



**WODONGA**  
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

# Middle Years *my* news



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## Assistant Principals Report

### Respectful Relationship – Whole School Approach

In 2016 our school applied to be a lead school, along with the other Wodonga Federation of Government Schools, in the implementation of Respectful Relationship. This important initiative aims to ensure students have skills, knowledge and attitudes to engage in respectful relationships now and into the future.

A whole school approach to Respectful Relationships focuses on six key domains:

1. Culture and environment
2. Support for staff and students
3. Teaching and learning
4. Community partnerships
5. Professional learning strategy
6. School leadership and commitment

Our school has been teaching elements of Respectful Relationships for many years. Our success in applying for this funding supports the Federation schools to be able to strengthen our ability to promote and model gender equity in everything that we do, and support students and staff affected by family violence. Over the coming weeks, we will be outlining the Respectful Relationships curriculum.

There is an attachment at the end of this newsletter that highlights why this is an important issue for our school and the Wodonga community.

### End of Term

Please put these dates in your diary.

December 18 - reports issued to students.

December 20 - Awards Ceremony evening. In the gymnasium at Huon campus.

December 21 - Parent/Teacher Conferences from 9am – 4pm.

There are no formal classes-students are not required at school except for their meetings. Parents will be able to book online to meet with their 2018 CARE teacher. The code for the conferences will be issued at a later date.

December 22 – Professional Development day for staff. Students not required at school.

**Gary Hodge, Marg Leddin, Will Pleydon, Steve Fouracre**  
Assistant Principals

Please note that the prompts for the WMYC phone number 02 6057 9000 have changed to the following:

- 1: Absence Hotline
- 2: Felltimber Campus
- 3: Fruit Fly Circus School
- 4: Huon Campus

## Student Leadership

### Student Breakfast

Last week 50 students from across the Federation of Government Schools in Wodonga came together at WSSC for the third Student Voice Forum. The Wodonga Mayor, Cr Anna Speedie gave the students a very informative talk. To see what Wodonga looked like in the early days



and what it looks like now was very interesting and exciting to hear about all the future development that is planned. The students worked in groups on a number of issues around leadership and Student Voice. This is a really effective way for student engagement between schools.

### Casual Wear Day

Last Wednesday, November 1, students at Felltimber held a casual wear day and taco lunch and raised \$260 for the Albury Wodonga Cancer Centre.



## Sport

### Volleyball

The Felltimber Year 7 Girls Volleyball team played in the Hume Division last week at the Wodonga Leisure Centre. They played against teams from Shepparton, Yarrawonga and Seymour, winning all their matches and progressing to state level later this month. Congratulations to the team: Sophie Barrett, Leah Elliott, Tamara Gorman, Izabella Hodges, Maree Matthew, Jorja McFarlane, Keely Skepper, Ella Vandermeer and Megan Whitehead.

Results:

Felltimber def Notre Dame 2 sets to 0: 20-14, 20-18

Felltimber def Yarrawonga 2 sets to 1: 20-5, 22-24, 15-9

Felltimber def Seymour SC 2 sets to 0: 20-9, 20-11

### Softball

The combined WMYC Year 8 Girls Softball team of Kiara Wainwright, Kaylea Kobzan, Rachel Warren, Aliza Rollings, Paige Hunt, Rhea Nicholls, Nyka Fischer, Joanna Garoni, Maree Matthew and Montana French travelled to Wangaratta for the Hume Division matches on Friday. The girls were successful in winning their way to State level by defeating Broadford 21-1.



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# RETHINKING DRINKING

WMYC Variety Show  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of  
November, 7pm-8.30pm



Come along to the WMYC Felltimber PAC and enjoy a night of entertainment and laughs. In the program there will be acts from staff and students as well as "Rethinking Drinking" educational performances.

**\$2 for entry**

## Free Discover Sailing Day

Enjoy a FREE day of sailing with friends and family at the Albury Wodonga Yacht Club



Saturday 11th November 2017  
11am - 3pm



Albury Wodonga Yacht Club  
Old Weir Road, Lake Hume, Bonegilla (opposite Jackson's Point)

Register online before the day at: [www.awyc.yachting.org.au](http://www.awyc.yachting.org.au)

For more information contact Leanne Thomson  
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## Dates to Remember

Dates for 2017	Activity
November 13 - 15	▶ Yr 8 Phillip Island Camp-Felltimber
November 15 - 17	▶ Yr 8 Phillip Island Camp-Huon
November 15 - 29	▶ Japanese Study Tour
November 17	▶ Fun Run
November 23	▶ Small Schools Orientation Day
November 24	▶ Wodonga Gold Cup Holiday
Nov 27- Dec 8	▶ Year 9 → Year 10 Headstart at WSSC
December 4 - 12	▶ WMYC Headstart
December 12	▶ Year 9 Celebration
December 18	▶ Reports issued
December 20	▶ Awards Ceremony
December 21	▶ Parent/Teacher Conferences - no formal classes
December 22	▶ Professional Development Day - students not required at school

## Sustainable Living Festival

1-30  
November

Featured event:  
Sustainable Living Fair  
Saturday, November 18  
Junction Square, Wodonga 9am to 1pm

- Tiny house
- Electric vehicles including the new Tesla Model X
- Farmers market and green market stalls
- Talks and demonstrations
- "Speed date" sustainability experts
- Kids activities, music, and food

Along with a month of sustainability events to help you reduce your impact on the environment. Make sure you check out the full program of events by visiting the links below.

[f AWSustainableLivingFestival/](https://www.facebook.com/AWSustainableLivingFestival/)  
[wodcity/SLF2017](http://www.wodcity.com.au/SLF2017)



YOUR ACTIONS TODAY WILL IMPACT EVERYONE'S TOMORROW

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## WODONGA

### 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

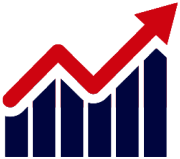
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Nov 13 - 16



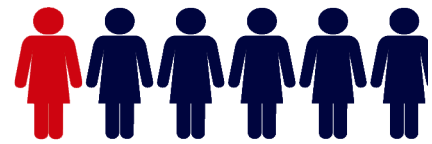
# WODONGA IS IN THE TOP 10% In Victoria for reported incidence of family violence

## The highest rate of family violence in the Hume Region



Between 2010 and 2014, reported rates of family violence in Wodonga increased by 91 per cent.

One in six women in the workforce are experiencing or have experienced violence.



Wodonga has a higher reported number of children witnessing or experiencing family violence compared to the state average.

## One woman dies at the hands of a current or former partner almost every week in Australia

### The Royal Commission into Family Violence highlighted the following:

- Devastating impacts of family violence on our children and within our communities
- Critical role schools and early childhood services play in preventing and responding to family violence



#### Recomendation 189

The Victorian Government mandate the introduction of respectful relationships education into every government school in Victoria from prep to year 12. Implementation should be staged to ensure school readiness and to allow for ongoing evaluation and adaption. It should be delivered through a whole of school approach and be consistent with best practice, building on the evaluation of the model being tested by the Department of Education and Training through Our Watch (within five years).

### Getting Started

#### Implementing a Whole School Approach to Respectful Relationships

A Respectful Relationships leadership team has been established in each of the Federation Schools including ours to help guide the implementation of Respectful Relationships. The team will be involved in and committed to - identifying, leading and resourcing actions to promote gender equality and implementing respectful relationships across the school. So far the teams have attended identifying family violence and gender equity training and undertaken a baseline gender assessment using the Department of Educations tool. All staff within the Federation have attended a Respectful Relationships induction session.

Over the page is a draft Public Commitment Statement - Respectful Relationships Education which all Federation schools will adopt. If you have any feedback please contact the Prinicipal of your school to discuss or email [info@wodonga.vic.edu.au](mailto:info@wodonga.vic.edu.au) by November 10, 2017.





## **Public Commitment Statement Respectful Relationships Education**

Wodonga Federation of Government Schools' and its member schools: Wodonga Primary School, Wodonga South Primary School, Wodonga West Primary School, Melrose Primary School, Baranduda Primary School, Wodonga Middle Years College, Wodonga Senior Secondary College, Belvoir Special School are committed to implementing a whole school approach to Respectful Relationships Education.

We recognise that our schools are more than a space for children and young people to learn. Our schools are a workplace where all staff deserve to feel respected, safe and valued. Schools, like ours, are also important hubs in the community and we have the opportunity to lead, influence and contribute to healthy community culture.

As part of this commitment:

- Our principals will actively promote gender equality and speak out against gender-based violence.
- Our schools will provide:
  - professional learning for leadership staff for the planning and implementation of the whole school approach to promote respectful relationships and gender equality
  - professional learning for teachers delivering Respectful Relationships curriculum in the classroom
  - professional learning for all school staff on gender equality, the prevention of gender-based violence and Respectful Relationships Education.
- Our schools will undertake a thorough assessment and planning process to identify gaps and limitations in existing culture, policies and practices in gender equality.
- Our schools will create mechanisms for staff feedback on gender equality in the workplace.
- Our schools will identify, resource and implement key actions to promote gender equality and prevent gender-based violence.
- Our schools will engage with external experts for advice and support in promoting gender equality and respectful relationships among staff and students.
- Our schools will build partnerships with expert family violence services to increase school capacity to respond to students and staff who experience, witness or perpetrate gender-based violence.
- Our schools commit to continual improvement and evaluation of Respectful Relationships Education.

Member School:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(Principal)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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