



Wodonga Senior Secondary College

Training Restaurant

(Enter from Brockley Street Entrance)

Pepper
RESTAURANT

Open

Tuesday 29th April

Tuesday 20th May

Tuesday 17th June

Tuesday 29th July

Tuesday 5th August

From 6.00pm – 9.00pm

A la Carte - Mains from \$15
\$15 deposit pp to secure booking

**MAXIMUM PER TABLE 6
BYO**

Non-alcoholic drinks, tea and espresso coffee are available at small cost

**TO SECURE A RESERVATION PLEASE MAKE PRE-PAID
BOOKING AT THE OFFICE
ON 60 437 500**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Angus Johnson Continued Success - Top Acts, Melbourne Recital Centre

Congratulations! Angus Johnson has been invited to represent the College in **Top Acts 2014**, the final event in 2013 VCE Season of Excellence in May.

This is an outstanding result for Angus and our College. Over 130 performances from across the state were highlighted in the twelve Top Class concerts. Only about 20 of these make the selection for Top Acts.

Important Dates

As we approach the end of Semester 1 there is a need to keep parents and students informed of the arrangements between now and the end of Term 2.

Exam and Test Period

A mini exam period for all students in Years 10 and 11 will be held during normal class time from **Monday 2nd June**. To avoid students having a number of exams on the one day a blocking arrangement will be distributed to spread the tests over the week. Students will be expected to attend all classes as normal.

All students currently studying a Unit 3 VCE and scored assessed VET Subject, which is over 45% of our student cohort, must sit the General Achievement Test (GAT) on Wednesday the 11th June at the school. The GAT will commence at 10.00am and finish at 1.15pm. The GAT is a formal assessment tool used by the VCAA (Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority) to verify individual student performance relative to all other students in the state. Students need to prepare and are encouraged to do the best they can on the GAT. Students will be provided with more details over the coming weeks but are encouraged to seek information from the VCAA website: www.vcaa.vic.edu.au

Monday 9th June
Wednesday 11th June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday; School will be closed.

As we have so many students sitting the GAT no classes will be timetabled at any Year level. Students who are not sitting the GAT and have missed mini exams may be asked to attend on that day to resit the exams they have missed. All other students are not required at school. Students are not required to wear school uniform to the GAT exam and are free to leave once the GAT has been completed.

Thursday 12th and Friday 13th June

Classes as normal. Finalise Assessments and hand back marked Assessment Tasks and exams to complete Semester 1.

Monday 16th June
Thursday 26th June

Semester 2 commences. **All students** must attend.

Semester 1 Reports distributed and Parent Student Teacher Interviews in the afternoon and evening.

Friday 27th June

2.30pm Students dismissed for Term 2 holidays.

Monday 14th July

Teachers Return to school

Tuesday 15th July

Students Return to commence Term 3

Wednesday 23rd July

Parent Information Evening for Year 9 students transitioning into Year 10

Wednesday 13th August

Subject Expo

Exam Preparation

As already stated Mini Exams for Year 10 and 11 students begins on Monday 2nd June. Just as examinations should be the successful end to the semester's study, revision should be the process of refreshing what has already been thoroughly learned. Revision should be a process of consolidating understanding of the subject rather than cramming in as much information as possible before the morning of the exam. Unfortunately for many students last minute revision cannot make up for the lack of a planned study program. A number of strategies have been included in a short article "Last Minute Cramming" that may help if you find yourself beginning your exam preparation now, which can be found on our website.

Leaving the School Grounds without Permission

We have a duty of care to know where students are during the school day. Students who leave the grounds without seeking permission from either their parents or Year level Coordinators and have not informed the office at the time of their departure are putting themselves and the school at risk. I remind all students of their obligations with this matter. "wandering off" down the street is not an option as significant consequences will result.

Vern Hilditch
Principal

ISSUE NO: 12

**Wednesday 14th
May 2014**

CALENDAR

Tues 13th to Thurs 15th May
OES Water & Rock Trip

Mon 19th to Thurs 22nd May
OES Unit 1 Four Day
Bushwalk

Tues 20th May
Pepper Restaurant

Sat 31st May
Inter-School Equestrian
Challenge

Mon 9th June
Queen's Birthday Public
Holiday

STUDENT ABSENCES

There is an expectation that all students have an obligation to attend school. Where students are absent it is recorded as an unapproved absence until it is explained. All absences must be approved. Notes or phone calls from parents explaining the absence as a result of illness or pressing necessity are required. Thresholds have been introduced by the Education Department and Commonwealth Departments where student unexplained absences can result in fines or a reduction in benefits.

TERM DATES

Term 2
22nd April - 27th June

Term 3
14th July - 19th September

Term 4
6th October - 19th December

SPORT REPORT

Upper Hume Girls AFL Football – Wednesday 7th May

The Upper Hume Interschool competition was played at Martin Park in excellent conditions. Our girls competed against Catholic College in the first match. Whilst the girls had plenty of the ball in their forward line we could only match to rush one behind to lead by a point at quarter time. However, after an inspiring speech by Coach, Dylan Nowak the girls made some key position changes and soon took over and dominated possession. The mid-field brigade of Aly Greer, Tegan Ellis and Maddison Deery linked up well to provide opportunities for our forwards. Eliza Russell and Emma Duke proved to be excellent targets up forward. The back line was strong with their pressure and tackling lead by Keely McLaren and Ella Hales. The wingers Emily Woolford, Tori Smedley, Karina Kovacs and Megan Pascoe were evasive on the wings and in the mid-field. In the cross-town rivalry match our girls were too good and committed to the cause and ran out winners 4.5-29 to 1.3-9. Goals were scored by Aly Greer (2), Eliza Russell (1) and Teagan Ellis (1). The girls then watched on to see who they would play in the final later in the day. Others matches involved Wangaratta High School, Galen College and Marian College. Wangaratta won through to the final against us. This proved to be a fair but physical encounter with our girls tackling and shepherding with ferocity. Early opportunities in our forward line were thwarted by the Wangaratta team and our opposition with superior leg speed out of the back line swept the ball forward and were dominating the score line. Half time could not come quick enough for us to re-group. Rikki Sproule was outstanding at half-back and repelled the strong forward pressure from Wangaratta HS. Our team did not give up and we were able to link up well and score two important goals. However, time was against us and Wangaratta won the battle 6.1-37 to 2.2-14. Goals were converted by Aly Greer (2). Well done to Claire Koschel for being our Equipment Manager on the day.

Team Members: T. Ellis, H. Bice, E. Duke, L. Golley, A. Greer, E. Hales, K. Kovacs, C. Marcuzzi, K. McLaren, H. McPherson, M. Pascoe, E. Russell, T. Smedley, R. Sproule, E. Woolford, S. Michael, G. Holley, C. Marcuzzi, M. Deery, S. Enander & M. Hough. Thank you to our assistants, Tom Baker, Sam Walker and Mitch Potter.

Di Larkin
VET Sport & Recreation - Circus Teacher



SPORT REPORT

Wilson's Promontory Bushwalk - Tuesday 25th - Friday 28th March 2014

As part of the Year 12 Outdoor and Environmental Studies course 10 students, Mr McKenzie and Hayley met at the College at 5.00am on Tuesday morning to travel by bus down to Wilson's Promontory National Park. The Prom lies on the southern coast of mainland Australia and students were treated to stunning coastal views and walks along the beach throughout the four day hike. A few highlights of the trip included; a 360° blue-sky view from the top of Mt Oberon, beach cricket each night, star gazing on the beach and watching the tide roll in at sunset.

The group were very lucky weather wise, with a shower on only one night of the three which cleared up for bright and sunny afternoon to enjoy a late lunch at the final camping spot. The walk has been described by many of the group as the "best they've ever done" and commented that it was a great first trip together as a class. In total the students walked almost 50km over the four days so many had a well-deserved sleep on the bus during the trip home on Friday.

Mt Jagungal Bushwalk - Tuesday 29th April - Thursday 1st May 2014

On Tuesday eleven Year 10 Outdoor Education students, accompanied by Mr Barry and Hayley, journeyed to Mt Kosciusko National Park where they would spend the next three days hiking the Round Mountain Trail. Within minutes of their arrival at the Round Mountain trail students were greeted with thick fog and an icy wind that left many scrambling for their jumpers and long pants! The group powered through their 17km on the first day in an attempt to make it to camp before the heavy rain that was forecasted, and this hard work payed off when everyone arrived to camp nearly completely dry. The rain fell hard and fast that evening but cleared up by morning, meaning that a scenic ascent of the mighty Mt Jagungal at noon seemed promising.

By lunchtime however, when half the group had begun their trek to 2061m above sea level the fog had rolled in again and the mountaineers were lucky (or unlucky) enough to witness some Autumn snow! Though cold and wet it made for a great spectacle which was still talked about over the campfire on the last evening. The final day of walking proved very challenging for some, with a steep downhill section followed by a river crossing and several km of unforgiving uphill, but spirits were still high enough on the journey home to join in on a traditional bus sing-a-long!

House Athletic Sports - Tuesday 25th March 2014

Tuesday saw a very successful House Athletic Sports with great involvement by staff and students. Some outstanding performances were achieved in the track and field and large numbers of students and staff participated with enthusiasm in the novelty events. Great costumes in team colours were a highlight and led to a very competitive fashions on the field event.

The WSSC Gift was held again as a handicap event and was possibly the highlight of the day. Ben Hugall was off scratch and he was able to catch each of the competitors in front of him, catching Lionel Masudi off 4.5m in the last couple of strides. In third place was Grace Morris.

SPORT REPORT

House Athletic Sports - Tuesday 25th March 2014

The Inter-house Competition was close all day with Indigo taking the final honours as Champion House.



Hume Softball - Thursday 1st May 2014

The Senior Girls Softball team travelled to Wangaratta as part of the Hume Region level competition. Some of the girls had very little softball experience but stepped up to the plate and played very well, and there was much friendly camaraderie between the competing schools throughout the day. Though our Senior girls placed runners up they finished the competition in high spirits and on good terms with the winning team from Broadford.

Upper Hume Soccer - Friday 30th May 2014

WSSC had both Senior Girls and a Senior Boys soccer team compete in the Upper Hume soccer competition held in Wodonga. Keen soccer enthusiasts Tim Bridgeman and Brooke Musgrave coached the boys and girls respectively, and although the teams worked hard consistently throughout all their matches, the competition proved just a little too strong. The Senior Boys placed third and the Senior Girls a well-deserved second.

State Swimming - Tuesday 29th April 2014

WSSC was represented by 2 very talented swimmers at the School Sport Victoria 2014 State Swimming Championship. Kristen Wright of Year 12 placed 6th in 50m backstroke while Lachlan Boye of Year 10 won an impressive title of triple silver medallist. An outstanding result from these two students and we congratulate them on their efforts.

Upper Hume Volleyball - Tuesday 20th May 2014

A full bus of volleyballers travelled to Wangaratta to compete in the Upper Hume Volleyball competition at H.P. Barr Reserve. The Senior Boys team dominated in their only game for the day, while the Intermediate Girls put up a very strong offensive front to win both their matches against Wangaratta HS and Galen College. The Intermediate girls will compete again early next term at the Hume Region, whilst the Senior Boys will proceed straight to the State Finals.

The Senior Girls, (though enthusiastic) were up against some very strong competition in their two matches. The attacking side from Victory LC was particularly strong and unfortunately the girls did not qualify for the next level, despite a remarkable improvement in both confidence and ability throughout the day.

A few of our students also stepped up and assisted with refereeing throughout the day, with Beth McKay of Year 10 acting as Chief Umpire for 2 matches.

Overall it was a challenging and rewarding day, with 2/3 teams qualifying for the next round. Thank you to Mr Pritchard and the McKay family for their coaching and guidance and we wish the players all the best when they compete again this week.

Derek Bowey
Sport Coordinator

CAREER NEWS

WORK EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME PROGRAM

Victoria University is offering 10 lucky Year 10 and 11 Victorian students the opportunity to undertake work experience with one of Australia's top companies including Nova, Honda, Mushroom Group, and global advertising agency Leo Burnett. Applications are now open! For more information and to apply, go to <http://www.vuworkexperience.com.au/index.html>

MARCUS OLDHAM COLLEGE

Marcus Oldham College offer courses in Horse Business Management, Agribusiness and Farm Business Management. It is located at Geelong, Victoria and is a private college. They have just released the list of scholarships available for the 2015 intake. For a list of the scholarships, closing dates and interview times, please go to www.marcusoldham.vic.edu.au



THE HEYWIRE COMPETITION

This competition is open to people aged 16 – 22, to submit a story about life in regional Australia. Your story can be created in any form of media: text, video, photography, or audio. If you are selected as one of the winners, your story will be featured on ABC Local Radio, ABC Radio National, ABC TV and abc.net, www.abc.net.au/heywire



UNSW CO-OP SCHOLARSHIPS

The UNSW Co-op Program offers industry linked scholarships to high achieving students in the fields of Business (Commerce), Science, Engineering and the Built Environment. Scholarships are worth \$16,750 per year tax free and there are many other benefits such as leadership programs, industry work experience and academic mentoring. To find out more, go to <http://www.coop.unsw.edu.au/>

MYDAY EDUCATION & TEACHING

Charles Sturt University is hosting a career day focusing on their Early Childhood & Primary and K-12 (Middle Years) programs at the Albury Wodonga Campus. The event will be held Friday 13th June. To register, go to <http://www.csu.edu.au/go/myday>



Tamara Mason
Career & Post School Options

Full Report on the Website