Principal’s Report

Student Attendance
In accordance with the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*, schooling is compulsory for children and young people aged from 6 – 17 years. School participation is important. It maximises life opportunities for children and young people by providing them with education and support networks. School helps to develop important skills, knowledge and values which set young people up for further learning and participation in their community.

Parents can encourage regular attendance by talking with their child about school and how they feel about it. Young people are more likely to attend school if they feel supported and any anxieties they may have are acknowledged by their parents and carers and dealt with in collaboration with the school.

Consistent attendance allows students the best opportunity to succeed in their learning. Parents and carers can support regular attendance by only allowing days at home for genuine illness and, when there is an absence, by providing an explanation to the school.

If you have concerns, please ring the school and ask to talk to your child’s A-Team teacher or the Year Level Leaders.

Canteen
WMYC welcomes our new canteen operators – Andrea at Huon and Jeanie at Felltimber. There are new menus and procedures for ordering lunches. Students’ A-Team teachers will brief students.

Safe Schools
There has been much media interest recently about The Safe Schools Coalition. The Safe Schools Coalition Australia is a national coalition of organisations and schools working together to create safe and inclusive school environments for same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse students, staff and families. It is funded by the Australian Government and, in Victoria, by the Victorian Government (from the Safe Schools Coalition Website, 2/3/16). We are proud to be a member of The Safe Schools Coalition and we will continue to work as hard as we can to provide a safe and inclusive school environment for all students.

Interim Progress Reports and Teacher-led Conferences
Interim Progress or GPA reports provide a snapshot of your child’s work habits and progress over the first term. These were distributed to students last Friday. Please read and discuss your child’s report with them so that any concerns may be addressed at the upcoming teacher-led conferences to be held on April 20 (week two) next term. Please note this date in your diary. Further information about how to book will be made available closer to the time. The teacher led conferences will be with subject teachers, where parents, teachers and students can discuss students’ progress and what needs to be done to ensure a successful conclusion to the semester’s work.

Student led presentations at the end of semesters one and two will allow students to show their parents and teachers what they have learnt over the semester and to plan their goals for the following semester.

Russell Polson
Principal

Year 9

Defence Forces Expo
On Friday the 4th of March, 30 Wodonga Middle Years students attended the Australian Defence Force a careers expo in Melbourne. Many excellent displays from all areas in the forces (Air Force, Navy, Medical, Trades, Combat and Security, Technology and Business areas) were on display. To enrich the experience there were multiple vehicles / weapons on display as well as a 3D flight simulator and bomb disposal dogs to engage with. The students also scored lots of merchandise by asking and answering interesting questions about Careers in the forces. Was all up a fantastic day enjoyed by all.

James Foley
Year 9 Team

The defence expo was a great experience, great social event and a great bonding time with friends. They had some really fun interactive activities some of the activities involved a flight simulator, mine field game and we were able to hop in some of the vehicles that the army drive.

All the defence personnel were in their uniforms and were great! They explained everything clearly and answered questions. There was so many different booths explaining all the different jobs there is and it was incredible, the booths were specific to fields and courses. There was so much to do I wish we had more time to stay there. We got to collect lots of promotional keepsakes including bags, usb’s, pens, hats and drink bottles.

Anthony Sinclair, H9E
Our graduates will display confidence, be optimistic about their future and be committed to personal achievement and global citizenship.

**Year 8**

**Huon News**

**Awards**

Congratulations to the week 7 winners of the CARE tokens for displaying positive behaviours in the yard and classroom:

- 8A – Ellie Hargreaves
- 8B – Sarah Fitzgibbon
- 8C – Kieren Anderson
- 8D – Hayden Howell
- 8E – Kaitlyn Johnson
- 8F – Sam Markham

Students were awarded prizes in the Year Level Assembly last week.

**Huon Year 8 Team Leaders**

Joce Ziebell and Ash Lawry

**Phillip Island Camp-Felltimber**

On Monday March 7, the Year 8s went to Phillip Island camp. On the first day we settled into our cabins and then went off to Island Surf School to get into our wetsuits, then we went to the beach to surf. When we first surfed heaps of people got knocked off their boards but after a little practice people got the hang of it and that it was really fun. We went bowling later that night and that was also fun. Then on Tuesday we went to another beach and we just played activities like stand up paddle boarding, beach volleyball, ball games and bike riding and that was heaps of fun. Then on Wednesday we packed our stuff and left our cabins and hopped on the bus and went home.

Kaitlyn Castro, F8G

**Sport**

**Year 7 Girls Cricket**

Congratulations to the year 7 girls cricket team who were undefeated yesterday at the super 8’s and won against Wangaratta High School. They smashed the highest amount of 6’s, which put them ahead of 2nd place by over 100 runs. The team will be moving onto the next round. A fantastic effort by all the girls.

Carlea Finck  
Teacher in Charge

**Year 8 Girls Cricket**

In sweltering heat last Tuesday, our girls played three games of cricket against both Galen teams and Wangaratta HS. The girls were very competitive despite narrowly losing each game but came away positive having each excelled in one game or another at Barr Reserve. The bowling of Tahlia Seckhold, Grace Devereaux and Tara Farrington had the batters in all sorts of trouble! Great hitting by Ebony Hayes, Adina Dunn and Cassie Korschel kept our scoreboard ticking away, especially a mighty six by Adina! In the field we had Emily Wilson, Shannayah Tattersal and Brook Ford limiting the opposition's scoring. The girls are better for the experience and hopefully will go one better next year.

Dave Henricus  
Teacher in Charge

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**Maths Mates**

A reminder that Maths Mate homework books are available from the office for $12 each for those students who have not yet purchased them.

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**Community**

**Repair Café**

What do you do with a chair when the leg has come loose?  
With a hole in the pocket of your pants?  
On a bicycle with a wobbly wheel?  
Toss it! No way!  
You can repair it at the Repair Café!

FURNITURE/WOODWORK  BICYCLES  CLOTHING/TEXTILES  BATTERY-OPERATED APPLIANCES

Bring along broken items to the Albury-Wodonga Repair Café and our experienced repairers will help you repair them - all for free.

Saturday 20 February, 10.00 am to 1.00 pm  
Friday 18 March, 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm  
Saturday 30 April, 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

**Dates to Remember**

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