



**WODONGA**  
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

# Middle Years *my* news



**Newsletter No 10**

**Term 1**

**April 29, 2019**

## Principal's Report

### Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope that everyone had a relaxing break and is ready for a busy Term 2. There are several activities this term including NAPLAN and Education Week.

### ANZAC Day Ceremony

The first combined ceremony to mark ANZAC Day was conducted at WSSC last week. Thank you to all students and staff, particularly the choir and musicians for their performance. See Jacqui Boehringer's report later in this newsletter. Thank you also to the staff and students who represented the school at the Woodland Grove service on ANZAC day.

### NAPLAN

NAPLAN is an annual assessment for all students in Years 3,5,7 and 9. NAPLAN tests the skills that are essential for every student to progress through school and life. Reading, writing, spelling, grammar, punctuation and numeracy are all covered. Testing will occur during the week of May 13-17.

### Student Free Day

Staff will be doing Professional Development May 6. Students are not required at school on this day.

**Maree Cribbes**  
Campus Principal

## ANZAC Day 2019

Our first combined college ANZAC day ceremony was a huge success, thanks to the wonderful support of all the staff across the four schools, Fruit Fly Circus School, Huon and Felltimber Middle Years College and Wodonga Senior Secondary College.

Our theme this year was 'Coming Home'.

WSSC College Seonaid Lee, Wanamurra House Captain Teaghan Keen and Felltimber Captain Brodie Barker emceed the service. Huon Captain Tye Fuller gave the acknowledgement to Country. Felltimber Captain Imogen Anderson and Huon Captain Rose Delarue gave the ANZAC Requiem. Chelsea Barton WSSC Captain gave a reading from Ataturk's speech, and Zac Spalding from Felltimber performed Vance Joy's song 'Coming Home'.

Colonel Duncan Polich of the Australian Army gave a challenging address where he encouraged young people to visualise themselves as a service person away from home, where your daily task is surviving and relying on your mates, not seeing family and friends for a long time. He asked them to think about What it would be like to come home? For himself he said it was not



coming home, but in BEING HOME which gave him great comfort. He also thanked all Australians for the welcome he and many other soldiers have had on return home, and for the privilege to be involved in ceremonies 'such as this'.

College parent Peter Van Dinther who serve with the Australian Army gave the Ode and Ross Draper of the Wodonga City Brass band played the Last Post.

We thank Andrew Smith of the Australian Army who led the catafalque party supplied by Latchford Barracks. We appreciate the involvement of our college students who serve as Cadets; Christopher Watson, Paul Ward, Brendan Donald, Avalon Chapman- Mackay, Michael Wright and Willem Jahne.



Wreaths were laid by;

Fruit Fly- Finn Neale and Jasmine Armstrong  
Huon- Paul Nicholls and Chiara Barton  
Felltimber- Steph Van Dinther and Jacinta Shaw  
Senior- Madeline and Emily Jennings

*Lest we forget*

**Jacqui and Anthony**  
Defence School Mentors WMYC & WSSC

## Student Information Details

The Department of Education requires all schools to review Student Information Details twice each year.

All students in Years 8 and 9 were given a copy of their current details at the end of last term.

Please check the information, make any changes, sign and return the forms to the College even if there are no changes. Having accurate up to date information is vital if there is an emergency.

Thank you to those who have already returned the forms.

## Art, Technology, Language

### Art Excursion

Students from both Huon and Felltimber went on a trip to Melbourne for an art excursion on April 4. Students went to ACMI (Australian Centre of the Moving Image), a great graffiti walk through the city, lunch by the Yarra river and exhibitions at the National Gallery of Victoria. Great day had by all.



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## WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. Students from our school will participate in the survey. Your child will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Your child has the right to refuse or withdraw from the survey at any point before, during, or after completion of the survey.

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only. All responses to the survey are kept anonymous in the response file. Personal identification data will not be recorded in the survey response file. This ensures that the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times.

This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period **Monday 29 April to Friday 7 June**. The survey only takes 20 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

The survey results will be reported back to the school before the end of term 2. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Data suppression rules are used for schools with low student numbers per year level.

The school uses this data to track performance of our students against state benchmarks. We also use this data in our strategic plan forward as a school which helps the development of programs and resources to improve student outcomes and wellbeing.

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher or visit: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyat.aspx>

## Albury Wodonga Mother's Day Classic

Sunday May 12

8.00am - 2pm

Sumsion Gardens, Wodonga

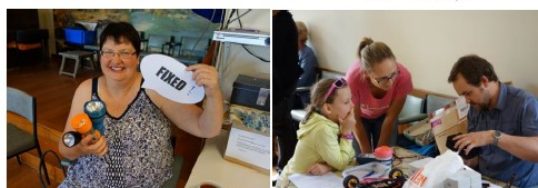
Join in and help raise funds to help the fight against cancer.

For more information: [www.mothersdayclassic.com.au](http://www.mothersdayclassic.com.au)



## Repair Café

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Check out Gateway Health's Parent and Relationship Education Programs for Term 2 - 2019 (attached)

## Dates to Remember

Dates for 2019	Activity
May 1	▶ AAP Information Session
May 6	▶ Student Free Day
May 13-17	▶ NAPLAN Week
May 17	▶ Cross Country
June 10	▶ Queen's Birthday Holiday
June 28	▶ Last day Term 2



**MUNGABAREENA  
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Mungabareena Aboriginal Corporation  
NAIDOC Celebration 2019  
Art Exhibition EOI

Mungabareena Aboriginal Organisation are inviting School Students in the Albury/Wodonga area to submit their works for exhibition during this year's NAIDOC Week to be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 from 4pm – 7.30pm

This year's NAIDOC theme is VOICE, TREATY, TRUTH.

Artworks are to be submitted to Mungabareena for display by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Artwork are to be collected from Mungabareena by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019

If you have any questions, please contact Denise  
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