

Principals Report

Eisteddfod Success

Congratulations to all students who have participated in this years Albury Eisteddfod. A number of students have competed in music sections both vocal and instrumental. Well done to all students and staff involved. They have worked tirelessly to achieve such high standards.

Internationally Recognised Leaders in Education teach at Middle Years.

Over the last two weeks we have been very fortunate to host a number of people at our College. Bob and Ellen Kaplan Professors of Mathematics from Havard University have been working with a number of classes and teachers in the College on Maths Circles.

Students have been engaged in working through some complex maths while a number of teachers have observed the lessons.

Andrew Douch from Wanganui Park Secondary College near Shepparton who is the IBM International Teacher of the Year has been working with fifteen of our teachers on a range of digital learning and teaching skills and assisting them in incorporating them into our student's learning.

We are delighted to have these people work in our College. They have proven to be inspirational to staff and students and we thank those staff who have been responsible for creating this opportunity which will have a direct impact on our students learning.

Parent Satisfaction Surveys

The Department of Education are surveying about 180 of all our parents to complete this years survey. The survey is administered entirely by the Education Department. Schools return all surveys unopened directly to the Department.

If you receive a survey form this year please complete it and return it to the box at the school office. It is essential to get all forms back if reliable data is to be produced.

Vern Hilditch, Principal

Assistant Principals' Report

Image is Important

Uniform is compulsory and determined by our College Council in consultation with the school community. Our school uniform is the first thing parents, visitors and the community notice when they see our students.

Consequently the way that students wear our uniform reflects on the values and standards we present to the community at large. **Image is important!**

We are now well into Term 3 and although most students have been fantastic by organising the appropriate school uniform, there are some students who still need to reflect on their uniform, the manner it is worn and image being presented to the wider community.

At this stage of the year it is expected that students and families have organised the **correct black** footwear, jumpers/jackets, trousers/pants and that girls understand that coloured hip belts and long coloured undershirts are not part of the uniform.

We would ask parents and guardians to assist and support us in the monitoring of school uniform before your child leaves home in the morning. This is a way of enhancing the partnership between families and the school.

Please do not hesitate to contact either a Year Level Team Leader or Assistant Principal if you are unsure of the correct uniform or wish to discuss this further.

Living and Working in a Clean Environment

Whether it is at home, school or the wider community people want to enjoy working and living in an environment that is clean and pleasant to be in.

It is an expectation of the school that any rubbish that students have is placed in the many bins that are placed in the school yard.

The value of respect for the environment and each other is an important value to hold if we as individuals are to live together harmoniously.

We are **all responsible** for the management of our school environment and consequently all students will be involved in a yard duty process where all students contribute to the management of our community.

We would ask families to discuss with their children, the need to value and respect our school community. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Alyson Miller and Richelle Moyle, Assistant Principals

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Year 7 News

Year 7 Boys Eastern Zone Soccer

The Year 7 boys travelled to Myrtleford to compete in the Eastern Zone Soccer Tournament on Wednesday 29th of July. Throughout the day the lads played in three matches. The first match was against Seymour.

Through some very attacking play and hard work the boys came away with a solid 5-0 win. It was a great start to the day. Match 2 we came up against the Local Myrtleford team. Again the boys demonstrated exceptional skill and teamwork to come away with another excellent win. 5-1. The final against Shepparton was a much tougher game.

Both teams fought hard for the entire match and displayed a never give up attitude. Due to the boys constant hard work they came away with a third win for the day. 2-1. The win against Shepparton now allows the year 7's to travel to Melbourne later this term to compete in the State finals.

I would like to congratulate all the boys on their excellent behaviour. They represented the school in a very positive manner.

David Janissen (Coach)



Jump Rope For Heart at Felltimber.



Year 7 students at Felltimber Campus have been working on their skipping skills over the last three weeks and are beginning to put preparations in place for their Jump Off Day on Friday 21st August. On this day Year 7 A-Teams will perform routines to music, incorporating skipping and other skills, to the rest of the Year 7 population and teachers.

Students are also seeking sponsorship from family and friends to raise funds for the Heart Foundation's lifesaving research and community health programs. Please support your child in their fundraising and skipping as they are not only benefiting their own health and great work of the Heart Foundation but they can win some great prizes. Stay tuned for further updates.

Tim Williamson, (Co-ordinator)

Yr 7 Girl's Soccer

Wednesday 29th of July 15 girls travelled to Wodonga Diamonds home ground and played two games.

The first was against a team from Shepparton. We won 3-0 with goals from Eliza, Macayla and Tiffany.

Then we played Beechworth. We won 2-0 and with Macayla scoring both our goals.

It was a great effort by all the girls and we're through to State and to compete against teams from all across Victoria!
The team consisted of :

Stephanie Murray
Keely McLaren
Macayla O'Connell
Tiffany Smart
Aleisha Davis
Georgia Nieuwerth
Zoe Pitts
Eloisa Martin
Kristen Nichol
Mollie Ryan
Eliza Russell
Kelsey Freeman
Shannon Cooper
Mikaila Garner
Courtney Hillier.

Thanks to the coaches Dean Sweet and Josh Young
And thanks to Mrs Jennings for looking after us and for taking us down and back again.

Written by Zoe Pitts.



Netball umpiring

For the last couple of weeks girls from Year 7 to 9 have been meeting out the front of the school at 1:05, to walk down to Kelly Park to help umpire the Year 5's and 6's. It has been a great experience and has made me more interested in umpiring and has helped me understand the rules of netball.



The Year 5's and 6's have been great to umpire. It has also given me more confidence and I can't wait to get out there and keep giving it my best shot.

By Tymeke Duncan 7B

Notebook program – Information for students and parents Caring for the notebook

The support of parents and guardians would be greatly appreciated with the care and management of the student laptops. Some students are reporting issues with their notebooks, most of these relate solely to user damage and a general lack of care for the laptop.

USB devices

Can everyone please check the condition of the three USB ports on the laptop computers? When issues of the laptop not working properly are reported, it is evident that students have been damaging these ports by forcibly putting the USB connector in

the wrong way, or by putting something else into the USB port, both of which cause severe damage.

Damage to the USB ports is not covered by warranty, nor is any other damage that is caused by the user. It would be terrific if parents and guardians could talk to the students about being very gentle with the laptops, not sharing USB devices with other students, and being sure which way USB devices should be inserted into the USB ports.

Currently this is the major issue affecting the operation of the laptops.

Insurance

Most families have insurance through the College for accidental damage to the laptop. The insurance will not always cover cost of repairing damage such as the USB devices that is caused by rough or inappropriate treatment of the laptop. Please make sure that you know what the insurance cover caters for.

Software and programs

Please do not allow students to install pier to pier programs such as Limewire. Through programs such as these computer viruses are transmitted, which can then easily be transmitted via USB devices shared between students. This is also the case when students share music and other files.

Laptop screens

During Term 3 there have been approximately five laptops that have had the screens damaged. These can take some weeks to get fixed as they are not covered by warranty. Please make sure that students are careful about how they use the notebooks around the home. The common cause of the damage has been the laptops falling off beds, benches and chairs. To replace a screen and employ a technician costs approximately \$500.

Student helpers

In each classroom we have trained 2-3 students to assist others with issues with their laptops. Please make sure that your child knows who the helper is in their A-Team as this should always be their first port of call.

Overall

With 350 new laptop computers in the College, overall the students have been treating and using them very well. While there have been some frequent visitors seeking help, the students have adapted very well to looking after their laptop and should be congratulated.

- Huw Derwentsmith

Upcoming events for Year 7 Students

On Monday 17th August Brainstorm Productions will be presenting the play 'Sticks and Stones', a play about non-violent conflict resolution.

This is an entertaining way to promote discussion and to give the students guidelines for our anti-bullying / harassment policy. The message is clear – Violence of any sort is not on – at school, at home, on the street, anywhere! We must learn constructive ways to deal with our anger.

Brainstorm productions have won the NSW Performing Arts Frater Award – 'Best feedback from schools' category for the last eight years. This show will assist in creating a safe and harmonious environment for students and staff.

Another event later in the term is our trip to Glenrowan and Beechworth. Stay tuned for more details about this fun filled activity day.

Year 9 Transition

Huon Year 9 Transition –

Week 3 six WSSC students came over to the Huon library to give the Year 9's a speech on transitioning to the WSSC and the units available to them. The students gave the Year 9's a insight of Senior College life and a run down on the units.

During Weeks 4 and 5 all Year 9 students will be walking over to the WSSC for a transition visit. Students will be shown around the College and given information about WSSC.

Currently all Year 9 students at Huon are working on their subject selection for 2010. The rough subject selection sheets are due into A-Team teachers by 14th August. All students should complete the career's survey and read the course handbook to ensure they familiarise themselves with the courses available to them.

Highwater Theatre Workshop

Highwater Theatre Workshop

During periods 6 and 7 on Tuesday August 4th, a group of Years 7 and 9 Felltimber students gathered in the DEC for a workshop with members of Highwater Theatre.

After the teachers were introduced we did some stretches to warm up. After this we were divided into three groups.

We had to put forward our ideas about bullying and then make up and do a performance (without words). When all three groups had performed we talked about what we thought were the best parts of the performances.

To end the day, we all held hands in a circle and then together, we all yelled as loud as we could!

Brodie Peters Year 7

Outdoor Ed

Last Friday on the 31st of July the Year 9 Outdoor Ed class went to the snow at Falls Creek.



Most of us didn't really know how to ski and so we were always falling over.

We learnt how to ski cross country and we all loved throwing snowballs at Brock!!

By Winona Tait



Sport News

Year 8 Girls Soccer

On Wednesday the 29th of July, 13 Year 8 girls went to Diamond Park to play soccer. We competed in a round robin tournament where we competed against Cobram and Beechworth.

Our team consisted of: Sinead Ryan (c); Ashleigh Sampson (c); Sheridan Casley; Sarah Tilev; Jade Kiffen; Tiegan Mcguire; Katherine Green; Rachel Taylor; Rachael Robertson; Natasha Williams; Kiera Taylor; Emily Flanagan; and Jasmine Kohne.

Our first game was against Beechworth which we drew 1-1. Our goal was scored by Sheridan Casley from half way.



Our second game was against Cobram. We won 2-1, both our goals being scored by Emily Flanagan. We won the tournament by one point and will go to Melbourne on September 16th to represent Eastern Zone at State

level.

Thanks to Ben Russell and Mason Nhansana for coaching our team and to Ms Darby for supporting us and being awesome. But most of all thanks to Mrs. Jennings for coaching us and encouraging us to participate.

Music News

Fretworks

Monday the 3rd of August, Felltimber and Fruit Fly students had the opportunity to see 'Fretworks', a guitar performance.

Terry Murray played a number of songs and by the judge of what everyone said and how they reacted, I think it was a very good performance.

He played three guitars and used sound effects which he made using various machines.

Songs played included Eye of the Tiger, Smoke on the Water, Thunderstruck and Smells Like Teen Spirit.



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Dates to Remember

Dates for 2009	Activity
Wednesday 12 August	VCE, VET, VCAL Information Night, WSSC, Galvin Hall 7pm

Canteen Roster - Felltimber

Monday, August 17	Katrina Dawes
Tuesday, August 18	Dot Wallace
Wednesday, August 19	Helen Deegan
Thursday, August 20	Dot Wallace
Friday, August 21	Marg Quine

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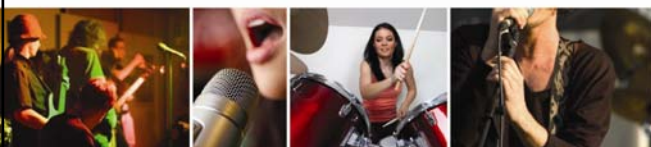
DATES

Friday 20 March
 Friday 17 April
 Friday 22 May
 Friday 19 June
 Friday 17 July
 Friday 21 August
 Friday 18 September
 Friday 16 October
 Friday 13 November
 Friday 18 December

6.30pm - 8.30pm

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For more information, or if you would like to perform on one of these dates, contact City of Wodonga Youth Services team on (02) 6022 9700.

