



**WODONGA**  
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

# Middle Years *my* news



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## Principal's Report

### Dr Michael Carr Gregg

On Thursday evening last week, we were fortunate enough to have Dr Michael Carr Gregg. Michael is one of Australia's leading psychologists and author of 14 books. He is an expert in families, adolescents, parenting and the use of technology for mental health.

He discussed the fact that the spread of the coronavirus has turned life upside down, almost overnight, for millions of people around the world. He spoke about being a young person in such uncertain times is very complex. Even many adults are struggling to navigate the new reality we now face! Remote schooling, lots of family time and uncertainty about what happens next! He spoke about how to manage home schooling and self-care.

We thank Michael for his time and hope that our families and the wider community found the evening informative and useful.

Dr Carr Gregg recommended 4 apps to help get through COVID19: Smiling Mind; Three Good Things; Couch2 5k and Reachout Breathe.

### GPA

The GPA is now available on the Parent Portal. If you are having trouble logging in, please contact one of our office staff who will be more than happy to assist you. Please reflect with your child on their GPA and contact teachers if you have any concerns. There will be no Student Led Conferences this term.

*Maree Cribbes*  
Campus Principal

## Weekly Challenge

### Australian Icon or Card Tower

We had some very creative entries for our week 3 Australian icons and card towers challenge. The winners are:

Year 7:

First            Sehajpreet Kaur  
Second        Jamieson Heffernan  
Third           Jayden Purves

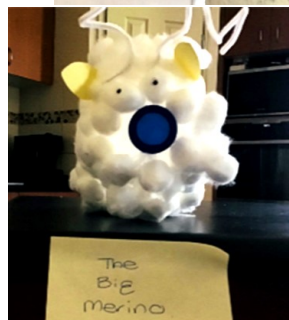
Year 8:

First            Matilda Pisarek  
Second        Bella Cullinger  
Third           Ebony Banks

Year 9:

First            Kane Mott  
Second        Dakota Flack  
Third           Jesse Rea

Well done to all students.



The week 4 challenge in CARE was to go outside to find the following:

- Find four different shades of Autumn leaf colours
- Photo of a bird
- Pine cone
- Feather
- Ladybug or worm in your hand
- Build a bird's nest



Each find gives students 1 point.

Bonus points were awarded for writing down 3 things they are grateful for.

Prizes are awarded!

*Team Leaders*

## Screen Free Day

### Thursday 14th May

We have put together a range of fun and interactive activities for our students to engage in this Thursday for a screen free day. The activities can be found on your child's newsfeed on their CARE page on D2L Thursday morning. Students can work on their own through the activities, they can work with friends remotely or even with family members.

We want to give our school community a chance to 'unplug' from technology for the day and connect with friends and family and have some fun. There will not be any scheduled classes on this day.

*Gary Hodge, Sarah Kilner, Steve Fouracre, Tim Bridgman*  
Assistant Principals

## Transition

### Year 9 to 10 Transition

The Year 9 to 10 transition process will begin at the start of Term 3. Please ensure your current details are correct with WMYC by contacting the Office if any changes have occurred. We do not want you or your child to miss out on any critical information from Wodonga Senior Secondary College about this important step in their education.

*Mellisa Long*  
WSSC Transition

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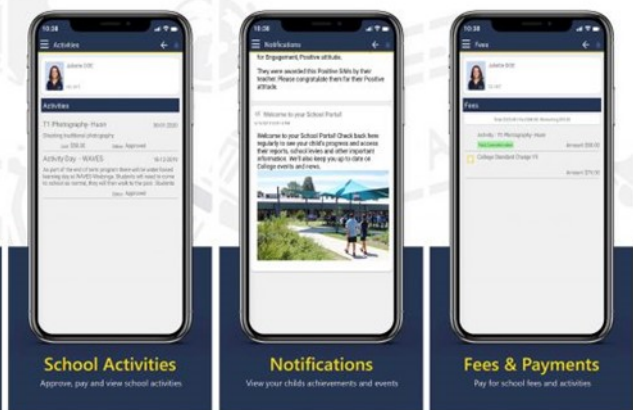
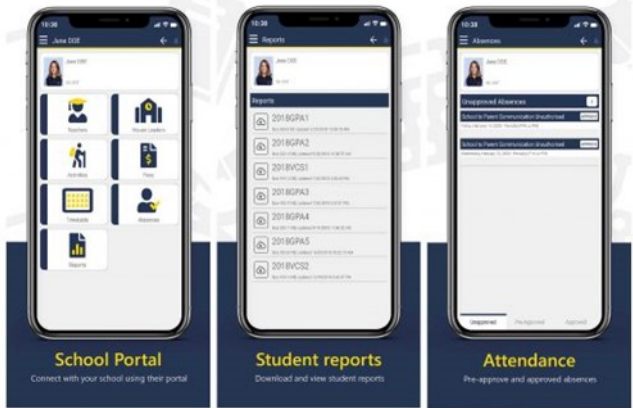
[www.wmyc.vic.edu.au](http://www.wmyc.vic.edu.au)



# Parent Portal and App

The College will be using the College App and School Portal to post student GPA results for Term 2. We will no longer print school reports. The app is available on both iOS and Android devices and will facilitate a greater level of communication between the school and parents. This will not replace our existing web version of the School Portal but will provide an additional method of accessing and managing the same features.

The mobile app enables parents to stay informed about their child's experience at our College and perform tasks such as approving absences and pre-approve attendance as well as provide consent for and pay for school activities from the convenience of your mobile device just to name a few.



## Download the App

Available on the Google Play Store and the Apple App Store, the app can be easily installed by simply searching for 'School Portal' in your app store.



## Logging onto the App

Parents can login to the School Portal using either their mobile phone number or email address that has been provided with their child's enrolment details. If these details have changed please contact the College office on 02 6057 9042, to update this.

After downloading and opening the School Portal App, you will be

asked to enter either your registered email address or mobile phone number into the field provided followed by tapping on the 'Login' button. A six-digit authentication token will be sent to the mobile phone number or email address used. Enter this number into the field provided within a five-minute window before it expires, and you will need to resend a new code.

If your experience an issue accessing your School Portal or need to update your enrolment details, please give us a call 02 6057 9000.

# Positive Behaviour Rewards

The rewards don't stop during Remote Learning.

## Congratulations to our Week 4 recipients:

**Wanumarru:** Monique Foster, Ryan Therkelsen, Dakota Herbert  
**Nangwiya:** Dempsie Royle, Kaleb Karebu, Abbey Rose  
**Gawungwa:** Ella McKnight, Dom Powell, Abby Freeman  
**Wagarra:** Henry Mott, Cody Maiolini, Hertier Mwizerwa



Our House Leaders will be out delivering rewards to letterboxes early week 5 to congratulate you on your positive behaviour!!



## Revised Opening Hours

**Beleza Wodonga**  
**Monday to Friday, from 12pm to 5pm**

Our stores' opening hours are subject to change as the situation develops, but we will continue to keep you updated as changes occur. We apologise for any inconvenience that these changes may cause and appreciate your understanding as we continue to assess the situation.  
 Ph: 02 6056 9402