



WODONGA
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

Middle Years *my* news



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Assistant Principal's Report

Term 4

Term 4 is always a busy term for students and their families. We will be farewelling our Year 9 students - it won't be long until they move on to Wodonga Senior Secondary College. They will take with them the foundations of learning from primary school and Wodonga Middle Years College to start their new journey.

There are many important things to finish off with teaching including student portfolios, assessments, end of year reports and the commencement of planning for the 2018 school year. Towards the end of the term, we will welcome a new cohort of Year 7 students into the school to begin their headstart. They will have the opportunity to meet their teachers and become familiar with Wodonga Middle Years College prior to school starting next year.

Art Exhibition

Members of the College community are welcome to the Eddie Kneebone Gallery at Wodonga TAFE for the fourth Art Club Exhibition that opens tonight at 5.30pm. The exhibition is open weekdays between 10am and 3pm up to and including Friday October 27. There are 45 canvas paintings on display.

River of Stories

Congratulations to Maddison Spear, Year 9, who won the Year 9/10 poetry section of the River of Stories. Maddison was presented with her prize last Saturday. Kelli Beer, her teacher and Assistant Principal Marg Leddin also accepted a cheque for \$250 from Albury Rotary Club to go towards books for the library. Her poem is included later in this newsletter.

Absence Hotline

Term 4 is a hectic time of year with students and family activities. Attendance at school is critical to your child's future outcomes. Each day missed at school has an impact on skill development and social connections. If your child has a legitimate reason to be away from school such as illness, please ring the College's Absence Hotline on 02 60579051 or log onto your child's Student Portal on D2L.

Gary Hodge, Marg Leddin
Assistant Principal

Nurse

Headlice

They're back! We are taking a whole school approach to try and get on top of this serial offender and your assistance is greatly appreciated. Students were told in A Team what to look for and what to do in relation to treating headlice.

Parents please find attached recommended options for treating and controlling headlice.

Linda Elkington
School Nurse

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

Writers Workshop

'Girls Write Up'

On Thursday a group of students from both Felltimber and Huon participated in the 'Girls Write Up' Writers Workshops. Students listened to Key Note speakers and attended workshops where the students were given the opportunity to create and write their own stories and poems. At the end of the day, some students had the opportunity to perform their own Slam Poetry.



Kelli Beer

Arts Technology, Language

Solar Car

Last Friday saw the culmination of many weeks of work for WMYC Solar Car Challenge Team to take their place on the racetrack. This year the race was held on a purpose-built track at QE2 Square in Albury. Huon Heat were one of the eleven teams competing today. Team members taking part were, Preston Fuller, Billy Simpson, Campbell Hubner Burgess, Hannah Burton and Jules Maher with their teachers Michael Rogers and John Furst.



A huge thanks goes to the teams industry mentor, Matt Wiencke from JC Butko for his support and technical



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knowledge during the production time with the car and being part of the race day team. A special mention goes to Hannah and Jules who have gone above and beyond in giving their all to the program even during the holidays. The Solar Car Challenge has over many years given WMYC students the opportunity to engage with industry and broaden their knowledge of career pathways for the future.

Marg Benbow
Student Pathways

World of Work

Years 8 and 9 students participated in World of Work (VET) workshops last week involving programming robots.



The workshops are from Exploring Work Futures. Students could ask questions and investigate the possibilities of working in the field of electronics and technology. The students had a great time working with the robot, seeing it dance to Michael Jackson's 'Thriller'.



Student Leadership

Casual Wear - Survivor Day

Students and staff had a great time dressing up for Survivor Day on the last day of Term 3. Approximately \$600 was raised for the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre. Well done everyone.

Year 9

Year 9 Celebration - Graduation

Attention Year 9s - put this date in your calendar! The Year 9 Celebration for 2017 will be held on Tuesday 12th December from 6:30pm – 10pm at the Hovell Tree Inn, Albury. This event is to celebrate your time at WMYC, in particular the end of Year 9. The cost will be \$40. More information, including permission notes, will come out shortly!

WSSC Laptop Information Sessions

Parents and Year 9 students are invited to the laptop information sessions this Tuesday 17 and Thursday 19 October from 6-7pm in the lecture theatre. Thursday is a repeat of Tuesday so there is no need for parents to attend both.

Year 8

Phillip Island Camp

Not long to go! Just a reminder that for those parents paying for the camp by instalments, another \$100 payment was due last week. Payment in full is due November 3.

Students will receive more information about the camp including the permission form and what to take on the camp, today or tomorrow.

Community

Cricket

Baranduda Rangers Cricket club are looking at putting an all-girls cricket team into the Cricket Albury Wodonga (CAW) girls division. The age for the girls team is between 10 and 15years with games being played on Wednesday nights. Contact 0427255164 if you are interested.

River of Stories

Maddison Spear's winning entry in the Year 9/10 poetry section of the 2017 River of Stories.

No choice
Drawn into **bloody, violent** conflict
Enemies, soldiers, fighting, killing, battle
War only brings

Death

Death

Death

"The Taliban **destroyed** most of my life.
What wasn't destroyed.
We **left behind**
Including my **father** in his **grave**."

It happens

It's the **price you pay for love**
Grief, sadness, struggle, pain, agony
Tears are always

Falling

Falling

Falling

Try telling that to **people locked up and abused**
In detention

"Because they were **naive enough**
To think Australia would **care about their lives**."

Have faith

Life offers a **second chance** it's called **tomorrow**
Courage, believe, wisdom, strength, inspire
Hope is about

Dreaming


Dreaming

Dreaming

There's **something for everyone** here,
"I'm leaving this corner of my world,
the **only world I've known** since **arriving in Australia from**
Afghanistan ten years ago."

Dates to Remember

Dates for 2017	Activity
October 16 - 27	▶ Art Club Exhibition - open 10am-3pm daily excluding weekends at Wodonga TAFE
October 18	▶ iPad information evening-Huon Library 6-6.45pm
November 13-15	▶ Yr 8 Phillip Island Camp-Felltimber
November 15-17	▶ Yr 8 Phillip Island Camp-Huon
November 17	▶ Fun Run



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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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