



WODONGA  
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

# Middle Years *my* news



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## Principal's Report

### Huon Building Regeneration

On Thursday 13th September Bill Tilly MLA and Tim Smith MP (Member for Kew and Shadow Education Minister) attended the Huon Campus to meet with Paul Thorpe (School Council President), Michael Grohmann (School Captain) and myself. They announced that if their party is elected in November they will promise \$5 million to begin the redevelopment at the Huon Campus. This is great news for Wodonga Middle Years College as we are currently operating in buildings that are becoming increasingly difficult to maintain. They certainly do not reflect the great teaching and learning that is happening in our College.

This will mean that we can begin planning in 2019 with the first stage of building in 2020. The first stage of building will most likely comprise of a new Arts, Technology wing. The plan is to relocate the new buildings to the Wilson Street side of the school to ease congestion in Mitchell street.

### Bullying

At our school council meeting last week, we passed the Federation bullying policy. Often there are some distressing events that occur in our lives. It is important to remind ourselves of what bullying is not.

Many distressing behaviours are not examples of bullying even though they are unpleasant and often require teacher intervention and management.

- **Mutual conflict:** involves an argument or disagreement between people but not an imbalance of power. Both parties are upset and usually both want a resolution. Unresolved mutual conflict can develop into bullying if one of the parties targets the other repeatedly in retaliation.
- **Social rejection or dislike:** is not bullying unless it involves deliberate and repeated attempts to cause distress, exclude or create dislike by others.
- **Single-episode acts:** of nastiness or physical aggression are not the same as bullying. If someone is verbally abused or pushed on one occasion they are not being bullied. Nastiness or physical aggression that is directed towards many different people is not the same as bullying. However, this does not mean that single episodes of nastiness or physical aggression should be ignored or condoned as these are unacceptable behaviour.

### End of Term

I would like to wish all families a happy and restful break. Please check out the events that Wodonga Council have happening over the break <https://www.wodonga.vic.gov.au/dnn/WhatsOn>

**Maree Cribbes**  
Campus Principal

## Sport

### Girls NRL Tackle

On the 11th of September, ten girls participated in the first NRL Girls Tackle day. The day entailed a skills season as well as the new Safe Tackle Instruction to introduce girls to tackle. The girls played two games and were very competitive just losing both. They had a huge improvement from the first game to the second game. Danieshya Beattie won the team award for her efforts and Maree Matthew got picked by the NRL for showing the most potential. Well done girls.

There is a league tag competition starting next term. Any girls interested please see Mr Kadaoui for information.

**Dan Kadaoui**  
Coach

### Esports

On Monday the 10th and Tuesday the 11th of September thirteen WMYC students participated in The Northeast Regional E-Sports Tournament at Wodonga Senior Secondary College. The event was hosted and run as part of the GP project for several Year 12 students, including former Felltimber student Willem Manley, and was live-streamed through Twitch. WMYC students Des Wynack, Patrick Bauerle, Daniel Anderson, Corey Fitton, Nathan Armstrong, Kyle Olney, Shaylea Ginger-Ryan, Jake Hawkins, and Anthony Brown participated in the Rocket League events on Monday, winning a few games between their three teams. Brodie Barker, Cameron Larkin, James Flack, and Rylee Turner participated in the FIFA18 events on Tuesday, with Brodie and Cameron making it to the quarter finals.

**Josh de Kruiff**  
Teacher in Charge

### Year 7 and 8 Girls and Boys Hockey

On a lovely sunny day on the 4th of September, hockey teams with students from the Huon and Felltimber campuses of WMYC competed against Cathedral College, Wangaratta at the Albury Hockey Centre. The girls side consisted of girls from Year 7 and 8, some of whom play hockey competitively each week, and others who were having their first ever game. The girls combined well and

worked hard to be 0 all at half time. Cathedral College had a team who have been playing together since Year 6, and ran out winners 3 : 0 after a competitive second half.

The Year 7 boys team improved dramatically through their two games,



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ably coached by Mr Smith (Huon). They won the first game but were defeated in the second so don't progress to the next level.

The Year 8 boys team also consisted of boys who play hockey each week and some enthusiastic, competitive newcomers. Many of these boys were in the successful Year 7 team that played off for the state championship last year. The skill of those who play weekly shone through and the boys won their match easily. The directions from Mr Wakefield (Felltimber) assisted the team structure. Good luck in the next round boys.

Thank you to Grace and Corey from WSSC for umpiring all of the matches and Bailey Holmes (Huon Sport trainee) for acting as convener on the day.



**Dianne Gibbs-Jones**  
Girls Team Coach

## Student Achievement

### Wodonga Bulldogs Junior Hockey Award

On Wednesday 12th September the Wodonga Junior Hockey club held their presentation night. The Noel Wilson Memorial Encouragement award was won by Alicia Wilson, a WMYC Huon Year 8 student.

The citation read in part that Alicia always gave her best, listened to the coaches and was a valued team mate. Alicia played up an age group this year in the Under 16 girls' team and also played in the Division 2 women's side.

Alicia was stunned to receive the award, which has been won previously by both her Mum, Sandy, and her Auntie when they were juniors.

In Alicia's acceptance speech she graciously thanked all of her coaches for making her the hockey player that she is today and her Mum for making her the person she is today. Congratulations Alicia on your well-deserved award.



**Dianne Gibbs-Jones**

### State Schools Spectacular

Congratulations to the WMYC students who participated in the State Schools Spectacular at the weekend. The performances were the culmination of lots of practice over the last few months. Well done to all students. Thankyou to Ms Rodway, Mr Middleton Else and Mr Newton for their support.



## RUOK Day

Students enjoyed a variety of activities during RUOK Day last



Thursday including an Expo of local Health Care providers for Year 7 students, sumo wrestling and cupcake cooking. All proceeds from Café Perk and The Bridge Café this term and from the casual wear day went towards Buy a Bale.



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## Dates to Remember

Dates for 2017/18	Activity
September 21	▶ Last Day Term 3 - 2:30pm finish
October 8	▶ First Day Term 4

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