



WODONGA
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

Middle Years *my* news



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Term 1

3rd February, 2020

Principal's Report

Welcome back to all students and their families. We particularly warmly welcome all our new staff and students. I am sure students are all ready for their next learning challenges and continually improving themselves as not only learners but as citizens.

Our community is still dealing with the devastating impact of bushfires and recovering from what was a very stressful summer break for many. We recognise the significant effort that many of our staff, students and families have put in to help the recovery effort over the break.

Wodonga Middle Years College will continue to do everything we can to support students to begin the school year on a positive note. Please contact the school if you feel that your child needs extra support at school to start the school year.

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 will be mandated to keep their phones locked in their lockers during the school day.

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

Tahlia Bishop, Behazin Jafari, Melanie Wettern, Jade Carmody, Holly Johnson, Natalie Dickson, Annette Huon, Nicole Luftstienner, Kelly Hooker, Laurance Lockington, Marcel Bentana, Cassie Love, Katie Donney, Michelle Crumley and Jarrod Ardern (Sports Assistant).

Upcoming Events

Please put these dates in your calendar.

- February 14 : School Photos
- February 18 : Swimming Carnival
- February 28 : Year 7 Immunisations Huon
- March 6 : Year 7 Immunisations Felltimber
- March 9 : Labour Day Holiday
- March 10-13: Camps Week
- March 26: Athletics Carnival
- March 27 : Last Day of Term 1

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Campus Principal

Fundraising

Late last term some terrific Year 9 AVID students organised a fundraising activity at Felltimber to help raise much needed funds for fire effected communities. We sold pizza and milkshakes and had a gold coin donation for casual clothes. The Felltimber community raised \$507. Thank you for your donation. We have given this donation to Blaze Aid to help with the rebuilding of fire effected communities.

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

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



Photos

MSP Photography will be at WMYC Friday February 14 to take students photos. Each student will be given an envelope with their name and individual shoot key.

Photos can be either ordered online with credit card or by cash (correct money only as no change is available on the day). Instructions for both options are on the envelope. 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 students in Victorian schools are offered the following free vaccinations:

Gardasil (Human Papillomavirus) Vaccine. Given in 2 doses.
 Boostrix (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis) Vaccine. Given as a single dose.

WMYC students will receive the vaccines on the following dates this term:

Huon Campus – Friday February 28
 Felltimber Campus – Friday March 6

Students will be given a vaccine consent card booklet this week. Please read the booklet, complete and return Part A to the College even if your child will not be having the vaccinations. Please return the cards by February 19, 2020.

For further information please call the Immunisation Team at Wodonga City on 1800 655 360.

Defence

WMYC has Defence Transition Mentors Anthony Nicholson (Nicho), Justine and Jacqui Boehringer (currently on leave), who will be running activities for defence students throughout the year. Please contact Nicho (anicholson@wmyc.vic.edu.au) or Justine (jingram@wmyc.vic.edu.au) if you have any questions, concerns, ideas or just want to have a chat.

Nicho's days / hours are:

Tuesday 8.15am to 4.30pm - Felltimber
 Wednesday 7.15am to 3.30pm - Huon
 Thursday 8.15am to 4.30pm - Felltimber / Huon

Justine's days / hours are:

Tuesday 9am to 3pm - Huon
 Wednesday 9am to 3pm - Felltimber
 Thursday 9am to 3pm - Huon

Anthony Nicholson (Nicho)
Defence Transition Mentor

Camp 2020

We are looking forward to what we hope will be a very successful camp week program this year from the 10th -13th of March (term 1 week 7). Can all families please ensure that their child has enrolled in a camp or activity. Please use the following link to book a camp or activity <https://events.humanitix.com.au/wodonga-middle-years-college-camps-activities-week>

All payments for camp are due on the 28th February. Please use the parent portal for this purpose or contact the front office at your child's school. Eligible families can use CSEF money to help pay for camps and excursions.

Season Grading Night
 Wednesday 5th February 2020
 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm
 471 North St Albury (Greenfield Park)

Season commences 10th February, finishes 11th April
 Playing nights: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
 Come along and try Table Tennis, we cater for all player levels from beginner to the elite.
 Become part of a team and improve your skills whilst having fun.
 New players always welcome at our club.
 For more information contact: Ian Radley 0408 154 381
 Web Site www.awtta.org.au
 Facebook www.facebook.com/awtta

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