



**WODONGA**  
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

# Middle Years *my* news



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## Principal's Report

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

Teacher feedback about students' achievement levels is important information for students, parents and carers. Students will receive their Grade Point Average reports on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August. 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 Wednesday September 13 from 3:30pm to 7pm, more details will follow.

### **Visitors to the College**

A reminder that all visitors to the College are required to sign in at the campus office and not to enter the student areas.

### **Course Selections**

Students in Years 7 and 8 will receive their course guides for Years 8 and 9 in 2018 in the next two weeks. Parents and students are encouraged to read about the courses available and ask their A Team teacher for assistance in making their elective selections. Class teachers, including arts, technology and LOTE teachers will also be able to help students with information about elective courses. Students will receive a login and password to use to select their subjects online.

**Maree Cribbes**  
Campus Principal

## Wellbeing

### **Rhythm2Recovery**

In order to develop relationships, resilience and respect within our community, the Wellbeing team at Felltimber have begun a Rhythm2Recovery program on Friday afternoons. Both Tony and I have been running this group for 2 weeks so far, and plan to continue for another 7 weeks. This program looks at using drumming, percussion and discussion to develop an increased understanding of social situations, connecting with peers and respecting others. Feedback by participants has been positive so far which is encouraging.



**Anthony Mason**  
Wellbeing Team

### **Carevan**

This week's Carevan Cooking Program saw the two Jacks buddy up for cooking this week's dish of Chicken Chow Mein. A valuable part of the program is the mentoring of a Year 9 student to a Year 7 student. Jack Redcliffe did a super job of mentoring Jack Bonnor from Year 7 from the cooking to the clean-up. The result being a healthy and delicious dish. Great work boys.



**Marg Benbow**  
Student Pathways

## Arts, Technology, Language

### **Homelessness Awareness Week**

There is no doubt that one of the most serious issues facing our nation and the world is homelessness.

In Australia, on any given night there are over one hundred thousand people who are without a home.

Some of our students were motivated by visiting Beyond Housing workers to write poetry and create arts works exploring the idea of what is a home during National Homeless Week. These were later shown at the pop up exhibition in High Street, opened by the Mayor Anna Speedie. Some of them are included below.



Three of our principals braved the cold of the corporate sleepout to raise funds. We hope as a College, that greater awareness of this issue, will improve understanding of the plight of those experiencing homelessness, eliminate misguided stereotypical views, regarding the homeless and work toward finding creative and lasting solutions, for a better and fairer future.

**Kim O'Shea**  
ATL Leader

### **What does home mean to me?**

by *Marshall Lamb*

Warm,

It's just another word for home

Home is a place where you don't take backtalk from no one,

Pride doesn't abandon you

Home is a place where you're happy,

Even though it's not always the best

The best is not really like you get everything you want,

But a place without too many worries, a place you can rest

Homeless people are everywhere,

North South East West,

I sit in my home, safe and feel blessed.

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### The Winter Journey

by Alex Fitzsimmons

Sad and cold, feeling alone  
 Where the hell did everything go  
 Was nice and warm, safe and cozy  
 Till in just one day, it went the opposite of rosy  
 Alone on the street, being in the dark,  
 Seeing this fate, cold in the park  
 Surprise one day, out of the blue  
 Someone came to me, like why would you?  
 They gave me a hand with some dollars as such,  
 Helped me get up, so I did in a huff  
 Gave me a job, money and home,  
 Change is hard, especially alone  
 In the end I got back, learning more, never slack  
 At last I'm full again, fixed right up  
 Kettle's boiled, hot tea in my cup

### Walk On

by Dylan Hailes

I awake on hard floor,  
 Back creaky and sore  
 I moan for my spouse,  
 Who has taken my house  
 I walk slowly away,  
 Like a lone stray  
 I have rested my feet,  
 Now back to the street

### **Solar Car**

The 2017 Solar Car Challenge is underway. This year's group of students have already designed their model and last week travelled to Butko Engineering to see the design cut out from a flat piece of aluminium by a state of the art high pressure cutting machine controlled through a computer program. The photo shows Butko engineer Matt Weinke holding the cut out of the car. Over the next couple of weeks the car will be assembled and then trialled for racing in October.



**John Furst**  
Maths/Science

### **Music**

Here are all the final results for our Vocal students at the Eisteddfod. It was great seeing all of them support each other and thank you to Katherine Hackett for accompanying them.

Congratulations and thank you to Lauren Schmutter for all her amazing work with these students.

*Vocal Duets 14 Years and Under:* Sharni Barton and Jenna Barton 2nd Place

*Vocal Duets 16 Years and Under:* Sydney Bax and Cobra Cullinger 2nd Place

*Sibling Duets 14 Years and Under:* Sharni Barton and Maisy Barton (WPS) 2nd Place

*Sibling Duets 16 Years and Under:* Chelsea Barton (WSSC) and Jenna Barton 1st Place

*11 and 12 Years Character Song:* Grace Redman Highly Commended

*11 and 12 Years Traditional Song:* Jessica Kennedy 1st Place

*11 and 12 Years Australian Song:* Jessica Kennedy 2nd Place, Grace Redman Highly Commended

*11 and 12 Years Sacred Song:* Grace Redman Highly Commended

*11 and 12 Years Jazz/Pop Song:* Jessica Kennedy 1st Place, Grace Redman 3rd Place

*11 and 12 Years Unaccompanied Song:* Jessica Kennedy Highly Commended

**11 and 12 Year Old Aggregate Winner – Jessica Kennedy**

*School Vocal Ensembles Years 7-9:* Second Place

*13 and 14 Years Character Song:* Sharni Barton 3rd Place

*13 and 14 Years Classical Song:* Zoe Freeman 2nd Place, Alissia McClure 3rd Place

*13 and 14 Years Traditional Song:* Zoe Freeman 1st Place, Imogen Elliot 3rd Place, Hannah Mulholland Highly Commended

*13 and 14 Years Australian Song:* Zoe Freeman 2nd Place

*13 and 14 Years Jazz/Pop Song:* Sharni Barton 1st Place, Hannah Mullholland Highly Commended, Zoe Freeman Highly Commended

*13 and 14 years Vocal Character Song:* Jenna Barton Highly Commended

**Julie Taylor**  
Music

## Year 9

### **Work Inspirations**

A group of Year 9 students from Huon and Felltimber will this week participate in the Work Inspirations program at Wodonga Council. The students were interviewed and sat a test prior to being accepted into the program.

The Work Inspirations Program introduces the students to the many roles and opportunities at Wodonga Council. It also gives them an understanding of how careers 'happen' and what it takes to be successful in the workplace.

Congratulations to the following students who were selected: Charlotte Allen, Sierra McKay, Tara Farrington, Molly Burgess, Jules Maher, Jadynd Kendrick, Hannah Pike, Michaela Collins, Angel Wood, Lana Conlan, Jocelyn Templeman, Patrick Dobing, Crystal Schubert, Maddi Spear and Josh Geale.

**Marg Benbow**  
Student Pathways

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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
August 21	▶ WSSC Subject Selections - Huon
August 22	▶ WSSC Subject Selections - Felltimber
September 5	▶ Immunisations - Felltimber Year 7
September 13	▶ Immunisations - Huon Year 7 ▶ Student Led Conferences
September 22	▶ Last day of Term 3