



WODONGA
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

Middle Years *my* news



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Principal's Report

Welcome for 2019

Last week we welcomed back staff and students to Wodonga Middle Years College for the 2019 school year. I am sure students are all ready for their next learning challenges and continually improving themselves as not only learners but as citizens.

Over the holidays a number of things were done around the College to improve facilities. At Huon there has been work completed on the new English Language Centre at the end of A Wing. At Felltimber O Wing has been painted and there has been various grounds work completed. I would like to thank the many staff who worked at the College over the holidays, there are often many teachers in at work during their break organising their classrooms and preparing curriculum. Also to our grounds staff who carefully looked after the grounds and kept watering and mowing over the long hot break.

At Wodonga Middle Years College, we care for each student. This year we will continue sending text messages to parents when students are absent and the school has not been notified by a parent. This is a way of ensuring that each student is accounted for and parents are aware when students are absent. We thank families for working with us by contacting the College regarding their child's absence and welcome any feedback.

We expect positive behaviours from our students at Wodonga Middle Years College and we explicitly teach these values through our CARE program. **C** stands for Care for relationships; **A** stands for Achievement through Aspiration; **R** stands for Respect and Resilience; and **E** stands for Engagement. The CARE program assists us to teach students expected social behaviours. Research has found this is the most effective response for preventing school-based behaviour problems including school violence and bullying. Teaching and supporting social behavioural skills to students creates student behavioural health and also contributes to academic support systems.

Ask your child if they have received a C.A.R.E. reward this week!

Contacting your child at school

As adults we know it is often difficult to avoid the distraction of our phone and other devices when at work; it is even more difficult for our children. Students at Wodonga Middle Years College are encouraged to avoid distractions whilst learning in class time.

When you need to contact your child during the school day could you please do so through the front office rather than contact your child directly via social media or text message. This way we can minimise distractions for our students. Students must also sign in and out of school through the front office. To further reduce interruptions during class time we are unable to use the PA system, unless it is a matter of emergency. If you require your child to be excused from class, please send them with a signed note to present to their teacher so they may be excused. The PA system will only be used during break times wherever possible. Thank you for your cooperation with these matters.

Insurance

WMYC wishes to advise parents that the Department does not provide accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. The cost of any medical attention or ambulance for a student will be borne by the parent/guardian – this includes transport costs such as ambulance or air ambulance costs. We recommend that where possible, parents ensure they have ambulance cover included with their health insurance or take out separate cover with Ambulance Victoria.

There are several insurance companies that offer student accident insurance cover. (Neither WMYC nor the Department necessarily endorses these companies.)

Private property brought to school by students or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property, students and staff should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

New Staff

We welcome the following new and returning staff to the College for 2019.

Jack Andrew, Kim Van Kalken, Sarah Kilner, Amanda Barron, Thea Whitmore, Braedon Figg, Josh Buckland, Skye Hillier, Adrian Doughty, Libby Blackmore, Brad Vallance, Brilliant Wibowo, Jodi Robinson, Zach Leach, Jacqui Boehringher, Mel Chesser, Meg Wheeler, Carolle Glitzenhirn, Simon Swift, Ursula Reeb, Justin Cook and Miranda O'Shea.

Upcoming Events

Please put these dates in your calendar.

February 20 : Swimming Carnival
February 15 : School Photos
February 27 : Year 7 Immunisations Huon
February 28 : Year 7 Immunisations Felltimber
March 11 : Labour Day Holiday
March 12-15: Camps Week
April 1: Athletics Carnival
April 5 : Last Day of Term 1

Maree Cribbes
Campus Principal

Photos

MSP Photography will be at WMYC Friday February 15, to take students photos. Each student will be given an envelope with their name and individual shoot key during CARE class this week.

There are two ways that photos can be ordered – either online with credit card by going to www.msp.com.au or by cash (correct money only as no change is available on the day) – instructions

FELLTIMBER CAMPUS
Hedgerow Court, Wodonga, Victoria 3690
Ph: 02 6057 9000, Fax: 02 6059 2900

Absence Hotline
02 6057 9051

HUON CAMPUS
22-24 Mitchell Street, Wodonga, Victoria 3690
Ph: 02 6057 9000, Fax: 026024 3633

Email: wodonga.middle.years.co@edumail.vic.gov.au

www.wmyc.vic.edu.au



for both options are on the envelopes. Students need to present their envelope to the photographer on the day.

Family photo envelopes can be obtained from the office if required.

Immunisations

Year 7 Immunisations

Year 7 students in Victorian schools are offered the following free vaccinations:

- Gardasil – Human Papillomavirus (two dose course)
- Boostrix – Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (Whooping cough)

WMYC Year 7 students will have immunisations on the following dates:

Huon: Wednesday February 27
Felltimber: Thursday February 28

Parents/guardians of Year 7 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet that will be given to students this week. You need to read the booklet and complete and return Part A regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The City of Wodonga immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school on 02 6057 9000 by the end of February if you do not want your details given to the City of Wodonga immunisation service.

Photography

Any student interested in submitting their photographs into the 2019 Wodonga Show please see Mr Cook (Felltimber Campus). Junior and open sections are available for entry.

Robotics

Raffle

The WMYC VEX Robotics Team are raising money for their tilt at the World Championships to be held in Louisville, Kentucky this April and May. There are 10 prizes including a robotics kit, remote control drone and a drop ball machine. Tickets are \$2 each and are available from the students attending or Mr Rogers at Huon or the office at Felltimber.

Netball Wodonga Inc

Team Placement and Registration Days 2019 Junior Competition

Saturday 9th February 9:00am to 12:00pm
Monday 18th February 5:30pm to 8:00pm
Saturday 23rd February 9:00am to 12:00pm
NET SET GO registrations will be taken on the above dates and Saturday 30th March

At Kelly Park Clubrooms Lawrence street Wodonga


Please note for Team Placement ALL Individual Players must come down and register themselves

FOR ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT

Katrina Coleman 0458724670
treasurernetballwodonga@outlook.com

Full Fees are payable upon registration on eftpos, Cash and Cheque welcome.





**WODONGA HEART
FOOTBALL CLUB**



Wodonga Heart Football Club is getting ready to kick off the AWFA 2019 season.

For more information please email us at
wodongaheartfc@gmail.com

Or find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/whfcawfa

Looking for both players and coaches
Boys Under 12, 13, 14, 16, 18 Girls Under 12, 14, 16
Senior Men and Women's teams


Registration / Come Try Day
Sunday 10th February
10am-2pm
Willow Park

Wodonga Junior Football (AFL) Club Inc

www.wodongajfc.sportingpulse.net
Facebook: Wodonga Junior FC
Email: wodjfc@gmail.com
Mobile: 0475 041 146
Season 2019 Age Groups
Under 16: born 2003 or 2004
Under 14: born 2005 or 2006
Under 12: born 2007 or 2008
Registrations are now open on our website. If you need a transfer email your contact information to wodjfc@gmail.com to arrange for the 2019 season.






Lake Hume Cycle Challenge

Saturday February 23, 2019

Five rides offered—3 road rides and 2 town rides
Money raised will go to the Wellness Centre (Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre) and the Border Trust
Start/Finish at the Wodonga Racecourse



For further information or to register, visit:
Drummond Real Estate lake Hume Cycle Challenge 2019

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April 5	▶ Last day Term 1