**Principal's Report**

**Motivational Speaker**
Last week we had Reggie Dabbs attend the College. Reggie is a motivational speaker who is also an amazing musician. He wowed our students with his positive messages about the situations he faced and the choices he had to make. He also talked about the fact that what choices he made were entirely up to him. Most of all, Reggie’s main message was that “You can never change your past, but you can change your future!” Reggie’s messages were incredibly positive and inspiring.

**Parent Information**
In the near future we will be emailing all student details out to families to check their current family details. Could families please print off the front page, sign it and return to the College to ensure that your details are correct. This is particularly important in emergency situations. Families whose information is not emailed will receive theirs by mail.

**Parent Teacher interviews**
These will take place on Wednesday 14th September. These interviews are with your child’s subject teacher and are a great opportunity to talk about your child’s progress and the next steps in their learning. Please make an appointment at [http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and enter the booking code: q557j

**Excursions**
We have a duty of care to all students in the College. For any camps excursions or absences, we need written and signed notification. Unfortunately we cannot accept permission for camps or excursions over the phone.

**Student Leadership**

**Leadership Breakfast**
Last Thursday, August 25 the Year 9 Leadership students had a breakfast meeting with Rachael Habgood Youth Services officer at Wodonga City Council. Rachel also oversees Multicultural Services and is passionate about assisting young people to reach their full potential in the community. The leadership students were versed on the importance of acceptance of different cultures through hands on exercises and group activities. It was a great morning.

*James Foley*

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**Sport**

**Rugby**
Last Tuesday August 30, a number of boys and girls from both campuses travelled to Baranduda to participate in the Wodonga Storm Border 9’s Rugby Gala Day. There were teams from most schools in the area competing in various age groups. Congratulations to all those who participated and put in a wonderful effort. Special mention to Ruben, Bailey and Brodie for being awarded Best players on the day.

**State Boys Netball**
The Year 8 boys netball team from Huon progressed to the state finals held last Monday, August 29 in Melbourne. They had an early morning, travelling by bus to the State Netball Centre in...
Year 8 Basketball - Huon
The Year 8 boys basketball team played last Tuesday at the Wodonga Leisure Centre. It was a close match first up going down to Catholic College by 2 points, then two close losses to Galen and Marian Colleges. The boys played really well and had a lot of fun, well done lads!

Adam Nicholson
Coach

Arts Festival

Wodonga and District Arts Festival
The Wodonga and District Arts Festival was held last week. There were little kids dressed as penguins and characters out of children’s books with walking sticks and peaked hats. There was an air of excitement and enthusiasm, as students arrived to perform their well-rehearsed acts. Our choir, rock bands and chorus of zombies performed during the week long event while some of our art students had work displayed in the foyer.

Thanks to the group of our students who worked backstage all week, you did a great job!

Kim O’Shea

Art, Technology, Language

Special Effects Makeup
In the year 9 Textiles/Cosplay class we have been learning how to make special effects makeup. This has included how to make bite marks, scratches and scarring. We used household items like toilet paper, chocolate sauce and red food dye to create the looks and scare the teachers with realistic, dripping wounds.

Michelle Butters

Japanese Visitor
Over the next few weeks the Japanese classes at Felltimber and Huon will be visited by Mahoko who has come from Japan to visit the schools in Wodonga. When Mahoko first visited the class we were able to talk to her in Japanese and practice our Hiragana writing skills with her. She was a great help to have in the classroom and we are looking forward to her coming back over the next three weeks.

Michelle Butters

Rethinking Drinking

Variety Evening
The issue of the abuse of alcohol and drugs in our society, is one that Wodonga Middle Years College takes very seriously and as such we are again holding our Re-thinking Drinking Variety Show in conjunction with local health professionals. Through the variety show we endeavor to inform and educate our students about the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse.

The variety show has grown in popularity over the last five years and features fantastic student and teacher acts. This year we are holding an “air band” and “air solo” competition with great prizes - it should be a lot of fun.

We hope there will be many performers: singers, bands, instrumentalists, comedians and the traditional teacher acts (which our students and the wider community adore!)

So, put the date on your calendars: 20th of October, at 7.30 Felltimber PAC.

Kim O’Shea
ATL

PARKING CHANGES IN MITCHELL STREET

Wodonga Council in conjunction with Wodonga Primary School and WMYC Huon Campus, have changed some of the car parking bays in the front of the Primary School.

Four car parking bays have been changed to 2 minute parking between the hours of 8am and 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm.

The changes have been made to reduce the congestion in Mitchell Street which should allow parents to drop off their children in a safer and more efficient manner.

Dates to Remember

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