



WODONGA
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

Middle Years

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Principals' Reports

May I on behalf of the education community wish Russell Polson every success with his secondment to Melbourne to work in the Regional Office in Glen Waverly. Although Russell will be away for the rest of the year we should reflect on the colleges achievements over the last five years. A great deal has been achieved and I am sure he will return with enthusiasm in 2017.

I am grateful to be given the privilege to once again lead Wodonga Middle Years College. As you may know I have had a long association with secondary education in Wodonga. As principal of Mitchell Secondary College for four years, I was appointed as the inaugural principal of the Wodonga Middle Years College in 2006 when the Regeneration of secondary education in Wodonga took place. For the next five years I was delighted to be associated with wonderful teachers whose passion was to work extensively with young people in this stage of schooling and produce outstanding learning opportunities for students. For the last five years I have been the Principal of the Wodonga Senior Secondary College and have had the privilege of seeing these Middle Years students develop into wonderful, intelligent, successful and caring young adults.

I am honoured to be given the opportunity of leading such great schools and look forward to working with students, parents, teachers and School Councils in making government secondary education in Wodonga even stronger.

As I once again familiarise myself with WMYC, may I take this opportunity to thank Maree Cribbes, the Executive Team and all staff for the outstanding professionalism they have shown in ensuring there is a smooth transition of leadership as we continue to deliver great educational opportunities for your children.

Vern Hilditch
Executive Principal

As Acting Campus Principal of Wodonga Middle Years College I look forward to working closer with Vern to continually improve secondary education in Wodonga.

Last week we held a Diligence and Excellence Awards Ceremony at both campuses. It was great to see so many parents that took time out of their week to celebrate with their children. Students receiving these awards should be very proud of their achievements. One of the core values at Wodonga Middle Years College is Achievement so it is great to see these students displaying these values.

Continue to encourage your child to seek out teachers, peers and mentors that bring out their very best.

All year 9 parents should have received a letter from Wodonga Senior Secondary College regarding dates for transition, if you have not received these please contact Wodonga Senior Secondary College directly so that you are aware of these dates. Their number is 60437500.

Maree Cribbes
Acting WMYC Campus Principal

Year 8

Felltimber Rewards Excursion

As part of our CARE program, students at Felltimber who received a GPA of 3.8 or above have been invited to attend a rewards trip on Friday July 29. Students will be traveling to the Albury Cinema Centre to watch the new release 'Ghostbusters'. They will then be given the opportunity to have free time to shop in the CBD. This trip has been subsidised as a part of the reward and will cost \$10. Selected Year 8 students have been given a permission note and will need to return the note and money by Tuesday 26th July. Those families with CSEF funding are able to use this for the excursion.

We aim to take a rewards trip out each term, therefore those students who did miss out this time can still work their way to be invited on the next trip. Regardless of academic ability, the expectation is that students can still obtain a GPA of 3.8.

Vietnamese Exchange Visit

WMYC Year 8 students have had the pleasure of hosting 8 Vietnamese exchange students in their classes for the first two weeks of term. The exchange students have been following our students to different classes and experiencing education in an Australian school. WMYC students have formed new relationships and have been able to get to know students from other cultures. This has been a really positive experience for WMYC and we are hopeful that some of our students have formed new friendships for the future.

On Monday 25th July, all Year 8 Felltimber students will be invited to attend a performance put on by our Vietnamese students as a celebration and final farewell. This will operate during class time.

Prue Younie
Year 8 Team Leader, Felltimber

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Year 9

Art Connect

Our students have had the most fantastic Arts experiences this year where they have travelled to Melbourne to see and experience superb performances such as the Tap Pack, Circus Oz and Imax films. They have played in Federation Square, experimented with Sci Fi film making techniques and enjoyed the heritage Koori walk along the Yarra River.

On Tuesday the 9th, students from both Felltimber and Huon, will have a chance to see the famous graffiti art in the world famous streets and laneways of Melbourne. They will also have an opportunity to partake in a stencil workshop with some of the experts!

As with all the Art Connect trips, the cost is just \$10 and the cultural, social and personal benefit to the students immeasurable.

Kim O'shea
ATL

Camps and Excursions Survey

The College Executive and Council are reviewing the camps and excursion program to ensure that we are meeting the educational needs of current and future students.

Please take some time to provide your feedback by completing the survey found at this link <http://bit.ly/2a1SJfY> by Friday 5th August.

Thank you.

Kaye Harris
Assistant Principal



As an individual or a group, create a poster or video* advertising specific things you can do to make sure you are Smart, Safe, and Responsible when using Digital Technologies.

Suitable entries will be published on year level *Desire to Learn* pages: <https://inspire.wmyc.vic.edu.au/> and on the [WMYC Facebook Page](#) during the month of August.

Entries with the most Facebook likes will be considered the winners. Winning entries from each year level will receive a prize worth \$50 with other prizes awarded for creativity and ingenuity.

Some ideas for themes for your advertisement include:

- Being aware of your Digital Footprint
- Balancing Screen Time
- Strangers on the Net
- "Stop. Block. Delete."
- "Contact. Content. Conduct."
- Password and Information Security
- Communicating Effectively On-line
- Reducing exposure to Cyber Risks
- Digital Law, Rights, and Responsibilities

* Videos must be between 30 seconds and 2 minutes long.
To submit your entry, go to your Year Level's D2L page and upload to the eSmart Dropbox.

Dates to Remember	
Dates for 2016	Activity
Jul 28	► Information Evening Yr 9 → Yr 10
Aug 10	► Subject Expo Evening at WSSC

Fathers Day Bacon & Egg Roll Breaky

You're invited to a Breakfast for Fathers Day. It's FREE!!!

8-9am Friday 2nd September

Get your reply slip to the front office ASAP

Huon – Rose Garden

Felltimber – Fruit Fly Courtyard

(Wet weather venue announced on day if raining)

LUCKY DOOR PRIZES //COFFEE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Reply Slip for catering return by Tuesday 30th Aug

Student name: _____

Yes I will be bringing: _____

Please circle: **Huon** **Felltimber/FFCS**

NORMAL TRADING HOURS
(Effective as of 4th July 2016)

Monday to Thursday - - 10:00am to 5:00pm

Friday & Saturday - - CLOSED