



**WODONGA**  
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

# Middle Years *my* news



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## Principal's Report

### Doctors in Secondary Schools Program

The Victoria Government is making sure young people are getting the health support, advice and treatment they need so they can reach their full potential. The \$43.8 million Doctors In School initiative is delivering on the Victorian Government's election commitment to fund general practitioners to provide medical advice and health care to those students in need up to one day a week in 100 Victorian Schools. In the North East Region, our College along with the Wodonga Senior Secondary College will be among the four schools piloting the program for the next two years.

All WSSC and WMYC students will have the opportunity to make appointments confidentially at the Medical Centre on site. The school's wellbeing team, medical centre Practice Nurse and Doctor will establish a process for students to access the GP program while ensuring student confidentiality. The GP will bulk bill consultations through Medicare, so there will be no out of pocket expenses for the student and/or families.

The service will be available to the students on Thursdays from 10am – 2pm and should start in the last week of August.

**Maree Cribbes**  
Campus Principal

## Year 9

### ODE Skiing Trip

We had such an amazing time on the snow trip. We learnt so much and new techniques with the skis.



We enjoyed being pushed out of our comfort zone when we took a risk on going down a steep hill. It was so fun! We thank all the teachers for taking us and giving us the opportunity to experience it.

*Maddi Thurley and Amy Lines*

On Tuesday the 8th of August, the outdoor ed classes from Felltimber and Huon went to Falls Creek to participate in cross country skiing. We left home at 6am and when we arrived at Falls Creek it was -2°! We got our skis, went into small groups to practise the basics then had lunch. After lunch one group went on a tour and the others skied around. We left Falls Creek at 4pm to arrive at Huon at 6.30pm. All students were engaged and supportive of one another. It was most people's first time skiing and a really great day.

*Maddi Gruber*



### Sock it to Us

Today at Wodonga Middle Years College, Felltimber Campus the Year 9 Literacy Class presented Stacey Franklin, CEO of Carevan with the results of their Sock It To Me Campaign.

Ms Miranda O'Shea's Literacy students took this Community Service Project on board some 8 weeks ago. The aim was to raise money for Carevan to be able to provide warm socks for anyone needing a helping hand. The students were supported by the Bridge Café and Central Perk Café at each campus with donations from sales as well as the students baking cookies and having a guessing competition. The end result today, was the handing over of a huge tub of brand new socks and a cheque for \$400, brilliant effort!

The students have each gained and developed some important life skills and personal development through this endeavour and can be very proud of their achievement.

**Marg Benbow**  
Student Pathways



## Year 8

### AVID

Huon Year 8 AVID students facilitated a transition visit last Friday morning with 60 Year 6 students from Wodonga Primary School. The students did a range of



activities like Cornell Notetaking, Desire to Learn, Growth Mindset, Team Building and Critical Reading to help prepare them for their transition to Year 7 next year. It was great to continue to develop a strong partnership with the students and teachers at Wodonga Primary School.

**Emma Plunkett**  
AVID



## Wellbeing

### Homelessness

Members of local organisations including Wodonga Council and Beyond Housing visited the College and spoke to classes about homelessness in the community and what it means. They encouraged students to write about what a home means to them and what the different causes of homelessness could be.

Students in English and Art classes created poetry and art works and some of their works were on display when Wodonga Mayor Anna Speedie officially opened the region's awareness program on homelessness last week.



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# Eisteddfod

## Debating

On the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of August the Year 7, 8 and 9 Debating Teams participated in the Albury Eisteddfod.

Students competed against local schools in the Albury/ Wodonga region debating contemporary issues such as 'Should the voting age be reduced to 16' and 'More should be done to promote women in sport'. All three teams completed extensive preparation for the round robin styled competition and gave it their best shot.

The Year 9 Team were the champions of the Year 9 Debating Competition Day, winning all three rounds. Well done to all teams who participated in the competition, you were respectful and fierce competitors. Also a big thank you to all the teachers who made this event happen.



**Miranda O'Shea**  
Communications Leader

## Music

Congratulations to all our music students who competed in the Eisteddfod last week.

Our rock bands came second and third and the choir came second. There were only a few points between all of the competitors in the different categories. Well done to all music students for their commitment and a job well done.



# Year 7

## Lego Day

When we got there, we took a seat, there was an introduction on what lego robotics are, and what we were going to cover while with the robotics.

First, we had to make a basic robot out of lego, then added the ev3 (which was the brain of the robot, that controlled all the movement that took place).

Before completing building the robot, we went outside to play a game. Each of us had a set of instructions, for example the people who were trying to get away was 3 steps straight ahead, turn 90° clockwise, then 5 steps straight, then turn 180°. Then you followed the same instructions the other way around until you got back to the starting point. But unlike robots the students were taking larger steps when going forward then when they had to turn around and go back.

When we got back where the lego robotics were, we were showed basic block code for the robot. We completed the robot and from the computer that was provided, we created the code that was needed to make some basic movements. Our first task was to make the robot go forward and then backward, which was easy. After that task we had to make it do different types of movements.

After that we had a challenge of making the lego robot go around a chair and park underneath. We kept on making the robot go too far forward, but after a while we completed the task, unlike everyone else, we made the robot do a circle instead of a square.

After lunch, we went to the maze and it took a while to complete due to getting the angles wrong.

After that it was time to pack up, the day was enjoyable and I learnt about lego robots, and how to create and program one. I look forward to any other extra curricular activities, to be able to learn new things in the field of technology.



*Ethan Livingston*

# Sport

## Year 7 and 8 Boys Netball

Last Friday, August 11, Huon and Felltimber Year 7 and 8 boys Netball teams travelled to Wangaratta to play in the Hume Region Competition. The boys had trained over the last few weeks picking up new skills and acquitted themselves very well on the day against teams from Corryong, Benalla,



Wangaratta and Wodonga. None of the WMYC teams made finals, but all played well and there were a couple of wins along the way.



# Parent Survey

The College is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The annual Parent Opinion Survey is offered by the Department of Education and Training to randomly selected parents at each school.

The results of the survey help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey is conducted online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd and only takes 15 minutes to complete on either a desktop computer, laptop, tablet or mobile.

If you received an invitation to take part in the survey you can still take part until **Sunday August 27**.

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### 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>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>

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# Dates to Remember

Dates for 2017	Activity
August 21	▶ WSSC Subject Selections - Huon
August 22	▶ WSSC Subject Selections - Felltimber
September 5	▶ Immunisations - Felltimber Year 7
September 13	▶ Immunisations - Huon Year 7
September 22	▶ Last day of Term 3