



WODONGA
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

Middle Years *my* news



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Principal's Report

Communication with Teachers

Have you seen our school Facebook page? If not, search Wodonga Middle Years College and like our page. This is a great way to keep up to date with what is happening in the school, and enhances our communication with parents. Some posts this week include: our VEX robotics Team, netball, possum box project, Green Bean and our latest newsletter.

Parents are welcome to email or call their child's teacher to receive feedback about their child's progress in class. We encourage you to regularly communicate with the teachers so you can support your child at home.

Students who witness bullying can make a difference! (adapted from the DET website)

Many students are bystanders in bullying situations, these bystanders need support to deal with what they have seen or know is taking place.

Bystander concerns include:

- not knowing what to do or not wanting to make the situation worse
- not knowing if their actions will make a difference
- feeling worried about their safety if they intervene
- feeling worried about the impact of taking action on their friendships
- being anxious that they will be bullied as a result of intervening.

Research shows that peers are present in 85 per cent of bullying incidents at school. Bullying has been shown to stop within 10 seconds when bystanders take positive action.

If your child reports to you that they are a witness to bullying you should encourage your child to take action or report this to the teacher in the school.

If bullying happens online or via text messages outside school report it to the school, especially if other children from the school are involved or it is making your child uncomfortable at school.

As a College we are aware of the potential harmful effects of bullying, including cyberbullying, on young people and take reports of bullying seriously.

Everyone within the school community can work together to help create a climate where bullying is not acceptable. Thank you for your support.

Maree Cribbes
Campus Principal

Camps Sports and Excursion Fund

Do you have a health care card, veterans affairs card or are a foster parent? Do you want \$225 to help pay for camps, excursions or sport?

If you answered yes then you may be eligible for CSEF.

Application forms are available from the campus offices and close June 29, 2018.

Robotics

VEX Robotics Teams take on New Zealand at World Skills Show in Sydney

Over the weekend of 1st - 4th June four teams of VEX robotics students from Huon and Feltrimber flew to Sydney to participate in the World Skill Show.

The World Skill show is a showcase for Trade based competition that pits apprentice against apprentice across a range of STEM centric disciplines. Wodonga Middle Years was invited to compete having been involved in last year's VEX Robotics Season and finishing as the leading Regional Victorian School in VEX IQ.

Student teams competed over three days designing, building and



testing robots to compete in game-based challenges against teams from New Zealand. Competition over the three days was fierce with two WMYC teams good enough to collect podium finishes with their impressive building, coding and control work.

Congratulations to Will Miller and Toby Arundel for their Bronze and to Jacob Hawkings and Griffin Armstrong for their Silver Medal representing Australia and the College against the Kiwi teams.

With the 2018-19 VEX competition season starting on Monday the 25th of June, this result has been a huge boost to our VEX teams confidence as we strive to qualify to compete in the VEX Worlds Competition in the USA next April.



Mr Rogers and Mr Glasson
Robotics Teachers

Student Leadership

Casual Wear Day

What a great effort! Over \$920 was raised for the Border Trust from the sports colours day last Friday. Well done everyone.

Marg Benbow
Student Pathways



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Online safety

Keeping our kids safe Online- What to do if your child sees something online that is offensive

Talking to your kids about the sites they visit is important in helping protect them against the impact of viewing unsuitable content. Be aware of how they use the internet and discuss the sites and apps that are okay to explore and those that are not. You can teach your child strategies about how to deal with offensive material but be vigilant, especially if your child is prone to taking risks or is emotionally or psychologically vulnerable. You can support your child by:

- teaching them to leave or close the page immediately or minimise the screen if they are worried about the material they have seen (hit Control-Alt-Delete if the site does not allow you to exit)
- encouraging them to talk to a trusted adult if they have seen something online that makes them upset, disturbed or distressed
- reassuring them that access to the internet will not be denied if they report seeing inappropriate content
- reminding them not to open spam email or click on pop ups, prize offers or unfamiliar hyperlinks in websites
- telling them not to respond if they are sent something inappropriate
- keeping them connected to trusted friends and family online and offline.

Online safety is important for the whole family. Allowing your child to access online information is important, however it is recommended you monitor what your child is accessing and when. It is recommended that you regularly monitor what and when they access information. Open family areas within the family house work best for children accessing online information.

For more tips and FAQ's please visit the eSafety Commissioner website on: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

HOLP

Nesting Boxes

Students from the HOLP program have made nesting boxes for the Wisers Creek Talgano Landcare Group. The boxes were installed with the hope of seeing if rare species of possums live in the area.

They were installed on trees close to the roadside and their position marked on a grid that can be used when the boxes are checked later.



The HOLP team also travelled to Baranduda where they used a pole camera to view boxes that had been set up previously and to see what was living inside.

Puberty, Sexuality and Relationships

A workshop for parents and carers of people with intellectual disability and autism spectrum disorders. Find out how to support your family member's personal development and sexuality in a positive way!

Date: Tuesday June 19, 2018

Time: 10am - 1pm

Venue: Atura Albury. 648 Dean Street

Cost: Free (funded by the nib Foundation)

For more information:

Erin Donnelly, Family Planning NSW

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ALBURY GANG SHOW

OH NO, MY MOJO

In our 53rd show join our cast as a ripper detective works a case, heroes save their friend, and a witch gets pushed into an oven!
Produced and performed by your local Scouts and Girl Guides

Albury Entertainment Centre
Friday June 15th - 7:30pm
Saturday June 16th - 1:30pm and 7:30pm

Proudly Supported by **Jaycar**

Bookings on 0447 409 658
Bookings@Alburygangshow.com.au
WWW.ALBURYGANGSHOW.COM.AU

Australian Air Force Cadets

We Are Recruiting!

Recruit Information Session

30 June 2018
5pm

41 Avalon St,
East Albury

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Dates to Remember

Dates for 2017/18	Activity
June 14	▶ Green Bean Pop Up Cafe
June 18	▶ Student Led Conferences 3.30pm - 7pm
June 29	▶ Semester Reports issued to students ▶ Last Day of Term 2