Principal's Report

Child Safety Standards
Promoting and protecting the safety and interests of children is a top priority for our school and Wodonga Federation of Government Schools (The Federation). Our School, along with the others within The Federation, has a zero tolerance of child abuse.

The Victorian Government are phasing in new child safe standards for all schools and organisations working with children up to 18 years old. The standards are a direct response to the recommendations from the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and other Non-Government organisations.

The standards require schools to have a child safety policy, child safety code of conduct, strategies to prevent child abuse and respond to suspected child abuse, recruitment procedures to minimise or remove risks of child abuse, and strategies to promote child participation and empowerment.

In implementing the standards schools must take into consideration the diversity of all children. The needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, children with disabilities, and children who are vulnerable must be a particular focus.

Our school is working with The Federation to have a common approach to preventing and responding to child abuse across the government schools in Wodonga. At our next school council meeting we will review the Wodonga Federation of Government Schools Child Safety Policy and Code of Conduct.

Please speak with myself if you would like to see the draft Child Safety Policy.

Maree Cribbes
Acting Campus Principal

Go Girl, Go 4 IT

Tuesday, August 16 was a fantastic day for the 45 students from Wodonga Senior Secondary College and Wodonga Middle Years College where misconceptions and assumptions about careers in the IT industry were smashed. “IT is not just a boys game” stated Sophie Blachford from Instagram. “It is an ever evolving industry where the rules and stereotypes are being rewritten.”

Through participation in a wide range of Workshops and Keynote Speakers, students were exposed to the many IT entrepreneurs shaping what it now means to #BeTheNerd.

Expo freebies are awesome - Emma and Maddy (Year 9)
Amazing. Jorja (Year 8)
A day without boys is good. Ellie and Michaela (Year 8)

Margie Benbow, Cherie Heintze, Emma Plunkett and Michelle Heintze

Dairy Assistance Funding 2016

In 2016 the Victorian Government implemented a response package to assist dairy farming families. This included assistance for primary and secondary students attending schools (government and non-government schools) where one or both parents:

- own an operating dairy farm
- are share farmers on a property primarily operating as a dairy farm
- hold a lease for an operating dairy farm
- work as an employee on an operating dairy farm and this is their main source of employment.

The CSEF eligibility criterion is being extended consistent with the 2016 drought response. Families that have previously qualified for the 2016 CSEF Drought assistance are not able to also access the CSEF Dairy assistance funding.

The Dairy Assistance CSEF payment will be paid to the school that the student is currently enrolled at the start of Term 3 2016.

Parents can apply for the dairy assistance funding by completing an application form and lodging it with their child’s schools by 18 November 2016. The school will allocate the payment directly to benefit the eligible student.

Application forms are available from the campus offices or on the college website.

River of Stories

Entries are now open for River of Stories. Section 1: Short Story – 1500 word maximum; open theme Section 2: Poem – no word limit; open theme
Prizes: the winner of each section will receive $200 plus $500 towards their school library.
The winning entry from each school will receive a Dymocks book voucher valued at $50
Entries close: Thursday September 15, 2016
Please see library staff for more information.
Arts, Technology, Language

Ceramics
This pot was constructed by Jimmy O’Brien in Year 8 Ceramics using the coil technique. The coil technique is a very old method that has been used for thousands of years where the clay is rolled into long ‘ropes’. The ‘ropes’ are then layered one on top of the other and then moulded together usually with the fingers. The technique allows the bowls to be shaped either straight, bulging outward or narrowed.

Nishar Neale
ATL

Year 9

Gold Coast
Payments for the Gold Coast camp are due Friday, September 9. This includes payments by instalment and those paying a lump sum.

Course Selections
On line course selections take place this week at Wodonga Senior Secondary College. Huon students attend Monday, August 22 and Felltimber students Wednesday, August 24. If you have any questions about the process, please contact WSSC.

Year 9 Team

Outdoor Education
On Monday the 15th to Wednesday the 17th August, the Year 9 Outdoor Ed class attended a caving trip to Wee Jasper. The first cave we explored was called the Daylight cave because from certain parts underground daylight came through the top. As a group we were able to identify stalagmites, stalactites and columns while understanding how they have formed over hundreds of years. We spent around 3 hours exploring and playing games in the cave while feeling exhausted. It was then time for dinner, we had it at the park before walking to the second cave. This cave was called the Signature cave and we spent another couple of hours exploring it while playing games and understanding the caves history. Tuesday was more relaxed but still involved ice skating and rock climbing which filled the day before ending with a bonfire and camp songs. Everyone enjoyed the experience very much and further friendships were formed.

Chelsea Barton F9E

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Library

Book Week
Libraries at both campuses are celebrating Book Week with activities during lunch most days this week. Guest speaker Archie Fusillo an Australian author starts off the activities on Monday. The Tuesday activity is board games and Wednesday Kahoot! (sign up sheets in the libraries.)

Competitions:
Huon – take a photo of your pet with a book. It can be cute or crazy, or however you want to present it. Entries can be handed in to the library or emailed to Miss Walsh. The winner will be announced on August 25.
Felltimber/FFFCS – Write in 50 words or less about your favourite place in Australia and why.

Nishar Neale
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