Welcome to our monthly Parent Newsletter. 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

At this stage of the year so much is happening that signals the end of 2013. Our Yr 12’s have completed their final school day and by the time this newsletter comes out they will have completed exams. The annual Valedictory dinner is on Friday 22nd November where we will farewell our Yr 12’s formally and then they await the results due on Monday 16th December. The Yr 10 and 11’s have been preparing for their exams which are also well underway while the Yr 7, 8 and 9’s will sit exams for the first time. All students in Yrs 7-11 must attend the Step Up program as well as the compulsory enrollment interview with their tutor. Both of these events signal a commitment between our students and our school on being focused and prepared for education at Wyndham Central College. The Step Up program will deliver the first 2 weeks of the 2014 educational program and this content will not be retaught at the start of next year.

Uniform

All students are expected to be in the new school uniform by the end of next year – 2014. Rushfords encourage families to order uniform ahead of time particularly at peak times and do have payment plans available to assist with family budgeting. Please note that the new uniform does include the College Blazer which is a compulsory item that must be worn as part of the new uniform.

Masterplan

The demolition of the old gymnasium has been the first visible sign to the passing traffic and residents that the College is undergoing a major transformation. There are several key areas being developed at the moment commencing with the new Administration/Staff Centre on the Shaws Rd corner. The other key areas are the construction of the new gymnasium by the oval, the Trade Training Centre, the transformation of the old library into the Theatre and the old arts building being refurbished into the Middle Years centre. This stage of the major works is on time with an expected delivery date of April/May next year. It is anticipated that all works will be completed by Term 4.

Please check the calendar on this page to note the key dates.

Warm regards

Julie Myers
Principal
**MIDDLE YEARS REPORT**

As the curriculum work for 2013 is coming to a close we will soon begin our step up program into 2014. Step up gives students a very good opportunity to start their learning for 2014. While your child is becoming a young adult they still need a lot of assistance with their organisation. Please can you take this opportunity to ensure your child has all of the correct equipment in their pencil case for the year. Please can you also ensure they have one book per subject. We do not accept multiple subjects in one book. It may also be a good time to sort out bags and uniform. We are hoping to have as many students as possible in the new school uniform for 2014.

Exams at middle years are also rapidly approaching and students are starting their revision in class. Twenty minutes per night is a good guideline from now to Nov 29th and should ensure good grades. Your child needs a desk space and quiet to concentrate on practise questions. You will receive their exams back at the parent/teacher interviews so you can discuss progress.

If you have any questions about the end of year program please do not hesitate to contact the college.

Middle Years Exam Timetable

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Yvonne Harvey
Middle Years Assistant Principal

**YEAR 7 REPORT**

It's coming close to the end of the year and students are working to complete their school work for final reports. All teachers are working hard to get the final assessments finished and students have been issued with work to complete ensuring they’re up to date. Students should also receive revision material to help them prepare effectively for the end of year exam. Having examinations at year 7 level is an excellent way for students to continuously prepare themselves for the expectations required in the later years. The end of year exams will take place on Friday 29th of November and Monday 2nd of December and subjects to be examined include Mathematics, English, Humanities, Science and Health and Physical Education. Students have already received this timetable. A strategy that may help with revision is for students to use their Cornell notes and questions they have created in class to go over important information. Doing quizzes with your child on the relevant topic to be studied may also help them to recall information. A study space that is quiet and free from distractions will be most beneficial for students. Immediately following the examination period, Step Up will occur where students will be placed in their year 8 Tutor Groups and begin school work in preparation for the 2014 year. This is also a fantastic opportunity for 2014 tutor teachers and parents to meet. The year 7 cohort is doing well in regards to being punctual to classes and being in full school uniform, however, it’s also important to remind your child of the importance of attending all classes on time, attending school every day as well as being in correct school uniform.

Elena Woloszczenko & Simon Thorley
Yr 7 Year Level Leaders

**YEAR 8 REPORT**

It’s halfway through term 4 and year 8 students are preparing for their exams which are to be held on Friday 29th November and Monday 2nd December... Only 2 weeks away!

To make the most of your exam preparation, remember these simple tips:
- Rest is important. Make sure you are getting 8 hours a night.
- Have a dedicated study area.
- Make sure you know what materials you are allowed to bring into each exam.
- Talk to your teachers about topics you are unsure about, or attend after school homework groups.

At the conclusion of exams, those students who have met the Wyndham Central College promotion policy criteria will begin step-up, and will effectively be into year 9 2014.

Good luck on your exams, and all the best for step up.

Peteru Lesa
Yr 8 Year Level Leader

YEAR 9 REPORT

YEAR 9 MELBOURNE CITY EXPERIENCE

9A and 9D embarked on the City Impact (Discover Melbourne) Program on Tuesday the 29th and Thursday the 31st of October. This program involved the year 9s working in small teams to complete and compete in a “points based” scavenger hunt. Students were required to work independently within their teams to achieve all outcomes. They had to fill many roles such as team leader, navigator, recorder, photographer and time keeper etc…

The City Impact Program is offered by The Smith Family Organisation. They provided us with the support, curriculum and resources to run the events. The program strongly motivated our students to move beyond their comfort zone and enabled them to extend and challenge themselves through a series of planned activities. The City Impact Program also enabled our students to see some of the many opportunities and facilities that Melbourne has to offer while giving them firsthand experience at navigating the complexities of the public transport system.

Congratulations to all students involved, we appreciate all the hard work you did in the lead up to the events and the maturity and positivity that you showed throughout the journey. A special mention needs to be made of the following students: Kimberley Mizzi, Kaitlin Carfora, Jessica Tuohy, Amy McAuliffe and Lachlan Thomson who dominated the competition and scored the highest amount of points.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Amy Cole, Patrick Agius, Pina Siragusano, Alan Bernardi, Christine Linehan-Cunningham, Stephanie Porrino, who all gave up their time and supported us and the kids on the excursions.

Anne Vlahos and Peta Hills
Year 9 Star Tutor Teachers

SENIOR YEARS REPORT

On Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th November the College is conducting compulsory Student/Tutor Teacher/Parent enrolment interviews for the 2014 Year 11 and 12 students; from 9am-3pm of which booking sheets have been given to students for time allocation. Please ensure, for a successful transition to 2014, that all students attend with a parent/adult to these interviews. Compulsory 2014 classes start, in what’s called our Step Up program, for Year 11 and 12 students on the 20th November until the 29th November and for 2014 Year 10 students from the 3rd December until the 11th December.

As the year draws to a close for our Senior Years students I would like to thank all Years 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents for their co-operation and support throughout the year. I hope all students achieved their very best for their exams and are now looking forward to their schooling in 2014.

I recently attended the Wyndham Leaders of the Future - Kokoda Expedition Launch of which Mitchell Gray, Year 11 and Mega Hill, Year 10 (see photograph) will be participating in next year. The program is targeted at Years 10-12 students who are well engaged and consistent with their education and have demonstrated or have the potential to impart positive leadership and influence amongst their peers. The primary physical challenge of the program will be a fully funded expedition along the famous Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea in 2014. Well done to the both of you and I’m sure all your hard work and training will pay off!

Year 12 students demonstrated exemplary behaviour leading up to their Dress up/Funfields day and I congratulate and thank them all. I hope all students achieved their own personal goals in regards to their exams and/or their results in all of their subject areas. I wish them well with their future endeavours in education, training and employment and if assistance is ever...
needed then please don’t hesitate to contact the College. I look forward to celebrating their achievements at the Valedictory dinner on the 22nd November.

**Year 11 students** are just about to finish their exams and I hope they have gone well and that they are prepared for the commencement of their all-important year 12 classes in the Step Up program. During this time students will attend Melbourne University to get a feel for university life and attend a sample of student lectures. Valuable holiday homework will also be distributed at the Step Up classes. I congratulate all of the students who presented speeches to their peers for the role of School Captain for next year, not an easy task for anyone! The interviews for these positions will be conducted during Step Up for students who have applied to be a School Captain.

**Year 10 students** are also about to complete their exams and I hope they have strived to do their best as they progress towards the commencement of their VCE or VCAL certificate. Step Up is a crucial time for this progression and I remind all students that it is a compulsory part of their schooling and they can look forward to attending a day at Victoria University as a taster of things to come. I look forward to working with you all again next year.

Bryan Woolard  
Senior Years Assistant Principal

**YEAR 10 REPORT**

The year 10 cohort have been busy undertaking their exams for 2013. It’s hard to believe that these students have finished year 10 and will be starting year 11 in the coming weeks. The year 10 team is very proud that our students have successfully completed Year 10 and are progressing into the senior years programs. It will be hard work but with the support of parents/carers/teachers and each other I am confident in the ability of this group to deliver outstanding results over the next 2 years. Parents and carers play a pivotal role in supporting and encouraging their children to aim high and achieve their dreams.

All students are required to attend a parent conference with their 2014 tutor teacher on Monday 18th or Tuesday 19th November and must attend the ‘Step Up’ program commencing on the 20th November. Year 11 classwork will be taught during this time and they will be starting their VCE or VCAL program. This material will not be re-taught next year. Please ensure all levies are up to date and the necessary paperwork has been completed for your child. I am looking forward to continuing to work with this wonderful group of young people as they embark on the next stage of their educational journey.

Daniel Pearce  
Yr 10 Year Level Leader

**YEAR 11 REPORT**

**VET REMINDER**

Final VET class dates for 2013:
- Year 2 classes finish on 16th October (additional classes if required 23rd October)
- Year 1 classes finish on 30th October (additional classes if required 6th November)

Deakin University Exam Preparation workshop

On Tuesday 22nd of October, 25 Yr 11 students had the opportunity to participate in a workshop from Deakin University. The workshop focused on giving students tips to successful preparation for the upcoming exams and also touched on some of the study skills students can use to help them in their learning. I would like to thank Deakin University for coming out to the school and providing this workshop free of charge for our students. All students were able to walk away with some extra skills to help them in upcoming exams.

Cody Sylvester - Don Deeble Rising star Award winner

Congratulations to Cody Sylvester who is this month’s Don Deeble rising star nominee in the local newspaper Star. The Don Deeble Rising Star Award recognizes young athletes in the Western Suburbs who have achieved outstanding results at a state and national level. The sport that Cody participates in is Lawn Bowles. Cody was part of a team that won a gold medal in the girls four event in the recent National Bowls Championships last month. Congratulations Cody!!

School Captain Student Presentations for 2014

On Wednesday 23rd of October a number of students presented to the Yr 11 cohort to be elected as the school captains for the school next year. Congratulations to all students who presented, it’s not an easy thing to do to get up in front of your peers and present, but all students did an amazing job. There is a formal interview process
to follow and we wish all students well. Hopefully next newsletter we will be able to announce who the successful applicants are.

Rebecca Sandlant
Yr 11 Year Level Leader

**YEAR 12 REPORT**

This is the last week of exams for most of our Year 12 Students and the Valedictory Dinner is fast approaching. I would like to congratulate our students on their conduct throughout the exam period in terms of their punctuality and cooperation - the exams have run very smoothly.

Valedictory Dinner

Valedictory Tickets are now available to be collected from Angela Whitfield's office but can only be handed out once the students have completed their EXIT forms and returned their netbooks. Additional tickets are no longer available.

To all of our Year 12 students – it has been a pleasure working with you this year and I wish each and every one of you all the best in your future endeavours.

Sharon Bumpstead
Yr 12 Year Level Leader

**VICTORIAN TRACK & FIELD STATE FINALS 2013**

Congratulations to Daniel Lefau of Year 10 who placed 2nd in the State in the Under 16 Discus throwing event at the Track and Field Victorian State Finals. He threw 37.02 metres which was only 75 centimetres short of 1st place. As always we are all very proud of Daniel and his efforts.

Daniel has been asked to join and train with the Western Athletics Team. He is looking forward to competing next year and has his mind set on walking away with gold.

Congratulations also need to be made to our new State Qualifier, Christopher Gomez (known to us as CJ). CJ of Year 10 competed in the 200m Sprint and placed 4th in the State with a time of 24.56 seconds. Christopher aspires to qualify again in 2014, improve his time and secure himself a medal at State Finals. The Western Athletics Team would also like CJ to join their squad.

Well done Daniel and CJ. We look forward to celebrating your future successes in Track and Field.

Miss Hills
Sports Carnival Coordinator

**SPORTS REPORT**

Table Tennis Finals:
Congratulations to the year 8 Boys and Girls Table Tennis teams who competed at the Western Region Finals 2 weeks ago.

While both teams came up against strong opposition they have learnt much from being involved in the team.

Keep up the trainings and we will be just as successful next year.

Coach: Miss O'Neill and Miss Porrino

Tennis Finals:

Sesi, Nuwal, Manasek and Lauren competed last week in the Western Region Finals in year 8 girls Tennis. They won their division earlier this year however had to wait 3 terms to play the finals.

A huge thank-you must go out to Sesi and Nuwal who stepped into the team due to two other teammates having to withdraw from competition.

Well done to all girls

Coach: Miss O'Neill
WCC F1 ENGINEERING TAKES POLE POSITION

Thirteen teams from around Victoria converged on Melbourne at the Quantum Technology Centre, situated near Latrobe University(29/10 and 30/10), including our own Wyndham Central College team, GDR (Giant Darter Racing), to take part in the 2013 F1in Schools State Championships, for the opportunity to represent Victoria in the 2013 National Championship, to be held in Canberra at Parliament House. The event was hosted by Re-Engineering Australia, founders of the Schools Innovation Design Challenge/F1 inSchools program in Australia.

The students, Ba Say (Engineer), Roniel Dizon (Team Manager), Julius Isleta (Graphics), Jonathan Isleta (Manufacturing) and Edward Murphy (Resources Manager) designed, manufactured, tested and raced their model F1 car for the preparation of an intense two day competition. The team was impressive and were great ambassadors for WCC.

The first day of competition involved the submission of their two cars for engineering judging, giving an eight minute verbal presentation in front of industry representatives, receiving engineering feedback, which was disappointing as a penalty was incurred and the most exciting event of the day, automatic racing. GDR showed some dash of brilliance with their model F1 car blistering at a time of 1.169sec over 20 metres. A great start to the first day's event.

The second day of competition involved pit display set up, knock out racing and portfolio/display judging. This was a pretty intense day for GDR with emotions and stress levels very high. The final race in the KnockOut came down to GDR and Kyabram, with GDR taking first place.

GDR were successful in several categories, winning Best Engineered Car, Best Industry Collaboration, Knockout Race winners and the overall State Champion Winners in the Development Class category. The students will now prepare for the National Final in Canberra, 2014.

A big thank you to our major sponsor Dow Chemical, for their tremendous support of the STEMNET Project and programs such as the F1 in Schools, Robotics, Rocketry and Kinder science, which engage students in their learning of STEM.

This achievement does not happen without the great support by staff. Thank you to Marie Milkovic for her support of the students during the year, Leanne, Linda and Julie for the vital verbal rehearsals, Heidi for the Portfolio printing, Navin for organising CRT, Shalika for her physics, to staff who covered my classes and to all the subject/elective teachers who gave these 9A students the opportunity to excel. To anyone else who I may have missed, thank you!

Michael Germano
Head of Science/STEMNET Executive

ROTARY ART SHOW

Congratulations to the students who were invited to be a part of the Werribee Rotary Art Show, we are so proud of your achievements and wish you the best of luck for your continued studies in the Arts.

As you can see, the display looked fantastic.

Christina Lomagno
Head of Arts and Design
TECHNOLOGY NEWS
In the Technology learning area we have been fortunate enough to be involved in a program run by Quantum Victoria and the University of Melbourne involving the building and programing of a 3D Printer for our technology students to use. Richard Westhorpe and myself spent a weekend at University of Melbourne building our very own 3D printer and were involved in a presentation day at the university last Thursday. (Assistant Principal Bryan Woollard pictured attending the presentation day)

This type of technology is great for our students to trial and only a handful of schools in our area are lucky enough to have a 3D printer for their use (pictured left). Year 9 technology students will have the opportunity to design a 3D model on their netbooks and then print it into something they can hold and look at out of the computer (example models below). This machine will hopefully be utilised in Years 8-10 in Wood Technology and Systems/Electronics.

I would like to thank Richard Westhorpe for his help in this program.
Stephanie Porrino (Head of Technology)
ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

November has crept up on all of us and it is almost the end of the 2013 school year. With this in mind and with Step Up program about to commence, it is time to look at the financial requirements and how Wyndham Central College, with the cooperation of the financial commitment from families is able to deliver a quality educational program to all students. To achieve this it is so very important that all families ensure they have paid for any outstanding costs associated with the education of their children in 2013 or before. As part of this commitment families are encouraged to have made all outstanding payments to ensure their children are able to meet requirements and be placed into their desired electives for 2014.

LEVIES

Recently Wyndham Central College sent families the various 2014 Levy Sheets. The 1st Installment of these levies is to be paid to the college as shown below:
- 2014 Year 7 no later than 10th December 2013
- 2014 Year 8, Yr 9 and Yr 10 no later than 3rd December 2013
- 2014 VCE no later than 18th November 2013
- All payments are to be paid in full by the 29th January 2014 unless other arrangements have been made. The college offers payment plans, CentrePay options and of course those who are in receipt of EMA in 2014 can also utilise this option.

Wyndham Central College will accept this payment at any time but request it is finalised by the date shown above. Some families are in credit and we highly recommend that any outstanding credit is used to offset this cost to you.

EMA

2014 will be the final year the Victorian State Government offers Education Maintenance Allowance. To be eligible you must be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card. This card must be valid on the 28th January 2014 for the first installment and then valid on the 14th July 2014 for the second and final installment. Children 16 years and under may be entitled to this payment if government criteria is met. Your signed pension card must be presented when you hand in your completed form into the office. These forms are now available at the office.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE HOURS

The Administration Office hours are as follows:
Monday to Friday 8:15 am till 4:30 pm
The Administration Office will be closed from Monday 16th December 2013
The Administration Office will re-open on Friday 24th January 2014 from 9:30 am – 2:30 pm. Hedleys will be in attendance for families to collect pre-ordered book packs from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon.
Your cooperation and your participation in assisting Wyndham Central College in their commitment to provide our students with a quality educational experience is truly appreciated.
Netta Ferlazzo
Business Manager

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

It’s not long till the end of the year and there are still a number of library books that are overdue. Could you please have a look at home and return any books you may find.
Thank you for your assistance.
Heidi McDowell
Resource Manager

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.
Can Saver Plus assist you with education costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

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You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Daniel Crotty, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(03) 9749 7194 / 0439 585 702 or
daniel.crotty@thesmithfamily.com.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in Werribee by The Smith Family. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.
Help for Shy or Anxious Teens and Children: Online Treatment for Social Anxiety is now available!

For children and teenagers with Social Anxiety, school can be an incredibly difficult time. Activities like presenting oral reports, participating in class activities, playing or competing in team sports and joining in with groups can be extremely anxiety provoking situations. But there is help available... and it's online!

A team of researchers (BRAVE Team) at Griffith University, University of Southern Queensland, and the University of Queensland are seeking children (8-12 years) and teenagers (13-17 years) suffering from social anxiety; a fear of being negatively judged by others, or extreme shyness.

The BRAVE program aims to help children and their parents learn strategies for managing social anxiety and teach techniques to cope with anxiety-provoking social situations. The treatment program involves between 7-12 online sessions for participants, with each session taking approximately an hour to complete. Families are charged a one-off fee of $120 to assist in covering treatment costs and will also be asked to complete questionnaires and telephone interviews. However, families will receive a rebate of $25 in vouchers each time they complete a post-treatment assessment.

For more information, or to register your interest in the program, please visit the BRAVE ONLINE website: www.exp.psy.uq.edu.au/socialanxiety. Alternatively, you can contact the BRAVE team on (07) 3735 3312 or Email: brave@psy.uq.edu.au.

For further information, pay a visit to our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/braveforanxiety
Would you like help with your homework?

Are you in Years 7 to 12?