Welcome to our monthly Parent Newsletter. Our aim is to keep parents informed of upcoming events and important dates to remember.

11th February 2013

If you haven’t already done so, please let the College know of your email address so we can let you know when the newsletters are available for download from our website.

Email your address to: wyndham.central.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au Please include in your email the names of the students you have enrolled at the College.

IMPORTANT DATES

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to 2013 and ‘Creating a Community of High Expectations’

Firstly may I commence by thanking our wonderful parents for making our 1st Tutor Interviews so successful! Over the two days I was able to meet a number of our parents and students to discuss their progress.

Our staff thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to meet with both the students and families whilst the focus on establishing the learning goals for 2013 was a very important part of the conversation. The staff were also able to outline the significant changes both physical and educational at Wyndham Central College and the strategies in place to manage this change. Our tutors are the first point of contact for our families and email addresses were provided to assist with this communication.

Another memorable moment was our first full school assembly where I was struck by a sea of blue. The new uniform is a credit to our students, parents and Council who all had significant input into the design. What was most striking was the significant take up rate by our families, not only YR 7 and 10 but across all other year levels. Next year is the second and final year of the changeover as we expect all students to be in the new uniform for the start of 2105 ready for the official opening of the new school facilities.

May I commend also our staff for being so committed to the changes in place and their significant contribution to ensuring that all students completed step up program in November/December. We are indeed fortunate to have such a great hard working team.

With best wishes

Julie Myers
College Principal
SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
The time has arrived once again to conduct the election process for members to the School Council at Wyndham Central College.
Nomination forms may be obtained from the college Administration Office and must be lodged no later than 4:00pm on Friday 22nd February, 2013. The ballot will close on Friday 1st March 2013.
Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominated individuals will be posted at the college. The term of office membership categories and the number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and a calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Julie Myers
Principal

MIDDLE YEARS REPORT
It has been a wonderful start to the year for our middle school students. The years 7’s are transitioning well from primary school and the year 8’s and 9’s are making a very positive start.
Our whole school swimming carnival is fast approaching which will be an excellent opportunity for a community event.

The year 7’s have all been issued with their AVID folders, please have a look at them, the students are very proud of their work.

With some hot weather on the way please ensure you have your child’s name in their blazer so blazers do not get lost in the event they take them off.

We have new out of uniform and late procedures in place to maximise our learning time in the classroom and comply with DEECD policy, please support us in providing the best education we can for your son/daughter.

The tutor teachers for the 7, 8, 9 year levels are below – please take the time to get to know your child’s tutor teacher as they are your first port of call. You are welcome to email our teachers. If you did not get their email address at the parent / teacher conference please ring the front office.

7A Mr Hatzimanolis 
7B Mrs Herbert 
7C Mrs Myers 
7D Mr Cutter 
8A Mr Lesa 
8B Miss O’Neill 
8C Mrs Butcher 
8D Miss Lomagno 
8E Mr De-Leon 
8F Miss Banens

I look forward to creating a parent partnership with you this year.

Yvonne Harvey
Middle Years Assistant Principal

SENIOR YEARS REPORT
It is with great pleasure that I have been appointed as the Acting Assistant Principal, Senior Years (10-12) for 2013. I bring with me the experience of 24 years at this college as a classroom teacher and Year Level Leader from years 7-12. I look forward to working with and supporting all senior years’ students and their families in working towards the completion of a successful secondary school education. It is with high expectations, the building of a partnership between the college and
families and also two way communication which will see the fruition of every student’s hopes and aspirations. I encourage you to please make contact with the college if you have any concerns so that they can be dealt with in a timely fashion.

We appreciated your attendance at the Tutor Teacher conference meetings prior to the commencement of classes and just a reminder that your first point of contact is your son/daughters Tutor Teacher as listed below.

**Year 10: Year Level Leader - Danny Pearce**
- 10A Ray Sherriff
- 10B Sarah Curtain
- 10C Pina Siragusano
- 10D Danny Pearce
- 10E Amy Cole
- 10F Steve Eadie

**Year 11: Year Level Leader - Rebecca Sandlant**
- 11A Barbara Vakrinos
- 11B Sue Westhorpe
- 11C Lillibeth Lee
- 11D Elena Woloszczenko
- 11E Amy Cole
- 11F Steve Eadie

**Year 12: Year Level Leader - Sharon Bumpstead**
- 12A Del Cutter
- 12B Ana Serovska
- 12C Geoff Bumpstead
- 12D Simon Thorley
- 12E Navin Pratap
- 12F Connie Faranda
- 12G Anthony Guaci
- 12H Jane Sulicich
- 12J Elizabeth Pottenger
- 12K Peter Nash
- 12L Leigh Smith
- 12M Lynda Wilson

Bryan Woollard
Assistant Principal, Senior Years

**PATHWAYS & TRANSITIONS**

Congratulations to our 2012 Year 12 cohort on their pathway successes. Of our 139 enrolled Year 12 students, 80 were made VTAC Tertiary offers. Of these, 42 were University Offers and 38 were TAFE Offers (Diploma courses).

The University offers were for a range of Universities, including Melbourne University(2), ACU(2), Ballarat University(2), Deakin University(10), LaTrobe University(2), MIBT(1), Navitas College of Public Safety(1), RMIT(8), Swinburne(2), & Victoria University(12). The selection of courses ranged from generalist Arts & Science courses to specialty courses such as Teaching, Exercise Science, Building etc.

The TAFE offers covered a range of institutions such as Carrick Institute(1), Elly Lukas Beauty Therapy College(1), Gordon(3), Holmesglen(1), Kangan(1), NMIT(1), RMIT(7), Swinburne(4), Victoria University(17), and William Angliss (2). Each of these TAFE course provide potential pathways to higher education (university) or lead directly into employment.

Of the remaining 59 students, 20 have engaged in full time employment, apprenticeships or traineeships, and 3 have enrolled in pre-apprenticeship courses at Victoria University.

Direct entry applications, finalised at the end of last year, account for a further 22 students. These students have enrolled in courses such as Children’s Services and Community Services at VU, and auto at Kangan.

These students need to be commended on their determination to succeed and their drive in pursuing their desired pathways. I wish them every success in their future endeavours.

Mrs Kathy Karlovic
Pathways & Transitions Leader

**YEAR 10 WORK PLACEMENT**

It is compulsory for all Year Ten students to undertake Work Placement as part of their Industry and Enterprise studies. This will take place over two one week blocks throughout the year.

The first work placement block is scheduled for Monday 29 April – Friday 3 May.

All students are to have returned their green ‘structured work place agreement forms’ to Miss Cole by Friday 8th March. These forms are a legal requirement covering students for insurance and liability purposes and must be signed by the employer, parent and the student before being returned to school.

Green forms are available from the careers office or the year ten office.

If there are any concerns or queries regarding structured work placement for year ten students, please contact me on cole.amy.l@edumail.vic.gov.au, or through the general office of the College.

Amy Cole
Work Experience Coordinator

**YR 11 REPORT**

We would like to welcome back all Yr 11 Students. The Year Leader for Yr 11 is Rebecca Sandlant and I look forward to working with you.

At the moment we are busy making sure students are enrolled in the right subjects, monitoring uniform and attendance. It is important to remember that all students are expected to have a 90% or above attendance and it is important to have medical certificate and a note to cover any absences. If you have any questions about this please feel free to contact us about it.

The Yr 11 Tutor Teachers and their groups are as follows
- 11A Barbara Vakrinos
- 11B Sue Westhorpe
Please Feel Free to contact the Tutor Teacher or myself if you have any questions or concerns. Throughout the year we will use the newsletter to let you know important information about the year level and report back on some of the activities the students have been taking part in.

We look forward to seeing you all soon

Rebecca Sandlant
Year Level Leader Yr 11

**F1 RACING NATIONAL FINAL**

Students Justin Ma, David Velevski, Zak King, Jake Megee and Grace McLaren (CEDA school) known as Team Demiurge Dragons, will be participating in the F1 in Schools National Final from Monday, 25 February 2013 until Friday, 1 March 2013 at Avalon.

It’s a great achievement for these students to qualify and represent their College on the big stage. A big thanks to all staff who have supported the students since semester 2 in 2012. The competition hots up on Mon 25th Feb with the arrival of interstate teams and scrutineering of cars, with a demanding program starting at 8.30am and concluding Friday with a career /skills forum and access to flying displays. The week includes racing, reaction time, pit display assessment, an 8 min verbal presentation, folio judging, engineering scrutineering, Welcoming night dinner, Awards ceremony, racing and the opportunity to represent Australia in the World Championships, held in Texas, USA.


Please have a browse and check for updates and live streaming.

Participants:
Team Demiurge Dragons
Zak King
David Velevski
Justin Mac
Grace McLaren
Jake Megee
Good luck Demiurge.

Michael Germano
Science Leader

**NEW NAME, NEW UNIFORMS, NEW BUILDINGS AND NEW COLLEGE HOUSE SYSTEM**

This year at Wyndham Central College we have introduced a new house system. There are four new houses: red, blue, green and yellow. All students will be randomly placed in a house with an attempt for families to be placed in the same house. Students will remain in their allocated house for the remainder of their time at The College. The first Sports Carnival will be held at Lara Swimming Pool on Wednesday the 13th of February. This will be an exciting day as it will be the first whole School Sports Carnival involving all students from year 7 to year 12. We are all looking forward to this day and cannot wait to begin the new sporting era of Wyndham Central College. A reminder that all permission forms for these events must be returned promptly to your child’s tutor teacher and that money must be paid to the front office prior to the first event.

Peta Hills
Carnival Sports Coordinator

**SIGN UP TO BE THE NEXT MICHAEL CLARKE**

Term one sports sign ups have already begun. The inter-school sports that are offered in term one are Baseball, Volleyball, Cricket, Netball and Tennis. Students have already shown an overwhelming interest to all sports. All students who have shown interest and listed their names are required to attend all relevant team meetings and all training sessions in order to be eligible for a place on The College Team. Students who do not meet these criteria will not be able to represent The College on the day of their competition. Good luck to all the teams, we wish you all the best. Let's hope 2013 is as successful as 2012.

Trish O'Neill
Team Sports Coordinator
IMMUNISATION 2013
The immunisation program for the following years will take place on Tuesday 12th March, 2013 from 9.00am.
All year 7 boys and girls will be offered the chicken pox - 1 injection required and HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) vaccines - 3 injections during the year.
All year 9 boys will be offered the HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) vaccine - 3 injections during the year.
All year 10 boys and girls will be offered the Boostrix Vaccine - 1 injection required.
Information explaining what the immunisation is about and Consent Cards will be coming home very soon (from the 11/2/2013) with your child. Please complete the consent cards and return them to Mrs Whitfield in the sickbay office (Senior Office) by 20th February 2013. If your child is not to have a vaccine, please still complete the consent cards and return them to school. If you have any queries please contact Wyndham City Council on 9742 0777 or the school on 9741 4911.

Angela Whitfield
First Aid

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2013
School photos for the whole school will be held on Friday 1st March 2013 beginning at 9.00am. All students will have their photo taken even if you do not wish to purchase anything. The photo will be used for the student id card.
No excessive jewellery or makeup will be allowed. The facial piercing policy will be strictly adhered to.
Girls can wear either the summer dress (old or new uniform), or a white shirt/polo. Boys can wear a white shirt/polo (old or new uniform).
The school photographers are Arthur Reed Photos Pty Ltd
This year will be different as no money will be handled by the school or the photographers on the day. You will only be able to place orders via their website, or if you do not have internet access please contact Arthur Reed Photos directly. Their details will be on the information pamphlet that will be sent home in the next week. Please read it carefully and follow the instructions.

HOMEWORK CLUB
The Maths department will run after school classes on a Wednesday in R3 between 3.00 - 4.00 pm (except the class that will be held on the Thursday 28th Feb instead of the Wednesday of that week). Year 12 Further Maths/ Maths Methods students will have classes in the Senior Resource Centre with Mr Bumpstead on Wednesdays each week between 3.00 – 4.30 pm.
All students are welcome to attend as this is a great way to get help and catch up with missed work. See you there.

Mr A. Wokulski
Maths Home Work Club Coordinator

COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT PROGRAM
This program involves one student supporting the administration officers by helping out with college administration duties. The administration support program is important to the daily running of the college. Students in Year 9, 8 and 7 will be required to participate and take on the responsibility of admin duty monitor for one day during the school year.
This is a good opportunity for students to improve on being responsible, reliable and gain a better knowledge of the school in general.
Thank you in advance for your support of our College programs.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE PROGRAM 2013
In October 2012 the Victorian State Government announced that they would introduce Means testing for all new applicants into the Conveyance Allowance effective as of 1st January 2013.
This means that students in rural and regional Victoria will still be able to apply using the 2012 criteria but, there would be a new metropolitan boundary based on Melbourne’s Urban Growth Boundary (UBG) which will be used as the Conveyance Allowance Program. A new policy will be issued by the State Government at a later date.

YOUTH HEALTH FIRST AID
The University of Melbourne is inviting students aged 12-15 years from Wyndham Central, and their parents, to take part in a project called First Aid Training for Parents of Teenagers. There is a 3 minute video on www.tpot.net.au which explains the study. In summary the project aims to teach parents the skills to assist a teenager in the event they develop a mental health problem or physical injury.
There are 2 courses offered for free
  • a 2 day youth mental health first aid course
  • a 2 day apply first aid course
Registration can be done at www.tpot.net.au

Yvonne Harvey
Assistant Principal – Middle Years