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Welcome to our Parent Newsletter.

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

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

11th Septeber 2017

Mistakes are proof that you are trying!

### From the Principal's Desk

Term three ends on a high note as our very talented students excel in many endeavours over this last term. Whilst acknowledging a couple of areas, there have been many opportunities and performances that our school is very proud of.

Once again the school community would like to acknowledge the wonderful work of Mrs Sue Butcher and her team in delivering yet again another amazing school musical. Many weeks go into the preparation and we are very appreciative of the amazing leadership of Sue and her staff as well as the commitment and enthusiasm of each and every talented student.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

September 11	Year 7 University Excursion (A, B, C, D, H)		
September 13	Year 8 University Excursion (C, D, F, H, J)		
September 11 - 15	Year 10 Work Experience		
September 13	9A, B, C City Experience Excursion		
September 14	9C, D, G City Experience Excursion		
September 15	9E, F, H City Experience Excursion		
September 21	Parent Teacher Interviews 4pm – 7pm		
September 22	tember 22 Parent Teacher Interviews 9am – 1 pm		
October 9 Start of Term 4			
October 26	Year 12 Celebration Day		
October 27 Year 12 Valedictory			

During term three our College has hosted three overseas delegations from both Japan and Spain and students from years 8 and 9 will be involved in international travel over the September school holidays. Our students studying Spanish will have the opportunity to visit our Sister School in Madrid, Spain to further develop their language skills and also an appreciation of Spanish culture. I wish to acknowledge the wonderful work that these students have completed in the development of a presentation showcasing our school, the City of Wyndham and the State of Victoria, and to thank Mr. Alex De-Leon in his leadership of this program. I would like to also take this opportunity to thank our parent community as without their offer to host overseas students the international program could not achieve its aim.

Congratulations to the following students who are the State runners up after an outstanding performance at the Under 14 Rugby 7s State Championship Gala Day in Moorabbin. Each student performed their part and proudly represented themselves, the team and Wyndham Central College. Well done to Robert Mapa, Keshawn Magatogia, Three Petricevich, Khaled El Houli, Jordan Moala Pati Apai Cook, Demetria Jay Upoko, Axle Wharemate-Waiti, John Takatu'u, Gafa Jude Leota-Lolesi and Tevita Mapa.

Staff are now preparing the interim reports for distribution. Please note that a key part of the success of your son/daughters education is the way you interact with the school. We hope that once again we will see all of our families at the parent-teacher interviews on either Thursday 21st or Friday 22nd September. Parents of year 7 and 9 students should have also received the information regarding the results from the NAPLAN testing. Please make contact with the school if you have not received the package.

I wish all students and their families a safe and restful term break.

Leanne Gagatsis – Principal Creating a Community of High Expectations

### IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

Be at school on time, in uniform and ready to learn

## Students on school premises Before School & After School Please see below an extract from Wyndham Central College's Supervision and Duty of Care Policy

Students will be supervised for a minimum of 10 minutes before and after school. This supervision will include the following:

- Monitoring of entry or exit points and/or designated pick up and drop off areas
- Supervision of the arrival and departure of school contract buses

At Wyndham Central College supervision at the beginning of the school day will commence at **8.30am**. This supervision will include **Buses Location 1** and **Buses Location 2**.

Supervision at the end of the school day will be provided until 3.20pm for all students. This supervision will include Buses Location 1, Buses Location 2, Shaw's Road near the Gate Location 7 each until 3.20. DET – Detention Duty until 3.40.

Other supervision may be required if students are needed for CAT/SAC resits until 4.15.

If a parent, guardian and/or carer (or other authorised person) drops off or otherwise arranges for a student to be on the school premises before supervision commences at the beginning of the day, the principal or via the Assistant Principals or the Year Level Leading Teachers will, as soon as practicable, follow up with the parent, guardian and/or carer to:

- advise of the supervision arrangements before school, and
- request that the parent, guardian or carer make alternate arrangements.

If a parent, guardian and/or carer (or other authorised person) has failed to collect the student after school, the next steps may include some or all of the following:

- Attempting to contact the parents, guardians or carers
- Attempting to contact the emergency contacts
- Contacting the Victoria Police and/or the Department of Human Services (Child Protection) to arrange for the supervision, care and protection of the student

#### **School Nurse**

A reminder to ensure all <u>medical plans</u> for your children are up to date. Please feel free to contact Catherine on 9741 1911 to discuss medical needs.

#### Buses

In the interest of student safety and the efficiency of the school buses, please do not park in the yellow painted kerb sections on the road (alongside the basketball courts) at the College during the hours of **8.45am - 9.15am and at 2.45pm-3:15pm.** 

The school buses are experiencing increased difficulties turning at the end of the road delaying the service and the pickup of students, increasing the risk to student safety and the damage to motor vehicles. Thank you.

### **Crossing Supervisor**

In the interest of student safety and the efficiency of the school buses, the College has a Crossing Supervisor in the bus service road (Market Road Extension) near the College basketball courts. The supervisor will be responsible for controlling the traffic and supervising the crossing of students.

### **School Gates**

The school day commences at 8.50am with tutor time and all students are expected to be in class at this time with all necessary equipment for Sessions 1 & 2.

The school gates are closed at 8.45am to facilitate students arriving to class on time. Students must report to the administration area, after 8:45 am, to obtain a late pass. Consequences for lateness may apply. Your child should have a note to explain a known lateness.

### Bike storage at school

Please note that although the school bike racks are locked during the day it is still important that all bikes are locked to the racks with a bike lock or padlock and chain. This message has been communicated to all students however we would appreciate it if you could remind your son/daughter of this requirement. A bike helmet is also a legal requirement. Please note: Skateboards are not allowed in the school grounds.

### **Environmental duty**

To assist our school community in being aware of their environment all year levels are responsible for certain areas within the College and also take part in an environmental program to help reduce litter. Could you please encourage your child to be environmentally conscious within the community and use the rubbish bins provided.



As we draw to the conclusion of Term 3, I would like to thank parents and guardians for their ongoing support for our students and their learning. Term 3 is always the longest term in the winter months, so please take time over the holidays with your children so that they can rest and recharge their batteries ready for term 4.

Reports will be handed out shortly, so please take the opportunity to make an appointment with your child's teachers during Parent Teacher information nights on 21 and 22 September. This is your chance to discuss any academic or social difficulties that the report may indicate.

Once again we are on track to meeting our attendance targets. With the cold and flu season upon us, please keep warm and eat healthily.

Yvonne Harvey - Assistant Principal - Year 7 & 8

### **YEAR 7 REPORT**

The Year 7's have settled into term 3 well and are busy working towards and completing Common Assessment Tasks (CATs). Our tutor time has paid explicit focus on Cornell Notes. These notes are used schoolwide and across all subjects, and we believe that building a strong foundation and understanding of Cornell Notes will help set our Year 7s up for success across their academic tenure. Moving forward students will be developing their understanding of ethical behaviours during tutor time and have already started to explore issues surrounding bullying, cyberbullying and will have the opportunity to listen to Monique Hurley, School Lawyer, present at the next assembly on ethical behaviours and issues surrounding the law.

I have had the opportunity to meet with a number of parents or have phone and email contact, and it has been a pleasure to acknowledge your student's educational successes and discussions on how we are working to advance your student's educational outcomes.

Student's have also attended the Deakin University 'Mission Impossible' day in Waurn Ponds. Half the Year 7 cohort visited the University on Monday and the other half of students will do so this coming week. It was a delight to see students engage with the university students and staff, and to see students explore the facilities that Deakin has to offer.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind parents and students that we are always here to assist and that your students' teacher is an invaluable point of contact should you have any questions or concerns. Tutor Teachers are available to contact by Compass or email.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to let parent/careres know that engagement and participation are constant areas of focus. There are a range of activities available for students across the school and Tutor Teachers will let your student know when these become available. In addition, we are working with students to create greater ownership and skill development within their own cohort. The Year 7 assemblies now incorporate student presentations of both Acknowledgement of Country and Safe School addresses and I look forward to seeing students present their curricular learning as part of our assemblies.

Brad Smallman - Year 7 Level Leader

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### **YEAR 8 REPORT**

- Chelsea Veal 8C

As we quickly approach the end of another term, it is important to reflect on what has occurred throughout the term. Although the Neerim East weather wasn't kind to us, 89 students and 10 staff had a fantastic experience on the Year 8 Camp. Below is how one student described her experience:

My name is Chelsea Veal and I am in the Spanish Immersion class for Year 8. The first week of this term I participated in the first Year 8 camp held at Forest Edge which is located at Neerim East. I was very excited and could not wait to go. We all travelled to camp in two buses and arrived just in time for lunch. I had a lot of fun hanging out with old friends, creating new friends and enjoyed building relationships with my teachers. We were at camp for three days and we never got bored. Some of the activities were bush walks, which was one of my favourites, hut building where my group won chocolates, indoor games, flying fox, crate and rock climbing. All these events were so much fun. The food was great and my favorite meal was the chicken wrap with wedges and sour cream.

Our cabins were nice and clean with really comfy beds which were bunk beds. The weather was cold and occasionally rained but this did not spoil our fun. Thanks so much to Mr. Rowe for organizing this camp and to all the teachers that helped and participated in making it possible. Hope to have another opportunity in the future to go to another camp.

















Congratulations must go to all students that participated in the school musical. It was a fantastic event and all students no matter their role, did a magnificent job, something that they should be proud of.

Congratulations must also go to the following students who have recently received merit badges for their efforts throughout the year.

Bronze Merit: Kanishk Sharma, Skye Wabeke-Edwards, Holly Darcy, Anthony Davie, Taylah Rankin, Bastian Detky, Lirim Leban, Tha Blay Moo War Lo, Nge Dah Lue Wah, Lachlan Kennedy, Stephen Ryan, Kane Eldridge, Alyshah Mistero, Chelsea Veal, Rhys Balcombe, Jakob Mouat, Xena-Louise Gorton, Melina Sione, Breeana Hanson, Josh Pesti and Anastasia Chatzigiannis

Silver Merit: Xena Louise Gorton, Melina Sione, Breeana Hanson, Josh Pesti and Anastasia Chatzigiannis

Gold Merit: Anastasia Chatzigiannis

I look forward to continuing to work with your children to help them become the best they can be.

Ashley Rowe- Year 8 Level Leader

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It has been a busy but productive Term 3! I would like to complement the students at Year 9 and 10 on the way they have approached semester 2. I have observed such growth and development since the beginning of the year including academically, socially and emotionally.

With the unforeseen departure of Mr. Simon Thorley, I would like to thank Ms. Jennifer Stevenson and Mr. Scott Lynch for taking on the role of Year 10 Year Level Leaders for Semester 2. They have been busily undertaking this important role as the Year 10 students prepare to transition to VCE and VCAL. They have been supporting students with course selection, work experience and will take students through our Step Up Program. I would also like to acknowledge and thank Mr. Thorley for his work with supporting this cohort since the beginning of Year 8.

As Term 3 reports will be distributed in the next week, I encourage all students to carefully reflect on their term report and to continue to set and refine goals for ongoing improvement over Semester 2 that will allow them to be successful learners.

I wish all students and families a safe and restful term break.

Connie Faranda - Assistant Principal - Year 9 & 10

### **YEAR 9 REPORT**

Term 4 is fast approaching. With that, comes two very important dates in the Year 9 calendar. Our exam period will commence in on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November, and then our Step-Up Program will be in full swing. In preparation for our exam period, can I ask all parents and guardians to check student's planners for homework and upcoming assessments.

The Step-Up Program begins on the 6<sup>th</sup> December with the purpose of a positive and productive start to the Senior Years, before we have our term break.

Term 3 was full of interesting events that took the students outside of the school, including the City Experience excursion and Deakin Experience excursion.

The Deakin Experience excursion allowed the students to witness firsthand what University life was like as they travelled down to Geelong to visit both the Waurn Ponds and Waterfront Campus. Students actively engaged in workshops including Visual Arts, Architecture, Sports Science and Engineering where students had built a cushion for an egg to drop from one story without breaking.

Below is an article written by students outlining the Year 9 City Experience Excursion:

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of August we took part in an excursion to the city to experience the wonders and to discover the landmarks in Melbourne. When we were in the city we were asked to do a scavenger hunt to find a range of popular Melbourne landmarks. We were given a set amount of time to find landmarks that were worth different amounts of points for each landmark that we then took a group photo in front of.

Our team got 455 points in total, we were the overall winners of the scavenger hunt.

It was a very fun excursion and very beneficial to those who had never been to Melbourne, and it gave all students the idea of independent movement around the city, how to work with time constraints and how to get around the city. Chloe. Jasmine, Kirstv. Ally and Kyhia.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or if any assistance is required.

Chad Cook - Year 9 Level Leader

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### **YEAR 10 REPORT**

Welcome back to Term 3 for the 2017 school year.

Firstly, we would like to introduce ourselves as the Year level Leaders for Year 10 – Ms. Jennifer Stevenson and Mr. Scott Lynch. We are both are extremely excited to take on the opportunity to work with the Year 10 cohort and have been working extremely hard to ensure a smooth transition. We would also like to acknowledge the work of Mr. Simon Thorley throughout 2017. The Year 10 students had the opportunity to say goodbye to Mr. Thorley, who has worked with these particular students for the past two and a half years, during a year level assembly.

End of Semester reports that were sent home at the start of the term and gave student feedback on their academic and pastoral performance. The reports also recognise the positive behaviours and College values that students have demonstrated over the first semester.

It was fantastic to see the Year 10 students have focused on their studies from the start of Term 3. As a team, we realise that students require support from school and at home. Together with some hard work, persistence and communication we will see our students improve their results.

During this semester students have completed the Subject Selection Meetings, Careers Expo Day, Key Please – Learner Driver Program and the Careers Action Plan Unit during the pastoral care time.

Year 10 students have numerous excursions and events in the upcoming weeks and need to ensure they are organised and prepared for these. These activities include: Deakin University Experience (Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of September) and Work Experience (11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of September).

Finally, all parents and guardians would have received a letter that outlines the new uniform procedures for when students arrive to school. Please make sure students arrive to school in full school uniform to avoid any consequences.

We look forward to working with each family to support your child to transition into their chosen pathway and into year 11. Please contact us if we can further support this transition.

Jennifer Stevenson & Scott Lynch – Acting Year 10 Level Leaders stevenson.jennifer.j@edumail.vic.gov.au lynch.scott.s@edumail.vic.gov.au

#### FREE DRIVING LESSON! - For all Learners

Research shows that learner drivers are some of the safest on the roads. The more time they spend on the roads the better drivers they will be.

Funded by the Australian Government keys2drive provides learner drivers and their parents/supervisors with a free driving lesson, accompanied by an accredited keys2drive professional driving instructor.

The lessons consists of both theoretical and practical on road component.

To find out more and register for you free lesson visit, www.keys3drive.com.au



### Year 12 VTAC

All senior sears students (Years 11-12) have now attended course selection presentations and the Careers Expo, with vital course information presented to students and parents.

Kathy Karlovic (Pathways and Transitions Leader), Pina Siragusano (Pathways Assistant) and Marie Milkovic (Year 12 Year Level Leader) have completed Year 12 VTAC presentations to parents and students. This will place all students and their parents involved at a definite advantage in understanding the procedures for applying for TAFE and university placements for 2018.

### **Progress Checks**

A reminder that Progress Checks are no longer mailed home to parents but are placed on Compass for viewing. Classroom teacher's complete Progress Checks for VCE/VCAL students who have outstanding class work and are at risk of not obtaining a satisfactory pass for a particular subject. Please discuss these checks with your son/daughter and ensure that the necessary work is completed and submitted to the appropriate teacher to ensure a successful result.

To all Year 12 students... you are nearly there! So, "don't drop the ball" and give up but give your remaining time at school the best effort that you have ever given. Make the most of your holidays, especially the holiday classes at our College and get that necessary study in place, ensure that your schoolwork is up to date and of course complete those practice exams.

Don't forget to also look after your health, both physically and mentally, eat properly, get sufficient sleep and rest - a balance of your social and school life.

Parents, please continue to support the College with your son/daughter wearing the correct uniform, arriving to school on time, completing all classwork and homework and ensuring that 100% attendance is maintained unless ill and a medical certificate is provided

If there is anything that we can do to support you then please don't hesitate to contact your child's Tutor Teacher for further assistance.

Bryan Woollard - Assistant Principal - Year 11 & 12

### **YEAR 11 REPORT**

#### **Tutor Time**

Across this term and last, students have been working very hard in tutor time to complete their CAPS's Plans. This term will also focus on a unit of work with the topic of Respectful Relationships.

### Fit to drive

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> of August Year 11 students participated in Fit to Drive. The Fit2Dive (F2D) Foundation Inc. is a not for profit community partnership that is dedicated to reducing youth road trauma. Its focus is on building the capacity of young people to make good decisions when faced with risky driving situations, whether as a passenger or a driver. F2D is about changing attitudes and behaviours - not teaching driving skills. The day encompassed group presentations and university students trained as Peer Facilitators to run workshops with young people in school and community settings.

### Satisfactory Completion of YR11

It is important to remind students and guardians that there are clear guidelines in place in regards to VCE promotion. In order for students to progress from Year 11 to Year 12 they must satisfactory complete at least nine units including the two units of English. They also must have satisfactory attendance. If you have any concerns about your child's progression you can contact your child's tutor teacher or Miss Sandlant.

Rebecca Sandlant - Year 11 Level Leader

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### **YEAR 12 REPORT**

The Year 12 students are quickly approaching their end of year exams, which begin in November. Students are currently completing the last of their SAC's and coursework, before they begin exam revision in Term 4. As a part of their exam preparation, VCE students will be undertaking practice exams from 9<sup>th</sup> October – 12<sup>th</sup> October. During this period VCE non-scored and VCAL students are required to attend scheduled classes.

Notices have gone out to families regarding the Valedictory Dinner. It will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017, at Ultima Receptions. Tickets are available for purchase from the front office and all families are encouraged to attend and celebrate their student's achievements. Many staff also attend the event each year and are looking forward to meeting parents and seeing students graduate.

The last day of Year 12 classes is on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October and 'Celebration Day' will be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> October. Although it is a busy time of the year, it is important for students to remember that being prepared for their exams is the key to their success. All year we have lived by the mantra of "no regrets" and I hope that at this crucial time of the year students will use this to inspire them to do their best. I hope that all Year 12 students have a safe Semester break and use the time to study, prepare and recharge.

Marie Milkovic - Year 12 Level Leader

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Please find attached the College Career Newsletter for September 2017.



### Year 8 Boys basketball

On the 1st of August the year 8 boys' basketball team went out to Eagle Stadium in Werribee to compete against nearby schools. Our boys only had two matches scheduled in our pool, unless we qualified for finals. Our first game was against Good New Lutheran College, although the boys competed hard, it was bad news for our boys as they were no match for the Good News team, falling down by approximately 15 points.

Our second game was against Hoppers Crossing, who had beaten Good News earlier in the day. We clearly went in as underdogs, however we were super competitive, and through a great fight, with multiple lead changes, we just managed to be in front by 2 points when it counted most. Our team held strong through an extremely intense final two minutes, to score a great win.

Our best players throughout the day were:

Brandon Way, Axle-Rose Wharemate-Waiti and Jeremiah Fautimau

### U14's and U16's Rugby Union 7s

Wyndham Central College entered two sides into the Melbourne Rebels Rugby Union 7's Gala Day.

The two sides consisted of Under 14 and Under 16 boys from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10.

The Under 14's side played at an exceptional level for the entirety of the day and made it into the Western region final.

The team continued their dominate play using a combination of power and speed. The final score in the final was Wyndham Central College 25 to Sunshine College 14.

Best players on the day were: Apai Cook, Sione Takatu'u and Robert Mapa.

The Under 16's side had a challenging task ahead of them throughout the day. The team used their power and strength to bully other teams, however ran out of steam for most of our games.

Best players on the day were: Adam Wharemate –Waiti and Perez Tereapii Jim. Thank you to Amanda Chivers, Rvan Bell and Tevita Mapa (Year 10) for coaching on the day.

### **Term 4 Sports**

As we approach the new term, Term 4 sports have been organised. The only sport Term 4 is cricket, as the year begins to wrap up for finals competitions. All coaches have been organised so make sure you turn up to try outs and training.

Yours in Sport - Rebecca Sandlant & Angie Gogos - Sports Co-ordinators



Term 3 was a very busy but exciting time for all music students at Wyndham Central College. The Music Department presented yet another wonderful Musical, Showstoppers 2, featuring the very best talent in all areas of the Performing Arts. Students and staff worked tirelessly throughout the year, rehearsing every Monday and Wednesday night with a cast of 92 performers on stage. The production band featuring our best musicians, rehearsed and performed challenging music arranged by Ms Janine Smith, adding to that extra quality of excellence the music program is known for. Over 200 costume changes, a team of hair and makeup staff and students, art work carefully crafted by hardworking art teachers and students, all added to the magic of creating the biggest production ever at Wyndham Central College. The set, in particularly the oversized book and treasure chest, was created by the students and staff from Hands On Learning. 30 staff helped during the performance, taking on roles such as controlling the mayhem backstage, working the spotlights, front of house, costume design, just to name a few.

Finally, the biggest acknowledgement has to go to our wonderful, brilliant, talented students. These young actors, dancers, singers, musicians, artists, makeup and hair stylists, all need to be commended for the dedication and hard work they have put into creating a quality production.

Well done to the cast and crew of the 2017 Musical Showstoppers 2!













## LOTE REPORT

The Language Faculty has been extremely busy this term. Below are some of the interesting things that have been happening:

Grade 6 students from the primary schools are currently being interviewed to gain entry into next year's Year 7 Spanish Immersion program.

Current Year 7 students that have expressed to join the year 8 Spanish Immersion Program are going through the interview and testing process.

In July the Year 9 Spanish Immersion visited the National Gallery of Victoria. The students learnt about the Spanish Art and history. They also visited The "Simply Spanish" Restaurant in the city where they enjoyed a delicious taste of Spanish food.

In July and August we had many International groups visiting the College.



We had two students Jorge and Daniel from Gredos San Diego our sister school in Madrid for the whole month of July. I would like to thank the Medhurst, Veal and

Strutton families that hosted our students for the month of July. The two students have taken with them memories that they will never forget.

We also had 20 students from Mito and Fukie high school in Japan. These students were here for two weeks in July – August. Our WCC students had an opportunity to be buddies and some even hosted our Japanese guests. I would like to thank the Arenas, Veal and Strutton families that hosted our students for the month of July and August.



Then in late August we had our visit of 20 students from Namekata School in Japan. These students were visiting for the first time and interacted with our WCC students. Once again I would like to thank the Arenas, Veal and Strutton families for our Japanese guests for the month of August.

## SRC REPORT

Throughout Term 3, the Student Representative Council has continued to work within the college to support student voice.

Recently, the college participated in "Wear it Purple Day'. This initiative was aimed at acknowledging and supporting the diversity within the college.

The students had a fantastic time celebrating the diversity and inclusion within the college. The SRC would like to thank the Student Services tea, our school nurse Trish Worthington and the numerous staff involved on the day.

The SRC also had a recent visit from the School Lawyer who has been working with students and families to support legal issues and matters. We received additional information regarding these services and have begun advertising this around the school. If students or families need this support, please contact the school on 9741 4911.

Scott Lynch - SRC Leader

### HANDS ON LEARNING

A big hello from Steph and David! We are nearing the end of another exciting term where the students have been busy working on projects. Our big project for this term is a pizza oven in the middle of the school. They are almost finished with it and have done an amazing job working on it together. The students have also built 2 benches, which they have received many compliments on how professional they look. David and I have been working with the students since the start of term 1 and we are incredibly impressed with how much each student has excelled in such a short time. The students have not just developed impressive skills around building projects but also skills around personal development. All the students have done an amazing job at working as a team and have built their confidence up in the program. The execution of their projects have developed a lot and the students should be very proud of themselves. As well as the projects within the school, the students have also been working on their own projects as the weather has stopped them from being able to work outside. Some of the projects that are in progress are a varnished table, a palette vegie garden and a small boat. We are very excited to see the students develop even further within the program.



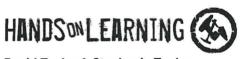












**David Taylor & Stephanie Tucker** 

### STUDENT NEWS

### **Tim Pallas - Mock Parliament**

On Friday September 1 our VCE Legal Studies students were involved in a Mock Parliament and a visit from our local member of State Parliament the Treasurer Mr Tim Pallas.

Our students and others from Werribee Secondary College were given a lecture about parliament as a law maker by members of the Parliament education facility and they were informed of the process in which a Bill goes through Parliament before it becomes a law. To facilitate a role play, the students learned about a tragic incident that occurred in the community a few years ago that brought about Parliament passing a law that related to the regulation of domestic animals.



The students were then placed into a role play re-enacting the process of the bill through the lower house of the Victorian Parliament. Students took on the role of a member of Parliament and stood up in turn to deliver a speech that replicated the process of this bill during the Second Reading stage. The role play also saw other students taking on the role of the Speaker, the Clerk of Parliament and the Sergeant at Arms.

At the end of the debate our local member of the lower house, the Hon Tim Pallas, addressed the group detailing his role as Treasurer and a member for our area. He also took on questions and enlightened the students with the busy schedule of a member of Parliament.

The activity was greatly appreciated and perfect revision for the exams coming up in November.



### Wear It Purple Day







On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August we celebrated "Wear it Purple Day", which is about showing rainbow young people, and everybody around us, that they have the right to be proud of who they are! Students and staff were invited to wear purple, take part in the guess the celebrity quiz, write a positive affirmation and buy a badge. There was lots of purple and the students did a great job of making badges to sell on the day. Thank you to all students and staff who helped organise the fun filled day.









### WCC eLibrary

Students now have access to the school on line eLibray.

This gives student access to a huge collection of books which they can download and read. Students to go to the school home page – Student links- Wheelers e platform and Sign In. User name is your school log in

Password is wyndhamcc2017

There is also an App available for ipads.

I encourage you to have a look at this amazing resource.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact Heidi McDowell, Senior Years Assistant on 9741 4911





### **Maths Homework Club**

The Maths homework club operates each Wednesday from 3:10pm to 4:10pm in M10. All students are welcome to attend and obtain assistance with their maths homework. A number of teachers will be available to assist students. Please see table below - Leigh Smith - Maths Faculty

### **Science Homework Club**

The Science Homework Club for Years 7 - 10 will run every Wednesday from 3:10pm – 4:10pm in the Science Centre. Please see table below - Shalika Sharma - Science Faculty

Day	Subject	Time	Room	Year Level
Monday	Math	3:10 - 4:00	M9 & M10	7-11
	Math	3:10 - 4:00	M10	12
111	English	3:10 – 4:00	M14	7-12
Wednesday	Math	3:10 - 4:00	M10	12
	Science	3:10 - 4:00	M12	7-10

### Games/ Chess Club

Games/Chess Club will run for students in the Deakin Building every Thursday during lunchtime - Scott Lynch

### **BREAKFAST CLUB**



## ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

### **VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL**

For the safety of staff students, all visitors to the school must report to the front office (including parents) and log into Compass. In case of an emergency, we need to be aware of who is on site.

### STUDENTS LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY

If your child needs to leave school early for an appointment, parents are required to send their child with a note in their planner advising the reason and time they need to leave. The student must take the note to their Year Level administration office in the morning to receive an early leaver's pass. This pass can then be shown to the teacher at the time they are leaving class and then also to the front office when they exit the school.

### THE COLLEGE NOW OFFERS BPAY



### **COMMUNICATION/GRIEVANCE PROCESS**

Make an appointment with the Tutor Teacher

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

If the issue is still unresolved you may need to meet with the Assistant Principal for either Year 7 & 8, Year 9 & 10 or Year 11 & 12.

If you are still dissatisfied, write to the Principal

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

If the matter is not resolved after Steps 1 - 5, then the issue can be raised with the Regional Office on 9291-6500



### **Werribee Little Athletics Centre Open Day**

Come try Little Athletics at the Werribee Little Athletics Centre Open Day. Athletics is for all kids aged 5 to 15.

It's a great way for kids to keep fit and have fun at the same time.

When: 23rd September 2017

Time: 10am to 12pm

Where: Victoria University Athletics Track, Hoppers Lane, Hoppers Crossing For more information go to www.wlac.com.au

Stacey Hall
Advertising and Communications Coordinator
Werribee Little Athletics Centre



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### PATHWAYS INTERVIEWS/PROGRAMS...

The VTAC Application Process and Other Pathways Application Process for our Year 12 students is being finalised in the last weeks of this term. Information was disseminated via assemblies for both students (on Tuesday 8 August) and parents (on Tuesday evening, 8 August, 7pm in our Auditorium) by Mrs Kathy Karlovic, the Pathways & Transitions Leader.

All Year 12 students have attended the Tertiary Information Service (TIS) Event on Thursday 20 July, held at Victoria University, Footscray Park Campus. The TIS event is an introduction to the VTAC Application Process followed by a mini tertiary institutional expo.

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

This is a condensed version of the newsletter. The full edition can be found on the College website via the Careers link.

### **REMINDERS...**

• INSIDE MONASH' – September 5<sup>th</sup> Education

Register: <a href="www.monash.edu/inside-monash">www.monash.edu/inside-monash</a>
VTAC Applications are open for Year 12

VIAC Applications are open for Year 12
 Timely applications close 28 September

SEAS applications close for Year 12's on 10 October (5pm).

Students must upload supporting statements in their VTAC accounts asap – doctor's statements, etc

- Dookie Open Day 18 October
- CASPer to be completed by 30 November

To be completed at WCC on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Further information to come this week.

VCE HHD and Psychology Revision Lectures at Monash

When: HHD, Tuesday 26 September

Psychology: Wednesday 27 September

See: www.monash.edu.au/medicine/news/events/events/vce-revision-lectures

CAREERS AND CREATIVITY DAY FOR ART, DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE AT MONASH

Saturday 16 September (Caulfield Campus

Information and bookings: <a href="https://www.monash.edu/mada/workshops">www.monash.edu/mada/workshops</a>.

### YEAR 12 NEWS...

- APPLY WITH VICTORIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS CENTRE (VTAC) All Year 12 students have applied for courses for 2018 in the Careers Centre at the College (www.vtac.edu.au).
   Remember, you can change your application as much as you wish at no extra cost (\$35.00) so long as you apply by 28 September.
- DO YOU WANT TO DEFER YOUR STUDY IN 2018?



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Most university courses allow deferral for up to 12 months, so even if you plan a break from study in 2018, you are still encouraged to apply in 2017.

### SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS)

Don't forget to organise your SEAS application if you are eligible.

**Category 1** simply requires you to click the YES box and also to indicate whether you are the first in your family to attend university. All students have applied for Category 1.

All other categories (2-4) require you to supply extra information or evidence.

If you need assistance, please see Mrs Karlovic in the Careers Centre asap.

Applications close 5pm, 10 October.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Most institutions have scholarships available to applicants to ensure **equitable access to education** and to **reward academic excellence**. Some scholarships require applications to be made directly to the institution.

For all other scholarships, applicants should use the VTAC scholarship application www.vtac.edu.au/scholarships.

### HIGHER EDUCATION REFORM PACKAGE

The Australian Government has announced a set of **proposed reforms to the higher education sector** within the 2017-2018 budget. Further information to come.

### HOW DO I FIND OUT ABOUT COURSES AT UNIVERSITY AND TAFE?

The new VTAC App brings together CourseSearch and the Prerequisite and Course Explorer.

The VTAC App is free - you can download it from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

### **VICTORIA UNIVERSITY (VU) NEWS...**

### EARLY ENTRY OFFER PROGRAM

VU has announced their Early Entry Offer Program (EEOP) which provides three avenues for VCE students to receive a guaranteed place. Students demonstrating leadership, educational disadvantage or attending an eligible school in the west may apply. All WCC Students will be applying under the eligible school in the west category. Students have been advised.

**Applications close**: 13 October. **See**: <a href="https://www.vu.edu.au/early-entry">www.vu.edu.au/early-entry</a>.

### LAW AND JUSTICE OPEN DAY

This is for students considering a career in law - pathways, world-class partnerships and practical placement opportunities.

When: 11.00-2.00pm, Sunday 17 September

Where: City Queen Street Campus

Information: www.discoverlaw.vu.edu.au.

#### NAO ROBOT CODING MASTERCLASS



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Victoria Polytechnic is running a **one-day workshop** for students interested in **IT and coding**. This hands-on masterclass equips students with **fundamental coding skills to program a NAO humanoid robot** using **Choregraphe software** and **basic Python code**.

When: Term 3 holidays Register/Information: <a href="mailto:rachna.prasad@vu.edu.au">rachna.prasad@vu.edu.au</a>

### STUDENTS APPLYING FOR EDUCATION COURSES AT ACU...

Students applying to ACU have the option of sitting either CASPer test or else undertaking the ACU Teacher Selector Statement as part of their VTAC application. The Teacher Selector Statement (TSS) is only an alternative for ACU education courses. See: <a href="http://www.acu.edu.au/about acu/faculties">http://www.acu.edu.au/about acu/faculties</a>, institutes and centres/education and arts/schools/suitability for te aching.

### SWINBURNE ADVICE NIGHTS...

Swinburne University is conducting Advice Nights offering assistance to Year 12 students. You can choose to attend a VTAC information session, consult academics, find out about alternative pathways to university or find out about Swinburne scholarships.

When/Where: 4.00pm-6pm, Monday 11 September at Wantirna campus and 4.00pm to 6.00pm on Wednesday 13 September at the Hawthorn campus

**Information and bookings**: <a href="http://www.swinburne.edu.au/choose/advice-night/">http://www.swinburne.edu.au/choose/advice-night/</a>.

### PARENTS CHAT ABOUT SCIENCE AT MONASH UNIVERSITY...

Monash Science Faculty is offering a resource for parents who need more advice regarding their child's selection of a Science degree. If you missed out at Open Day, you might like to find out things like Science subject bonuses, SEAS or how the Monash Guarantee affects the ATAR, the Monash entry requirements and subject prerequisites, the difference between courses and majors, or what to do if your child doesn't achieve the ATAR they were hoping for and so on.

If so, email science-parentchat@monash.edu with a contact number and Monash be in touch soon.

### WILLIAM ANGLISS INSTITUTE NEWS...

The Institute is offering workshops for school students in the holidays. **When**: Hospitality – 25 September, Tourism & Travel – 27 September, Cookery – 28 September

Information: visit www.angliss.edu.au/schoolholidays.

William Angliss is also holding a Course Information Evening for all courses.

When: 6.00pm-7.15pm, Thursday 21 September

Where: 555 La Trobe St, Melbourne.

### **NEW COURSES AT DEAKIN IN 2018...**

- The Bachelor of Commerce is offering a new major in food and agribusiness at the Warrnambool Campus
- The Bachelor of Environmental Engineering will be available at Geelong Waurn Ponds



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- Media, Communications and Creative Arts are offering three new design courses 3D Animation,
   Digital Technologies and Visual Communication.
  - More info: www.deakin.edu.au/courses/find-a-course/media-communication-and-creative-arts
- Bachelor of Communication (Advertising) focuses on brand communication

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Pathways & Transitions Leader
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# YOUTH BOYS 7s

## TALENT SEARCH

Our aim is to identify new talent (Born in 2000-2001) who are not currently playing Rugby or current players who are aspirational 7s players!

Players identified on the day will then be in a position to represent Victoria at the Youth and Senior Mens National Championships to be held later this year

WHEN: SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 12PM - 3PM

WHERE: LA TROBE UNIVERSITY, INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE,
BUNDOORA CAMPUS

TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST PLEASE CONTACT: SAMANTHA.HOMEWOOD@MELBOURNEREBELS.COM.AU







## FEMALE 7s TALENT

## SEARCH

Our aim is to identify new talent (16 yrs and over) who are not currently playing Rugby or current players who are aspirational 7s players!

Players identified on the day will then be in a position to represent Victoria at the Youth and Senior Womens National Championships to be held later this year

WHEN: SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 8AM - 12PM

WHERE: LA TROBE UNIVERSITY, INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE,
BUNDOORA CAMPUS

TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST PLEASE CONTACT:
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### **SUMMER IS COMING, LET'S PLAY CRICKET!**

Werribee Centrals invites players from 5 to 17 years of age to come and register to play this season, from Milo cricket to Under 17s.

Season starts in the 2nd week of October.

Register at <a href="http://www.playcricket.com.au/club-finder/">http://www.playcricket.com.au/club-finder/</a> type 3030 post code, and click on Werribee Centrals.

Pre-season training for all grades is at Galvin Park on Thursdays from 4:30-5:30pm. Come down and check us out.

Centrals want to invest in your cricket skills.

Be a **CENTURION**.

## **GO CENTRALS!**

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