



WODONGA
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

Middle Years *my* news



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Principal's Report

End of Term

This Thursday March 29, is the last day of Term 1 and school will finish at 2.30pm. I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday and are refreshed and ready to start next term.

Some parents feel pressure to organise lots of activities during the school holidays. It is important to remember that the school holidays are an opportunity for all members of the family to relax, take a break, and prepare themselves for the upcoming term. If you are looking for something to do in the local community, the Wodonga Council has lots of activities. You can check out what is available at <http://www.wodonga.vic.gov.au/dnn/WhatsOn.aspx>

Students commence Term 2 on Tuesday 17th April.

Athletics Carnival

The WMYC Athletics Carnival was held today and a great day was had by all participants. Thank you to the many parent helpers that came along for the day, your expertise was really appreciated and ensured that technically we had everything as correct as possible! Thanks also to Hollie Radomski and Jaclyn Giltrap for their organisation. Students were encouraged to wear their house colours and participate fully in the day as competitors and spectators. It was great to see so many take this on board.

AVID

New Level of Thinking

Year 9 AVID students have been using Costa's 3 Levels of Thinking to create a 3D model. Costa's 3 Levels teaches students to ask questions that require more of an answer than yes or no. By doing this, they gain a deeper knowledge of the subject. Jarrod, Kobe and Max created a 3 tiered cake to demonstrate the principles with each level of the cake representing a new level of thought. The group enjoyed the activity and the challenge of creating the model.



Maree Cribbes
Campus Principal

Art Club

Burraja Program

Students from the Felltimber campus Art Club have been getting 'hands-on' with their Koori culture. Last Tuesday, they learnt how to make rope the traditional way using stringy bark and raffia. The rope was so strong it could hold up a bucket of water.



The group regularly work with Brendon from Gateway Health as part of the Burraja program where they learn about aboriginal culture and about the cultural significance of our region. The Burraja program aims to educate the students about respecting all cultures, not just your own, and to build an increased awareness of aboriginal culture.

Each week the art club students take part in classes creating paintings using traditional techniques and themes. These paintings are exhibited at a professional gallery and made into calendars. The students also participate in other activities during the year where they make digging sticks, emu callers and other traditional objects.

Student Achievement

Cash for Cans

Hubert Beach from H7 at Huon Campus has taken fundraising for Steve Fouracre's Dancing With The Stars to a whole new level. He has been collecting bottles for the WMYC Cash for Cans and Bottles. His contribution will add to the funds supporting the Cancer Council. Great effort Hubert.



Marg Benbow
Student Pathways

Carevan

Jacob Bennell and Shania Toohey are two of the WMYC students engaging in the Carevan Program, preparing and packaging healthy nutritious emergency lunches. Well done to these students lending a helping hand for others.



Marg Benbow
Student Pathways

Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday March 28, 2018

Book your interviews with subject teachers via the website:

www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code qq37a

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Year 9

Science

Students in Mr Foley's Year 9 Science class have been studying electricity this term. They made a battery using zinc, copper, fruit and vegetables to register on a Voltmeter and make an LED light turn on.



The Day of Action

Wodonga Middle Years' College views the issue of Bullying very seriously and we work throughout the year through Health and other classes to try to help our students find ways of behaving in a more positive and sensitive manner toward each other. We also educate about the importance of taking a stand against bullying and we try to teach our students to be more resilient.

The Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence is an important way of focusing on these issues in a public College event. This year students cut out card board hands, upon which they wrote and decorated a personal pledge against bullying. Close to eight hundred hands were then placed in the word CARE, at each campus. This was a fantastic, powerful and symbolic gesture and days later the hands and pledges still stand proud.

Students at Felltimber made a circle around the hands and walked across to their counterpart on the other side of the circle, shook hands and chanted: "Say no to bullying".

After the acknowledgement to country by Sarah Hastings at Felltimber, Brodey Smyth spoke strongly against bullying. Students from both campuses recited poetry, Harry Kay (Year 9) and Bella Ryan (Year 7) from Huon both composed an original work for the day. All of the poems reflected the theme of anti-bullying and resilience: of supporting others.

Singers from both campuses echoed the message of the day. Huon's Rock Band performed Lonely Boy by The Black Keys, and the Year 8 Band supported by Julie Taylor played Are You With Me, by The Potbelleez.

Eliza Spalding, who is now at the WSSC College, returned to the Middle Years to perform with her brother Zac. They performed two songs, one of which they had written themselves on the issue of bullying specifically for the Day of Action. Thank you to both of them, for what was a truly outstanding performance, with a great message for young people.

Thanks also to the Felltimber Year 9 Drama students, Harmony Jones, Luke Hall, Brooke Taylor, Bernice Minnaar and Alex Fitzsimmons. Who created their own dramatic piece on bullying, exploring the pressures on people, particularly cyber bullying and also the fact that all of us need to build resilience, and seek help if required.

The poets from both Huon and Felltimber, Emma Frampton, Maree Matthew, Krystal Watson from Year 8. Caitlyn Harrison and Bella Ryan from Year 7 and Harrison Kay from Year 9. Year 8 Band Members Mat Collins, Blake Wood, Claudia Jones, Olivia Missen, Alisha Schubert, Oscar Smith, Ryan Still and Riley Wiegold. As well as Huon Rock Band's Ethan Vilaisarn and Wilbur Cribbes from Year 9.

Finally thank you to the Student Leaders, Kasey Kemp, Jarrod Hooper at Felltimber and Huon's Harrison Kay and Guest MC Hannah Mulholland who also performed as part of the Huon Rock Band.

They were truly excellent events, with a powerful message.

Kim O'Shea, Luke Harman
ATL Leaders



Sport

Hume Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our swimming team who competed in the Hume level carnival last week. There were some spectacular results from the day with Lachlan Payne being awarded Age Champion for his age group. Results from the day are:

Lachlan Payne: First in 100m freestyle, 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke and individual medley

15yr boys 4 x 50m freestyle relay – 3rd: Lachlan Payne, Rhys Thorpe, Trent Gilchrist, Kieren Anderson



12-13yr girls 4 x 50m freestyle relay – 2nd: Bianca Hall, Natasha hall, Krystal Watson, Maree Mathew



13-14yr girls medley relay – 2nd: Sophie Payne, Clio Waldegrave-Knight, Amber Russell, Charlie Jackson



13-14yr girls 4 x 50m freestyle relay – 3rd: Sophie Payne, Clio Waldegrave-Knight, Amber Russell, Charlie Jackson

Shooting

25 Students from both Huon and Felltimber went to the Wodonga rifle and clay target range on Friday to compete in the district Interschool Shooting Competition. Emphasis on improving skill, safety and fun was placed on the shoot. A great day was had by all with some intense competition on the shotguns and 22 rifles. Riley Carmosin on his 2nd time shooting, made A Grade and received the encouragement award for the whole District competition.

We look forward to the Benalla Shoot later in the year.



James Foley
Teacher in Charge

Dates to Remember

Dates for 2017/18	Activity
March 27 - 29	▶ Phillip Island Camp - Felltimber
March 21	▶ Harmony Day
March 28	▶ Parent Teacher Interviews
March 29	▶ Term 1 ends
April 16	▶ Term 2 starts - Pupil Free Day
April 17	▶ First Day for Students Term 2