Welcome to our monthly Parent Newsletter.  
16th September 2013

Our aim is to keep parents informed of upcoming events and important dates to remember. 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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Masterplan Update
The next and final stage of our Major Building works is ready to commence after we signed the contracts. This stage will start with the demolition of the Gymnasium over the next few weeks and will be the first visible sign to the passing traffic that there are significant changes happening at Wyndham Central College. The first part of this covers the construction of the Administration & Staff Centre, Gymnasium and the Trade Training Centre. By September of 2014 we anticipate that our Masterplan should be completed.

Parent Teacher Interviews
A key part of our students’ success in school is the involvement of our parents. Next week we have the parent teacher interviews scheduled for the Thursday afternoon and Friday morning - last week of term 3. All parents are invited to book on line and bring their son/daughter for this important interview to meet the teacher and discuss the progress made so far. Please make sure that you don't miss out on this important opportunity.

Uniform
All students are expected to be in Winter Uniform until the end of this term. For Term 4 all students are to return to school wearing the summer uniform.

Hoping that you all enjoy a relaxing and safe term break. For our Year 12's we wish them all the best with their revision program.

Julie Myers
Principal

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**MIDDLE YEARS REPORT**

Term three is ticking away and the Middle Years students will soon be receiving their reports. This is an important time in your child’s life when we decide who is going up a year level and who needs some more tuition in their current year.

Please may I take this opportunity to remind you and your child of the commitment you made at the beginning of the year and the policies according to the school council and the parent handbook:

- Students are to have a 90% attendance rate (if your child is absent any day please contact Sharon Hamilton our attendance officer)
- Students are to be in full school uniform (this includes black leather shoes, no leggings, no mixing of sports and normal uniform, skirts to be of a reasonable length, we are still in winter uniform)
- No facial piercings (these can be replaced with a clear piercing due to OH&S issues)
- No unnatural hair colour

If students come to school with a

- Good night’s sleep
- A healthy breakfast and lunch
- Their parents having checked their bags (Yes, even the year 9’s!) and checked homework and planners
- Without the distraction of social media

their daily learning will increase each day.

We have high expectations and expect all students in class, in uniform, on time and ready to learn. Students are expected to walk around the college with a planner when out of class and we uphold our values of Respect, Excellence and Cooperation at all times.

Physical hurt and verbal abuse of staff or students will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

If you have unwanted social networking occurring with your child please ensure this is reported to the social networking site, the perpetrator is blocked and you are also welcome to contact local agencies for support.

The Middle years students are, in the main, an absolute delight at our school and I would like to continue to encourage them in reaching the high expectations we have, and encourage them to participate in the many opportunities they have ahead of them.

Yvonne Harvey
Middle Years Assistant Principal

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**YEAR 7 REPORT**

I would like to commend all year 7 students on an excellent term 3. There has been a noticeable improvement to their commitment to learning and quality of work, which is pleasing as they prepare for the transition in to year 8.

I would like to remind you that reports will be distributed on Monday 16th September. Students will be given the opportunity to reflect on their learning and set goals and targets for term 4 and I encourage you to discuss these targets with your child. Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Thursday 19th September between 4pm and 7pm and Friday 20th September between 9am and 1pm. All year 7 students received login details for access to the Parent Teacher Online system. Please login and make appointments with your child’s teachers to discuss their academic progress and areas for improvement.

As we head in to term 4, students will need to begin preparing for the end of year examinations. Examinations, for all core subject areas, will be held on Friday 29th November and Monday 2nd December. Please support your child in creating effective home study plans to help them revise and mentally prepare for this important time of the year.

New AVID binders have been distributed to all students and it is an expectation that students bring these folders each day. Folders have been provided to assist students in organising their learning and I would ask you to support your child in this matter.

Overall the students are wearing the new school uniform correctly and with pride. May I advise that the sports jacket and sports jumper are only to be worn with the sports uniform. Sports jackets are not to be substituted for the College blazer. As we return from holidays, students must wear the summer uniform. Please refer to the parent handbook for clarification.

Amanda Chivers
Yr 7 Year Level Leader
Student feedback
My experience in 7C maths classes have been the most fun I’ve had in any class. We have learnt about things like measurement, scales, volume, capacity, positive and negative numbers. This term we have been focusing on positive and negative numbers. The unit we have focused on has been adding and subtracting negatives, marking numbers and combing operations.
We begin every lesson with a starter and are already revising for our year 7 exams at the end of the year. We write our cornell notes on the left side of our book and do our handouts and work on the right. To prove the teachers here are great (especially mine), at the start of the year I struggled with maths, but now I feel much more confident. I even scored 74% on my maths test.
Tyler Hopkins 7C

YEAR 8 REPORT
Year 8’s have been busy during term 3 making their elective choices for 2014. Students attended a year 8 subject expo where they were able to check out their electives and talk with the elective teachers in the art, technology, LOTE, and STAR departments. Student choices for 2014 have now been finalised and students will find out which electives they will be doing very soon. Also finishing up in term 3 was the “All About You” program. The girls participating in this program have all had a lot of fun learning about the issues facing teenagers today and how they can be handled effectively.
Term 4 looks to be a great term and an opportunity for year 8’s to continue improving and demonstrating the college values.
Peteru Lesa
Yr 8 Year Level Leader

YEAR 9 REPORT
In year 9 we have recently been learning about Financial Literacy, where we have looked at what will benefit us in the future and setting goals at an early age with money. We have learnt about bank accounts and how to manage our money.
The new science and art buildings are fantastic looking, bright and colourful with new rooms for a fresh start. We are looking forward to our classes being in there. We can’t wait for the new gym to be built so we can have fun in a spacious area.
Wyndham Central is a completely new school with proper looking uniforms. It is stricter, but in a good way, because it helps all of us to fulfil our school years. Many teachers have noticed how the students are happier at the school because of the changes.
We are really excited for the adventurous journeys coming up where we are going to experience new opportunities. We are doing a bike ride, canoeing and camping with our friends. We will also do bush cooking where we make damper and our own jam.
We are looking forward to term 4 where we can pass year 9 and look to year 10.
Olivia Mieliwodzki and Amira Soumaya

SENIOR YEARS REPORT
I am pleased with the progress that our years 10, 11 and 12 students are showing towards their school work and the College values of Respect, Co-operation and Excellence. In my discussions with the senior years’ students it is evident that they are excited about the new building works and future direction of the College. We have now opened our new music complex, study centre and the art and science building with construction of the gymnasium about to also commence. A great time for Wyndham Central College!
Students and parents need to be aware that the School Council has approved a policy on students driving to school. Any students driving to school must complete the Student Driving to School Agreement and obtain a copy of the school policy before driving can commence; this is available from Mr Woollard. It is expected that all students adhere to all road rules and drive in a safe and responsible manner. Students attending organised school events are to travel with the supervising teacher and other students on the arranged transport.
Term 3 reports are being distributed to all students on Monday 16th September after a full school assembly and discussions with their Tutor Teachers. I urge all students to take notice of the feedback provided by their classroom teachers on these reports and for parents to take the opportunity to attend parent/teacher interviews. Bookings can be completed now on Parent Teacher Online.
Your Tutor, the online tutoring program that we have in place, is available over the holiday period for student use. The skill builder component has many exam type questions to assist students with their preparation with the upcoming exams.

To all Year 12 students… you are nearly there! So “don’t drop the ball” and give up but give your remaining time at school the best effort that you have ever given. Make the most of your holidays and get that necessary study in place, ensure that your school work is up to date and of course complete those practice exams. Don’t forget to also look after your health, both physically and mentally, eat properly, get sufficient sleep and rest - a balance of your social and school life.

If you have any concerns in regards to your son or daughter's progress then please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s Tutor Teacher followed by their Year Level Leader.

Bryan Woolland
Senior Years Assistant Principal

YEAR 10 REPORT
Now that the course selection process has been finalised, we have shifted our focus to new challenges. All students should know which pathway (VCE, VET, VCAL or SBA’s) they have chosen for next year and which subjects they are doing. All students will be participating in the Year 10 Health Day which involves a series of guest speakers and workshops on gambling, alcohol, risk taking behaviour and sexual health. I’m sure our students will get a lot out of the day and it is a great opportunity for them to access this information in a safe and supportive environment.

Work Experience looms closely and all students must ensure they have a placement for the week of 14th October to the 18th October. Forms are available from the Year 10 office and should be completed and returned prior to the end of term holidays.

Community projects are being undertaken by all students in year 10 and involve them working in small groups to deliver a program or activity that will directly benefit their community. We’ve had some great projects in the past and I am sure this year will be no exception.

The end of the year is fast approaching and it is imperative all students stay on top of their work and are regularly discussing their progress with their teachers. Students must maintain a high work ethic by completing all work and having an attendance rate that is above the required 90% to ensure a smooth transition into year 11.

Daniel Pearce
Yr 10 Year Level Leader

YEAR 11 REPORT
Guest Speaker
On Monday 9th of September we welcomed back Darren Pereira to the school. This was the second time Darren had worked with the Yr 11’s this year with a focus this time on providing students with VCE Success Tools. The students were able to take a lot away from the session and use the upcoming school holidays time productively to ensure a successful outcome for Yr 11.

Class Captains Survey
The Yr 11 Class Captains have been busily working on a survey which they intend to give to the Yr 11’s. They intend to use the information provided in the survey to work towards making some changes for Yr 11 students, to best support them.

Term 3 Progress Reports
With Term 3 reports being issued in the last week of school, on the Monday, it is an important time in the term to see where your child is at. This report provides the first indication of the Unit 2 results. Please discuss this report with your child and I encourage you to make an appointment with your child’s teachers to discuss any concerns.

Rebecca Sandlant
Yr 11 Year Level Leader

YEAR 12 REPORT
Year 12 Celebration Day – Tuesday 22nd October: excursion notices were distributed last week regarding the last day of Year 12 – Celebration Day. Students will be going to Funfields in Whittlesea, following an early breakfast at the College. They will then have one week of SWOT VAC (study time at home) before the commencement of their final exams – the first one being the English Exam on Wednesday 30th October at 9am.
Valedictory Dinner – Friday 22nd November: the initial allocation of tickets ($60 each) began on Monday 9th September with students being able to purchase a total of 3 tickets (including the student). Additional tickets will be offered for sale on Monday 14th October on a ‘first in’ basis. Please note that all outstanding College Fees must be paid BEFORE tickets will be made available to students. Please contact Michelle Lynch, Finance Manager, if you require a copy of your financial statement.

Past Student Expo: on Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th September, we had a few of our year 12 students from 2012 visit the College to speak about their Year 12 experience, pass on some valuable information about exam preparation and talk about ‘uni life’ to our cohort of Year 12 students. The students were: Amber Baker (our female Dux from 2012) and Emily Bellin - Victoria University, Abby Martin - Ballarat University, Jessica Velevska - RMIT and Zach Broomfield (dux of the College) and Alex Mejia - Melbourne University. This was a really successful initiative and we thank them for their time. Hopefully it has helped inspire our students to work hard these holidays in preparation for their exams, so that they can maximise their opportunities and realise their goals.

Reminder about Holiday Classes during school holidays: students have been given a timetable regarding these classes to be held in week 1 of the holidays at Wyndham Park Primary School. There are also many Exam Preparation Lectures being run during the holidays and we encourage our students to attend these, if possible, to help with their exam revision and preparation.

Sharon Bumpstead
Yr 12 Year Level Leader

YEAR TEN WORK PLACEMENT
Year Ten Work Placement is going out from 14th – 18th October (week two, term four). All year ten students are expected to have organised a work placement for this block. If no placement is organised, then students cannot satisfactorily pass unit two of Industry and Enterprise. Green forms can be collected from the year ten office. They must be returned to Miss Cole no later than the first Wednesday of term one. Forms that are returned later than this date will not be processed.

Miss Cole
Work Experience

VCAL PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT SKILLS
When my Personal Development VCAL group started our project we were indecisive about what we should do for our project. So we asked each other about what we had in common and we found we all really liked animals and chatted about what activity we should do involving animals. Our group initially involved Sarah Cardenas, Lachlan Pike and myself.

We decided that we should do a presentation to a group that may not know about certain Australian endangered animals although we did include some endangered well known animals like the bilby. The animals we talked about were the platypus, bilby, square tail kite, brush stone curlew, bush tail rock wallaby and the eastern barren bandicoot.

What was decided is that our presentation would be in front of a group of year 7 students. After the presentation, we also had a little treasure hunt race game. What we did was made seven posters with two questions on them and a picture of the animal on it. Then before the year 7’s went to find the posters around the school we gave them question sheets with multiple answers on them and they had to figure out which was the right answer. It was a bit of a shock because almost everyone was racing to get the prizes once we went outside. The third prize was a block of KitKat chocolate; second prize a packet of Pods and first prize a box of chocolate. All the
prizes were chocolate. The students all raced but I think we should have thought things through more. But I’m still happy they had fun and the comments were nice. I’m glad they were honest and I liked the very positive feedback we received from their teachers Mr. Cutter and Ms. Chivers.

THANKS 7D AND TEACHERS
Jasmine Connor

**WYNDHAM DIVISION ATHLETICS COMPETITION**

On Tuesday the 27th of August 72 students represented Wyndham Central College at the Wyndham Division Athletics Competition. The event was held at Victoria University Athletics Track on a beautiful, sunny day. I was extremely proud to be part of this day as the Athletics Team were very impressive in both their behaviour and participation. I would like to thank Miss Linehan-Cunningham, Miss Cole, Miss Vlahos, and Miss O’Neill for their efforts and support on the day. Congratulations to all competitors and to the 24 or more athletes who have made it to the next level of competition (still waiting for relay team competitors to be confirmed).

Good Luck to Ruby Barrow-Marks, Karina Benbow, Cinnia Georgakopoulos, Taylah Lea, Christopher Gomez, Daniel Lefau, Bior Malual, Selesa Mataio, Amber Pattison, Jesse Pattison, Viliami Siale, Laxmi Singh, Shae Stone, Keanu Tautiwi, Elizabeth Vakaloloma, Jarrod Van Berkel, Michael West, Lauren Winter, Parek Wol, Brenton Cox, Wilson Deng, Peter Lefau, Taylor Magro and Ana Fonokalafi all of whom will be competing at the Western Division Athletics Competition on Thursday the 19th of September.

GO WYNDHAM CENTRAL COLLEGE!!!

Peta Hills
Sports Carnival Coordinator

**SRC SUPPORTERS DAY**

Thank you to all of the students who supported the SRC and came out of uniform in their favourite sport team colours for supporter’s day this term. It was great to see so many students proudly wearing their team colours and getting involved in the lunchtime activities.

Congratulations to the following students for winning the lunchtime sport competitions:

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Thank you to Ms Hills, Ms O’Neill, Mr Thorley, Mr Lesa and Mr Pearce for running the competitions and to all of the SRC rep who helped out on the day.

As a school we raised $660 which was used to make a donation to the caner council in support of Daffodil Day.

Sarah Curtain
SRC Co-ordinator

**RESULTS IN THE AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION 2013**

The results of the 36th annual Australian Mathematics competition held on 1st August in primary and secondary schools are now available.

Students from Grade 3 to Year 12 competed on the same day, making it one of the largest single events in the Australian education calendar. An Australian initiative, the AMC was introduced in 1978 as the first competition of its kind in schools. It is now a truly international competition, having become the major school mathematics enrichment event and benchmark for mathematical ability throughout the Pacific and South East Asia. It tests everything from basic numeracy skills through to advanced problem solving.

There were 45 students from Wyndham Central College who entered the competition – 2 received a Certificate of Distinction, 13 achieved a Credit and 12 obtained a Proficiency Certificate.

The Distinction awardees are: Rudy Dellomas (his result put him in the top 15% of year 8s in the whole of Australia) and Jarrod Van Berkel (his result put him in the top 13% of year 9s in the whole of Australia).

Recipients of the Credit awards are: Bobby Dundovic, Jeremy Cree, Samantha Webby, Britney Short, Ryan Van Asten, Connor McIntosh, Tara Moore, Amy McAuliffe, Julius Isleta, Jeremy McNair, Bailey Rossiter, Ashishkumar Patel and Erin Salvo.

The Proficiency recipients are: Bailey Pettit, Elizabeth Vakaloloma, Jayde Lowery, Kushnadevsinh Ravalji,
Cinnia Georgakopulos, Bevelynne Salvo, Zahra Aamiry, Dylan Van Berkel, Edward Murphy Isabel Cherukara, Robin Fitzgerald and Nicole Cabuenas. Certificates will be given out to students once the College receive them.
The competition is conducted by the not-for-profit Canberra-based Australian Mathematics Trust under the Trusteeship of the University of Canberra.
Lilibeth Lee
Maths Learning Area Leader

STEMNET ROBOTICS CROSS AGE PROGRAM
Throughout this school year, twelve year nine students took the opportunity to participate in the STEMNET Robotics Cross age program as part of the STAR program. Students volunteered their services to the local community and taught young children how to build and program Lego robots. The twelve students included; Kaitlin Carfora, Amy McAuliffe, Kimberly Mizzi, Andreas Steyn, Michael Martin-Liptak, Lucas Datson, Jacob Nuske, James Taylor, Ryan Busst, Lachlan Thomson, Chris Naish and Jeremy McNair. They had a term in which to learn the simple machine systems and know what each piece of the specialized lego sets was and what it controlled. These twelve privileged students mentored 4 classes of grade 5/6 from Manor Vale Primary School and 4 classes of our very own year 7’s. The Yr 9’s spent 6 weeks teaching and facilitating the learning of others, whether it was making AMAZING MECHANISMS, SOCCER PLAYERS or WILD ANIMALS. All of the primary students and their teachers had nothing but praise for the Wyndham Central students and want this as an ongoing part of their curriculum.
We have found this to be a brilliant experience and had a great time teaching the students. We enjoyed learning all the different programs and building the models, then using our new found skills to teach others. The STEMNET Robotics cross-age program has taught us many valuable skills like patience, confidence and the ability to use different teaching styles according to students’ abilities. This will assist us in our everyday lives and in our work places, dealing and coping with a degree of different situations and personalities.

Amy, Kaitlin, Kimberly

STEMNET stands for: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematical Network

Our very own students teaching the year 5/6’s from Manor Vale Primary School.
The year 9 Wyndham Central Robotics Facilitators.
Our students teaching our very own 2013 year 7 classes.
**EXAM PERIOD**

During the Year 10, 11 and 12 exam period there will be no announcements made over the Public Announcement System. If you require your child to leave early it is important that you send a note with them in the morning so they can report to the office to receive an early leavers pass. If you need to pick them up during the day and were not aware of it in the morning it will take us time to have your child bought to the office and we would appreciate your patience. Some of the exams go past 3.00 pm and therefore we are unable to make announcements at the end of the day. **The exams are from 30th October until 20th November.**

**EMA (EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE)**

2013 Parent Applications for the 2nd portion of the Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA) have now closed. Parents/guardians with Health care cards are reminded that they MUST fill out an application at the commencement of each year. Students who are over 16 are not eligible for EMA, but may be eligible for other benefits through Centrelink.

2014 Applications forms will be available from the school office, late December 2013.

2014 Application forms together with a current Health Care Card must be presented to the office no later than 27th February 2014.

Michelle Lynch
Finance Manager

**VOLUNTEERING**

Anyone who wishes to volunteer within a school is required to have a Working With Children Check. There is no cost involved if applying for a WWCC for voluntary purposes. As of July, to apply for a WWCC go to the website: www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au and fill out the form online. You then print the application summary and take it with your passport photo and proof of identity documents to a participating Australia Post outlet.

**FREE ONLINE TUTORING FOR YEARS 9-12 STUDENTS**

Tutoring Australia, in partnership with Victoria University and our college are providing a free online tutoring service from Sunday-Friday (3pm-10pm) for all years 9-12 students at WCC; it also offers a skill building service at any time. All students have now attended a presentation on “Your Tutor” and received their log on details and password. Please encourage your child to use this free service to provide them with extra assistance with their school work. There is a link to Your Tutor on our home page under student links. If you have any questions, then please don’t hesitate to contact Mr Woollard.

**EAL HOMEWORK CLUBS**

- Year 10 to 12 - **Monday** 3.15pm to 4pm in H4
- VCE - **Tuesday** 3pm to 5pm in H4
- Years 7 to 10 - **Wednesday** 3pm to 4pm in H4.

Liz Pottenger
EAL Co-ordinator

**YR 8 EXPLORE HOMEWORK CLUB (FREE TUTORING!)**

Every Monday afternoon in the explore centre from 3pm to 4.30pm. Students are free to work on any homework they may need help with and can leave whenever they like. Snacks provided.

**STUDIO ARTS/VCD HOMEWORK CLUB AND MENTOR**

Any senior art or design student is welcome to attend in A5 every Thursday nights. Amy is an experienced university design student and will be there to help students with their folio work, research, explorations, written responses etc. Students are free to leave whenever they like.

Christina Lomagno
Arts Learning Area Leader
**MATHS HOMEWORK CLUB**
The Maths Department continues providing WCC students with after school Math classes for Term 3. Classes are in H8 and Senior Resource Centre. We have experienced teachers looking after our students whose dedication and commitment is commendable. Again YR11 & YR12 Maths Methods and YR12 Further Maths are being looked after by Ms L Smith, Mr G Bumpstead, Mrs L. Lee and Mr A. Wokulski. Other year levels 7 -10 are getting regular help from other teachers. Everyone is welcome in H8 and Senior Resource Centre every Wednesday at 3.10 pm till late.
A. Wokulski
Maths Homework Club Coordinator

**HUMANITIES HOMEWORK CLUB**
There will be an after school Humanities homework club running for Year 7 – 10 year levels. Students will be supervised and assisted with their school work. The session will be held every Wednesday in the Humanities block from 3.10pm to 4.10pm. All interested students are welcome.
T. Hatzimanolis
Humanities Homework Club Coordinator

**ENGLISH**
The English Learning Area at Wyndham Central College is committed to providing the best learning opportunities for our students. Extra assistance is available to students at the following times:
Year 12 students: Tuesday sessions 1+2 Room: R20
               Friday sessions 5+6 Room: R20
ALL students (7-12) Wednesday 3.15-4.15 Library
All sessions are staffed by at least one VCE teacher. Enquiries from parents/guardians are welcome at any time.
Lynda Wilson
English Learning Area Leader

_beyondblue_ have supported the development of a NEW e-booklet *How to prevent depression and clinical anxiety in your teenager: Strategies for parents* prepared by The University of Melbourne and Orygen Youth Health Research Centre.
The e-booklet offers parents practical advice to help protect their adolescent children from depression and anxiety.
Some of the key strategies in the guidelines encourage parents to:
- develop and maintain a close relationship with their children
- stay involved in their children’s lives while encouraging them to develop increasing independence
- support their children through any challenges they face
- minimise conflict in the home.
The guidelines can be accessed at [www.parentingstrategies.net/depression/](http://www.parentingstrategies.net/depression/)

Also to help families, the _beyondblue_ website now has a dedicated [Parents and Guardians page](http://www.beyondblue.org.au) for information and accessing resources to help young people who are showing signs of depression or anxiety.
**CAREERS NEWS**

The Wyndham Central College Career Newsletter will be published fortnightly to keep students informed of events relating to their career pathways. It will include information regarding tertiary pathways – University & TAFE – as well as employment/industry pathways. The Careers Office, in the administration building, is a resource centre for our students with current institutional handbooks and brochures at their disposal. Students are invited to visit, browse and question. An open door policy exits to ensure students make informed decisions about future pathways. Parents/guardians are welcome to take advantage of the services provided. Appointments can be made to discuss the future pathways of their children. This is a condensed version of the newsletter. The full editions can be found on the College website via the Careers link.

**PATHWAYS INTERVIEWS/PROGRAMS...**

The initial Year 12 Pathways Interviews have been completed. Year 12’s are now invited to stop by the Careers Centre to follow up on the discussions, research, etc. The VTAC Application Process and Other Pathways Application Process have commenced this term, run via their Tutor classes and after school every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3.15 to 4.30pm till the end of Term 3. Information has also been disseminated via assemblies for both students (during Tutor time on Thursday 15 August) and parents (on Tuesday 13 August, 7pm in the College Library) by Mrs Kathy Karlovic, the Pathways & Transitions Leader.

All Year 12 students have attended the Tertiary Information Service (TIS) Event on Tuesday 16th July, held at Victoria University, Footscray Park Campus. The TIS event is an introduction to the VTAC Application Process followed by a mini tertiary institutional expo.

All Year 10 & 11 students are also invited to stop by the Careers Centre to book a pathways interview, visit the Careers Reference Centre, collect tertiary handbooks/brochures, etc. The Careers Program, which officially commenced last term for both year levels with an Introductory Careers Assembly, has been administered via their MIPS classes. A letter was sent home to parents/guardians via students outlining the Careers Program. The purpose of this program for both the Year 10 & 11 students is to investigate career pathways and to select the appropriate program, either VCE or VCAL and subjects to study in Year 11 or 12, if the VCE program is selected. For the Year 11 students it is important for them to confirm that they have selected the correct program/subjects and to make an informed decision as to which subject they will not continue with the following year (in Year 12). Information Evenings for Year 10 and 11 Parents were held during Careers/Pathways Week on Thursday evening, 25th July. Letters were sent home advising parents of the details. The Pathways week consisted of a Pathways Expo with an applied and academic focus, a Subject Expo highlighting the programs and subjects on offer at Wyndham Central College and VCE/VCAL Subject Tasters for our current Year 10 students. The Careers Program is in its final stages with subject/program confirmations taking place.

The Careers Centre is open to all students throughout the school day. It is run via interview bookings to ensure students’ needs are met. Students may also stop by – an open door policy – for a quick chat, followed by an appointment booking if necessary.

**REMINDERS...**

- **Occupational Therapy Information Evening**: 5.30-8pm, Thursday 12th September, Austin Hospital, Studley Rd, Heidelberg Register: email Monica.williams@austin.org.au
- **Medical Radiations Tours** at Peter Mac, Sunday 15th September. Information: phone 9656 1375, RTEducation@petermac.org, www.petermac.org.
- **Deakin University’s School Holiday Program**: Monday 23rd - Friday 27th September
- **Fashion Camp**: 23rd-27th September, Kangan Institute, Richmond Cost: $785, Ages: 15 – 18 years
- **Monash Year 11 Inspiration Day** – explore options, university life, discuss your future. Thursday 26th September, Caulfield Register: www.monash.edu/year11-day Information: Eddie 9903 1613 or onshore-events@monash.edu.
- **Nuclear Medicine Hospital Visits** – What is nuclear medicine? Find out on a visit to a major hospital, 26th - 27th September
  Information: medicalsciences@rmit.edu.au, see www.rmit.edu.au/medicalsciences/nuclearmedicine.
CAREERS IN PSYCHOLOGY...
Many students indicate an interest in studying psychology, and are unsure what it involves. Find out by attending a ‘Careers in Psychology’ free information evening run by the Australian Psychological Society (APS) Student Society. When: 6.30-9.00pm, Fri 20 September

YEAR 12 STUDENTS:
• APPLYING FOR COURSES...
   A reminder that you need to apply for courses through VTAC for 2014 by 27th September (www.vtac.edu.au). The cost of applying up to that date is $27.00. If you apply after this date the charge rises to $91.00. You can apply without paying at the time, but be aware that if you do not pay at all, you will not receive an offer of a place in January 2014. Remember that once you apply, you can change your application. The final time you can change your application is at noon on 23 December. Students are encouraged to complete their applications prior to the end of term with assistance from the Careers Team at Wyndham Central College. SEAS & Scholarship applications are due to Ms Karlovic or Ms Bumpstead by Thursday 19 September as they will take all applications to VTAC on Friday morning (20th September).

• SCHOLARSHIPS...
   Reminder: All current Year 12 students are advised to apply for Equity and Merit scholarships via VTAC. VTAC scholarship applications for domestic students close at 5pm on 18th October 2013. See: www.vtac.edu.au/applying/process.html. Also check individual institution websites for other scholarships. There are also Student Start-Up and Relocation Scholarships available to students receiving income support; these are administered by Centrelink. Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships are administered by institutions and will be allocated to students who meet the Commonwealth eligibility as described on the Centrelink website and have had their indigenous status confirmed.

• OFFERS...
   VTAC has announced that offer letters will no longer be mailed to applicants. When offers of places are released on 17th January 2014, applicants will be able to view their offers in their VTAC user account. Offers may also be published by newspapers with the applicant’s permission. NOTE: Verbal offers have no status. If you receive a verbal offer, ask for the name of the person making the offer and contact VTAC.

INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH ANIMALS?
Werribee Open Range Zoo and Healesville Sanctuary are offering opportunities to find out more about what it takes to work in these environments, and to find out about careers. Check out the duties of keepers including feed preparation, animal enrichment, exhibit maintenance and animal encounters.
Werribee - When: 24th, 26th & 30th September and 2nd October
Healesville - When: 24th & 25th September and 1st & 2nd October
Cost for any day: $103 (incl morning tea).
Healesville also has a Vet for Day program on 25th & 26th September and 2nd & 3rd October
Book: www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/healesville-sanctuary-vet-for-a-day
Cost: $125.
Enquiries for all sessions: 9285 9406.

AUTOMOTIVE MODERN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM...
Vantage Automotive P/L is a major provider of government funded vocational learning and outsourced services to major vehicle manufacturers. Applications are being sought from people interested in joining the motor trade. Positions are already available for 2014.
Another suitable organisation is the Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce (VACC) See www.vacc.com.au and go to Apprenticeships and Training.

NURSING AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY...
From time to time, universities change the prerequisites for their courses. La Trobe university has announced that from 2016 (applicable to current Year 10 students) the Bachelor of Nursing and the Bachelor of
**Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery** will require a study score of at least 20 in one of Units 3 & 4 biology, chemistry, physics, any maths, psychology, physical education or Health and Human Development (in addition to Units 3 & 4 English (any), currently the only prerequisite).

**LA TROBE MELBOURNE…**

La Trobe Melbourne is a pathway into a degree from La Trobe University. La Trobe Melbourne is part of the Navitas group, an internationally recognised education provider with the knowledge and resources of staff in more than 50 different college and campuses worldwide. The diploma programs are in Business, IT, Mass Media and Communication, Bioscience and Health Science. These diploma programs are equivalent to the first year of a University degree, but with smaller class sizes and increased academic contact. After you have completed the Diploma, you progress into second year of a range of Bachelor degrees at La Trobe University (see pages 230-231 of VTAC Guide).

**NOTE:** This is similar to the Melbourne Institute of Business and Technology’s (MIBT) relationship with Deakin University. Monash College also has pathways to Monash University; Swinburne has UniLink. Check fee structure.

Another pathway to university is a TAFE Diploma. As a rule, two years at TAFE equals one year at university (in a related field).

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU) BONUS SCHEMES…**

ACU offers a number of bonus schemes to Year 12 applicants, including the Early Achievers Program (EAP) and the Elite Athlete Bonus (5 point bonus). Some of these schemes apply to applicants automatically, while others require an application form.


Applications for EAP close on 21st October

Applications for the Elite Athlete Bonus scheme close on 1st November.

Please see Mrs Karlovic asap for assistance with applications for these bonus schemes.

**MORE THAN ONE CAREER – A LAW PANEL EVENT…**

The Faculty of Law at Australian Catholic University (ACU) is hosting a panel of law professionals to discuss the benefits and opportunities from studying law. It is an opportunity for students to find out about the range of careers that ACU law graduates may undertake.

**When:** 6-7.30pm, Thursday 19th September

**Where:** ACU Melbourne Campus, Fitzroy

**Information and bookings:**

**JMC ACADEMY…**

Has workshops in the holidays to help you find out what a career in the creative industries can be like. JMC specialises in courses in 3D animation, audio engineering and sound, entertainment business management, film and TV production, games design and contemporary music performance.

**Where:** JMC, 171 Bank St, South Melbourne

**Cost:** $10 per day (with lunch)


**AUDIO-VISUAL TECHNOLOGY…**

Do you want to learn the broad skills of the audio-visual industry including lighting, sound, TV production, design, installation and event management while working on real-life productions and events around Melbourne? If so, you might be interested in the one-year Certificate IV or the two-year Diploma in Audio-Visual Technology at RMIT. Audio-visual technologies have a worldwide presence in home, shopping, government and corporate environments, and their evolving applications are one way for companies to differentiate themselves from competitors. As AV technology is aligning with computer technology, new job roles are being created to cater for a new market. Industry professionals often look to employ RMIT graduates due to their professionalism and strong can-do attitude.


Mrs Kathy Karlovic
Pathways & Transitions Leader
Tel: 9741 4911 Ext.102
TEXT your VOTE and go in the draw to WIN your choice of the following:
- $50 Coles/Myer Voucher
- A kobo e reader
- $50 ITunes voucher

The National Partnerships Extended School Hub (NPESH) Project has been running in Wyndham Park Primary School and Wyndham Central College for over three years. NPESH is about parents, schools and the broader community working in partnership to create better learning outcomes for students. The project has supported initiatives such as BluEarth, Adult Education, Learning Clubs, Hip Hop dancing and university partnerships.

NPESH needs a new logo and we want you to vote on one of these 3 options:

Logo 1: Blue Bubble  
Logo 2: Jigsaw  
Logo 3: Village

To enter text 0407 213 093 with these details:
- Your name
- You relationship to the school (e.g. parent, student, school staff member or community partner)
- Your vote (vote for logo 1: Blue Bubble, logo 2: Jigsaw or logo 3: Village)

ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER: THE LAST DAY OF TERM 3
Wyndham Central Art

Show

Opening Night:
Tuesday 8th Oct 6-7pm
New Art & Design Centre

Guest Speakers, Drama &
Music Performances

Finger food, tea &
coffee provided

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