Principal’s Report

International Education at WMYC
One of our aims for graduates of Wodonga Middle Years College is that they are global citizens. We live in a world that is globalised and internationally focussed, and we know that we have a responsibility to ensure students at the College are equipped with the skills to connect to the rest of the world and to take responsibility as global citizens. We encourage our students to have the ability to communicate effectively across cultures and boundaries, and equip them with the ability to speak a second or third language. We do this by offering both Indonesian and Japanese languages at the College and we also have the Victorian School of Languages that operates after school hours from the Huon Campus. We also educate students with information about the world and our interdependence both in Languages classes and through Humanities and Communications.

We have partnerships with schools in Bestari Jaya, Malaysia and in the Gamagori District, Japan. 15 of our students have just returned from an exchange in Malaysia. You will see an article about their trip later in the newsletter.

Our school has recently been accredited as an International School and we will be accepting International enrolments from 2017.

Michelle Butters our Japanese teacher at Felltimber has been successful in gaining a position in the Japan Aichi-Victoria International Professional Learning Program. This program runs from November 20 until December 10, 2016. Congratulations, Michelle, this will certainly support the work we already do in international education. This is a great opportunity for Michelle to learn more about the Japanese language and culture and bring her experience back to the school. Michelle has set up a blog and will be communicating with her students while she is away.

Maree Cribbes
Campus Principal

Wellbeing

Anchor Day
On Tuesday the 25th October myself and other girls from Felltimber and Huon got to experience the first ever Anchor Day. The day was organised by Kelsey Freeman, a youth worker for the Wodonga Council. It was created for over 100 teenage girls in Wodonga to come together and learn about positive body image and self-esteem.

We got to listen to four amazing speakers (Kat Bennet, Josie Shae Linder, Hannah Ockenden-Muldoon and Lendel Bakes) about their battles and what they went through and how they overcame it.

Throughout the day we learnt many tools and strategies on how to fight our own battles and how to help others. In the afternoon we got to do our hair, makeup and nails. This was a lot of the girls favourite bit!!! They even had a photo booth for us to take a beautiful photo afterwards.

Thank you to everyone for the day, and thank you to Cassie Sandow (Felltimber) and Kaye Harris (Huon) for taking us all along.

One thing that stuck with me is...“Everyone is different in their own unique way, but everyone is beautiful!!”

Tammi Hall F9F

Student Details

Current Student Enrolment Information
Parents of students in Years 7 and 8 should have received via their children the current Student Enrolment Information the College has. Please take the time to read, make any changes, sign and return it to the College. It is important that all details are correct if we have to contact parents especially in an emergency. Thank you to those who have already returned the information.

Please contact the College if you have any queries.

Year 9

Year 9 Celebration
Permission forms for the end of year celebration have been given to Year 9 students. The event will be held December 15. The forms must be signed and returned with money to the office and a ticket issued.

Marg Leddin
Assistant Principal

Uniform

Sport/PE Polo Shirt
Our new Sport/PE polo shirt is now available to purchase from local suppliers Brunella, J and M Clothing and Beleza. The shirt is navy and sky in colour with PE Sport on the collar. The original white polo shirt is still able to be worn for sport and PE classes.

Marg Leddin
Assistant Principal

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Malaysia Trip

On the 11th of October a group of 12 WMYC students, 2 teachers and 1 parent went to Malaysia for a 13 day trip. After landing in Kuala Lumpur International Airport we spent 3 days in KL doing various activities like hiking and night market haggling. Some of us had fish pedicures! We took a 2 hour bus trip to Taman Negara (National Park) and there we visited remote villages, an elephant rehabilitation sanctuary (where we got to wash an elephant) and took lots of boat rides. After this we visited our sister school in Bestari Jaya and met our host families. We spent the next 4 days being spoilt rotten and experiencing the typical life of a Malaysian family. We fed monkeys, saw beautiful fireflies and witnessed many traditional performances while visiting a number of neighbouring schools. We finished our trip by visiting the historical city of Melacca and learning about its rich history. We then bought our last minute souvenirs and enjoyed a celebratory dinner before beginning our journey back to Australia and our waiting families. It was a wonderful trip.

Mikayla Shirreff F8E and Briony Henderson

Community Notices

Sustainable Living Festival 2016
Albury City and Wodonga Council feature more than 50 events during November to help you accelerate the uptake of sustainable living for your home or business.
Highlights include: Cheese Making Workshop (Nov 4-5); Repair Café (Nov 5); Albury Recycling Centre School and Public Tours (Nov 7-11); QEII Twilight Market (Nov 10) and Sustainable Building Tour (Nov 26-27).
Go to www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au/slf2016 to view the full program.

Albury Wodonga Doll, Bear and Hobby Show 2016
At Mirambeena Community Centre, Saturday and Sunday, November 26 and 27 from 10am. Admission $5 adults and $2 children.

Repair Café
First Saturday of the month, 10am - 1pm at Gateway Island. Don’t throw away your books, furniture, bikes or tools. Get them repaired!

Zombied

Congratulations to the cast and crew of “Zombied” for their showcase performance in the PAC at Felltimber at the end of last term. A lot of time and effort went into the rehearsals, costuming and the staging of the show. Everyone - Julie Taylor, Pete, Lauren, Stacey and their band of budding actors did a fantastic job! The opportunities to participate in Arts programs like this are great for our students.

Dates to Remember

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| Dec 12        | Student Led Conferences 12-7pm
                  Student free day
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| 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) |

Wodonga Gold Cup Holiday

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