



FUNDRAISING CHINESE BANQUET

WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH 2014
 6.00PM ONWARDS
 COST \$30.00 PER HEAD

PEPPER RESTAURANT
 ENTER VIA BROCKLEY STREET

MENU

Entrée

Dim Sim/Spring Roll

Main Dishes

Fried Rice
 Lemon Chicken
 Mongolian Beef
 Sweet & Sour Pork

Dessert

Deep Fried Ice Cream
 Banana Fritters
 A choice of Chocolate Ganache or Carmel Topping on either dessert

Tea/Espresso Coffee
 Punch

A deposit of \$15.00 per head is required and numbers are limited. Please book and pay deposit at the office.

Money raised from this event will assist to fund Wodonga Senior Secondary College Cultural Exchange Tour to China for our Hospitality students during March/April this year. Students will visit many famous attractions including; Summer Palace, Silk Market, Temple of Heaven, the Forbidden City, Tian'anmen Square, Great Wall and Terracotta Army Museum.

Students will attend Weihia Vocational College where they will be staying onsite. They will also take part in a master class of Chinese Cuisine and Food Presentation as well as extending a Master Chef Challenge to the College students in an Australian/Chinese bake-off.

This exchange will be an amazing experience for our students and a trip of a lifetime. Please support this worthy cause while enjoying a meal with friends.

Steve Garro
 Tour Coordinator

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Top ARTS

As many would be aware Angus Johnson was invited to perform at the Melbourne Recital Centre last week as part of the VCAA "Top ARTs Program". Janet with a number of this years music students were able to attend. Michael and Lauren received the following unsolicited email which really says it all:

"One of the WSSC Year 12 students from last year, Angus Johnson, was performing. I have never heard the recorder played like it before, he was awesome! He successfully demolished any ideas I had of the recorder being an instrument for primary aged children. I think I would be safe in assuming he is the first student to get a study score of 50/50 playing the recorder. He was a great ambassador for WSSC. Please pass on my congratulations to the music teacher."

School Immunisation Program

The first round of the school immunisation program is being conducted at this school for all Year 10 students on **Tuesday 18th March**.

The following vaccines will be offered on this day:

YEAR LEVEL	VACCINES OFFERED
YEAR 10 MALE & FEMALE STUDENTS	BOOSTRIX (DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS, WHOOPING COUGH)

Immunisation consent cards will be given out during the week prior to Tuesday 18th March. If you would like your child to receive these vaccines, you must fill in the relevant consent card, remembering to sign the YES section and return to school by the due date.

If you do not want your child immunised with one or all vaccines your child is eligible for, you must complete the NO section of the relevant consent card, remembering to write your child's name on the card and return it to school by the due date.

DUE DATE FOR CONSENT CARD RETURN: TUESDAY 11th MARCH 2014

If your child has already been vaccinated elsewhere and you have not already done so, please notify Council's immunisation service.

Social Media Awareness

The school community are to be reminded about the appropriate use of social media. Where there is a reasonable belief that illegal activity may have occurred, the principal may report the suspected activity to the police. Disrespectful, harassing, threatening or bullying behaviour may be considered a criminal offence under State and/or Federal law. Where the behaviour does not constitute illegal activity but does constitute cyber bullying, the principal may consult with the relevant areas of the Department of Education and early Childhood Development regarding appropriate action.

Vern Hilditch
 Principal

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE/ AMBULANCE COVER

Families are reminded that the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers, and it is recommended that parents/guardians seek assistance in this matter with their insurance broker or find a suitable personal accident insurer in the Yellow Pages or online.

ISSUE NO: 5

Wednesday 5th
 March 2014

CALENDAR

- Mon 10th March**
Labour Day Holiday
- Wed 12th March**
Fundraising Chinese Banquet
Pepper Restaurant
6.00pm onwards
- Tues 18th March**
Student Immunisations
- Tues 25th March**
College Athletics Carnival
- Tues 25th March - Fri 28th March**
Wilson's Promontory
Bushwalk

TERM DATES

- Term 1 - 2014**
29th January - 4th April
- Term 2**
22nd April - 27th June
- Term 3**
14th July - 19th September
- Term 4**
6th October - 19th December

YEAR LEVEL COORDINATORS

- Year 10 Coordinators**
Tim Lamb
Michelle Heintze
Tim Bridgeman
- Year 11 Coordinators**
Chris North
Simon Webb
- Year 12 Coordinators**
Matt Moylan
Paul McMullen

WOLLONGONG UNIVERSITY DISCOVERY DAY



On the 5th February twelve Year 12 students from WSSC joined a number of students from Rutherglen High and travelled to Wollongong on the NSW east coast to attend a university "Discovery Day."

Each year the University of Wollongong (UOW) invites Year 12 students to explore the university and attend a real day of classes which have all been selected by the students according to their interests.

WSSC and Rutherglen High left Wodonga at 9.00am on Wednesday the 5th, and were settled into Weerona House by late afternoon. Students were given a tour of the accommodation by second year university representatives, who were able to give students a look into the type of lifestyle they can expect when living on campus. After a satisfying dinner served in the dining hall, the group decided to visit the lighthouse, where we all enjoyed walking along the beach before heading back to the accommodation to prepare for the next day.

We arrived at UOW bright and early on Thursday morning, where timetables, maps and course guides were distributed, then students headed off to our first lecture with hundreds of other students from schools all over NSW and ACT. The Year 12's were treated like they were real university students, with the responsibility of finding their class and attending lectures completely their responsibility. Following the conclusion of the last lecture at around 3.00pm we all boarded the bus and headed for home, arriving back at the College around 10.00pm.

Overall the Discovery Day was a very rewarding and insightful experience for those considering pursuing tertiary study, as well as those who were undecided. Here are some thoughts from Brady Johnson, one of the students who attended: "I really enjoyed the trip to Wollongong University. I thought it was a great way to experience what it would be like to live away from home and be studying at the same time. The classes I took were also a good way to get an introduction to what the subjects would involve."

Hayley Roberts



SCHOOL DEBATE TEAM

Congratulations to Rebecca Willcox, Eleanor Ward and Ashleigh Whitehead for being in the top 4 teams in the Rotary Regional Debating Competition. 32 teams began at the beginning of last year and 28 were knocked out. Our team had victories over a number of schools including Tallangatta High, Scots School, St Johns and others. On Wednesday night however, our winning streak was ended by Corowa College who will now go to the Grand Final in 3 weeks. Congratulations to them, and especially to our team for a great year of successful debating.



Simon Webb
Coordinator

Join our Easter Family Night

FREE



Time: 6pm to 8pm
Date: Thursday 10th April 2014

Activities:

Wodonga Easter Family Night. There will be face painting, crafts, light refreshments, jumping castle, fairy floss, games & giveaways. Plus the Border Rhythmic Gymnastics Will be performing and the Easter Bunny will be making a guest appearance. Bookings are essential for catering on 60438900.

Bookings essential – for more information or to book speak to a team member in-store.



In Years 7-10, students miss on average almost **a week every term** - that's **four weeks** of school per year.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Secondary school attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of a child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Getting in early

It's never too late to improve attendance – going to school more often can lead to better outcomes. Even at Year 9, when attendance rates are lowest, going to school more often can make a big difference. Every day counts. Schools are there to help – if you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address those issues.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Tuancy – When students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy, the best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

While all absences are bad for academic performance, unexcused absences are a much stronger indicator of lower reading and maths achievement.

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Students develop good habits by going to school every day – habits that are necessary to succeed after school, whether in the workplace or in further study.

Missing school can have a big impact on students academically and socially. It can affect their test results, including VCE, and, just as importantly, it can affect their relationships with other students, and lead to social isolation.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your year level coordinator, principal or other relevant staff member know so you can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

CAREER NEWS

NEW UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA PUBLIC HOSPITAL

ACT Chief Minister Katy Gallagher and University Vice-Chancellor Stephen Parker have signed an agreement, paving the way for work to begin on designing the new University of Canberra Public Hospital. The hospital is an important part of the University's health precinct, which includes a new super clinic and health clinics due to open shortly. Watch the video here- <http://www.canberra.edu.au/monitor/2014/jan/23-hospital>

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN AN APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAY ?

The Australian Industry Group Apprenticeship Adviser Program has a Facebook page called ApprenticeNET, which is a tool to interact with students seeking information on apprenticeships. The page has tips for finding apprenticeships, handling interviews, and keeping motivated on the job. You can sign up to the page at www.facebook.com/ApprenticeNet



EARLY ACHIEVERS PROGRAM AT AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

This is an early entry program that takes into account factors other than just your ATAR for admission into courses. Other factors include evidence of community service, leadership, school participation etc. If you are accepted into the program, you will be guaranteed entry into their degrees with a minimum ATAR, providing you also meet prerequisites. ACU have just announced the minimum ATARs for the 2015 intake

70 – Law, all dual Law degrees, and Physiotherapy
65- Occupational Therapy & Speech Pathology
58.5- all other degrees.

The National Electrical and Communications

CONSIDERING AN ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIP ?

Association (NECA) provide a national pre selection test for young people interested in applying for electrical apprenticeships. The test measures literacy, numeracy and comprehension. For more information on test dates/ locations, please go to www.neca.asn.au

Tamara Mason
Career & Post School Options

Full Report on the Website

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spray contractor

weed control and spider spraying

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