



**WODONGA**  
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

# Middle Years *my* news



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## Principal's Report

### Professional Learning Communities, student voice

Late last year, a group of teachers from Wodonga Middle Years College joined with all schools in the Wodonga Federation of Government Schools (Wodonga Primary School, Wodonga South Primary School, Melrose Primary School, Wodonga West Primary School, Baranduda Primary School, Belvoir Specialist School and Wodonga Senior Secondary College) to undertake professional development in *Professional Learning Communities*. This initiative brings teachers within schools together to learn from their peers, drawing on evidence and evaluating the impact of their practice on student learning.

This week we had Hollie Kane come from Department of Education to interview students and staff about our progress with Professional Learning Communities. The feedback was very positive and this feedback gave us the opportunity to evaluate our progress and look at the next steps in our journey.

Our leadership students have also been working on a "teach the teacher" initiative and will run a whole staff meeting on how they learn best. They will give us some tips on how to teach them that we may not have thought of before. We are really looking forward to this presentation and it will be a great opportunity for students to have a voice.

### Year 9 into 10 Transition

This Wednesday, June 14, our Year 9 students will attend Wodonga Senior Secondary College (WSSC) as part of their transition to Year 10. They will have tours of the college and attend their regular Discovery and Communications classes throughout the day.

Further transition activities, including an information evening, subject expo and laptop information evening will be held at WSSC during the next two terms. Further information about the Year 9 to Year 10 transition will follow in the next few weeks.

**Maree Cribbes**  
Campus Principal



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### Families of 2017 Grade 6 students Please Note

During the week following the 10th August, Wodonga Middle Years College will mail out an enrolment package to all families of students who filled in an initial placement request for Year 7 at WMYC in 2018

## Arts, Technology, Language

### Rock Fest

On Thursday 8th June rock bands from Huon and Felldimber competed in the northern heats of Rock Fest. Our Huon Ensemble came second in the junior section.

Ethan Vilaisarn came away with the award for best bass player in the junior section and Eliza Spalding received the award for best vocalist in the Junior section.

Congratulations to everyone who competed.



**Julie Taylor**  
Music

## Wodonga Middle Years College and Wodonga Senior Secondary College Mid Year Music Concert



Come and see the Combined College  
Concert Band  
Senior Secondary Swing Band  
Senior Secondary Choir  
And various VCE Solo Artists perform

Where: **WSSC PAC Woodland street  
Wodonga**

When: **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June  
7pm.**

A wonderful night of music from our  
dedicated and talented musicians

FELLTIMBER CAMPUS  
Hedgerow Court, Wodonga, Victoria 3690  
Ph: 02 6057 9000, Fax: 02 6059 2900

HUON CAMPUS  
22-24 Mitchell Street, Wodonga, Victoria 3690  
Ph: 02 6057 9000, Fax: 02 6024 3633

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[www.wmyc.vic.edu.au](http://www.wmyc.vic.edu.au)



# Sport

## Year 8 Boys Footy

On the 1st of June a whole college Year 8 boys team participated in the AFL competition in Wangaratta. The boys played two pool games, the first against Wangaratta High School which WMYC won well in the end. The boys played really well but wasted opportunities early that kept Wangaratta in the game. The second game was more one sided with WMYC far too good for Victory Lutheran College winning by 10 goals. Through both pool games all 26 boys contributed to the great results.



By winning both our pool games we qualified for the grand final against Gallen College who won the other pool. It was a hard fought game with Gallen being cleaner with the football that got them over the line by 5 goals. The game was much closer than the scoreboard showed. Head coach Steve Fouracre and myself were proud of the boys effort and attitude over the day that made it enjoyable for all. It was particularly pleasing the confidence the boys who do not normally play AFL got as the day went on. An example was the attack on the ball and the man of a couple of our rugby league boys in the final, set a standard for everyone. Well done boys! I know the coach is already planning for next year's assault on the prize.

**Dan Kadaoui**  
Assistant Coach

## Soccer

Under perfect conditions, Year 9 and Year 7 Soccer was played at Latrobe (boys) and Kelly Park (girls) over the last two Thursdays by teams from both campuses.



All teams competed really well and got at least one win and one draw for the day, but our results were such that no team made it through to the next round.

# Outdoor Education

## Mountain Biking

The students in Mr Wakeling's Outdoor Education class recently went mountain biking at Nailcan Hill in Albury. This was a practise run before hitting the more difficult terrain of Beechworth in the next couple of weeks. While on the Nailcan run they found an abandoned body of an old car and posed for a picture during a rest break.



# Green Bean Project

Congratulations to our Year 9 students who manned the coffee machines once more for the Green Bean pop up cafe at Gateway Health last Friday.



Donations totalling \$352 will go towards supporting the Carevan 'cooking in school' program that provides meals for the homeless. Thank you to NELLEN, Gateway Health and Carolyn Higgs at Platform 9 Coffee Roasters for their support.



Dates to Remember	
Dates for 2017	Activity
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