Principal's Report

Insurance
The Department does not provide accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. The cost of any medical attention or ambulance for a student will be borne by the parent/guardian. Parents are liable for all medical expenses incurred because of student injury, including transport costs such as ambulance or air ambulance costs.

We recommend that where possible, parents ensure they have ambulance cover included with their health insurance or take out separate cover with Ambulance Victoria.

EBM Insurance Brokers (brochure available) and other insurance companies offer student accident insurance cover. (Neither WMYC nor the Department necessarily endorses these companies.)

The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

School Council Nominations
Nominations are open for parents and DET staff to nominate for school council. There are three parent and two DET vacancies on the WMYC council for 2016-2017. Nomination forms are available from the Huon, Felltimber and Flying Fruit Fly Circus School Campus offices.

You may self nominate or nominate another person, there are appropriate forms for each.

Nominations close at 4pm on Friday February 26, after which there may be an election held, if required. The new council meets regularly on the fourth Monday of each month from 5:30pm.

Please read the following information for more details about the role of school councils.

What is a school council and what does it do?
All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide 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?
For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category - more than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category - members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category - members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires 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.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?
The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are provided if there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed. Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember
- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal Russell Polson on 02 6057 9000 for more information.

Russell Polson
Principal
Immunisation Program

The first round of school immunisations is being conducted at this WMYC on

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The following vaccines will be offered to Year 7 students on this day: Gardasil (Human Papilloma Virus), Chickenpox and Boostrix (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis).

These vaccinations are funded on the National Immunisation Schedule. Should your child miss out on starting their vaccination course this year they will not be eligible to receive them for free in subsequent years.

Parent information packs were sent home recently.

The consent card must be completed, signed and returned to the school even if your child is not being vaccinated.

To consent to your child being vaccinated with one or more vaccines, please tick and sign the relevant YES sections of the consent card. If you DO NOT wish to have your child vaccinated with one or more vaccines or if your child has already been vaccinated, please tick and sign the relevant NO section on the consent card and return them to the school by Friday 19 February 2016. Please return the card to the school even if your child is not being vaccinated.

If you have any enquiries about the program or your child’s vaccinations, please contact Wodonga Council’s Immunisation Team on 1800 655 360.

Year 8

Felltimber

Congratulations to the following students who were this fortnights ‘CARE’ awards recipients. Students were acknowledged at our year level assembly and received a reward for their efforts last fortnight.

8A – Tom Noonan
8B – Jessie Laycock
8C – Madalyn Knight
8D – Troy Spurr
8E – Jordan Olney
8F – Sam Coulston
8G – Brad Schadendorff

Students can receive CARE tokens from teachers both inside and outside of the classroom. Keep up the good work Year 8!

Prue Younie, Blayne Nagle
Team Leaders, Felltimber

Huon

Hannah Barton a Year 8 Huon student will be competing at the Australian BMX Titles in Bathurst, NSW in late February. We wish Hannah all the very best at the competition. Hannah is sponsored by Ace Race Australia.

Jocie Ziebell
Team Leader, Huon