Principal’s Report

Welcome back
I would like to welcome everyone to school for the 2016 academic year. Welcome to our new students, staff and parents, I hope that everyone had a good start to the year and that your time at WMYC is satisfying and rewarding. To returning members of the WMYC community, I hope you had a good break and that you are ready for the year ahead.

School Council Elections Will Be Held in Term One

What is a school council and what does it do?
All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?
There are three possible categories of membership:
- A mandated elected Parent category.
- A mandated elected DEECD employee category.
- An optional Community member category.
The term of office for members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?
Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

How can you become involved?
The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in February or March each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.
In view of this, you might seriously consider:
- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?
No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?
In early February a notice calling for nominations will be issued in the parent newsletter. If you decide to stand for election, you will need to arrange for someone to nominate and second you as a candidate in either the Parent category or DEECD employee category. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

There will be further information in the next newsletter but feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss the council.

Russell Polson
Principal

Sport

Swimming Carnival
Wodonga Middle Years College will hold its annual Swimming Carnival Wednesday, February 24 at WAVES, Mactier Avenue Wodonga. Students will need to be at the venue ready for events to start at 9am so we ask all students to be there at 8.50am. The day will finish at 2.30pm with students dismissed from the venue.
Bus travellers will be walked to and from WAVES by staff members. All other students are to make their own way to the venue.
Entry cost is $3.00 payable at the gate. We welcome parents and guardians to come down and support their son or daughter in their events, however spectator fees do apply.
All students are expected to attend the carnival in their house colours and participate in the swimming and activities. Points are awarded towards their house for every event they enter. House meetings will be held at the College in the next few weeks.
House colours: Bogong - Green, Indigo - Blue, Fraser - Gold, Patterson – Red
Permission forms should have been returned to the office.

Hollie Radomski, Jordan Wakeling

School Photos

MSP Photography will attend Huon Campus, Felltimber Campus and The Fruit Fly Circus School during February for school photos. Students will be given envelopes this week for photo orders. These envelopes need to be brought in and given to the photographers on the day with correct money or credit card details. Family envelopes are available from the office. For any enquiries, please contact MSP Photography direct on 03 5881 3436.

Session dates:
Huon
Felltimber and FFFCS

Thursday February 11
Friday February 12

FELLTIMBER CAMPUS
Hedgerow Court, Wodonga, Victoria 3690
Ph: 02 6057 9000, Fax: 02 6059 2900

HUON CAMPUS
22-24 Mitchell Street, Wodonga, Victoria 3690
Ph: 02 6057 9000, Fax: 02 6024 3633

Email: wodonga.middle.years.co@edumail.vic.gov.au
www.wmyc.vic.edu.au
Our graduates will display confidence, be optimistic about their future and be committed to personal achievement and global citizenship.

Steven Fouracre, Darren Clough
Year 7 Team Leaders

Year 7

The Year 7 team are extremely proud of the start all students have made to the new school year. Students have been organised, diligent and positive in all classes. All students should have a binder, laptop and pencil case to bring to each class. Maths Mate homework books are now available for purchase at the front office.

Changes to Dyson Bus Fares

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WODONGA TOWN FAres (EXCLUDING TO AND FROM ALBURY CBD)

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Community Notices

37 Army Cadet Unit
Albury Wodonga
The only Recruit information night for Terms 1 and 2
Thursday February at 6pm
Age requirement: must be turning 13 this year and be under 15 when joining.
Parents and prospective Army Cadets will be met at the main gate of South Bandiana Army Base at 5.45pm to be signed in. Any prospective Cadet must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
Email enquiries: 37acu@cadetnet.gov.au

Dederang Mount Beauty Football/Netball Club
Junior Footy teams - 2016
Registration day Sunday, February 14 at 11am
Under 17, Under 14 and Under 12 teams
at Dederang Football Oval
More info: Kevin Cosgriff: 0419 364 907