Principal’s Report

Term 4 is always a busy term for students and their families. Term 4 means it is nearly time to farewell our Year 9 students. They will take with them the foundations of learning at primary school and Wodonga Middle Years College to start their new journey.

We have many important things to finish off with teaching, learning, student portfolios, assessments and writing end of year reports. We also have an eye on planning for the 2017 school year. It’s hard to believe that in about 6 weeks time we will be welcoming another new cohort of about 268 Year 7 students into the school to begin their headstart. They will have the opportunity to meet their teachers and become familiar with Wodonga Middle Years College prior to school starting next year.

At the end of this newsletter we have included end of year dates so you can put these in your diary early.

Maree Cribbes
Campus Principal

Rethinking Drinking

Just this week, statistics have shown that 65,000 injuries each year, in Australia, involve alcohol. The misuse of alcohol in society is a huge issue and we try to explore this issue each year in the College, by having a Re-Thinking Drinking evening.

This year, the Re-thinking Drinking Variety Show, which explores problem drinking, is on Thursday, the 20th of October, commencing at 7pm, in The Felltimber PAC.

The evening offers a great opportunity for you as a parent/carer to open a dialogue with your child about potential risks: we do have professional health workers on the night, who offer advice too. However, it is also a night jammed packed with entertainment, fun and enjoyment. Again, students will perform, teachers will perform! And it should be awesome! Gold coin entry.

Kim O'Shea
ATL Team Leader

Student Achievement

Eliza Spalding (F8E) has recently been selected to be part of the cast of the Albury City carols by candlelight which is on the 21st of December at QEII Square.

Eliza has also been asked to be the opening support artist for country singer Sara Storer at the Commercial Club Albury on February 11th next year. Sara Storer is an award winning country artist who has been nominated for CMA album of the year.

The vocal entry Eliza submitted to the History Teachers Association of Victoria competition last term is now being used as part of their promotional material and they have asked her to write another for Anzac Day 2017.

Congratulations Eliza.

Circus Skills

Sixteen WMYC students are learning circus skills as part of a pilot circus skills program presented by the Flying Fruit Fly Circus. Students will participate in the program for an hour and a half over seven Monday’s in term 4.

Students started the program last Monday and anecdotal reports are very positive and all students showed great enthusiasm on their first day.

Marg Leedin
Assistant Principal

Year 8

Huon News

We would like to acknowledge our week one CARE token winners for being positive in the classroom, engaging and keeping up to date with homework.

8D – Campbell Hubner-Burgess, Ruby Teunon, Jesse O’Singa, Luke Runciman, Maddi Hamilton, Eden De Ruiter and Michaela Collins

8F - Brooke Ford, Kye Halloway

Guest Speaker

On Tuesday 11th October Kevin Mack (Police Education officer) came in to talk to our Year 8 students about using the internet and social media responsibly. Special thanks to Luke Runciman and Hannah Barton for assisting with presenting on the day.

Reports

GPA’s (Grade Point Average) are distributed to all students on Friday 14th October. Students are encouraged to read the scores with parents and teachers, set new goals and aim to always build upon the most recent GPA (aiming to improve each time).

Sport

Congratulations to the Year 8 students who were successful at the Inter-school athletics carnival this week Brodie Scammell (1st Hurdles, 2nd Relay) and Ruben Munro (2nd Relay).
**Sport**

**Fun Run**
The Adidas Fun Run is coming up in week 7 and everybody in the College gets to participate. Students will be given more information during A Teams this week about how to register in order to win great prizes.

**Shooting**
WMYC students in the Shooting team attended the annual Benalla P-12 College Sporting Clay Target Championships last Monday October 10. Teams from all over the state competed at the championships. Kynan Rafferty, Year 8 came second in the Horace James Trophy for novice boys. Well done to all students who competed.

**Hume Athletics**
Well done to our students who competed last week at Hume Athletics. Results in next week’s newsletter.

**Year 9**

**Worldskills Day**
Friday October 7, a group of Year 9 students went to Melbourne for the 2016 Worldskills Australia National Competition that was held at the Melbourne Show Grounds. The event showcased the talents of the winners at state competitions held earlier this year. It was a great chance for our students to find out more about vocational training and to witness highly skilled learners from throughout Australia competing for a place on the International team who will compete in Abu Dhabi in 2017. The students also got to access information from stall holders and professionals and to get some hands-on experiences.

**Wodonga Water Polo Club**
We are looking for new players. Our season runs from October to March. Training Tuesday and Thursday 5.30pm at WAVES. Phone Jenny on 0413 006 554 for further information.

**Wellbeing Festival**
Saturday October 29 in QEII Square from 10am-1pm. Stalls and activities from all ages. Special guest John Wood from ‘Blue Heelers’ fame.

**WSSC Notebook Information**
WSSC will be holding two Notebook information sessions at Wodonga Senior Secondary College Lecture Theatre - entry via Brockley Street:
Tuesday 18th October - 6:00pm
Thursday 20th October - 6:00pm

For full details and ordering please refer to the WSSC website: [www.wssc.vic.edu.au](http://www.wssc.vic.edu.au) - “Notebook Store”.

**Note:** Early bird discounts and pre-Christmas Delivery in place until the 11th of November.

**Dates to Remember**

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| Oct 18        | Huon immunisations  
               | Year 9 → Year 10 laptop information night at Wodonga Senior Secondary College 6pm-7pm |
| Oct 19        | Year 6 → Year 7 iPad information evening Huon library 6pm-6.45pm |
| Oct 20        | Rethinking Drinking Performance 7pm Felltimber PAC  
               | Year 9 → Year 10 laptop information night at Wodonga Senior Secondary College 6pm-7pm |
| Nov 18        | Fun Run |
| Nov 21-Dec 2  | Year 9 → Year 10 Headstart |
| Nov 28-Dec 6  | Year 6 → Year 7 Headstart (Small schools start Nov 24) |
| Nov 25        | Wodonga Gold Cup Holiday |
| Dec 5-9       | Year 9 Queensland Camp |
| Dec 12        | Student Led Conferences 12-7pm  
               | ATL Exhibition / Big Night Out |
| Dec 14        | Awards Night 7pm |
| Dec 15        | Year 9 Celebration Night |
| Dec 20        | Last Day of Term 4 |
| Jan 31, 2017  | First day for 2017 (to be confirmed) |

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**Our graduates will display confidence, be optimistic about their future and be committed to personal achievement and global citizenship.**