

## Principals Report

### Regional Director Visits

On Wednesday we were delighted to host a visit to our College by the Regional Director Dr Stephen Brown, The Assistant Regional Director Mr David Cummins and the Regional Network Leader Mr Geoff Lowcock. A tour of both campuses including the Fruit Fly and Literacy House settings was conducted over the morning where they had the opportunity to view a number of programs we run in our College to meet the educational needs of individual students. They were very impressed with what they saw and it was with considerable pride I was able to show them how this College through its teachers go that extra mile to provide for all our students.

### Administration Changes

Due to the long term sick leave of Maree Cribbes the following arrangements have been put in place:

Richelle Moyle will be Acting Assistant Principal Student Management and wellbeing at the Huon campus. Tim Randell is Acting Year 8 Team Leader at Huon. Lucy Widup and Michelle Heintze will share the Assistant Team Leader Year 8 Huon position.

### Parent Satisfaction Survey

As part of our desire to constantly improve what we do, a Parent Survey each year is sent to a random sample of families with students at all levels of the College. Over the next two weeks this survey will be posted home. If you received one of these surveys could you please return it to the office so it can be sent away for processing. It needs to be returned by Friday 28th August.

The information contained in the survey is extremely valuable in helping us address issues and concerns raised and how we are viewed by our parent community.

Vern Hilditch, Principal

## Assistant Principals' Report

[www.bullyfree.com.au](http://www.bullyfree.com.au)

Bully Free has been designed to empower families in helping to diminish bullying. The program features over 2.5 hours of invaluable insights, tips, guidance, advice and highly effective anti-bullying strategies.

This website provides an interesting and informative approach to managing and assisting your children to deal with issues associated with bullying. It is worth a look followed by some discussion with your family.

Some examples of the strategies discussed on this website include:

- Parents need to talk with their sons/daughters about what bullying is, talk about ways to manage the situation.
- Never ignore bullying
- Contact the campus and/or appropriate teachers and inform them as to what has happened
- Parents can plan strategies with the relevant teachers at the school, monitor and follow up
- Problem solve ways to manage the bullying, eg if this happens ..... then I can do this.....
- Recognise safe zones within the school and go to these places in preference to hanging around the areas where bullying is more likely to happen
- Break up the areas that you spend your time
- Use positive based responses, verbal engagement with the bully only escalates the problem
- Use 'whatever' statements and move away from the area
- Go to someone you trust, either a student or adult for assistance
- Kids know where bullies are and where they operate in a school, avoid those areas

The Middle Years College also uses the restorative process to assist students in managing bullying situations. This process aims to develop assertive responses in students and encourages those who have been bullied to address the issue and where possible solve the bullying. This process also aims to make the person who has been doing the bullying to recognise the impact of their behaviour and to seek support in managing their unacceptable behaviour.

- Alyson Miller and Richelle Moyle, Assistant Principals

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## Year 8 News

### Year 8 Felltimmer Semester 2 leaders.

The following students have been elected as the Year 8 Semester 2 A-Team student leaders:

- 8A** Class Leaders – Vanessa Dawes and Taleah French  
Event Leaders – Tyler Graham and Daniel Hobson  
Sport Leaders – Georgia Prince and Mitchell Ralph
- 8B** Class Leaders – Sinead Ryan and Ebony Reeves  
Event Leaders – Eden Ballard and Matt Annetts  
Sport Leaders – Mason O’Keefe and Jacinta Grolman
- 8C** Class Leaders – Matt Keating and Ashleigh Sampson  
Event Leaders – Dylan Vasterink and Sam Hall  
Sport Leaders – Jess Brischetto and Mitchell Anderson
- 8D** Class Leaders – Billy Hines and Darci D’Helin-Lawrie  
Event Leaders – Josh Ellis and Kyra Harding  
Sport Leaders – Cody Ebbles and Kaitlyn Sard
- 8E** Class Leaders – Kaitlyn Murdoch and Tara La-Ramee  
Event Leaders – Brad Chalker, Ashley Willett and Renee Benz  
Sport Leaders – Jordan Palmer and Liam Potter
- 8F** Class Leaders – Om Guragai and Jade Kiffen  
Event Leaders – Luke Keen and Maja Ferguson  
Sport Leaders – Sarah Tilev and Beau Styles
- 8G** Class Leaders – Jayme Burton and Nik Quihampton  
Event Leaders – Anthony Matijasevic and Caitlin Cruickshank  
Sport Leaders – Tyrone Malory and Amy Zuber

### Year 8 Felltimmer Girls Day

On the 4<sup>th</sup> August the Year 8 girls went on an excursion to the Raiders Football Club for the Year 8 girl’s day. It was a great day even though only a few of us went, but the ones that did, had a great time.



We watched the film clip to the ‘not stupid girls’ song by PINK, then we talked about the positive and negative messages in the song. After that we looked at ads that lie to us to buy their products. Next it was time for morning tea which was supplied for us. We had a bit of a run around

after having Boston Buns. After having a break we came in and dressed models up in newspaper and had a fashion parade.

Some of the fashion designs were Robin Hoods girlfriend (Bianca), a bride (Rachel), a Knight (Tayla), etc. The winning team was Tayla Hulme dressed up as the Knight. Followed by lunch. The next activity was where a lady named Trish came in and gave us some tips and advice about skin care and how to avoid acne. She also taught us how to put on make-up, then gave us some free time to make-up others which was fun and funny because Bianca got DARED to make herself orange, after making Kaitlyn orange but that didn’t work because everyone ruined the joke (damn lol). Once Trish left the students from the Senior College and two from Beechworth came and taught us how to do various hairstyles and other beauty treatments.

A couple of girls did Mrs Carters hair which looked awesome and groovy. We had a fun time and learnt a lot.

By Bianca Gillett & Ashleigh Sherwood



### Comments from the Huon Girls and Boys day

Thanks to the teachers and volunteers for the wonderful day we had some great activities to participate in. Everybody learnt heaps about friendships, just being yourself and heaps of other stuff.

- Caitlyn Evans

The girls day was fun for most of the girls. It was a great day and most girls participated happily. There was a newspaper fashion contest and a make-up session. It was a great day for all and I hope to have a similar girls day next year.

- Leah Zurek

### Boys day

The Year 8 boys day was a great day to get out and have some fun. There was lots of activities to enjoy including a weights session, golf with Ben Cousins, footy with the Murray Bushrangers, a presentation with a Physiotherapist to explain and help us young boys understand our muscles and how to rest your body properly. We had a healthy lunch of either chicken wraps or tortillas and an apple. Thanks to the lovely canteen ladies for doing this for us. Thank you to all of the teachers and helpers for the great day. A special thank you to Mr Randell for organising a great day out.

- Jake Fisher-Curnow



Last week the Year 8 boys from Felltimmer went to Martin Park for a day of activities.

We did lots of physical activities including the tug-o-war, golf, gym circuits (bike riding and weights) and footy drills.

Lachlan – a physiotherapist – talked about different sorts of injuries, especially footy injuries. Ben Cousins the golf pro told us about golf and the boys from the Bushrangers showed us some drills.

Thanks to Mr Kennedy, Mr Dean, Mr Jackson, Mr Henricus and Brock for a great day.

-Seamus Quinn



### Year 8 Football

On Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of August the Year 8 boys football team travelled to Wangaratta to compete in the Eastern Zone football carnival.

First up the boys played Yarrawonga and won convincingly. After lunch the boys played Wanganui Park SC. The boys put up a fight but unfortunately Wanganui were too strong and we ended up losing that game. The boys finished runners up to Wanganui high for the day. The Players player was Jordan Palmer congratulations to Jordan. Overall it was a fantastic day and the boys behaviour was



exceptional.

Thank you to the coaches, Tim Randell and Tim Kennedy, for giving up their time. Better luck next year.

### Year 8 Soccer

The Year 8 boys soccer went away on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July to Myrtleford to play in the Eastern Zone finals. We hopped on to the bus with the Year 7 team and started the drive down full of hopes of making State finals. We played two games on the day the first against Mt Beauty. The boys played extremely well and ended up winning 9-nil.

The second game against Shepparton High was to be the deciding game as they had beaten Mt Beauty as well. We went into the game well prepared and started off playing very good football, unfortunately Shepparton managed to score off a corner so the pressure was on. The boys went into the second half pumped and were constantly peppering Shepparton's goals but could not manage to sneak one through. The team did extremely well and represented the school in a wonderful manner. Congratulations to the team and Hopefully they will have better success next year.

-Mr Randell

## What's Happening in My Class

Students in the Felltimber Humanities Elective are busy plundering, sacking, burning and ... completing a really good Viking assignment! In the last four weeks we have delved into what life



was like to be a Viking. It is interesting that everyone has heard of them but once you start reading about how they lived and what they did, well, it brings them to life and they become a fascinating piece of our world history. The students were asked to complete their assignment in two sections: one, a written piece and

secondly a creative project. Thus we have tales of Thor and Odin mixed in with replicas of longships and Ymir monsters!

## Music News

### Eisteddfod

Last week, many of our students were involved in performances at the Albury/Wodonga Eisteddfod. The Concert Band competed in the Junior Concert Band section and was successful in gaining 1<sup>st</sup> place. This was a fantastic effort. The Choir also performed extremely well and received 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for their performance. Hours of work are put into achieving these excellent results by both staff and students and we thank them for their efforts.

Not only did our choir and band do well in the Eisteddfod last week but two of our music students also performed well. Jessica Frost obtained a 2<sup>nd</sup> in vocal and a 1<sup>st</sup> place in Clarinet solo.

Samantha Brennan attended the South Street Competition in Ballarat at the weekend and was awarded a highly commended in the Country Music vocal section.

Congratulations to both of these girls for their hard work and commitment.

-Julie Taylor

### Choral Festival

On Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> August, the Choir will be performing again at the Choral Festival at St. John's Anglican Church in Beechworth Road. Family and friends are invited to attend. The session will commence at 1.30pm.

### Arts Festival

Several of our musical groups will be performing at the Arts Festival which runs from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September at the Wodonga Civic Centre.

The Choir, Huon Rock Band and Felltimber Rock Band are performing on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August in a concert commencing at 1.15pm. On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September, the Concert Band is performing in the 1.15pm concert, and the Flying Fruit Fly Circus School is presenting two items with the Grade 3,4,5 group and Year 6/7 class on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September in the 1.15pm concert. There are, of course, many other schools performing throughout the week also and members of the public are invited to attend. Art work from the schools involved will be on display in the foyer and is always great to have a look at.

Kerrie O'Connell, Music Co-ordinator

## Chess and Writing Club

### Chess Club – Felltimber

Currently there are about 10 players who have been enjoying social games each week.

The club meets every Wednesday lunchtime in the library, and anyone who enjoys chess is invited to come along for a game.

### Writing Club – Felltimber

Our small, incredibly talented group are busily writing stories. Topics include morphing animals, demons and their lives, babies, green deserts, a winged teenager, the other side of the green ridge mountain, netball and inspirational humour.

The following is from Aarzu Singh and we will feature excerpts from other writers in coming weeks.

### Who Created the Universe?

Why the sun shines, why the moon glows – these are questions that have been answered, but who created the universe?

These are my thoughts and ideas:

There has to be someone out there. Scientists say that the big bang created Earth, but what about the galaxies made before that? Who created them? Some people believe in God, some don't.

**Maths Circles**

During the week August 3 - 7, Huon and Felltimber campuses conducted demonstration lessons in "Maths Circles". This programme was presented by Bob and Ellen Kaplan who travel throughout the world encouraging students to view maths in a different light.

Bob began the Maths Circle programme in 1994 at Harvard University, USA. He commented that 'maths is the most beautiful of the arts, but lots of people are scared of it'.

Ellen felt that "in the past, people weren't taught badly about maths, but not taught at all."

Both Bob and Ellen are extremely passionate about maths and want to share their knowledge with as many people as possible. They have recently visited Germany, Scotland, England and Canada as well as Australia. An invitation to Greece is in the pipeworks.

Their philosophy is "we never tell anyone anything, instead, we present an interesting and deep problem and let the students loose in congenial conversation! This breaks down barriers, imagination, inventiveness, it encourages mistakes so students don't become intimidated. They would love the world to fall in love with maths and feel confident."

Bob and Ellen have written many papers, and a book entitled "Out of the Labyrinth – Setting Mathematics Free".

Bob and Ellen's approach to maths 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.

Student comments:

"Fun."

"Interesting, made sense."

"Brain rattling, challenging and very interesting."

"Complicated but made sense."

"Good – like the accent."

Thank you to Marion Patterson for organising this visit. It was fun sitting in on a class and seeing how maths was presented.

- Helen Boulton

**\$3000 YOUNG WRITERS' PRIZE**

Young writers 21 and under across Australia are invited to enter the first Young Calibre Prize, presented by Australian Book Review and Copyright Agency Limited.

The prize is for an outstanding piece of imaginative non-fiction between 1000-3000 words

First prize \$3000

Some suggested subjects:

- Original thoughts on any life subject,
- Books and writing, Study and education
- Art and music, Work and unemployment,
- Journeys and travel, Politics and economics,
- History and the future, Environmental issues

For further information please contact;  
Mrs Sue Manek,  
WMY College Librarian



**River of Stories**

**Do you enjoy writing?  
Are you in years 7-10?**

If so, come and be a part of our annual River of Stories writing competition.

**Section 1: Short Story**

- 1,500 work maximum
- Open theme

**Section 2: Poem**

- No word limit
- Open theme

**Prizes**

The winner of each section will receive \$200 plus \$500 towards their school library. The winning entry from each school will receive a Dymocks book voucher valued at \$50.

**Entries close**

Friday 18 September 2009

Winners will be announced at the River of Stories family Fun Day 12 noon Saturday 17 October 2009, Library Foyer

Collect entry forms from the WMYC Library

**For more information**

**contact:**  
Mrs Sue Manek, WMYC  
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**Dates to Remember**

Dates for 2009	Activity
Wednesday 19 August	Wod Senior Sec College Expo Night, WSSC, Galvin Hall 7pm

**Canteen Roster - Felltimber**

Monday, August 24	Katrina Dawes
Tuesday, August 25	Dot Wallace
Wednesday, August 26	Helen Deegan
Thursday, August 27	Dot Wallace
Friday, August 28	Marg Quine



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