



WODONGA
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

Middle Years *my* news



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Principal's Report

Communication with Teachers

Have you seen our school Facebook page? If not, search Wodonga Middle Years College and like our page. This is a great way to keep up to date with what is happening in the school, and enhances our communication with parents. Some posts this week include: a congratulations to **Aiden Stelfox** Year 7 who was awarded the most valuable player in Under 14 Div 1 for representative basketball, photographs and information about our latest Outdoor Education trip, congratulations to **Helena Foster and Destine Schilg** for being awarded the North East Regional Natural Resource Management award in education for their transformation of the grounds at Felltimber, and our latest newsletter.

Parents are welcome to email or call their child's teacher to receive feedback about their child's progress in class. We encourage you to regularly communicate with the teachers so you can support your child at home.

Students who witness bullying can make a difference! (adapted from the DET website)

Many students are bystanders in bullying situations, these bystanders need support to deal with what they have seen or know is taking place.

Bystander concerns include:

- not knowing what to do or not wanting to make the situation worse
- not knowing if their actions will make a difference
- feeling worried about their safety if they intervene
- feeling worried about the impact of taking action on their friendships
- being anxious that they will be bullied as a result of intervening.

Research shows that peers are present in 85 per cent of bullying incidents at school. Bullying has been shown to stop within 10 seconds when bystanders take positive action.

If your child reports to you that they are a witness to bullying you should encourage your child to take action or report this to the teacher in the school.

If bullying happens online or via text messages outside school report it to the school, especially if other children from the school are involved or it is making your child uncomfortable at school.

As a College we are aware of the potential harmful effects of bullying, including cyberbullying, on young people and take reports of bullying seriously.

Everyone within the school community can work together to help create a climate where bullying is not acceptable. Thank you for your support.

Maree Cribbes
Campus Principal



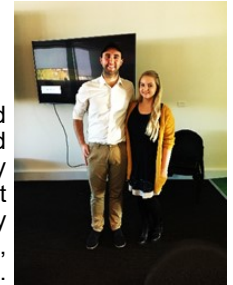
Student Leadership

Leadership Breakfast

A group of students from Felltimber and Huon braved a very frosty morning to attend the first Leadership Breakfast sponsored by Wodonga Council on Thursday morning at 7.30am. While they tucked into a very healthy breakfast the two guest speakers, Luke and Laura Owens shared their stories. Luke spoke about Youth Homelessness in his home town of Bendigo and how it impacts on young people's lives. With what started as a fundraising idea, Luke and a group of friends went on to raise \$100,000 in 12 months which in turn was matched by other corporate sponsors and Government funds with the final amount being six million dollars. Bendigo now has a purpose built complex to support the homeless.

Laura Owens shared her story of going to Uganda with a group of friends to help women in poor villages to start small scale businesses. They did this by loaning them small amounts of money and providing training to make the businesses sustainable. What again started as a small idea for a handful of women has now grown to many women in a number of villages and with future plans to build a school with the profits to provide education close to the village. Both Luke and Laura said they both faced challenges and difficulties in each of the projects but they still went ahead and learnt on the go. The message was 'believe in what you want to achieve and go for it'. The reward is the change you make in the lives of others and your own life for the better.

Marg Benbow
Pathways Advisor



Student Achievement

Hockey

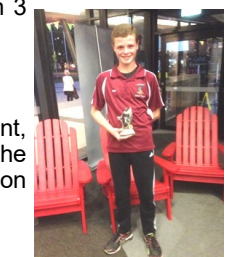


Congratulations to Huon Year 7 students Dylan and Bailey Drummond who won gold in the U13 Boys Junior Country Hockey Championships held 20-21 May. They will now compete in the representative team North East Knights when they play at the Junior State Championships from 3-6 July. Well done!



Basketball

Last week Aidan Stelfox, Huon Year 7 student, was awarded the MVP in U14 Div 1 at the Wodonga Basketball Association presentation night. Congratulations Aidan.



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Sport

Cross Country

Fifteen WMYC students competed in Cross Country last Monday and of those, ten will go through to the next round later in the year. The following students came in the top five in their age groups: Michael Grohmann (first); Keeley Skepper (third) and Rhys Thorpe (fourth). Well done to all competitors.

Year 9

Immersion Day at WSSC

All Year 9 students should have received a permission note for the Immersion Day to be held at Wodonga Senior Secondary College Wednesday June 14. Please complete and return the permission note to school. This is a regular school day and all students are expected to attend.

Arts Connect

Last Tuesday May 30, a group of Year 9 students travelled to Melbourne for the second Arts Connect trip. This time they went to Australian Centre for Moving Image (ACMI) to participate in either a V360 film or live TV workshop. I chose the V360 video and I had a lot of fun filming and editing my own 360 film with my friends. The day was also educational and we got to learn how they film and edit. After the workshop we had 40 minutes to go shopping around the area before we got on the bus and started the trip back home.



Jasmine Butterworth F9E

International Students

Expression of Interest

A group of students from Malaysia will be visiting WMYC for four days in August. We would like to find families to volunteer to have one of the students in their home for the duration of the stay. The visiting students will have a basic knowledge of English and will communicate in English. They will be here to learn about life in Australia and to learn to speak our language more clearly and fluently. The students will go to school each day and will be taken to various places of interest accompanied where possible by their host brother/sister and members of the College staff.

Please note that individual members of families who are over the age of 18 will need a Working With Children Check.

For further information please contact Bianca Collins at WMYC on 02 6057 9000.

Bianca Collins
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THE GREEN BEAN PROJECT

The Green Beans are Back!

At the Pop Up Café
Friday 9th June 2017
9:30am to 11:30am
Gateway Health, 155 High Street, Wodonga

The Wodonga Middle Years College students will once again utilise the coffee making and life skills learnt during the Green Bean project in a Pop-Up Café at Gateway Health. Coffee (Cappuccino, Latte, Flat White, Long Black), Hot Chocolate with Marshmallows, and baked treats available for a donation.

Phone orders can be made on 0417 695245 or emailed the day before to mbebow@wmyc.vic.edu.au.

Donations will go towards the WMYC CareVan kids cooking program.

The Green Bean project is an innovative partnership between Wodonga Middle Years College; Gateway Health (Healthy Together Wodonga & School Focused Youth Service); North East Local Learning and Employment Network (NELLEN); City of Wodonga Youth Services; headspace Albury Wodonga; Geared 4 Careers; Platform 9; Permission to Blossom; and Alyson Evans.

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TRADING HOURS

MONDAY	9.30am to 4.30pm
TUESDAY	9.30am to 4.30pm
WEDNESDAY	9.30am to 4.30pm
THURSDAY	9.30am to 4.30pm
FRIDAY	CLOSED
SATURDAY	CLOSED

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Dates to Remember

Dates for 2017	Activity
9 June	▶ Green Bean pop up Café @ Gateway
12 June	▶ Queen's Birthday Holiday
14 June	▶ Year 9 Immersion Day at WSSC
30 June	▶ Last Day Term 2 ▶ Casual Wear Day
17 July	▶ First Day Term 3
28 July	▶ Pupil Free Day