



WODONGA
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

Middle Years *my* news



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Principal's Report

Staff and Student Commitment at WMYC

It never ceases to amaze me the energy and enthusiasm of not only our students but our staff too! Over the weekend 26/27th October we had a large contingent from WMYC that attended the Relay for Life. Relay for Life raises vital funds for Cancer Council's research, prevention, information and support services. It is a chance for our community to recognise cancer survivors, patients and their carers, to honour and remember loved ones lost to cancer and to raise money to help save more lives in the future. As a cancer survivor, I thank all of those who gave up their time to take part and raise money for this worthy cause. The weather was not on our side this year and our tent had to be abandoned, however the group raised over \$2000. Congratulations to all involved.

The past few weekends has seen our VEX Robotics students involved in various events. We have gained success in various categories and we thank the staff and students for giving up their time to be involved in these events.

The Wodonga Children's Fair was also held on Sunday 27th October and along with other Wodonga Federation Schools we had a very successful day talking to current and prospective parents about the programs in our schools. Thank you to all staff who gave up their time to attend this event.

I would also like to mention the ongoing commitment of our music staff and students who work afterhours most weeks and on most weekends, supporting our students and attending various events.

The way our community works together to achieve some amazing opportunities for our students is exceptional, I am so proud to be a leader in the Wodonga Middle Years Community.

End of Term

Please put these dates in your diary.

December 16 - Awards Ceremony in the gymnasium at Huan campus. 11am

December 19 - Parent/Teacher Conferences from 9am – 3pm. There are no formal classes-students are not required at school except for their meetings. Parents will be able to book online to meet with their 2020 CARE teacher. The code for the conferences will be issued at a later date.

December 20 - Professional Development day for staff. Students not required at school.

Maree Cribbes
Campus Principal

Visitors to the College

Due to Department of Education regulations, all parents and visitors to the College must report to the campus office.

No one is to enter College grounds without the appropriate visitor pass that is issued at the campus office.

Careers

Guest Speaker

David Kapay, owner/chef of Miss Amelie restaurant in Wodonga, enlightened our Year 8 students with his career journey last Thursday October 31. The students enjoyed listening to his story of growing up in Wodonga, travelling the world and working in some of the best restaurants.



Construction Course

Earlier this term, 20 Year 9 students participated in the Construction Induction Course.

The all day course that included theory and practical tests will enable the students to do work experience in the construction industry, help with their further study at WSSC or begin an apprenticeship in the construction industry.



Sloane Hubner
Careers

2020 Camp Week

Have you booked your camp?

All current Year 7 and 8 students should have signed up for Camp Week 2020. If you haven't it's not too late as there are still lots of options available. For sporty types there are basketball and AFL bootcamps, golf or triathlon. For those who enjoy food, there are Masterchef classes; or if you just want to have fun, try the pool and lasertag. Try something different - who knows, you might just love it!



ALL students are expected to take part in Camp Week. To book a camp please go to: <https://events.humanitix.com.au/wodonga-middle-years-college-camps-activities-week>

Health News

Chicken Pox

Please be aware that there have been cases of students with Chicken Pox reported to the College in the last week.

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Hedgerow Court, Wodonga, Victoria 3690
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Absence Hotline
02 6057 9051

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



Solar Car



Presentation

The WMYC Solar Car team were last Thursday presented with the shield from the Solar Car Challenge race day by Steve and Jon from Wilson Transformers and Matt from JC Butko. Jon is the founder of the solar car program that started in 2004, and Matt worked with the students during Term 3, helping develop the students' solar car designs and assist in the fabrication. The students also received two sets of tools donated by Blackwoods Tools that they will be able to use during class construction projects and the next solar car challenge.

**Michael Rogers
Technology**

Policies

Uniform

WMYC has updated the Uniform Policy. Please note that black pants are no longer part of the uniform.

Phones

As you may be aware, the Victoria government has announced a new mobile phone policy that will require students to switch their phones off and securely store them away during the school day.

The policy is designed to support teaching and learning in an environment that is free from unnecessary distractions, disruptions and student inattention caused by the urge to check their phones. At recess and lunch times, students will be better placed to communicate with each other face to face and/or be involved in activities rather than being focused on a device or on social media.

The school is currently working on our own mobile phone policy that will implement the Government's announcement in a way that reflects the needs of our own community. As such, we will be undertaking consultation with students, staff and families to ensure our approach to implementing this policy meets the needs of our whole community.

Details about consultations and the finalised policy will be made available throughout Term 4. Additional information regarding the policy is available on the Department of Education of Education and Training's website.

**Gary Hodge, Tim Bridgeman
Assistant Principals**



Small Schools Day

Orientation for Bandiana, Baranduda, Kiewa, Bethanga, Yackandandah, Osbornes Flat, Chiltern and Koorie Students Only

**Wednesday, December 4, 2019
8.55am to 3.10pm**

Please contact the College for further information

Learn to Sail on Lake Hume

Want to learn how to sail, make friends and learn from qualified Australian sailing instructors? Yes?

Albury Wodonga Yacht Club's Discover Sailing Centre offers a range of courses that will suit you.

Course registrations are currently open for people aged over 13 years who want to learn to sail:

Start Sailing 1&2 for dinghies > starts Saturday 16 November, 1.30-5.30pm (four hours for five weeks) > <https://www.awyc.org.au/events/52599/>

For those who have started and want to improve:

Better Sailing for dinghies > starts 16 November, 9am-1pm (four hours for five weeks) > <https://www.awyc.org.au/events/25615/>

For more information on these and other AWYC courses, go to our 'New to Sailing' page, or call Wes Ward on 0467 355 258 or email training@awyc.org.au

NEWSFLASH! Are you Out There? The Centre will this year also offer fun experiences and courses on our new Sail/Stand-Up Paddle (SUP) Boards for youth aged 13-17 years during the Xmas holidays. Stay tuned for details.



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Discount applies ONLY to Beleza brand full retail priced items. Shoes & Discounted items excluded. Some other exclusions apply.

Dates to Remember

Dates for 2019	Activity
Nov 29	▶ Pupil Free Day - Wodonga Gold Cup
Dec 4	▶ Year 9 Celebration
Dec 4	▶ Small Schools Transition
Dec 6	▶ Fun Run
Dec 9 - Dec 13	▶ Headstart Week