



WODONGA
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

Middle Years *my* news



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Principal's Report

Award Ceremonies This Week

Congratulations to all students who will receive awards this week for excellent performance in all your classes. Gaining awards at school does not happen automatically, all students who received awards have shown persistence and hard work, and we commend you for it.

There are so many opportunities that Wodonga Middle Years College offers. Just to name a few, sports teams, music, bands, debating, the breakfast program, HOLP, student leadership and activities in the library. Ask your child if they have made the most of these opportunities?

This ceremony will also be a time of reflection. Many of the students who received awards have made sacrifices to ensure that they have a good balance of leisure activities, study, friend and family life. Ask your child if they have their priorities balanced? Do they want to receive an award at the next awards assembly?

Now is a time for all students to reflect on their academic performance and set some goals for Term 3!

End of Term

Students will be dismissed at 2.30pm Friday June 29. Term 3 commences Monday, July 16. I wish all families a relaxing and safe break. If you are looking for something to do in the holidays, Wodonga Council always put on some amazing school holiday activities, please go to <https://www.wodonga.vic.gov.au/dnn/WhatsOn.aspx>

Maree Cribbes
Campus Principal

Sport

Shooting

20 students from Felltimber and Huon who have recently completed their firearms safety course attended a shooting mentor day at the Wodonga SSAA range. Experienced shooters from the community donated their time to tutor the students on technique and



safety. Was a great afternoon at the range with all having success.

James Foley
Teacher in Charge



Year 9

Science

Students from Mr Foley's Year 9 Science class have had the opportunity to dissect a rat as part of their body systems topic this term. Students learnt about different body systems linking their knowledge with this dissection.



Arts Technology Language

Baking and Decorating

Last Wednesday afternoon, Ms Sherlock's Year 8/9 Vertical Baking and Decorating Elective class, showcased their learning with a sit down High Tea spread.

During this term the students have been introduced to the techniques of chocolate sculpture, piping and ganache as well as baking skills covering a range of sweet and savoury foods. Ribbon sandwiches and a range of Petits fours (Small Bites) as well as scones with jam and cream was the perfect way to show off their creativity and skills at a beautifully decorated long table.

The Hospitality Industry can look forward to some budding chefs.



Solar Car Challenge

WMYC have had a long history of involvement with the Albury Wodonga Solar Car Challenge that is now in its 14th year. The College will once again take on the challenge for this year's race assisted by their industry JC Butko to design and build the 2018 model. Last Thursday saw the launch of this year's Challenge with each of 15 schools presented with the solar car panel and various components from the major sponsor Wilson Transformers. This project provides a great introduction to a broad range of career options for the participating students to consider for their future pathways. The team has 12 weeks to prepare for race day on Friday 18th October at Wilson Transformers in Wodonga. Watch this space for more news from the WMYC Solar Car Challenge Team.



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Drama

Felltimber drama student, Bernice Minnaar, is getting really excited about her youth scholarship with the Melbourne Theatre Company. Bernice will travel to Melbourne for the first week of the holidays to take part in the workshops. Her comments are below.

Kim O'Shea
Drama Teacher



My ambition since I was a little girl has been to do Drama-to perform. I have always felt confident about performing and so drama has always been a first choice for me.

When I lived in South Africa, I did drama in primary school and I loved it.

I am really thrilled about this scholarship as I will have a great opportunity to be working with experts from the famous Melbourne Theatre Company in their South Melbourne Theatre. This has been made possible

through the Betty Amsden Youth scholarship program.

We will be involved in an intensive program throughout the week with other students from all round Victoria. We also get to see a professional play and go out as a group for dinner.

I hope this inspires other teenagers, particularly at WMYC, to dream big and have a go.

This scholarship not only makes me happy, but proud as well, and proud for my family. I am looking forward to our final performance presentation on the last day. My mother, brother and Ms O'Shea, will be there to see it too!

Bernice Minnaar, Year 9

School Nurse

Anaphylaxis

Updated Anaphylaxis guidelines for Victorian Schools by the Department of Education and Training

We would like to raise awareness to our school community that there have been some changes to our mandated management of Anaphylaxis for our students.

All staff are required to complete Anaphylaxis online E Training and complete the accredited practical demonstration competency requirements.

Changes to our management of anaphylaxis at school include:

- Administration of an adrenaline auto injector (Epipen) to a student who has not previously been diagnosed with anaphylaxis but is showing symptoms and appears to be having a first time episode of anaphylaxis. In this instance the school generic general use Epipen would be administered and 000 called.
- If a student shows no improvement after administration of the Epipen another Epipen may be administered every 5 minutes.
- ASCIA advises that no serious harm is likely to occur from mistakenly administering adrenaline to an individual who is not experiencing anaphylaxis.
- If further doses are required we have now been advised that we can use an out of date or cloudy Epipen as a last resort, where there is no other option.
- Guidelines also state that if there is no other option we can now use another student's personal Epipen on a student suffering anaphylaxis. In this instance school staff will call 000 and ensure the student whose Epipen has been used is not exposed to any risks, for example supervising them indoors, restricting eating to low risk foods. The school will immediately purchase a replacement Epipen from a pharmacy at the school's expense.
- Changes to the policy also includes using an adult Epipen (Yellow) on a child over the age of one but under 20kgs or using a Junior Epipen (green) on an adult in preference to not using one at all.

These changes have been introduced in an attempt to provide a dose of adrenaline in a life threatening situation, in the situation that may arise where all available Epipen's have been administered, the student has not responded or it is a first time previously undiagnosed anaphylactic reaction. The above changes would be highly unlikely to need to be implemented, and would be used as a last resort. For further information please follow the attached link

http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/school/principals/health/Anaphylaxis_Guidelines_FINAL.pdf

Please don't hesitate to contact me at school on Monday or Tuesday .

Linda Elkington
Adolescent Health Nurse

Camps Sports and Excursion Fund

If you hold a Health Care card, Veterans Affairs card or are a Foster Carer you may be eligible for CSEF.

Eligible secondary students receive \$225 each year, and Year 7 students also receive a uniform voucher.

Forms are available from the campus offices.

Applications close this Friday June 29, 2018

Community Notices

Skiing Competition

Telemark Nordic Ski Club and Snow Trek and Travel 2018 Mini Series. July, August and September dates. All ages and experience. For more information: Lynn-Maree Cullen 0409 592 226 or lmc0511@gmail.com

Repair Café

First Saturday of each month at the Sustainable Activity Centre, Gateway Island Wodonga from 10am - 1pm. Repair you household goods free of charge. July 7 featuring leather repairs including handbags, luggage, belts etc (no shoes). For more information visit the Facebook page or ecoportal.net.au

School Shoes

State Schools Relief now sells its shoes through Beleza in Wodonga. Prices from \$45. All proceeds of sales go to State Schools Relief who provide uniforms and footwear for students in need.

Wodonga Library

Wodonga Library has a number of activities planned over the holidays including Reel Feels, Pat and Chat, CSI Library and Circuit Challenge. For more information go to: www.wodongalibrary.com.au

Softball - Come and Learn

Gayview Park, Serpentine Avenue, Wodonga. 4.30pm - 6pm each Wednesday commencing July 11. Raining-no training.

Dates to Remember

Dates for 2017/18	Activity
June 29	▶ Semester Reports issued to students ▶ Last Day of Term - 2.30pm finish
July 16	▶ Term 3 commences
July 27	▶ Professional Development Day - Students not required at school