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

24th November, 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Student/Tutor/Parent Interviews/Step-Up Program

As we come to the final stage of term 4 and our students begin the compulsory ‘step-up’ program commencing their work programs for 2015 (with summer holiday homework) I must acknowledge the positive way that both our staff and students have approached the program.

We commence the program by holding the student/tutor/parent re-enrolment interviews that are compulsory. It is through holding these important interviews that the focus is on the learning goals for 2015 and the strategies that are required to assist or support the learning. It is also an opportunity to see if the academic program needs any adjustment before the step up commences.

All students have been spoken to about the importance of being organized and taking their education seriously. At Wyndham Central there have been many changes to the way we operate and prepare our students for the life beyond school. When it comes to our attention that students are not taking their educational opportunities seriously then we aim to work in partnership with our families to ensure that we can help our students get back on track. The class tutor is the first point of call for this conversation.

Buildings Update

Many of you will have noticed after the move into the new Administration Building on the corner of Market Rd and Shaws Rd that the builders were finally able to take possession of the ‘A’ block to commence the gutting and modernization work. This is one of the largest wings in the school and is expected to be completed by the end of term 1 at the earliest. There is also considerable work to be completed around the school with respect to the boundary fencing, landscaping, outside renovations to buildings and installation of outside play areas and outdoor furniture. Given the enormous work yet to be completed the anticipated date for the whole school opening will be in Term 4 2015. In all of my 35 years of education many involving some sort of building or ground works I have rarely seen such a wonderful group of students and staff who are so accommodating and accepting of all of the amazing changes happening both in the physical environment and in the teaching & learning arena. It is such a privilege to lead Wyndham Central through this amazing time in its history.

Reminder: Uniform

It is hard to believe that only two years ago we implemented the roll out of the new uniform that has been embraced positively by all of our members of the school community. From next year ALL students

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are to be in the new uniform as per the guidelines. To clarify a point of confusion the Blazer is the only outer garment to be worn with the school uniform. The nylon waterproof jacket is ONLY to be worn with the PE uniform if it is RAINING. All jackets worn inappropriately will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and relaxing extended break with your family and friends.

Kind regards
Julie Myers

Creating a Community of High Expectations

MIDDLE YEARS REPORT
It is with great pleasure that I write for the last newsletter of the year as I can confidently talk of the great progress many of our students have made. This year I have watched many students work tirelessly and achieve great results and progression. The recent middle years exams were exemplary and students had an opportunity to show their learnings. When we all come back after the Christmas holidays there will be much excitement about our new facilities. In 2015 we will have 200 new year 7 students and our current years will progress to the next.

For 2015 I will no longer be the Year 9 Leader as well as the Assistant Principal and will pass the Year 9 Leader job onto Mr Mark O’Callaghan. The Year 8 cohort will have Mr Simon Thorley and the Year 7 cohort Mr Tom Robinson, who will be assisted by Mr Alex De-Leon. Each year level will have their own aide and administrative assistant. Each child will be in their own tutor group and the new bell times and structure of the day will enable more connectedness to school and further improvement of our results and our environment. I will remain the Middle Years AP.

There are many programs on offer between now and the end of the year where your child can connect to their next year level. Please take the opportunity to meet your new tutor teacher at the compulsory parent / tutor interviews.

I wish you all a very well earned break and happy times ahead spent with your children. A very Merry Christmas and I look forward to developing your child’s education with you again in 2015.

Yvonne Harvey
Middle Years Assistant Principal

YEAR 7 REPORT
As we prepare for the end of Year 7 and move into Step Up to Year 8, we have a compulsory Parent/Tutor conference planned for Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd December. This conference will be held with the new tutor teacher for 2015. In order to organise your conference time a letter has been sent home with your child with information on how to log into the SMT system in order to make an appointment. If you have not received this letter, please ask your child about it and if they’ve lost it please contact Mr Robinson via email and he can send a digital copy home: robinson.thomas.b@edumail.vic.gov.au.

This year we have seen an outstanding achievement by 7 students in year 7. As part of the school wide positive behaviours approach undertaken at WCC, students can earn merits for showing the colleges values of Respect, Excellence and Cooperation. These merits go toward receiving a merit badge – Bronze for 30 merits, Silver for 60 and Gold for 90. This year 7 students have received Gold Merit
Badges and they provide fine examples of students putting in their best effort consistently. Congratulations to: Harpreet Kaur, Fatemah Al Hamidawi, Navya Sharma, John Nykitovic, Leo Sun, Liam Edwards and Damanpreet Kaur.

Tom Robinson
Year 7 Year Level Leader

YEAR 8 REPORT
It has been an exciting year in 2014 for the Year 8 cohort. A highlight for me has been moving into our brand new Year 8 area, and enabling students to learn in a beautiful environment. I personally have noticed dramatic changes in the study habits, and maturity of all of the students. All students are coming along in leaps and bounds, and are well on the way to achieving great things in the Senior Years at Wyndham Central. Areas that I believe are important to continue working on in 2015 are organisational skills, especially their AVID folders, and using their planners effectively to plan and document homework and due dates. Other important items that I would like to keep on your radar include:

- Making an appointment (Using the SMT) to meet 2015 tutor teachers. Important information heading into 2015 will also be shared in this compulsory meeting. Please contact me at the College if you do not have the logon information, or are having trouble making an appointment with your child’s 2015 tutor teacher.

I would also like to make special mention of some Year 8 students that have been recognised by their teachers as having made a special effort in their behaviour and classwork. These students are Mu Da George, Masha Paw, Ger Kler Paw, Adam Koprivac, Marry Chaiber Day, Justyce Lewis, Joshua Datson, Amber Pattison, Louis-Jak Middlebrook, Ler Da Paw, N’Keal Campbell, Allie Currell Jenny Par Tha Dim, Shantelle Sharland, and Shania Clark. Well done to all of you guys.

Thank you all very much for your help and support throughout 2014, and I look forward to your child’s progressing and achieving great things in 2015.

Simon Thorley
Yr 8 Year Level Leader

YEAR 9 REPORT
The year 9 cohort has worked very hard this year and many certificate awards have been given out during the year assembly to recognise the pathways that our students have taken to achieve their individual goals and to progress into year 10. This Thursday the 27th of November is the last year 9 Assembly for the year 2014 and many activities will take place as well as the last certificates will be given out to students in the following areas.

**Academic Excellence for Diligence or Hard Work**
9A Tara Moore (English) 9D Nikita Spry (Hums) and Sandy Lambert
9C Kayla Jones (Hums) 9A Ryan Van Asten (English)
9D Christian Tortorella (Hums) 9C Brittany Lea (Hums) and
9D Justice Wakefield (Tutor Time) 9E Ackzell Kaponga (Hums)
9D Courtney Smith (Tutor Time) 9D Pamela MENA (Spanish)
9E Lar Ler HTOO (Spanish) 9D Blake Kayler-Thompson
9B Arbnora TAHIRI (Spanish) 9B Deng LEEK
9B Najha ABDI (Spanish) Best Turnaround from Mid Year
9A Bevelynne SALVO 9D Christian Tortorella
9A Manasek AHMED 9D Janaya Inglis

**Social Action**
9D Christian Tortorella

**Leadership:**
9D Christian Tortorella
SENIOR YEARS REPORT
On Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd December the College is conducting compulsory Student/Tutor Teacher/Parent enrolment interviews for the 2015 Year 10 students; from 9am-3pm. Please ensure, for a successful transition in to 2015, that all students attend with a parent/adult to these interviews.

Year 12 students (2014)
I hope that all students achieved their own personal goals in regards to their exams and/or their results in all of their subject areas. I wish the class of 2014 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. Regardless of what your endeavours may be, the future is yours to make the best of, to make a difference and understand what great opportunities there are for the taking. Good luck!

Year 11 and 12 students (2015) are now in their last week of their Step Up program and during this time students will attend a University to get a feel for university life and attend a sample of student lectures. Valuable holiday homework will also be distributed during the Step Up classes. I congratulate all of the future Year 12 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.

As the year draws to a close for our current Senior Years students I would like to thank all of the 2014 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 studies and exams and are now looking forward to 2015.

Bryan Woollard
Senior Years Assistant Principal

SCIENCE NEWS BY DELL CUTTER
F1 Competition in Primary Schools
On the 10th November Wyndham Central College hosted students and teachers from Manorvale Primary school who were competing in a Pilot Program designed to introduce Students to the F1 in Schools Competition.

In the weeks leading up to the competition the grade 5 and 5 students had to assemble cardboard cars from special kits. Each car was then customised by the students with their own designs, colours and modifications to try and increase the speed of their vehicle.

On the big day, the excited students assembled in the Marie Curie Science Centre. Mr Germano explained the rules of the competition and demonstrated the very special F1 race track. The students got to practice their ‘reaction times’ so that they would be able to get their cars off to the best start. The students were very keen and the competition was fierce!!

Then it was time for the students to put their race cars to the test and compete on the F1 Track. As can be seen by the photos, a great day was had by all.

A special thanks must also go to Tim Makay (Engineer from VU) and to Joe Micallef (The Victorian State Coordinator of the F1 In Schools Project) who helped run the day.
Step Up Program
The year 11 and 12 Students (class of 2015) are currently involved in the Step Up Program. This is a two week program where students begin their classes for 2015. In these sessions, Science teachers have been outlining the expectations and commitment required to complete VCE Science subjects. Students will begin the first area of study in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Psychology, and homework will be set for the holidays. Please encourage your child to complete this work early so that they are organised and start 2015 off on the right foot.

New Science Rooms
The Science Centre has been up and running for 12 months and both students and staff are enjoying the lovely new facilities and classrooms.
“YOUTH” AT WYNDHAM CULTURAL CENTRE

The following students’ artworks have been selected to be displayed in an exhibition at The Wyndham Cultural Centre called “Youth”. Opening night is on Tuesday 18th November, 6.30 – 8.30pm. The exhibition runs until the 4th January and is FREE entry for anyone to come and visit.

Well done to all the students involved!

ARTIST: Shinae Preuss
YEAR LEVEL: Yr 11
MEDIUM: Acrylic on canvas

ARTIST: Janaya Inglis
YEAR LEVEL: Yr 9
MEDIUM: Screen print on paper

ARTIST: Nathan West
YEAR LEVEL: Yr 11
MEDIUM: Acrylic on canvas

ARTIST: John Nyikitovics
YEAR LEVEL: Yr 7
MEDIUM: Digital image on paper

ARTIST: Ler Dah Paw Kunoo
YEAR LEVEL: Yr 8
MEDIUM: Acrylic on paper

ARTIST: Fatemah Al Hamidawi
YEAR LEVEL: Yr 7
MEDIUM: Digital image on paper

Ms Lomagno
Arts Learning Area Leader
SPORT REPORT

Year 7 Western Zone Volleyball report

On Thursday 6th November, the Year 7 Girls Volleyball team played in the Western Zone round robin competition in Geelong. The girls were highly competitive in both of their pool games, unfortunately going down in 3 sets on both occasions.

Against Belmont in their first game, Brookie got the team off to a flying start with some fantastic serving and the girls played well as a team, winning the first set 20-16. Some good serving form Belmont and poor returning put the girls in a bad position in the second set down 18-12. Enter Keely who rattled off 5 winning serves in a row to put WCC in a much better position 18-17. Unfortunately they couldn’t quite get to the lead, going down 20-18. The final set was looking like a runaway victory for WCC with Brookie again serving brilliantly and rattling of 7 straight to put the girls up 7-0. But the tables turned swiftly and we were soon staring down the barrel of defeat, down 13-7. A few even points stemmed the tide and Alilia served well, but we eventually lost 15-12.

The second game was against Braybrook who easily accounted for Belmont in straight sets. A win in this game would give WCC some chance of making the finals. It wasn’t looking good at all, losing the first set 20-9 as the Braybrook team showed a high skill level. However, the girls turned things around dramatically in the second and played their best volleyball of the day. Tara stepped up with her serving and match play and Brookie, Alilia and Keely began working together much better, whilst Kiana stood out with a few cameo shots and Ruiana provided the energy. With a strong 16-6 lead, when Braybrook called a time out, it was only a matter of keeping calm and continuing the way we were. After the time out the first point went to us and it was only a matter of time, up 17-6, but the nerves set in and with only 3 points to get Braybrook were coming hard. The scoreline closed to 17-13, but the steady play for the set continued, holding on 20-16. The final set was close for the first few points and WCC looked in with a shot at 6-6. But the Braybrook girls class shone through going on to record a 15-6, 3 set victory and progress to the final.

The day was fantastic, the girls were brilliantly behaved and even put their hands up to support the convener by scoring and umpiring the Grand Final.

The team:
Brookie Ma’asi (C), Laura Yeoman, Lauren Shenton, Leejana Georgakopoulos, Kiana Strong, Alilia Paseka, Haylee Tevelein, Tara Tuakana, Keely Teariki and Ruiana Magatogia
Coach: Tom Robinson

LANGUAGES

The languages department has achieved many goals this year including curriculum development and documentation. Students have learned about Spanish and Japanese language and culture. Both languages have offered many activities such as cooking and music.

We have also had visit from Javier Blázquez a teacher from our Sister school Gredos San Diego Buitrago in Spain. And our year 9s got to meet and greet him in Spanish. Three of our teachers from Wyndham Central College have also spent two weeks in Spain immersing and learning about the culture and language in preparation for 2015 language programs.

Thank you to the Wyndham Community for the support towards the Spanish immersion program starting next year in years 7 and 8.

Mr De-Leon
LOTE Learning Area Leader
ART AND DESIGN COMPLETED WORK FOR 2014
Any students who have completed work this year in either Art or VCD need to come and see Mr. Gauci or Ms. Lomagno to claim their work to take home. We have so many fantastic artworks and designs that students leave behind for the art show or after their classes have finished. Unfortunately, we can’t hold on to the work forever. Please come and collect your work; they make great presents for parents and friends or might look really effective hanging on a wall at home!

Christina Lomagno
Arts Learning Area Leader

BOOKLISTS
Due to unforeseeable circumstances the college has a new book supplier CAMPION EDUCATION (AUST) PTY LTD who will supply the booklist requirements. Families have an option to complete the Booklist students/families have been issued with and return this to the college no later than Friday 12th December 2014 or submit this online at www.campion.com.au

You will also have the Summer Reading requirements for years 7, 8, 9, 10 and English Unit 3 & 4 which MUST be ordered online using NR3H as your code at www.campion.com.au. Please be aware that this reading material will be delivered to your home. Please ensure you do not re-order these items on the booklist.

Collection of the pre-packaged books will be at Wyndham Central College in the Gymnasium on Wednesday 28th January 2014 between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. Orders not collected on the specified day will not be held.

MATHS HOMEWORK CLUB 2014
2014 is coming to a close and I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all who participated and help me in running the Maths Home Work Club this year. They are teachers Mrs L. Lee, Mrs L. Smith, Mr G. Bumpstead and all students who took part in the program. Your help make this program the success it is. Homework club helps all students in all year levels achieve their best in Mathematics.

Have a safe festive season and see you next year.
Mr Wokulski
Maths Homework Club Co-ordinator
COMMUNICATION/GRIEVANCE PROCESS
FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

1. Make an appointment with the Tutor Teacher

2. If the issue is unresolved, make an appointment with the appropriate Year Level Leader

3. If the issue is still unresolved, you may need to meet with the Assistant Principal for either Middle or Senior years

4. If you are still dissatisfied, phone or write to the Principal

5. Make an appointment with the Principal via the Principal's Executive Assistant

6. If the matter is not resolved after Steps 1 - 5, then the issue can be raised with the Regional Office on 9291-6500
SAFMinds Comes to Town!

headspace – the National Youth Mental Health Foundation will be presenting a FREE session in Werribee for parents to learn about early detection and support for young people through the SAFEMinds mental health training currently being introduced for schools and families across Victoria.

Time: 7pm to 9pm
Date: Monday 8th December, 2014
Venue: headspace Werribee, Shop 13
5 Duncans Road, Werribee

Parents interested in attending can register via www.eventbrite.com.au/o/safeminds-7552791023
Dear Parent/Guardian,

RE: Timetable and Bell time changes for 2015

2015 is an exciting time for Wyndham Central College as we will have completed our transition into the new school culture – new school name, new uniform, new buildings and facilities for our school community.

To enhance our current learning program and to support the introduction of the Australian Curriculum the College is introducing changes in the timetable structure for 2015.

What does this mean for you and your child?

- bell times and session lengths will change
- the start and finish of each school day will change
- reintroduction of homeroom time each morning.

In 2015 students will move from the current six session day (3 double sessions) to a four session day that will include an additional morning homeroom session of 8 minutes.

The proposed school day structure is as follows:

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The changes in bell times has allowed for extra sessional time for students to spend with each teacher in all Australian Curriculum core domain subjects at year 7-10 and in particular additional time with each VCE teacher at year 11 with three classes per week and at year 12 with four classes per week per subject. This change will also support the pastoral care program for your child. During the initial 8 minutes of the day tutor teachers will take the roll, check uniform, check organisation and equipment, and inform students of daily activities. Additionally, tutor teachers will also mentor your child as part of a structured pastoral care program as a timetabled class during the week.

The school would like to invite you to provide feedback, or ask any clarifying questions by contacting the college via email on: wyndhcm.cenrsci@edumail.vic.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

Ms Julie Myers
Principal

Ms Leanne Gage
AP: Curriculum

Mr Bryan Woollard
AP: Senior Years

Mrs Yvonne Harvey
AP: Middle Years

Respect, Co-Operation & Excellence