

WODONGA MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE **Middle Years**

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Term 3

Principal's Report

Maintenance and Grounds

With most students not on the school site we have taken the opportunity to upgrade many areas of the school. We have had new lights fitted across the school. Painting has taken place in W wing at Huon and this has really given the building a face lift. Our grounds and maintenance staff have been busy cleaning out sheds and ensuring the grounds are in great shape for the students when they return. If you have driven past Felltimber you will see lots of holes in the ground. We are currently working with the Department on investigating some possible water leaks. These holes will be remedied in the next few weeks. I want to take to this opportunity to thank our grounds and maintenance staff who do a first class job looking after our grounds and buildings.

Student Wellbeing during Remote Learning

We continue to be acutely aware of student wellbeing in this second round of remote learning. Feedback from many students, shows that they are finding it more challenging. Please continue to monitor not only your child's school work but their wellbeing and reach out to the school if you feel they are needing some extra support. Your child's CARE teacher is the best person to be in contact with initially and we can refer your child on if required. We have never been through anything like this before and we are all seeking some understanding and will all be grieving for the lives that we were living before the pandemic hit.

Please stay healthy and well, remember to work towards consistent routines and reach out to a friend who might need your support right now.

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Dates to Remember	
Dates for 2020	Activity
September 11	Screen Free Day - No lessons
September 18	► Last day of Term 3
October 5	► First Day Term 4

R3 Class

Lunch

R3 have been working very hard this term. We have been attending all our electives online – which has been a challenge, but it has been great to be able to catch up with our classmates who are also online in the electives with us. One of the electives



some of the R3 students have been participating in is 'Food and Fibre'. Through that elective

August 31, 2020



the students have been challenged to cook and photograph the recipes from that unit. This week we challenged ourselves to cook the 'Vegetable Parcels'.

Each week that we cook, some students in R3 have a special

communication challenge. They

some of the food we prepare and offer it to the office staff or other staff onsite. They have specific conversation skills to practice, including body language. After having one of these conversations with Mrs Kilner, the WMYC AP, Mrs Kilner suggested we celebrate our learning with a special lunch. So, on



Tuesday the students in R3 cooked up a feast to share with other staff members of the



WMYC community. The students cooked yummy vegetable parcels. This was

vegetable parcels. This was quite a technically difficult task because of all the fine dicing needed. Also working with filo pastry is a unique skill to develop. The students used all

their prior knowledge to produce amazingly tasty vegetable parcels to share. Mrs Kilner supplied the delicious pumpkin soup and we also made fresh bread rolls to compliment the soup. There was even homemade

> apple crumble with some vanilla ice-cream to eat for dessert. The best thing was sharing a meal with the other WMYC adults and really getting to know them. This was a fun lunch.

> > Nicole Luftensteiner R3

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Positive Behaviour Rewards

Week 6 Positive Behaviour Rewards

Congratulations to our Week 6 recipients:

Wanumarru: Mia Chandler, Tash Wilson, Sarah Forrest Nangwiya: Jayahna Savellis, Bella Cullinger, Jay Barker Gawungwa: Kaydn Olsen, Mon Dlugosz-Fitzpatrick, Harman Tutt Wagarra: Senghong Heng, Baylee Robertson, Tim Petersohn

Care House Challenge Recipients – Week 6 Wanumarru: Piper Coleman Nangwiya: Bella Newman Gawungwa: Megan Crumley Wagarra: Caitlin Corkett

Team Leaders





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Wellbeing

Parentline

Needing extra support during these stressful times? Parentline Victoria is а confidential telephone helpline that offers information and counselling about parenting issues. You can talk to qualified counsellors about a wide range of matters such as avoiding and resolving conflict in your family or improving relationships with your children and other family members.

Services provided:

- Telephone helpline
- Advice or counselling
- Family support
- Referrals
- Parenting advice
- 8.00 am to 12.00 am (midnight), 7 days a week.



WIP Dav

Last Friday, August 28 was the 10th anniversary of WIP (wear it purple) Day. Several students and staff who were working at Felltimber got into the spirit of the day by wearing purple jumpers, pants and even a purple mask to mark the day. Even Sarge wore purple.

Wellbeing Team



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supporting parents and school communities in Wodonga

Recently in Wodonga, many parents are worried about the young people in their community and have been significantly impacted by the deaths of a number of young people.

headspace, the Victorian Department of Education and other local partners are providing a focused information session for parents and school communities of Wodonga Senior Secondary College and Wodonga Middle Years College,

This session will include a panel of local and national experts in the areas of suicide prevention, grief counselling and working knowledge of local health and education systems. Local educators and school leaders are welcomed to register and join. This session is for adults only.

When Thursday 3 September 2020 7-8 pm

Where Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this session will

be held via Zoom video conferencing

To register Click on this link to register via Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/parent-andcarer-twilight-information-session-for-adults-only-registration-118397158087

You will be redirected to register via Eventbrite. The Zoom meeting link will be in the confirmation email sent by Eventbrite after you register

Contact: For more information: schoolsupport@headspace.org.au

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