



WODONGA
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

Middle Years *my* news



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Principal's Report

National Child Protection Week 2017

Protecting children and young people is everyone's business

National Child Protection Week 2017 runs from Sunday 3rd–Saturday 9th of September. The Wodonga Federation of Government Schools, which includes our school, continue to promote the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people.

Protecting children is everyone's concern and we urge the entire school community to play their part. The best way that we can adequately protect children, is to stop neglect and abuse BEFORE it happens.

Even the smallest act can help build a safer community for children and young people. For instance:

- Be kind to children and parents
- Rather than blame parents, think of ways to support them
- Listen to the needs of children and spend time with them
- Be a good role model around children.
- Look out for signs of abuse or neglect; if you suspect something is wrong, talk to an expert

Last year the Victorian Government phased in the new Child Safe Standards for all schools and organisations who work with children up to 18 years old. The Standards are a direct response to the recommendations from the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and other Non-Government organisations.

Our school is playing our part by implementing a Child Safety Policy, Child Safety Code of Conduct, strategies to prevent child abuse and respond to suspected child abuse, recruitment procedures to minimise or remove risks of child abuse, and strategies to promote child participation and empowerment.

For more information on National Child Protection Week 2017 www.napcan.org.au

Maree Cribbes
Campus Principal

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Future Moves

On Monday 28th August, a group of Year 9 students visited Charles Sturt University Thurgoona. The students were given tours of the whole university and went through some of the dormitories, library and some of the practical rooms. They learnt about some of the courses available including accounting, nursing and health related courses and got to try the equipment. The uni provided lunch in the cafeteria for the students. It was a great experience for our students and gave them an insight into life at university.



Doctors In Schools Program

Process for booking the Doctor Jess Madden

Students can make a booking 3 ways:

Phone 0401 264 256 on a Thursday from 9-2pm.

- The phone will be answered by nurse Laura (the person on the left) during business hours.

- In between days there will be a voicemail message on the phone with crisis numbers to call, and advice to leave a message that will be responded to on the next clinic day (Thursday).

Students can also send a text to this number with their full name and school to request an appointment.

Drop in to the clinic at recess or lunch on Thursdays to see the nurse, Laura.

Please ask students to add the number to their phones and ipads for future reference. Transport can be arranged from Felltimber to Huon for appointments (Joce Ziebell will work with the practice nurse, Laura to arrange this).



Student Leadership

Leadership Breakfast

On Thursday 31st August the 2nd last Wodonga City Council Leadership Breakfast took place at TAFE Space with Nathan Hulls, a motivational speaker as our guest. 17 Wodonga Middle Years College students were entertained and encouraged by Nathan to:



'Be The Better Version Of Yourself and to Decide Your Own Destiny'

Nathan was able to make this message real by taking us through some of his own life journey. Having been born with a disability but not allowing that to define who he is and what he could achieve was really living proof that you can be master of your destiny in spite of Stuff That Happens which you have no control over.

The students really engaged with Nathan as he involved them in his presentation and were able to come away having some really positive messages and strategies for their own life journeys. Once again we thank Wodonga City Council and Anthony Nicholson for giving us this opportunity and it was a perfect way to say goodbye to winter and look forward to Spring.

Marg Benbow
Student Pathways

Sport

Year 7 Boys Basketball

A combined WMYC team played in the Year 7 boys basketball competition in Wangaratta on Monday 28th August. Although we only had six players, the boys were enthusiastic and played very well together as a team. They played two pool rounds and won

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both games against Marian College, Myrtleford and Catholic College, Wodonga. This meant that they qualified for the final against the top team from the other pool. The game against Galen College, Wangaratta was a more challenging game, with the Galen team applying defensive pressure throughout. Consistent team work and playing offense and defence led the WMYC team to a comfortable win. They have qualified to participate in the regional playoffs later in the year.



I would like to congratulate the team for their sportsmanship and efforts both on and off the court on the day, and wish them luck for the next stage of the competition.

Dianne Gibbs-Jones
Coach

Year 7 Girls Basketball

The Year 7 Girls combined basketball team travelled to Wangaratta on Monday August 28. The girls performed well winning all their games except the first one against Galen College which they lost by only 2points!



Year 9

Recreational Sports

Last Thursday, Ms Ziebell's Recreation Sports class participated in a one hour boxing session at Fitness 24/7. The students enjoyed the challenge and will try a spin class the following week on the bikes.



Joce Ziebell
Inclusive Programs

Outdoor Education

Students from Felltimber ODE class went caving this week at Wee Jasper. We explored the caves and saw the formations we have learnt about in class. We were able to explore Dip Cave, Dog Leg Cave and Signature Cave. We played hide and seek and sardines. We were surprised at how we were able to get into some of the small spaces in the rocks when we were playing hide and seek. Students were challenged and went out of their comfort zones when they went through a small cave with no torches on. We also went to Canberra for ice skating and indoor rock climbing. On the way home we stopped and looked for fossils in the limestone. Big thanks to Ollie, Aaron, Mr Dooley and Miss Widdup for taking us.



Tahlia, Chloe, Abbey, Auden, Nelson, Lachlan, Amy, Maddie, Ethan, Matthew, Kirby



The Green Bean Pop-Up Cafe

will be held at
Gateway Health
High Street, Wodonga
Wednesday 20th September
9.30am-11.30am






Koori Art Club Annual Exhibition

16 - 27 October
Exhibition opening
5.30pm Monday 16th October
10am -3pm daily
(closed weekends)
at Eddie Kneebone Gallery,
Wodonga TAFE

Dates to Remember

Dates for 2017	Activity
September 4 - 8	▶ Arts Festival
September 5	▶ Immunisations - Felltimber Year 7
September 11	▶ Awards - Felltimber
September 13	▶ Immunisations - Huon Year 7 ▶ Student Led Conferences
September 22	▶ Last day of Term 3



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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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