this newsletter.

Could you be a permanent care parent?

There are a number of children supported by the Department of Human Services who require a *family for life* as they are unable to live with their birth families. We are seeking committed and motivated people who would be interested in learning more about providing a permanent family for a child.

Assistance payments are made to the Permanent Care family to assist with the day to day expenses of caring for a child/young person. Assistance payments are considered to be a reimbursement for expenses and not an earned income.

Information sessions are being held @ Department Human Services **Wodonga** 55 Hovell St **Tuesday 4th August 6.30pm** and **Shepparton** 163 Welsford St **Wednesday 5th August 6.30pm**

**For further information please contact:
Adoption & Permanent Care Program
03 5832 1552 or 03 5832 1559.**

Community Notices

Birallee Park Neighbourhood House Inc.

Invites you to a
Shopping Trip to D.F.O. Essendon



Join us on a bus trip to Melbourne
On Saturday 29th August 2009 - only \$45 !
Leaves the Neighbourhood House
at 7am- returns approx 9pm

- **Gourmet Morning & Afternoon Teas included**
- **Great 50 cent Raffles**
- **\$50 Cash Shopping Voucher to be won**

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Dates to Remember

Dates for 2009	Activity
Wednesday 29 July	Transition Meeting Year 9 into 10 students - 7pm Parent Information Night, Galvin Hall, Wodonga Senior Secondary College

Canteen Roster - Felltimber

Monday, August 3	Katrina Dawes
Tuesday, August 4	Anne Whitehead
Wednesday, August 5	Helen Deegan
Thursday, August 6	Dot Wallace
Friday, August 7	Marg Quine



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