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

Year 12 EXAMS
This term has been a very busy one, in particular with our final preparations for Year 12 exams and all that accompanies their end of school celebrations. I would like to acknowledge the commitment and dedication shown by our staff in being available over the recent term break to assist all of our senior students with their preparation for revision for the forthcoming exams.

Many long hours were put into the revision program which hopefully will translate into great results for our students.

STEP UP PROGRAM
For all of term 3 and this term we have been working through the workforce planning process to finalise the classes and appropriate staffing for 2014. This has been particularly important whilst the major building works take place to ensure that the school has access to certain classrooms.

Student course selections have been finalised for next year’s program and for our students they will be commencing their 2014 work programs in a few weeks’ time in the compulsory ‘step up’ program. ALL students are expected to attend this program as the work presented is the introduction to their course; it is assessable and are scheduled classes that count towards overall attendance. Any absences will jeopardise assessment and enrolment for 2014. PLEASE NOTE THE ‘STEP UP’ DATES ON THIS NEWSLETTER.

THE ART SHOW
During the first week of this term the Arts department held the annual art show which was a great success and showcased the very high standard of work from our students. Thank you to the Arts Department for the hard work that went into preparing for this show.

Some 14 pieces of art have been selected by the Werribee Rotary Club who will include the art in their annual show to the community.

BUILDING PROGRAM
May I continue to remind our parents and families that from the beginning of this process we have provided a range of forums and gatherings with our community to gather their input into the planning and progress. These opportunities have been invaluable in the planning and discussion of the vision of the school. Currently the plans are located in the Admin foyer and outline the next stages of the major building works.

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At this stage the old gymnasium has been dismantled providing the cleared site for the new Administration and Staff Centre, the footings for the new gymnasium which will be located by the oval have been commenced, the old art building has been gutted ready to transform into the Yr 8-9 Centre, the Tech wing has been gutted ready to be refurbished into the Trade Training Centre for Electro technology and the old Library is being remodernised into the Auditorium.

AWARDS EVENING
I would like also like to take this opportunity to invite all parents and families to the celebration of our school year at our annual Awards Ceremony on Monday 16th December. Please put this date in your diary.

NEWSLETTERS FOR 2014
This term will be the last term that we will be sending home the printed version. From the start of 2014 the newsletter will be located on our website.

Warm regards
Julie Myers
Principal

MIDDLE YEARS REPORT
You would by now have had time to read your child’s interim report and had the opportunity to speak to teachers regarding progress. The students only have a few weeks left in their current year level before step up begins (the start of the 2014 curriculum) so it is very important you are continually checking they are on track.

At times we think our children are old enough now to do things on their own – however, in going round classes many of the middle years students bags are a muddle. Please can you make it part of your daily practise to:

- Check your child’s planner for homework and sign
- Check your child’s work and their school bag that everything is organised for the next day
- Check your child is having a healthy breakfast and lunch, and has enough to drink to keep them going throughout the day
- Read with your child and show an interest in their school work for the day

As you know we are now in summer uniform. Generally this is very good. Please can I take the opportunity to remind you that only WCC hats are acceptable along with natural coloured hair and no facial piercings.

We look forward to a good term of excitement as the Gym is demolished and students complete the year.

All middle school students will have exams on Nov 29th and Dec 2nd in Maths, English, Hums, Science and PE/Health. Teachers will be beginning revision sessions soon. These exams assist in preparing students for their future and give us all a good indication of their learning for the year. Please from now on encourage your child to start their revision schedule. If you would like further assistance in this please do not hesitate to contact the college.

Happy Term 4!
Yvonne Harvey
Middle Years Assistant Principal

YEAR 7 REPORT
The year 7s have started the semester well, have settled into their classes and are getting used to using their lockers effectively. It's important for students to access their lockers and take the correct equipment to each of their classes at the beginning of the lesson and the end of the lesson. If your child has any issues with their locks or lockers please contact the college to discuss with the year level leaders.

On Monday the 14th October, the year 7s had their last immunisation scheduled for the year. Injections are often hard for the students; however our cohort demonstrated maturity and resilience during this time.

Year 7 exams are scheduled for Friday 29th October and Monday 2nd December. All students are required to sit exams during this time for their subjects. Completing end of year exams are excellent preparation for the demands required during the later years.

The year 7 into 8 Step Up Program is also scheduled to run after the exam period. This is an opportunity for students to meet their tutor teachers for the 2014 school year. Students will also get a feel of the type of work and expectations required at year 8 level.

Elena Woloszczenko & Simon Thorley
Yr 7 Year Level Leaders
**YEAR 8 REPORT**
On the 9th of October 2013, Wyndham Central was able to plan and create Multicultural Day. The day was fantastic. In preparation the Year 10s helped to advertise this day and invited the school to attend in Multicultural dress. There were many students representing their culture in their bright and colourful clothing. During lunchtime Ms Banens, with assistance, set up a stage to invite the students of the school to represent their culture and perform. There was a variety of different performances, such as dancing and singing. Whilst this was happening everybody enjoyed trying/buying different types of multicultural food. Overall this day was wonderful, proving that Wyndham Central College is proud of their backgrounds.
The changes at the school have been amazing. There have been many improvements to this school, such as the reconstruction of buildings, the change in uniform and the transforming of the college values. All changes have proved positive in improving our outlook of the school.
Evelyn Salvo
8A

**YEAR 9 REPORT**
Term 4 will be an active and busy term. Students will be preparing for their exams in specific subjects. Star activities will be different for the various classes. They include a bike tour, Melbourne City experience, outdoor cooking day in the Brisbane Ranges and volunteering at the Historic ship Alma Doepel. Students are required to plan in teams for their activity. Students who are at risk are being notified and parents can contact their student’s tutor teacher for clarification. Yr 9 students participated in the recent multicultural day which was an excellent reflection on the richness of our student body. Students who participated in the recent Melbourne University poetry competition are receiving their awards at the yr 9 assembly. A reminder that students are preparing for exams and the step up program which will soon be upon us. Well done year 9.
Allan Bernardi
Yr 9 Year Level Leader

**SENIOR YEARS REPORT**
As all senior students are approaching their final exams for the year. Below are some basic tips for exam preparation, so good luck and study hard.
- Create a timetable for your study
- Prepare and revise
- Complete past exam papers
- Be organised
- Ask your teachers for help if needed
- Cramming for an exam doesn’t work, so once again, be prepared

**Year 12 students**
Year 12 students are now on the homeward stretch and hasn’t the year flown! Exams are just around the corner for most Year 12 students and please reflect on all the advice and preparation given to you by your teachers. I wish all students the very best of luck with their exams so believe in yourself and give it your best shot and all your hard work will pay off. The Year 12 Celebration day and Funfields excursion is on Tuesday 22nd October and I'm sure the students will have a fun time, however I ask that all students are sensible with their celebrations and do the right thing by others including the College. Good luck to all VCE and VCAL students for your future education and training and if there is anything that the College can do to assist you then please don’t hesitate to ask.

**Year 11 students**
Year 11 exams begin on the 6th November and this is great preparation for the Year 12 externally set exams that they will face next year. A big thank you to the group of students who have been working hard on their next year’s Year 12 jacket design and for providing me with feedback on how they would like to see the 2014 School Captains elected. I value all of your feedback and will put ideas in place that best reflect this cohort of students.

**Year 10 students**
Year 10 students have been busy with completing their Community projects and their last round of Work Placement. Year 10 exams are just around the corner starting on 11th November so please get stuck into your revision work so that you are fully prepared.
I definitely need to highlight the accomplishment of Danae Haynes, a Year 10 student, who was voted in at first place for “The other election” (please read the Year 10 report). This was a fantastic achievement and something that the staff and students at Wyndham Central College are very proud off. Well done Danae!

Bryan Woollard
Senior Years Assistant Principal

YEAR 10 REPORT

Year 10’s have had a terrific start to the term, week one saw a multitude of community projects undertaken by the students. Many students managed to co-ordinate their projects with the cultural day and an amazing energy was harnessed across the college, without doubt a lunchtime to remember – well done to all. Our students’ commitment to their college was exemplary with students having to put into practice the leadership and enterprise skills they have been developing in class.

The second round of work experience has been completed. All students have had a great time and again have had the opportunity to apply their learning in a real work environment. Ms Cole deserves a special mention for all the hard work she has put in to make the placements happen – thank you.

As the end of the year quickly approaches students are reminded to finalise any work that needs to be submitted and begin their preparations for the coming exams. It is time to begin the revision process now and parents and carers should expect to see their children completing home-study most evenings.

Daniel Pearce
Yr 10 Year Level Leader

THE OTHER ELECTION

Danae Haynes

Huge congratulations must go to Danae, who has made us all extremely proud of her as she has won ‘The Other Election’. Danae recorded the speech she would make if she was to become the first elected Indigenous Prime Minister of Australia. There were 646 Indigenous Students in years 10 to 12 across the country who recorded a speech and Danae was voted into first place – a truly amazing achievement. Danae will now present her speech at Parliament House later in the year. The competition was an initiative of AIME (Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience) and involved Danae being mentored by Stephen Browning (News Corp) and Addie Walsh (RMIT University). Well done Danae a wonderful effort. Also thanks to Luke Jones our Koorie tutor who worked with Danae on this project.

Daniel Pearce
Yr 10 Year Level Leader

See below the article that appeared in the Wyndham Weekly in late September (written prior to the announcement of the winner).

Danae Haynes knows what she would like to achieve if she were elected Australia’s first indigenous prime minister. The Wyndham Central College year 10 student dreams of a united Australia without harmful, negative stereotypes. She hopes the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME) will give her the chance to spruik her dream in Federal Parliament. Danae is competing in The Other Election, an AIME competition aimed at encouraging young Aborigines to think about their future. The charity is connecting 2000 indigenous high school students with 1000 university student mentors across five states. The competition’s 600 entrants were required to write and record the speech they would deliver to Parliament if they were to become the nation’s first indigenous prime minister. The speeches have been put on the internet, where people can vote for their favourite. The writers of the top 10 speeches, including Danae, last week travelled to Sydney to re-record their speeches at Foxtel studios with the help of industry experts. The new recordings will be online until Sunday, with the top three given the chance to read their speech in Parliament. Danae said her speech was about overcoming stereotypes and asking people to work together. She said while the election of the first indigenous prime minister would be “an important mark in history” it wasn’t something people should make a fuss about.

“Indigenous people are ordinary people. The first indigenous prime minister shouldn’t be that different.”

By Laura Little


**YEAR 11 REPORT**

YR 12 JUMPERS

Next year will be the last Yr 12 group to have the opportunity to buy Yr 12 Jumpers. A small group of Yr 11 students have been working closely with the rest of the Yr 11’s to come up with a design for next year. More specific details will be available to students soon.

SCHOOL CAPTAIN NOMINATIONS

Yr 11 students will start the process of electing School Captains for next year soon. The group have voted on a process that allows both teachers and students to have a voice in who is elected. Good luck to all students who elect to run for School Captain next year.

EXAMS

Exams start Wednesday 6th of November, the day after Melbourne Cup public holiday. Students should be revising now to ensure good results in the exams. An exam timetable will be available to students soon.

VET NEWS

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)

Rebecca Sandlant
Yr 11 Year Level Leader

**YEAR 12 REPORT**

As the year is winding up for our Year 12 students, I would like to say what a pleasure it has been working with this group of students. They have been one of the most respectful, cooperative and friendly cohorts that I have ever dealt with and I wish them well in their future endeavours.

Last day for Year 12

Our Year 12 students officially finish on Monday 21st October – this will be a normal school day with classes running as usual. The following day, the 22nd October is our Year 12 Celebration day. We will be holding a breakfast at the school from 8am in the Year 7 OLS and students may come in ‘fancy dress’ if they wish. We will then be bussing them to Funfields in Whittlesea for a day out. All food will be provided on the day and we look forward to sharing their last day of their secondary schooling with them.

SWOT VAC Week and Exams

Wednesday 23rd October – Tuesday 29th October is SWOT VAC week. There will not be formal classes running, however, teachers will be available in their timetabled classes so that students preparing for their exams can seek help, if required. We encourage all of our students to use this time wisely and be prepared for the exams which begin with English on Wednesday 30th October. Please ensure that you are aware of your child’s exam timetable and encourage them to be prepared and on time for their examinations.

Valedictory Dinner

The Valedictory Dinner is conducted after the examination period on Friday November 22nd at Ultima Receptions in Keilor. This evening is a celebration of our students’ achievements, where we present each and every student with a Graduation Medallion and a commemorative gift. We encourage all of our families to attend this important occasion.

Tickets are still available for $60.00 per person which includes a 3 course meal and entertainment – please contact our College’s Front Office. Closing date for ticket purchases will be Friday 1st November.

Sharon Bumpstead
Yr 12 Year Level Leader

**YEAR 12 EXAM TIMETABLE**

Year 12 students have been working hard to ensure that all work is complete, all SAC’s have been achieved to the best of their ability and that they have begun a rigorous revision program in preparation for the end of year exams. Students are encouraged to continue their study plan and maintain their focus until the last exam. It is also important to take care during the remaining time, to have plenty of rest, eat well and keep healthy.

Please note that full school uniform must be worn to each exam.

As the gym is no longer in existence, all exams from Wednesday 30th October to Monday 4th November will be held in the MIPS space (H1, H7 and H8). Melbourne Cup Holiday is Tuesday 5th November and the remaining Year 12 exams will then be held in the new study centre.
If a student is unable to attend their exam due to illness or other extenuating circumstances, it is important to phone the school on the morning of the exam on 9741 4911. If a student is unable to attend an exam they are to see Ms Sulicich as soon as possible to apply for a Derived Exam Score by completing the required application. A medical certificate is required for the day of exam the student did not attended. The DES application must also be completed by the doctor and sent to VCAA within 7 days of the student’s final exam.

It has been a long and at times challenging year for our Year 12 students. We take this opportunity to wish all Year 12 students the very best during the exam period and for their future endeavours. The exam timetable is outlined below:

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**YEAR 11 EXAM TIMETABLE**

All Year 11 exams will be held in the MAPs space (H1, H7 and H8). Please note that Full School Uniform must be worn to each exam. There will be no lessons scheduled during the exam week. Any Year 11 student completing a Year 12 subject must attend the Year 12 exam and complete the Year 11 exam during the catch up exam time. All VET students who have not completed their course will have their last session on Wednesday 6th November.
**AVID: ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION: WHAT’S HAPPENING IN TERM THREE?**

AVID is a research-based program with proven results of student achievement that aims to develop students as readers and writers and provides strategies to develop critical thinking.

**AVID YEAR 7**
In term 3, students in Year 7:

- Used Cornell notes, to improve their writing and inquiry skills in addition to developing their capacity to produce accurate and concise summaries.
- Used Critical Reading strategies to support them to understand rigorous text and improve their learning confidence.
- Were introduced to a set of abbreviations for use in their Cornell note-taking.
- Were introduced to a variety of vocabulary building strategies to build their vocabulary.

This term, we will continue to develop students’ capacity to improve their writing and inquiry skills and their ability to write accurate and concise summaries through the Cornell notes. In term 4, students will consolidate their critical reading skills to assist in improving their understanding of complex text and teachers will continue to facilitate vocabulary building skills to support them to improve their learning confidence and learning outcomes. Please ask your child to discuss some of the activities they have completed in class as students talking about their learning offers them the opportunity to strengthen their understanding.
Another important focus this term will be binder organisation. As part of the AVID program, all Year 7 students purchased the AVID Essential Pack that included a binder and binder books to assist them in developing their organisational skills. Unfortunately, the 2 ring arch lever binders that was supplied did not wear very well and students have therefore been unable to use them effectively. As a goodwill gesture, the College has purchased new binders for all Year 7 students along with new binder books and subject dividers. These have been distributed to all Year 7 students. It is an expectation that all students maintain a well organised binder. Teachers will award weekly binder awards to encourage organisation. We ask that as parents you support the use and organisation of the binder by checking that your child has it neatly organised and ready for the following day.

**YEAR 10 AVID ELECTIVE**

In term 4, students in the Year 10 AVID elective class will continue to focus on organisation of the binder, Cornell Notes, Learning Logs, Tutorials and Tutorial Request Forms and Critical Reading Socratic seminars and Philosophical chairs.

The students are required to ensure that they have a well organised binder and this is monitored weekly through a binder check to ensure that all components of the binder are neatly organised. Students are also required to submit one set of Cornell notes per week for assessment. Another weekly requirement is the Learning Log. The purpose of the learning log is to allow students to reflect on the learning they have made over the week in each subject and to connect this to previous learning so they can be more active learners.

Pre-service teachers from Victoria University who act as tutors will continue to support the AVID students. Student are required to complete at least one Tutorial Request Form (TRF) per week so they can bring a point of confusion or a question with which they need help to class. Through inquiry students are guided by their peers and their tutor to gain an understanding of their point of confusion or question.

The students will continue to extend on the Critical reading strategies that will support them to improve their capability to understand difficult and complex text. Critical reading will often be preceded by a Philosophical chair, a format for classroom debate that ensures respectful dialogue, mutual understanding, and deep engagement into the subject matter. Critical reading will be followed by a Socratic seminar where students achieve a deeper understanding about the ideas and values in a text. In the Seminar, participants systematically question and examine issues and principles related to a particular content, and articulate different points-of-view. The group conversation assists participants in constructing meaning through disciplined analysis, interpretation, listening, and participation.

Please ask your child to explain some of the skills they have been learning in AVID as this provides your child with the opportunity to consolidate their understanding.

Connie Faranda
AVID Site Leader

**STRUCTURED WORK PLACEMENT YEAR TEN**

As this newsletter goes to print, we have 110 year ten students undertaking their structured work placement as part of their Industry and Enterprise studies for unit two. This is a compulsory part of their learning linked to their understanding around enterprise, leadership and work related skills as applied in a functioning work place.

The year tens are working in a variety of different industries, from retail, to hospitality, building and construction, education, customer service, hairdressing and beauty and fitness. Many students have long work hours, some starting as early as 7 am and some working as late as 10pm. Students are also travelling as far as Keilor, Geelong and Tullamarine to complete their work placement.

All students will be visited by a teacher in the course of the week to check their progress, but early reports from employers suggest that the students are having a good time and working hard.

On behalf of the school, I would like to thank the employers who have taken the responsibility for our students this week, and would urge our school community to support these businesses in turn.

Amy Cole
Work Experience Coordinator

**ANNUAL COLLEGE ART SHOW**

Thank you to all the parents, students, teachers and wider school community members for attending our annual college art show. The show was a huge success and everyone was very impressed with the quality of student work and professionalism of the display.
If you missed our show and would like to see some of the highlights, be sure to visit the Rotary Art Show at Werribee Primary School on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th Oct, 9-4pm. Some of our student’s work will be showcased there as part of the Rotary display.

Thanks again and hope to see you all there.

Christina Lomagno
Head of Arts and Design

KOORIE STUDENT ART PROJECT

As part of the Wannik Standpoint Project that is looking at Koorie student education, artist Kerrie Black visited the school to work with some Koorie students for the day. The students and Kerrie designed and painted half wine barrels with artwork that told their stories. Students participated enthusiastically and produced some great artwork to decorate the barrels that will be planted and displayed in the school.

Luke Jones
Koorie Tutor

WESTERN METROPOLITAN REGION ATHLETICS COMPETITION 2013

The Wyndham Central College Athletics Team competed at the next level of competition in the last week of Term 3. The Western Metropolitan Region Competition was held at John Landy Athletics Field. Team members were Ruby Barrow-Marks, Karina Benbow, Cinnia Georgakopoulos, Christopher Gomez, Daniel Lefau, Selesa Mataio, Amber Pattison, Jesse Pattison, Viliami Siale, Keanu Tauwi, Elizabeth Vakaloloma, Jarrod Van Berkel, Michael West, Lauren Winter, Brenton Cox, Wilson Deng, Peter Lefau, Allie Currell and Ky Short.

Our team performed successfully on the day, attaining many personal bests and four students received medals for their performances. The Team’s representation of Wyndham Central was outstanding and really showcased our College’s Values.

Daniel Lefau and Christopher Gomez of Year 10 both placed first in Discus and the 200m sprint respectively. They will be going on to represent the school in the Secondary Track and Field State Finals. We wish Daniel and CJ all the best in their up and coming event and look forward to hearing about their future success.

Peta Hills
Carnival Sports Coordinator

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY

Thank you to everyone who came out of uniform last Wednesday to support Multicultural day. It was great to see most of our students out of uniform, especially those who came to school dressed in their cultural clothes.

As a school we raised around $450. This money will be used to make a donation to the Manari Medical Centre in Papua New Guinea. The SRC decided to support two of our students Mega (Year 10) and Mitchell (Year 11) who will be walking the Kokoda Trail next year to raise money for the medical centre.

Sarah Curtain
SRC Co-ordinator

ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

LEVIES

As the year draws to a close at Wyndham Central College, your children will have brought home 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.

This means that we 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 Officer 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.
Netta Ferlazzo
Business Manager

**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.**

**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

**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](http://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
CAREERS NEWS

This is the last edition of Careers Newsletter for 2013 - It is mainly directed at Year 12 students.

Good luck as you progress to higher levels at school, or for Year 12’s, on to university, TAFE, a gap year, an apprenticeship or traineeship, or to employment. Remember that you are likely to have several careers in your lifetime, and be prepared to gain further education throughout your lifetime.

REMINDERS…


YEAR 12
CHANGE OF PREFERENCE PERIOD:

After you obtain your results on Monday 16 December, there is a period when you can change your VTAC preferences. You may have changed your mind, or done better (or not as well) as expected. It is a good idea to review your preferences at this stage, up till 12 noon on Monday 23 December. Universities and TAFEs offer assistance to Year 12 students at this time.

- **Australian Catholic University** - 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228) hotline – Monday to Friday 9.00am-5.00pm
- **Box Hill TAFE** – Change of Preference Evening: Wednesday 18 December. Call 1300 BOX HILL or Andrea on 9286 9553
- **Charles Sturt University** - Call 1800 334 733
- **Chisholm TAFE**: Call 1300 CHISHOLM
- **Deakin University** – COP Hotline: 1300 DEGREE.
  Information Evenings: Burwood 5-7pm, 17 December, Geelong Waterfront Campus, 5-7pm, 18 December
- **Holmesglen Institute**: Call 1300 693 888
- **Kangan TAFE**: Call 13 TAFE
- **La Trobe University** – Change of Preference Advisory Day, 11am-2pm, 18 December (Melbourne and Bendigo). Hotline: 1300 362 203
- **Monash University**: Change of Preference Expo, 3-7pm, Building H, 900 Dandenong Rd, Caulfield.
  Hotline: 1800 MONASH (1800 666 874) or see www.monash.edu
- **NMIT** - Call 9269 1200
- **RMIT University/TAFE** – Information Line: 9925 2260.
- **Swinburne University/TAFE** - Hotline 1300 275 794 (1300 ASK SWIN); 10am-4pm, 18 December – one on one interviews in ATC building (no appointment needed). Appointments can be made on line for other days
- **University of Melbourne**: Course Information Day, 10am-2.30pm, Wednesday 18 December.
  See www.cop.unimelb.edu.au/2013 or Hotline: 13 MELB (13 6352) or 13MELB@unimelb.edu.au, or visit the Information Centre, Gate 3, Swanston St, Melbourne
- **Victoria University/TAFE** – Course Advice appointments: 1-6pm, 16-20 December.
  Change of Preference Expo: 3-7pm, Tues 17 December (Footscray). Hotline: 1300 VIC UNI (1300 842 864)
- **William Angliss Institute** – Experience Angliss Day: 2-5pm, 18 December

INTERESTED IN AGRICULTURE AND/OR SCIENCE?

Are you passionate about agriculture, and want to undertake tertiary study in this area? Would you like to experience University of New England (NSW) life, and see the opportunities that the **UNE School of Environmental and Rural Science can provide**? Then, UNE’s **GENERATION 2050** is for you. 100 passionate agriculture students from around Australia will be chosen to take part in UNE’s inaugural **Generation2050: Project Feed the World conference.**

**When**: Sun 1 – Wed 4 December 2013

**Where**: UNE, Armidale, NSW

**Cost**: Free (residential college, meals, etc)

**Travel**: UNE will subsidise this according to the distance travelled

DID YOU KNOW?
Many TAFE Institutes have articulation arrangements with universities. For example, upon completion of the Box Hill Institute’s Advanced Diploma of Engineering Technology, students will receive 18 months credit and so can enrol into the fourth semester of the Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering at Deakin University. This course also leads to further study at other higher educational organisations. Similar arrangements apply to many other TAFE diplomas.

CHECK OUT WILLIAM ANGLISS INSTITUTE
Interested in a career in foods, tourism, hospitality or events? You might wish to book an appointment with a Future Students representative for a tour of facilities, and to learn about programs and applications.
Contact: Andrew Plisi on 9606 2480, andrewpl@angliss.edu.au or Alex Lloyd on 9606 2444, alexl@angliss.edu.au.

MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS…
• Federation University Australia held its official media launch on 1 October. The new university amalgamates the University of Ballarat and Monash University’s Gippsland campus, and begins operations from 1 January, 2014. VTAC applicants who have included at least one University of Ballarat and/or Monash University Gippsland campus in their preferences are advised that these preferences will be for Federation University Australia, with the VTAC codes and university name automatically updated on their preference list. With the exception of the Graduate Entry Medicine and Surgery degree, Monash University will no longer assess or make offers for Gippsland courses, however, applicants who received an offer this year and deferred for 2013 will be able to enrol as a Monash student at Gippsland (some exceptions).
  Information: phone 5122 6767
  See: www.federation.edu.au.
• NEW ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATE ENTRY MBBS (MEDICINE/SURGERY)…
  From 2014 there will be amendments to entry requirements for this course.
  If interested in pathway options to MBBS, register on www.med.monash.edu.au/medical/gippsland/mbbs-pathways.html to be kept up to date with the latest information.
  Details will be published on this website as they become available.
• PHARMACY AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES…
  Students who do not meet the entry requirements to enter the Bachelor of Pharmacy direct from Year 12 can enter the program at third year as graduates of science-based degrees. This new entry point means that graduates wanting to become pharmacists will no longer need to commence their studies at first-year level and will qualify for their pharmacy degree in just two years.
  Those eligible: have successfully completed an approved degree with a 70%+ GPA in the following disciplines: pharmaceutical science, pharmacology, biomedical science, biomedicine, chemical engineering and science (conditions apply). A six-week summer bridging program will be required.
  Information: www.monash.edu/pharm/future/courses/grad-pharmacy/index.html

SCIENCE EXPERIENCE AT RMIT…
This is a 3-day hands-on activities program for those entering Year 10 in 2014. Go behind the scenes in the world of science and technology.
When: 21-23 Jan, 2014
Cost: $115
Registration: www.rmit.edu.au/scienceexperience
Information: Sarah, phone 9925 9570.

ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIPS…
NECA (National Electrical and Communications Association) Victoria has partnered with E-Oz Energy Skills Australia to provide industry with access to quality apprentices. You can undertake the Energise Oz readiness Assessment free of charge, and if you meet the requirements, your details will be sent to NECA members in Victoria for employment selection.

YEAR 12: EXITING, RESULTS and DECEMBER CHANGE OF PREFERENCE.
1. EXITING:
   (i) All students will be issued with a Blue Exit Form.
Exit Forms must be returned to Mrs Karlovic by Friday 15 November, 3pm or immediately after their last exam.

2. VCE results and ATARS available on the internet from **7am MONDAY, 16 DECEMBER to 12 noon, MONDAY, 23rd DECEMBER 2013**.
3. VCE results and ATARS received in the mail by **TUESDAY 17th DECEMBER 2013**.
4. Mrs. Karlovic, the Pathways & Transitions Leader, will be available to students from Monday 16 December, in the Careers Office from 9am to 4pm for assistance/counselling during results and Change of Preference Time. Each student is entitled to an appointment to assist with decision making regarding pathways, VTAC preference changes, etc. Appointments can be made prior to Monday 16th December as well as on the Monday morning via a telephone call to the College. Students can also make their way to the Careers Office to arrange an appointment or make a booking whilst attending the Year 12 Pathways Morning Tea (see below). Parents are also welcome to attend/make bookings. Every student is encouraged to take the time to have a meeting with Mrs Karlovic, in the Careers Office, during this crucial time.

5. **RESULTS/CHANGE of PREFERENCE/PATHWAYS MORNING TEA**
   - LOCATION: To Be Advised
   - TIME: 11am – 12.30pm
   - All Year 12 Students are invited to a morning tea to wind down after the rigours of Year 12 and to discuss their Results/Change of Preferences/Pathway Options.
   - Biscuits, donuts, coffee & tea will be available.
   - Students will also be able to book appointments with Mrs Karlovic during this time to discuss results, preference changes and pathway options.

6. Refer to the VTAC Guide 2014, pages 54-56, for further information regarding accessing of results. Details regarding SMS notification of Results is also explained on page 56 of the VTAC Guide. Students must go to [www.vtac.edu.au/sms](http://www.vtac.edu.au/sms) for information on registering for the SMS service.

7. **VU Portfolio, ACU Early Achiever’s Program, RMIT SNAP, BALLARAT REEP & LA TROBE SALT Program Students will be notified early December. Please see me so we can then discuss your preferences, depending on the outcome.**

Please use the services provided by the College.

Good Luck!

Mrs Kathy Karlovic
Pathways & Transitions Leader
Tel: 9741 4911 ext 102
Can Saver Plus assist you with education costs?

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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

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I AM ELEVEN
A DOCUMENTARY BY GENEVIEVE BAILEY

Thursday 24th October, 3:30pm
Entry $3 per person

The Smith Family
53a Kookaburra Ave, Werribee

Proceeds from this event will go to local schools and The Smith Family

Limited places
For bookings contact Annalise or Kristy:
03 8742 3643

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