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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

18 February 2019

If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a GREAT way!

From the Principal's Desk

Term 1

Students have settled well-engaging in their classrooms in the first two full weeks of term. A reminder to families that this is actually week 4 of our teaching program and our VCE/VCAL students will be receiving their progress checks shortly. This also means that all students will be preparing for their first set of assessments for this year. Our year 7 and 10 students will be supplied with their 'lease to own' laptops this week and our year 7's will be completing some on-line testing to help our staff plan their individualized work program. All students should now have all equipment, be in full summer and sport uniform, be at school on time and be fully prepared - 'ready to learn'

Communication

All families have their passwords to access our COMPASS system. If you are new to the school and don't believe you have

IMPORTANT DATES

| 19 February | School Photos | | | | |
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| 21 February | Swimming Carnival | | | | |
| 19 February | Year 10 Parent Information Night - 6:30pm | | | | |
| 19 February | Year 11/12 Parent Information Night – 7:30pm | | | | |
| 27 February | School Photos (Catch up) | | | | |
| 27 February | Year 7 Parents BBQ – 5pm – 6pm | | | | |
| 5 March | Parents & Friends meeting 10:30am | | | | |
| 6 March | Year 8 Camp Parent Information Night – 6:00pm | | | | |
| 6 March | Compass Information Night – 7:00pm | | | | |
| 11 March | Public Holiday – (Labour Day) | | | | |
| 12 March | Grade 5 & 6 Parent Information Night – 7pm | | | | |
| 18 March | Year 7 Immunisations | | | | |
| 26 March | Athletics Carnival | | | | |
| 3 April | Parents & Friends meeting 10:30am | | | | |
| 4 April | Parent Teacher Interviews 4pm – 7pm | | | | |
| 5 April | Parent Teacher Interviews 9am – 1pm | | | | |

your access letter or if you have forgotten how to access COMPASS, please do not hesitate to contact the college ICT department on 9741 4911. You will find at various places in this newsletters opportunities and invitations for parents/carers to communicate with college personnel and announcements that will also be available via COMPASS. Please note, changes of email addresses, phone numbers or addresses can also be made via the COMPASS system. It is very important to keep this information current.

Open night for our 2020 families

Our college is holding our first 'open night' in mid-March for perspective students and families which will be accompanied by various opportunities to tour the school during the school day. It would be appreciated if existing families could pass on the date **March 12 at 7pm in the college gymnasium** to members of the community whose children are in grade 5 or 6 and they live in our designated neighborhood area.

School Council elections

Each year school council elections take place in term 1 where the process needs to be completed by the end of March.

Leanne Gagatsis
Creating a Community of High Expectations

IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

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



Notice of Election and Call for Nomination

2019 School Council Election - Information for Parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category more than one-third of the total members must be from this category.
 Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.
- A mandatory elected student current student member elected by the student body.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role, councilors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

How many positions are available in 2019?

If you are interested in standing for election this year there are current four (4) available positions in the Parent category and one (1) in the student category.

What are the crucial dates?

- Closing date for nominations Monday 25th February 2019
- List of candidates and nominations will posted Wednesday 27th February 2019
- Ballot papers preparation and distribution Monday 4th March 2019
- Close of ballot Monday 11th March 2019
- First 2019 AGM Council meeting Wednesday 20th March 2019

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

For further information please contact Wyndham Central Secondary College on 9741 4911.

All forms regarding the elections are available on the School Resources (School Council elections) on COMPASS.



Please find attached a flyer inviting parents to our new Parents & Friends Association for 2019. We would like encourage parents to become involved in our school community and to build a strong connection with the college. We look forward to seeing many of you for a cuppa and a chat at the Italian Sports Club in Werribee on Tuesday 5th March.

This group will meet twice a term for morning tea and it is an excellent opportunity for the school community to give feedback to the school about our programs and policies. There also may be the chance to develop a fund-raising activity for an identified area of the school. Flyers will be sent home to all students with details on how to register your attendance.

CANTEEN NEWS

Jude Fina Foods is the new Canteen operator for Wyndham Central College. Please find attached their canteen menu and also instructions on how to order and pay online via QKR. Students who order through QKR can collect their lunch order from the canteen.

Road Safety

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.

Bell Times

Reminder of School Bell times and the importance of students being in class on time.

| Homeroom | 8.50 - 8.58 am | Break 1 | 11:30 - 12:00 pm | Session 4 | 1:52 - 3:04 pm |
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| Movement | 8:58 - 9:03 am | Locker | 12:00 - 12:05 pm | Detention | 3:04 - 3:34 pm |
| Session 1 | 9:03 - 10:15 am | Session 3 | 12:05 - 1:17 pm | | |
| Movement | 10:15 - 10:18 am | Break 2 | 1:17 - 1:47 pm | 5. | |
| Session 2 | 10:18 - 11:30 am | Locker | 1:47 - 1:52 pm | | |

Secondary School vaccinations in 2019 – Year 7 & 10 students

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 and 10 students. These vaccines provide protection against:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) one dose for year 7 students
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) two doses for year 7 students
- Meningococcal A,C,W,Y one dose for year 10 students

Parents/guardians of year 7 and 10 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child. You need to read the information, complete and return the card regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The Wyndham City Council immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose.

Contact the school by 28 February 2019 if you do not want your contact details given to the Wyndham City Council immunisation service.

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to betterhealth.vic.gov.au

Additionally, the Commonwealth government is funding vaccinations for all children under 20 years of age who missed any scheduled vaccines, including a catch up program for Meningococcal ACWY vaccine for adolescents aged 15-19 years of age who have not already received the vaccine in school. If students have missed vaccines, either in childhood or adolescence, and require catch-up vaccines, they should speak with their immunisation provider. (ie. local council or GP).

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 yard duty supervision at the beginning of the school day will commence at **8.30am**. This supervision will include **Buses Location 1 and Buses Location 2**.

Yard duty 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 3.30pm.

DET – Detention Duty until 3.40pm.

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

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.

Attendance

Please report all absences to the Attendance Officer, Maria Wilson by calling the College on 97414911 and selecting Option 1.

School Nurse

A reminder to ensure all <u>medical plans</u> for your children are up to date. Please feel free to contact Claudia the School Nurse on 97414911 to discuss any medical needs. If students are unwell at school they are required to attend First Aid and the school nurse will then contact the family if it is deemed necessary. If your child calls you directly please tell them to go to First Aid for medical attention.

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 after school.

School Gates

The school gates are closed at 8.50 am to facilitate students arriving to class on time. Students must report to the administration area, after 8:50 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

It is 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 and scooters 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.

Emergency Management Plan

The Wyndham Central College Emergency Management Plan is tested regularly to ensure the safety of all students, staff and school visitors in the event of an emergency situation. As part of this plan we conduct four emergency drills per year, two lock down drills and two fire drills and students are made aware of when a drill is about to commence.

YEAR'S 7, 8 & 9
REPORT

It's been an exciting start to the year, and terrific to see so many students making the most of learning and leadership opportunities in the first few weeks of school. At year's 8 and 9 we've had our Student Representative Council (SRC) elections, year 7 will hold theirs in the coming weeks once the students get to know each other a bit better.

We have a couple of transition activities coming up for our new year 7s including a family welcome BBQ evening on February 27 (notes coming home soon), and an excursion to Eastern Beach Geelong where we will be running a pastoral care activity day (again look for notes that will shortly be given to your students).

The new students have settled into the life of Wyndham Central well, and have become a part of our school community. COMPASS log in codes have been mailed home for Year 7 and new families to access their student's account. COMPASS can be used to notify absences, communicate with your child's teachers and look at their learning tasks and progress. For parents new to COMPASS (or just unsure how to use it) we are running a **COMPASS information session in the Auditorium at 7pm on March 6**. All are welcome to attend.

In year 8 we will soon be holding a parent information night for our annual camp to Neerim East. This will also be in the **Auditorium on March 6 at 6pm**. I was lucky enough to attend the camp last year and it was such a positive experience being with the students in bush setting and participating in hikes, high-rope courses, making damper, building shelters and much more. If you are entitled to CSEF (camps, sports and excursions fund) this mostly covers the cost of the camp. If you have a health care card but have not applied for CSEF funding please contact the office for the appropriate forms. We'd love to see as many of our year 8s as possible at the camp so please come along to the information evening and find out all about it.

A key strategy I want to drive in our school community this year is the need for clear and open communication. Hopefully you are all receiving weekly updates from your student's tutor teacher. Tutor Teachers are you first point of call for any concerns or feedback about your child. They can be reached via COMPASS or direct call to the school.

Thank you in advance for being partners in your child's learning journey at Wyndham Central.

Megan Taylor - Assistant Principal - Years 7, 8 & 9

YEAR 7 REPORT

I would like to welcome all year 7 students to the College and hope they have had a great first few weeks. I look forward to working with all students to ensure they have a successful start to their secondary school education, and look forward to seeing them all as year 12 graduates in 2024.

The year 7 Tutor team for 2019 consists of:

7A: Nicole Smith
7B: Sue Butcher
7D: Emily Bellin
7E: Jesse Damjanovski
7F: Peta Hills

7G: Janine Smith 7H: Shamini Rose 7J: Clarah Chiripanhura

7K: Claire Wilkinson

Your child's tutor teacher is the first point of contact. If you have anything you wish to discuss with the school, please contact them via email on COMPASS or by calling the school on 97414911.

The first two days of school were spent setting students up for success. This included organizing books and binders, getting to know the students in their class and their teachers, as well as a guest speaker addressing resilience. Students will also be receiving their laptops next week.

It is important that your child is at school every day, on time, with the required equipment ready to learn. To reward students for their exemplary attendance, I will be running a year 7 tutor group 'Attendance Competition' in 2019. This will include a reward for the highest attending class each term, as well as students with 100% attendance. The school also has a rewards system called VIVO that rewards students for displaying the school's values of Respect, Cooperation and Excellence, as well as work ethic and participation. Please ask your child about this.

Each week, you will be also receiving a weekly update from your child's tutor teacher informing you of any events occurring throughout the term and any work that students have been completing during the week.

As a staff, we look forward to working with your children to ensure they reach their full potential and become the best they can be.

If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact me via Compass, or through your child's tutor teacher.

Ashlev Rowe - Year 7 Level Leader

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YEAR 8 REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new students to the College starting in year 8 this year and to our current families and students.

The year 8 team consists of Tutor teachers that will continue to ensure your child has a smooth transition into the New Year. These teachers are:

8A: Caitlin Barbante8B: Paris Ladas8C: Gabriella Kaushik8D: Beau Lepp8E: Maiko Yamane8F: Meridith Thompson8G: Fiona Wu8H: Shalika Sharma8J: Michelle Shen

8K: Samantha Mikulas 8L: Amanda Chivers

I am in a fortunate position this year moving up with your child as the Year 8 Level Leader. Overall, it has been a positive start to the year, with all students being provided with their new AVID Binders, Planners and locks for lockers. We are really emphasising with the students and their teachers to be using the planners effectively. The organisational element of AVID will be assessed against each semester and therefore would like to recommend

families are ensuring their child are utilising their resources appropriately.

I would also like to address uniform at this early stage of the year. Wyndham Central College has a uniform policy that all students are required to abide by. Please ensure your child is attending school in the full correct uniform.

Early this term we were fortunate to have Mike Ross a double amputee attend the college to speak with the students. Mike contracted an illness when he was 18 years old, resulting in loss of limbs. His motivational talk on his experiences and resilience was eye opening for the students.

On Thursday 21st February is our swimming carnival. Due to a change in dates, we require new parent permissions to be signed. Please ensure your child has returned the form to be able to attend the carnival.

We also have school photos on Tuesday 19th February. Students are to be in full school uniform.

This year the year 8s are fortunate to have a camp. The camp will be occurring in July. There will be a parent information evening on Wednesday 6th March. This will be a great opportunity for families to obtain any information they require regarding the camp.

If you require any further information or assistance, your child's Tutor Teacher is the first point of call via email on COMPASS or by calling 9741 4911.

Laura Newton - Year 8 Level Leader

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YEAR 9 REPORT

I would like to introduce myself as the Year 9 Year Level Leader at Wyndham Central College for 2019. I am excited to work with students, parents and guardians to provide an excellent opportunity for learning and success and to support all students to achieve their potential at Year 9.

In 2019, the Year 9 Team consists of:

9A: Bily Bosevski

9B: Amy Cole

9C: Troy West

9D: Frank Lanciana

9E: Karl Szulik

9F: Rita Duber

9G: Ilker Karagozoglu

9S: Nigel Kevi

Ms. Demontis, Ms. Gilmore, Mr. Nagan and Ms. Stevenson are also attached to the Year 9 Team this year, and our amazing Administration Assistant is Ms. Whitfield.

In order for us to 'create a community of high expectations' it is vital to make sure that your child has a 100% attendance rate, is in full school uniform and with their AVID binder and their laptop in order to be ready to learn.

I invite you to continuously check your child's planner for homework and important dates of school events including reporting dates, sports carnivals and term dates.

Students are rewarded for exemplary achievement, high work ethic, and all other positive behaviours by receiving VIVOs. I also encourage parents and carers to regularly check COMPASS, and keep a line of open communication with all your child's teachers.

I look forward to a rewarding 2019 with all Year 9 students.

Please feel free to contact me via COMPASS if you have any questions, or require any assistance.

Grace Hawke - Year 9 Level Leader

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YEAR'S 10, 11 & 12 REPORT

I look forward to working with and supporting all Year 10-12 years students and their families in working towards the completion of a successful secondary school education.

It is with high expectations, the building of a partnership between the College and families, with two-way communication, which will see the fruition of every student's hopes and inspirations.

Year 10, 11 and 12 Parent information evening

A reminder that the College is holding an **Information Night for Year 10, 11 and 12 students on Tuesday 19th February**, in the College Auditorium. This is an excellent opportunity for parents and students to learn more about the requirements of Year 10, the VCE/VCAL and get some tips and ask any questions from previous students, who will also be in attendance. We look forward to seeing you on the night and supporting you with your son/daughters education.

Parent Information Night Year 10: 6.30pm-7.20pm Year 11/12: 7.30pm-8.30pm

Please note that Ange Whitfield is the Year 10 ES Assistant and Heidi McDowell the Year 11 & 12 ES Assistant.

Bryan Woollard - Assistant Principal - Years 10, 11 & 12

YEAR 10 REPORT

Welcome back to all Year 10 students. I hope you have had a refreshing summer break. I am looking forward to working with this cohort of students and families for a second year in a row, as the Year 10 student's progress into the senior years of their education journey at Wyndham Central College. It was fantastic to walk around the Year 10 Monash Building hearing about all the wonderful adventures students got up to during the summer break.

I would like to introduce the Tutor Team at Year 10 for 2019:

10A: Kimberly Silva10B: Tania Taylor10C: Pina Siragusano10D: Monica D'alessandro10E: Jessica Pine10F: Dylan Cook10G: Chloe Mommers10S: Stacey Jamieson

Students have had the opportunity to meet their new tutor teacher, and their classmates during 'Step Up' and on the first day of 2019 during the 'Planning for Success' day. A reminder that students are expected to be at school every day, in full school uniform. If your child is away, please notify the school via COMPASS, a phone call, or email. In Year 10 at Wyndham Central College, there are multiple school events including Swimming Carnival, Athletics Carnival, Elevate Study Sensei incursion. A friendly reminder the **Year 10 information evening is on Tuesday 19th February from 6:30pm – 7:30pm.** At this evening you will receive important information about the events in 2019, and how to best support your child's education this year.

The Year Ten Tutor Team is excited to work with the cohort, to help the students continue to grow, and reach their full potential. Just a reminder to all parents, please remember that your child's Tutor Teacher is your first point of contact within the school. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact your child's Tutor Teacher via COMPASS or by calling the school on 9741 4911.

George Conway - Year 10 Level Leader

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YEAR 11 REPORT

As we begin a new year, we welcome all our Year 11 VCE and VCAL students as they prepare for their final two years of secondary schooling. As a cohort, we have made a positive start to the year and in most cases we have adapted quickly to the demands and rigors of Year 11.

I would like to introduce the Year 11 team which will be supporting your students through all the ups and downs that come with the rigors of VCE for 2019. Your tutor teachers are your first point of contact with any questions you may have, and are more than happy to work with you to get the best of your child at Wyndham Central College.

11A: Angie Gogos 11B: Mark O'Callaghan 11C: John Cutter 11D: Mr Andre Bernardi 11E: Breanna Alexander 11F: Tiffany Trinh

11G: Mr Stephen Stellini 11V: Angie Chan

Our students have taken on many leadership roles in the school over the past 4 years, and it is great to see some new faces take on the roles of Class Captain, SRC and House Captains in 2019. These students provide leadership within the classroom and in the yard and are respected by both peers and teachers alike. The Year 11 team look forward to working with all the students who have taken on leadership roles this year.

Class Captains

11A: Brodee McKenzie11B: Kristylitia Talosaga11C: Maggie Ung11D: Renee Henry-Pompeii11E: George Anastasiades11F: Chase Allen11G: Raquelle Nang11V: Kartik Maddula

Year 11 SRC Representatives - Bizawit Mokenen and Charlotte Dumangas (school council student representative

Year 11 House Captains:

Yellow: Kirsty Owen Red: Emily Lockwood and Haylie Glass Blue: Kristylitia Taulapapa Green: AJ Donghi

It would be great to see parents at our **Parent Information Night which is on the 19th of February**. It will cover all things VCE for your students, including same of the major differences in expectations and VCE requirements for Years 11 and 12.

Please be sure to check your students uniform daily and that they are in full school uniform. Your assistance with this allows us to focus on their academic progress and supporting their education, not on their uniform.

A reminder that student attendance goals should be 100% attendance. If there is an absence, please be sure to contact the school and for your student to bring a medical certificate upon their return.

I look forward to seeing the students of this cohort continue to grow and reach their potential.

Chad Cook - Year 11 Level Leader

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YEAR 12 REPORT

Welcome back and congratulations to all Year 12 students. The start of Year 12 officially began last year in Step Up and students were issued a number of holiday tasks by their teachers to complete in preparation for this year. On the first day back we started with a whole year level workshop day which has set the expectations of the year. We also reiterated the school values of being at school every day on time, in uniform and ready to learn.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all parents to attend the parent information night coming up on **Tuesday the 19**th of **February** which will also outline the requirements and expectations for Year 12.

Yr 12 Tutor Teachers - Below is a list of the tutor teacher and their classes for your information:

12A: Tran Vo

12B: Anita Herbert

12C: Connie Faranda

12D: Andrew Wokulski

12E: Nidhi Sharma

12F: Sharon Bumpstead

I would also like to officially announce and congratulate all of our student leadership positions:

School Captains

Vice Captains:

Wol Wol and Keely-Shayla TEARIKI

Kiana Strong and Chloe Smith

Class Captains:

12A Paw Paw Tway KHIN

12B Roberto Lay

12C Ler K'Baw Paw WAH

12D Haylee Tevlin

12E Julie Nvi

12F Marigona Krasnigi

House Captains

Red: Elham Hassan Green: Emma Hills

Blue: Damanpreet Kaur

Yellow: Lucy Mackie

I look forward to all students having a very successful year. Year 12 will be a challenging year but with hard work and persistence, students will be able to achieve amazing results, and the tutor teachers and myself look forward to working with the students to achieve their best.

If you have any questions throughout the year feel free to contact myself or your child tutor teacher. We look forward to meeting you soon.

Rebecca Sandlant - Year 12 Level Leader

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Students are now settled into term 1, with students and teachers collaborating to work through Semester 1 curriculum and preparing for the first assessment cycle. As part of good teaching and learning practices teachers at WCC regularly check in with their students, conducting ongoing formative assessments to gage what students have learnt and inform subsequent lessons.

A reminder that the AVID Binder is compulsory for all students in Years 7- 10 and for the AVID Elective students at Year 11 and 12. Students are expected to take their AVID Binder to all classes. Parents have a vital role in supporting their child to maintain a well organised Binder. Parents can check their child's binder using the AVID Binder checklist found in their child's Planner.

Cornell Notes

Another AVID school wide expectation is the Cornell note taking system. Cornell notes are a proven focused note taking method for students to improve learning. When all steps of the note taking system are completed, students are guaranteed to increase their knowledge and raise their grades in any given class!

The Cornell note taking system includes:

- Topic, date and Essential Question at the top of the notes
- Notes in the right hand side with key words circled and important information underlined
- Questions relating to the notes in the left hand column
- A summary at the end of the notes

Students are expected to use the Cornell Note system and complete all steps using the 10-24-7 method. That is review and revise their notes 10 minutes or the night after they first receive the notes. Complete questions related to the notes 24 hours later and write a summary of the notes seven days later. The completion of Cornell notes must be part of your child's regular homework program. Parents can support their child by encouraging them to use the repetition strategies and review notes regularly as this will help them prepare for, and improve, their test and exam results.

A reminder that Homework club continues on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:20pm to 4:20pm in the AVID Centre.

AVID Camp

This year's AVID Camp was held at Melbourne University's Queens College from 10th-12th February. The AVID Elective students from years 9-12 attended the AVID camp with their AVID Elective teachers. Students participated in motivational activities and activities to refine their WICOR strategies while in a university environment. The camp was enjoyable and successful. Please read the AVID Camp Student Report below.

Opportunity to Host International Students

As part of our Internationalism Program, WCC is continuing to hosts students (and teachers) from other countries to promote a cultural and language exchange. Students from our sister schools in both Spain and Japan come to practise their English language and our homes are a great and practical place to do this. Through our 'Sister School' programs, our students also have the opportunity to travel to Spain and Japan to practice and build their language skills.

Being a homestay family means inviting a student to become a part of your family for the time they are here. For many students and families, this relationship can last well beyond the visit to Australia and, for some; it will lead to life-long friendships. Hosting a student from another country gives your family a wonderful opportunity to share cultures in your own home. We are currently asking for expressions of interest from families who would like the opportunity to host an international student in their home. There will be an information evening on Tuesday 26th February for all families interested in hosting. Please come along for a light supper and find out how you can enrich your family's experiences by hosting an international students this year. If you are interested in hosting an international student, please contact Mr Alex De-Leon on 9741 4911 or via email on COMPASS at any time.

Connie Faranda - Assistant Principal - Teaching & Learning



On Thursday 21st February is the whole school swimming carnival at Lara Swimming pool. This is a great day that staff and students look forward to every year, and all students are required to attend so please make sure your child has brought back their permission form. There are lots of different events on the day so please encourage your child to get involved, support their house and by signing up.

Students are encouraged to dress in house colors and show their house some support... but don't forget to SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SEEK, SLIDE.

Sporting teams for Term 1 in the Wyndham Division for Term 1 are as follows:

Volleyball Year 7 Boys & Girls - Year 8 Boys & Girls - Intermediate Boys & Girls - Senior Boys & Girls

Tennis Year 7 Boys & Girls – Year 8 boys & Girls

Netball Year 8 Girls – Intermediate Girls

Please encourage your child to sign up, participate and represent Wyndham Central College.

Emily Bellin - Sports Co-ordinator



The Wyndham Central College Student Representative Council (SRC) is a student led initiative giving students an opportunity to represent their classmates and the wider school community and look forward to further strengthening our community of high expectations.

The SRC is in the process of creating their team for 2019 and the list of members will be announced in the next newsletter.

The successful students will work in project teams, focusing on Student Voice, Environment and Sustainability, Diversity and Charity and Fundraising and will have numerous opportunities to improve not only themselves but the school. They will also be involved in meetings with other SRC groups in the Wyndham area and work with Ms. Joanne Ryan, Member for Lalor on various focus areas.

Scott Lynch - SRC Leader

SPANISH IMMERSION NEWS

Spanish Immersion classes from Year 7 to 10 include a percentage of the Spanish language in their core subjects. As per the photo, in 7C Science with Ms. Vo, students debate about why they should learn about science branches and what they are. Students use the Spanish language outside the classroom to interact with each other as they discuss various science topics.

Overall, Year 7 use 20% of Spanish in their classes.



WORK EXPERIENCE NEWS

YEAR 10 WORK PLACEMENTS - Term 2 Monday 6th May - Friday 10th May

Just a reminder to our Year 10 students and parents about organizing work placements for the above week. As you will remember, notice was given of this date during Step Up Interviews in December last year and forms were handed out to start organizing placements for this week. It is a requirement of Year 10 Industry and Enterprise to complete a work placement in order to achieve the outcomes. Forms are due in to me by April 1st so that I can begin processing them and producing the necessary paperwork for both yourselves and the employers.

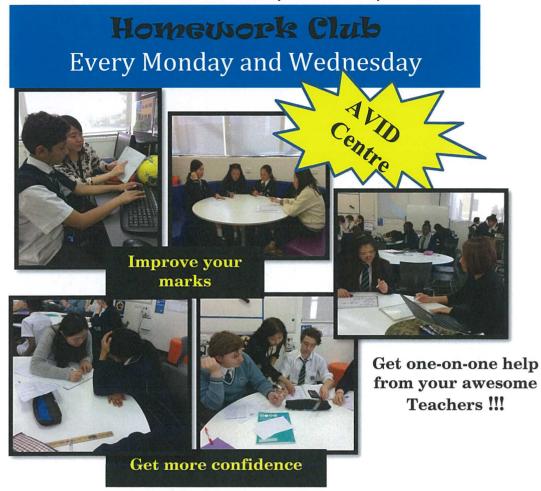
If your child plans on a work placement on a building site, it is a requirement to obtain their White Card. The College is offering a full day of White Card training on Thursday March 28th from 8.30-4pm. The cost of this training is \$100, but the College will be paying half – so the cost to students is \$50. Please see Ms. Bumpstead to make a booking. A Photo ID will need to be brought in on the day (not including student cards).

Sharon Bumpstead - Work Experience Co-ordinator



Homework Clubs

All students are welcome to attend Homework Club on Monday's & Wednesday's from 3:03pm - 4:20pm in the AVID Centre. Students will be able to access assistance from teachers in all subject areas. Please note that Humanities has now been added to Homework Club on both a Monday and Wednesday after school.



BREAKFAST CLUB –Tuesdays & Thursdays





CAN WE ASSIST YOU WITH A PAYMENT PLAN?

In some cases families may require a little assistance to meet the financial obligations of education, even though at Wyndham Central College we endeavor to keep the costs associated with education down to a minimum. If we can help you please feel free to call us on 9741 4911 to find a suitably agreeable time to make an appointment with the Business Manager Netta Ferlazzo to discuss how we could assist.

SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP

Please note that once families receive their booklists for 2019, unwanted books can be sold via the SSS for 2019. There will also be an opportunity to purchase some text books on this website as soon as we are able to furnish them with the correct ISBN coding.

ADMINISTRAION OPENING HOURS

Wyndham Central College Administration is open:

- Monday to Thursday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
- Friday 8:30 am 3:30 pm

2019 ARRANGMENTS - CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)

The Victorian state government has once again offered extra funding to families who hold a Centrelink pension card or a Health Care card. \$225 towards the costs associated with camps, excursions and sporting events. These funds will be paid directly to the college and can only be used for these types of events/activities.

If families have not already submitted their completed the CSEF form together with a copy of their current Health Care /Pension card please ensure you do so. All applications will be validated by Centrelink and if the criteria is not meet.

Eligibility Criteria

All applications will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (29 January 2019) or term two (23 April 2019).

THE COLLEGE NOW OFFERS BPAY

Pay family payments online fast, just enter the BPAY Biller Code, your reference number, the amount and the payment date, and you're done; this code is found on the your family statement.

If you require a payment to be allocated to a particular item you will need to send an email to the college with your request before you make payment. Biller code and reference numbers now appear on your family statements.

A reminder to parents, when making a BPAY payment, could you please notify the College either by phone or email as soon as the payment has been made if there is a specific item you would like this payment to be allocated towards.



VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

For the safety of staff and 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.



Parents & Friends invitation – see attached flyer

Canteen Information – menu & online ordering – see attached flyer

Turning into Teens Family information session – see attached flyer

Reach Out Parents – see attached flyer

Australian Red Cross-blood donations - see attached flyer

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



The Wyndham Central College Parents
and Friends Association is focused on
building strong connections with
families and the community. Working within
this partnership our main objective is to find
ways to support our students'
academic achievement.

Purpose:

- Provide opportunities for regular updates and discussions.
- Plan social, educational or fundraising activities.
- · Getting feedback on school policy and initiatives.

VENUE: Italian Sports Club 601 Heaths Road Werribee (President's Room) TIME: 10.30am - 11.30am Morning Tea Provided

> Please call Alison De Rozario on 9741 4911 to register your attendance.

> TERM 1 MEETING DATES -Tuesday 5th March & Wednesday 3rd April

Respect. Co-Operation & Excellence

Wyndham Central Cafe by & Jude Fina Foods 1 today & Notifician School Catering

Breakfast

Egg & Bacon Muffin 3.0 Ham & Cheese Toastie 3.0 Ham, Cheese & Tomato Toastie 3.5 Fresh Yoghurt 3.5 Hash Brown (Oven Baked) 1.2

Recess Selection

Toasted Bacon & Egg on Wholemeal Roll 3.5
Cheese & Spinach Roll 3.5
Assorted Dim Sims and Dumplings 1.2
Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap (Warm) 5.0
Homemade Pizza Slice 2.5
Traveller Beef Pie (Salt Reduce) 3.5
Nacho with Salsa, Sour Cream, Tasty Cheese 4.0
Chicken Burger w Lettuce, Mayo 4.5
Chicken Schnitzel Sub w Lettuce, Cheese & Mayo 5.0
Veg Sub w Cos Lettuce, Tomato, Red Onion, Olives
with a sprinkle of Mayo 5.0
Angus Beef Burger with Cheese, Tomato Sauce 4.5
Hot Dog with Topping (optional) from 3.5
Noddles Assorted Flavours 3.0

Lunch Selection

Homemade Pasta of the Day 4.5
Traveller Beef Pie (Salt Reduce) 3.5
Chicken Burger w Lettuce, Mayo 4.5
Chicken Schnitzel Sub w Lettuce, Cheese & Mayo 5.0
Chicken Parmagina Sub with Sauce & Cheese 5.0
Pork Riblett Sub with Lettuce & BBQ Sauce 5.0
Angus Beef Burger with Cheese, Tomato Sauce 4.5
Assorted Dim Sims and Dumplings 1.2
Homemade Pizza Slice 2.5
Tasty Meatball Sub with Sauce & Cheese 4.5
Hot Dog with Topping (optional) from 3.5
Noddles Assorted Flavours 3.0
Veg Sub w Cos Lettuce, Tomato, Red Onion, Olives with a sprinkle of Mayo 5.0
Vegetarian Quiche Slice 3.5

<u>Wednesday and Thursday Sushi</u> <u>Special (Term 1 & \$4)</u>

2 Rolls from 6.0 Chicken Teriyaki, California, Tuna & Avocado.

<u>Cold Deli Selection</u>

Fruit Salad with Yoghurt 4.5

Garden Salad with Italian Dressing 4.5

Add Chicken Breast 5.0

Coleslaw 4.5

Yoghurt with Berries 4.5

Jelly 1.5

From The Bakery

Assorted Gourmet Pies 4.0
Sausage Roll 3.0
Assorted Muffins 4.0
Assorted Slices 3.5
100%Vegetable Pasty 4.0
Cheese & Vegemite Pinwheel 1.5

Sandwiches

Made to order
Assorted Breads
Salad with Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber Red Onion 3.5
Salad add Ham 4.0
Salad add Chicken 4.0
Salad add Cheese 4.0
Egg & Lettuce 4.0
Tuna with Tomato & Red Onion 4.0
Chicken Lettuce & Mayo 4.0
Chicken with Avocado & Cheese 5.0
Ham Cheese & Tomato 4.0
Cheese & Tomato 3.5
Add .50 for Rolls or Wraps
Add 1.00 for Focaccia

<u>Drínks</u>

250ml Coke-no sugar, Sprite 2.0
390ml Coke no sugar, Sprite 3.5
500ml Ice Tea Varieties 3.5
750ml Pump Flavoured Water 4.0
600ml Water 2.5
PowerAde Varieties 4.0
300ml Oak Milk Flavoured 2.5
500ml Ice Break 4.0
600ml Oak Flavoured 4.0
Harvey Fresh Juice Varieties from 2.5

Ice Creams

Assorted Paddle Pops 1.8 Mini Callippo 1.3 Icy Twist 1.5 Frozen Gourmet Yoghurt-Gluten Free 2.5

Snacks Options

Popcorn 2.0
Delites 1.0
Red Rock Deli Chips 2.5
Assorted Muffins 4.0
Assorted Slices 3.5







For quicker, hassle-free school payments, try Qkr! today

Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by Mastercard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

With Qkr you can:

- Order and pay for your child's lunches, reducing the need to bring cash to school;
- Pay for a variety of school items;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.



Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

Step 1 Download Qkr!

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app





Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school

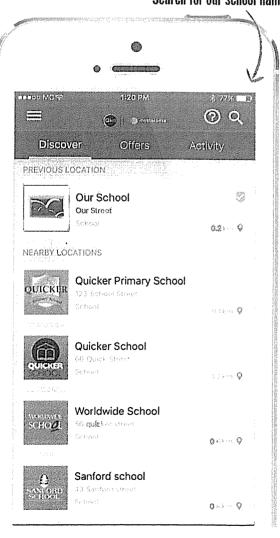
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them. If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

Search for our school name



Add your children's details in Student Profiles









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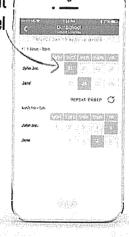
Manage each child's details in **Student Profiles**

Order meals

Select a menu from our canteen



Tap the green box to view your receipt or to cancel an order



Select a date for a child and order a meal

Add each

Tap 'Repeat order' to copy all paid orders from one week to the next

Tap to change the date you are ordering for

Tap to change the child you are ordering for

Tap 'Checkout' then confirm and pay

Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet







At checkout select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.



Family information session

Presented by the WCC
Youth Services
Counselling Team



19.03.19

Having conversations with your teen about gaming are never easy – come down and learn some strategies in managing issues and having the right conversation with your teen about online gaming.

Point Cook Library Tuesday 19 March 6pm – 8pm

Bookings required.
PH 9395 7966
OR
www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries

ReachOut Parents

https://parents.au.reachout.com/welcome-to-reachout-parents

When a parent recognises a teenager needs help, they're more likely to get it. That's why we've introduced a new service to help parents help teenagers.

Right now, 1 in 4 young Australians are living with a mental health difficulty. But there's an even bigger problem: 70% of those who need help don't get it, and suicide remains the leading cause of death for young Australians aged 14–25 years. That means more young people die by suicide each year than by road accident, cancer, or acts of violence. The good news: we can change this.

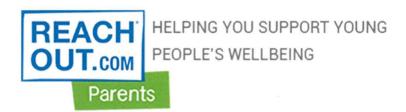
The majority of mental health difficulties start before the age of 24, and we know that parents are one of the first places that young people turn to for support and information.

On this site you will find fact sheets, stories, practical tips and tools covering a range of topics, issues and experiences that are relevant to teenagers aged 12–18 years. We've got an online community forum where you can talk to other parents about your experiences and work through your concerns in a safe, anonymous environment. And we have launched a free online coaching service that will help you achieve an effective and positive relationship with your teenager.

The aim of ReachOut Parents is to help you:

- develop and maintain secure and stable relationships with your teenager by learning more about what they might be experiencing or issues they might be going through
- support your teenager and teach them how to seek help and work through issues independently
- learn about mental health issues that often have their onset during adolescence, including what to be aware of, and how to get help for your teenager if and when they need it
- improve the wellbeing and resilience of your whole family.

https://parents.au.reachout.com/welcome-to-reachout-parents



NEWBLOOD DONORS NEEDED IN WERRIBEE

We're now open on Saturdays

