

Middle Years





Newsletter No 3

Term 1

17th February, 2020

Principal's Report

Enrolments

The 2020 student enrolment at WMYC is 984 local and international students. We submitted our initial Census numbers in late January. The formal Census count will occur at the end of February, which will confirm our Student Resource Package which is the funding we receive from the Department of Education. All our Year 7 students seem to have settled in really well and are enjoying the rigours of secondary school. Thank you to Mr Hodge, Mr Bridgeman, and the house leaders who have been involved in collecting and following up student absences and enrolling over 30 new students into the school since the start of the year. Our new two week timetable has been implemented very smoothly, as has the new Thursday afternoon activities.

Staff Professional Practice Days

This week half of our teaching staff will take their Professional Practice Day during the swimming sports. Teachers are now provided with a day free of classes to further improve their teaching, through professional learning, collaboration with colleagues, and time to develop resources to improve student learning and engagement. The days that were taken in 2019 were very successful with teachers collaborating to develop new and engaging content for their classes. The other half of the staff will take their Professional Practice Day on the Athletics sports day. Teachers will continue to work towards improving student outcomes and engagement at Wodonga Middle Years College during these days.

College Council Nominations

Nominations from parents for College Council close today February 17.

Maree Cribbes
Campus Principal

Student Led Conferences

Monday February 24, 2020

3:30pm - 6pm

Parents are invited to book interviews with their students subject teachers.

To book go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the booking code mi3r4

Positive Behaviour Rewards

Felltimber

Each fortnight at our house assemblies, students who have received a positive behaviour token go in the draw to win a reward. Students who receive a positive behaviour token need to enter their token onto their portal and place their ticket in the raffle box at the front office.

Congratulations to the following recipients on receiving a token and being pulled out of the raffle box this fortnight.

Nangwiya (Green) House: Summer Van Gerven (Year 7), Rain Dodd (Year 8), Jasmine Van Hoorn (Year 9).

Noah Ellis (Year 7 - overall winner)

Wanamaru (Red) House: Seth Kiegerl (Year 7), Bailey Vanderwerf (Year 8), Kaden Van Malsem (Year 9 – absent for photo).

Kurt Ebeling (Year 7 – overall winner)

Prue Younie Red House Leader



Swimming Carnival

Tuesday February 18

@ WAVES, Macker Avenue, Wodonga

8:45am - 2:30

Pool entry \$3.60 Spectator fee applies

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Immunisations

Year 7 Immunisations

Immunisations for all our Year 7 students will happen at Huon on Friday 28th Feb and Felltimber Friday 6th March and be provided by Wodonga Council. Two separate immunisations will be offered:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis combined vaccine (DPT) – one dose
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine two doses six months apart

Please see the consent card for more information about the diseases and conditions that these immunisations will protect your child against, both now and in the future. The HPV vaccine protects against cancers caused by sexually transmitted infection (HPV) and nearly all cases of genital warts, and is given to students before they are sexually active, providing them with what is now recognised as lifelong protection, and it is predicted that Australia is going to be the first country in the world to eradicate cervical cancer. Such a wonderful outcome from an immunisation that is completely artificial, reducing side effects and has a severe allergic rate of one in three million.

All Year 7 students have participated in education about the upcoming immunisations to inform them about which diseases they will be protected against, the benefits of having immunisations and how they can be best prepared to have a positive experience on the day. Students have also received the parent consent and information card which needs to be returned to the school before the immunisation date. If students have lost their card, there are spare forms at the front office.

To help prepare your child for immunisation, please ensure that your child has a substantial breakfast on the morning of their immunisation and that they are well hydrated by drinking extra water. I will be providing toasted sandwiches, which we have found in previous years really assists in reducing anxiety as well as decreasing the likelihood of students feeling faint.

If your child is extremely nervous about the upcoming needles, please contact me at school and we will attempt to make arrangements to best manage their individual situation.

Consent forms should be returned to the College by 19th February even if your student will not be receiving the vaccines.

Linda Elkington Adolescent Health Nurse (Monday and Tuesday)

Dates to Remember Dates for 2020 **Activity** Feb 18 ► Swimming Carnival Feb 24 ▶ Student Led Conferences Feb 28 ► Huon Year 7 Immunisations Mar 6 ► Felltimber Year 7 Immunisations Mar 9 ► Labour Day Holiday - No School Mar 10 - 13 ▶ Camp Week Mar 26 ► Athletics Carnival Mar 27 ► Last Day of Term

Camp Week 2020 March 10 - 13

All camp payments need to be finalised by February 28

All students are expected to attend camp. To book, go to:

https://events.humanitix.com.au/wodonga-middle-yearscollege-camps-activities-week



