



WODONGA
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

Middle Years *my* news



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Principal's Report

Mobile Phone Ban Term 1 2020

As you may be aware, the Victorian 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 and Training's [website](#).

Maree Cribbes
Campus Principal

State Schools Spectacular

Be sure to tune in to Channel 7 on **Saturday 7 December at 7pm** for a special broadcast of the 2019 Victorian State Schools Spectacular.

The two-hour broadcast will feature highlights from the live performances as well as behind-the-scenes footage and interviews.

The show will also be simulcast via live streaming on the 7plus app and 7plus website.

Cameron Middleton Else

WMYC presents
The Christmassy Christmas Show
of
Christmassy Christmasness

Tues 3rd December
6.30pm
Felltimber PAC

Tickets: Gold coin donation
Collect from Felltimber or Huon Front Offices
Seats are limited so get your ticket now!

A festive treat for all the family

Christmas Raffle

Bus Travellers

Please be advised that families accessing the Country School buses are required to have their children's bus application completed and submitted to the Bus Coordinator prior to the end of Term 4, 2019.

At this stage, only students travelling to and from school outside of the Wodonga township are eligible to utilise the Country School Bus Program.

Students living within Wodonga can apply to use the town route bus services directly through their school or Dyson Wodonga.

If you would like to discuss country school Bus travel further, please do not hesitate to contact me at Wodonga Senior Secondary College on 02 6043 7500.

Any town route service enquiries should be directed to Dyson Wodonga on 02 6056 3100.

Jodi Morgan
Bus Coordinator

HEADSTART Current Year 6 students

All 2020 Year 7 students – including those that attended Smalls Schools Day

Monday, December 9 – Friday, December 13, 2019
Huon and Felltimber Campus

Please contact the College for further information

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Careers

Health Taster

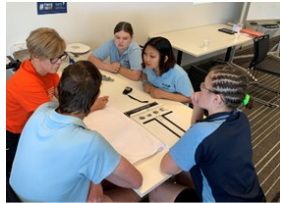
On Tuesday 19th November, a group of Year 9 Felltimber students went to Gateway Health to experience a 'Health Taster' facilitated by NELLEN (Sue, Julie and Norm), where we were lucky enough to hear from various providers from Gateway Health and Charles Sturt University.



Presentations included: Podiatrists (Anna, Rhi, Caroline and Kristy), Sexual Health Officers (Ange and Lauren), Refugee Community Development Worker (Laura), Physiotherapist (Tim) Speech Pathologist (Jessie and Lara), Podiatrists (Anna, Rhi, Caroline and Kristy), Occupational Therapist (Tracey), Department of Health and Human Services (Jodie), Westmont Age Care (Mackenzie and Emma) and our very own well-being coordinator (Rachel Watson).



The students engaged in a panel discussion with professionals following all workers having introduced themselves, their organisation, role and profession along with education and experience pathways. Students then went through a real life case study with the health professionals and worked on risk assessment, prioritising service provision and explored a case management plan.



We had Kat Bennett give a very informative talk about the social determinants of health, social privilege and disadvantage and the impacts of these factors on healthy eating and lifestyle. Kat also spoke about making positive food and lifestyle choices and how these impact on mental health and wellbeing.

Students engaged extremely well throughout the day, asking questions and participating in hands on activities with Allied Health professionals including Podiatry, Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology and Physiotherapist.

Sloane Hubner
Careers

- ◇ some in our communities.
- ◇ They acquire new cooking/food skills which in turn can help them gain future employment.
- ◇ They experience teamwork with their peers and time management skills.

There is a real sense of accomplishment at the end of each session knowing they have helped to make someone's life a little brighter.



Margie Benbow
Careers

Sport

Hockey

On Tuesday the 19th of November, 12 Year 7 students from Felltimber campus travelled to Melbourne (leaving at 5.00am in the morning!) to compete in State School Hockey Championships.



All students played exceptionally well in their three games and were highly competitive even though they didn't make it to the finals. It was a fantastic achievement for all of the boys to get to this level considering some of them had never played hockey before. Well Done!

Kellie Beer
Coach

Celebrating 40 Years

Flying Fruit Fly Circus

BACK IN THE BIG TOP

Hovell Tree Park, Albury
4 - 7 December, 2019
borderville.com.au

Carevan

Cooking Program

We have a great crew of cooks from WMYC and WSSC working to prepare emergency lunches, baking banana bread as well as making a start on Christmas cakes.



The Christmas cakes will form part of the Christmas dinners for those in our community who may be experiencing difficulties or may be on their own.

The slogan of Carevan is - "It's Easier To Care Than To Turn Away"

Just some of the benefits for the students involved are;

- ◇ They learn the value of voluntary work and how their participation makes the lives of others better.
- ◇ They begin to understand that hardship is very real for



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
Dec 16	▶ Awards Ceremony
Dec 17 - 18	▶ Activities
Dec 19	▶ Parent Teacher Interviews
Dec 20	▶ Pupil Free Day - Staff Professional Development Day