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**Term 2**

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## Principal's Report

### **AVID– Advancement Via Individual Determination**

Last week many of our staff joined with staff from Wodonga Senior Secondary College and Wodonga West Primary School to take part in AVID Professional Learning.

AVID is a three-year program to develop post-secondary education aspirations and career readiness. As well as this three year program, we use AVID strategies school wide to develop student's Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organisation and Reading skills to ensure they are fully prepared to succeed in their chosen paths.

Many staff used their own preparation and planning time to attend this professional learning delivered by AVID centre staff from Melbourne and staff developers from America. I would like to acknowledge staff who put in extra hours last week to attend this professional learning. I would also like to thank Emma Plunkett, Luke Wakefield and Kaye Harris for the planning and preparation for this event.

### **School Photos**

Student photos have now been received and distributed to students. If there are any queries regarding the photos, please call MSP Photography on 03 5482 3190. Lost ID cards incur a charge of \$10 for replacement.

### **Absence Hotline**

The College has a dedicated phone number for student absences – 02 6057 9051. If your child is absent, please phone the absence hotline stating the name of the child, reason and date of the absence.

### **Grade Point Average (GPA) Reports and Student Led Conferences**

Teacher feedback about students' achievement levels is important information for students, parents and carers. Students have received their Grade Point Average reports on Friday 19th May. It is important for them to reflect on their GPA and start planning for the next half of the term.

We invite parents and carers to meet with subject teachers and their child to review their progress and to develop new learning goals. The Subject Interviews will be held tonight, Monday 22nd May from 3:30pm to 7pm. You can make bookings at: <https://schoolinterviews.com.au> by using the code: **sar9q**. You could also contact any campus office to assist you to make appointments. We look forward to seeing all parents and carers at the interviews.

### **Uniform**

The colder weather is definitely here. Could we please ask that you ensure your child is in correct winter uniform and items of clothing are labelled and named.

**Maree Cribbes**  
**Campus Principal**

## Student Leadership

### **Cathy McGowan Meeting**

WMYC School Captains were part of a youth delegation invited to breakfast with Member for Indi, Cathy McGowan. The purpose of the meeting was to hear from a cross section of Wodonga's young people on issues arising from the Federal Budget. There was a very lively discussion around areas such as Education, Health and Welfare, Transport and Environmental issues. The students were invited to



participate in an online survey identifying areas directly affecting them. This will form part of the broader community engagement process that will run from the 9th-25th May with Ms McGowan tabling the results to the Government. This was a very positive opportunity for our students to have their concerns raised and their voices heard.



**Marg Benbow**  
**Pathways Advisor**

## Around the College

### **First Aid**

As part of Year 8 Discovery/Health, students are learning basic first aid skills. With the assistance of our College Nurse, Linda Elkington,



we practised doing CPR on the special CPR dummies in our class last week.



**Ursula Reeb**

### **Debating**

Students in Years 7 and 9 at Felldimmer and Year 8 at Huon (with one very keen Year 7 student), have been practising their debating skills at lunchtimes ready for the Albury Eisteddfod that runs from July 27 to August 12 next term. Some of the topics the four person teams have been debating are 'can money buy you happiness' and 'should the Australian government increase funding for renewable energies'.

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## Language Perfect Competition

Japanese and Indonesian students have been competing for points and certificates in an online competition conducted by Language Perfect. The competition is held each year with students from around the world competing. This year's competition runs from May 15-25.

## Write4Fun

Some of our students have entered the writing competition Write4Fun with several of them progressing to the next level where they will have their work published. Congratulations to all who entered.

## Write Around the Murray

The annual Write Around the Murray competition is now open with the theme 'Shadow'. There are two categories:

Nano story. Write a story in 50 words exactly. Various age groups. Short Story. Write a short story of 3000 words (maximum). This is an open competition.

For terms and conditions please go to the website <http://www.writearoundthemurray.org.au/>



## Multicultural Week

What an amazing week we had at Wodonga Middle Years College.

The week began with international films, in the library, as well as anime and manga: which the participants loved.



The international banquet was sensational - the food was incredible, with curries, chilli con carne, pizza, burritos, chow mein and Irish stews just to mention a few. The proceeds of the banquets at both campuses are to go to an East Timorese school where

they will help pay for the construction of toilets - over \$600 was raised. Libby Hosking, spoke about the need for better sanitation at the East Timor school and was appreciative of our school's efforts. It was great to have such an inspiring speaker.

The concerts were great and I would like to thank all the performers and our guest speaker Libby Hosking.

Some students participated in "Chopstick relays", others played Viking games such as Finsk and Kuub and some students let their hair down, dancing as if they were Bollywood superstars!

**Kim O'Shea**  
ATL Team Leader

The Bollywood dancing was really fun, so fun in fact I was dancing the whole time. It was especially fun because all my friends, were dancing around me, and even some of the teachers. If they hold another like this I will definitely be there!

*Ashley Viggor*

Other students played a soccer match, it was fun because it was both girls and boys playing: it was competitive but mainly just fun! It's one of my favorite international games.

*Tahlia Herbert and Tanner Lewko*

Kuub is a fun game, that is the Swedish version of Finska. it is good because it helps you to work on your under arm throw and accuracy. This is a fun and good team game, which builds up strategy. This can be painful if the blocks hit you though.

*Jarrold Hooper and Toby Arundel*

## Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)

If you hold a current Health Care Card, Veterans Affairs Card or are a foster carer, please apply by the end of this term, June 30.

Late applications cannot be accepted.  
Forms are available from the office.

# WMYC Camps and Excursions in 2017

Each year level will have a different camps and excursions focus.

## Year 7

Year 7 activities will support the development of relationships with other students and staff.

- ◆ Melbourne Experience (1 day)
- ◆ Hume Weir
- ◆ Local, relationship-based, year level activities

## Year 8

Year 8 will experience a beach side camp and single day activities.

- ◆ 3 Day Phillip Island Camp
- ◆ Year level single day activities

## Year 9

Year 9 activities are based around transition to WSSC

- ◆ Various locally based activities
- ◆ Year level activities with a focus on transition to WSSC.
- ◆ WSSC Immersion Day

# Sorry Day Ceremonies

On Friday 26th May, WMYC will conduct campus ceremonies to mark the 20th anniversary of the tabling of the 'Bringing the Children Home' report in the Australian parliament. The Huon ceremony will take place at 9am, and the Felltimber ceremony will be at 12pm. Koori students will run the ceremonies at each campus.

All Koori families and any other interested families are invited to attend these ceremonies.

Each ceremony will take approximately 30-40 minutes.

**Marg Leddin**  
Assistant Principal

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SCHOOL UNIFORMS

### TRADING HOURS

<b>MONDAY</b>	9.30am to 4.30pm
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9.30am to 4.30pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9.30am to 4.30pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9.30am to 4.30pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	CLOSED
<b>SATURDAY</b>	CLOSED

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## Dates to Remember

Dates for 2017	Activity
22 - 26 May	► Education Week
22 May	► Student Led Conferences 3.30pm-7pm
31 May	► Literacy Information Evening - Huon
12 June	► Queen's Birthday Holiday
30 June	► Last Day Term 2