



Wodonga Senior Secondary College Training Restaurant

(Enter from Brockley Street Entrance)



Open
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

Student Activity

Over the last few weeks, I have been reflecting on the massive diversity of activities our students have recently been involved in. Some that come to mind include:

- Our music students as "The Thieves" support group at the Jane Rutter concert in the Albury Botanic Gardens (Refer to Janet Turewicz - Music Coordinator letter to the Editor in Saturdays Border Mail).
- Our five member Equestrian Team who competed on Saturday in the Interschool Challenge in Albury
- Our five member team participating in the Victorian Youth Parliament and Leadership camp in Melbourne
- Students who wish to become "Principal for the Day"
- Outdoor Education students who have been caving all last week
- Student Leadership Group Casual Cloths Day and lunch to raise funds to conquer cancer
- Tamika Hawkes Impact Project – ANZAC Day Art (Refer to article in this newsletter for more details).
- The Impact Project group who are seeking donations of warm clothing for a Vietnamese village. None of this happens without a highly supportive staff. Please take the time to reflect on the achievements of our students.

A Lot to Celebrate at Wodonga Senior Secondary College in 2014

This year we are celebrating fifty years since the opening of the grey brick or "H building" and sixty years since the school was officially formed when it split from the Wodonga Higher Elementary School. To mark this special time in the schools history we will hold a "Back to" where past students and the community would have the opportunity to visit the old and new buildings. This will provide us with a wonderful opportunity to showcase what we have achieved and put on display the memorabilia we have around the school.

As there will be very little furniture left in rooms in the old building we envisage a room being made available for student and staff photographs for each decade of the schools existence as well as rooms which will highlight equipment, textbooks, notes, specific student activity photographs in our learning areas of English, Humanities, Maths, Science, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Technology, Health, PE and Sport.

Involvement of all of our College Community in these events is crucial to their success. Students as part of their Impact Projects may wish to fund raise by selling food, drinks or even souvenirs to assist in the particular program they are organising.

Further information will be available on our website, Facebook page and through media closer to the event.

Vern Hilditch
Principal

Host Family Required

Wodonga Senior Secondary College will be hosting international students from both China and Vietnam during Term 3.

Vietnamese Students: Friday 18th July - Sunday 20th July
Chinese Students: Monday 11th - Thursday 14th August

A Working with Children Check is desirable.

For further information please contact
Di Larkin, International Student Coordinator, Wodonga Senior Secondary College.
Email: lad@wssc.vic.edu.au Phone 0260 437500.

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**Wednesday 6th
June 2014**

CALENDAR

Mon 9th June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 11th June

GAT Exam 10.00am - 1.15pm

Thurs 12th & Friday 13th June

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

Monday 16th June

Semester 2 Commences. All students must attend.

Thursday 26th June

Semester 1 Reports Distributed and Parent Student Teacher Interviews

Friday 27th June

Students dismissed for Term 2 holidays at 2.30pm

Monday 14th July

Teachers Return to school

Tuesday 15th July

Students Return to commence Term 3

Tuesday 22nd July

Trade Careers Day

Wednesday 23rd July

Transition Parent Information Evening for Year 9 students

Wednesday 13th August

Subject Expo

Absent Notes

Just a little reminder to parents when submitting absent notes to the College, could the following details please be included:

- First and Last Name of absent child
- Date of Absence,
- Date of Note
- Parent's Names and Signature.

If these following details are not included the absence may not be recorded.

STUDY SKILLS TIP FOR JUNE HAVING SET TIMES FOR SCHOOLWORK

Many students when they come home from school end up just waiting until they might 'feel' like doing schoolwork. Or else they drag the work out over the whole night. A much better way to work is each night have set allocated times for schoolwork, 2-3 half hour blocks. During this time students should do homework first, then work on any assignments or upcoming tests, then use the rest of the time allocated for schoolwork to independent learning activities. All distractions should be removed during this time, so students learn to focus for 20-30 minute blocks of time.

Some of the benefits for students of having set times allocated for schoolwork are:

- You are more likely to do the work if you know when to start and when to end.
- You will be more effective when you remove distractions and learn to focus for 20-30 minute blocks.
- In all the times NOT allocated to schoolwork you can do whatever you like without feeling guilty about it.
- Having set times stops arguments between students and parents as everyone has agreed when the timeslots allocated to students will be.
- You know that you are definitely doing enough work for school. Keeping schoolwork and personal life separate means you will be able to manage all of the distractions in your life and still complete your work for school.



Learn more this year about how to improve your results and be more efficient and effective with your schoolwork by working through the units on www.studykillshandbook.com.au. You can also print a sheet outlining independent learning activities (click on the More menu then on Things to Print). Our school's access details are:

Username: wssc

Password: 47success

David Whitehead
Assistant Principal

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS TRUST 2014 AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPEITION

What is the AMC?

The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) is a mathematics competition (AMC) is an exam-style mathematics competition containing 25 multiple-choice problems and 5 questions requiring a numerical answer. The paper is completed under exam conditions with duration of 75 minutes. Students are assessed only against other students in the same school year and state.

The problems are very easy at the start of the paper and become progressively more difficult to ensure students at all levels will find a point of challenge.

Why should I take part?

The AMC gives students external recognition of their achievements: all students receive a certificate showing their level of achievement and a detailed report showing how they performed on each problem with comparative statistics. Top students in each state are awarded prizes. Certificates received can be an extra addition to your resume, and the exam-style setting is great practice for your exams without the pressure of formal VCE assessment.

What else do I need to know?

The Entry Fee for the competition is **\$6.00** (to be paid at the general office) all students will receive an email containing a link to complete an online registration form. The competition will be held during school time on **Thursday 7th August**. In order to take part you will need to complete the registration and make a payment at the General Office by **Friday 6th June**.

Enquiries should be directed to Lauren Wood. Email: wol@wssc.vic.edu.au

Lauren Wood
Mathematics Coordinator

CAREER CONVERSATIONS A NEW RESOURCE FOR PARENTS

The Minister for Education, The Hon. Martin Dixon, launched *Career Conversations* at Viewbank Secondary College on 19th May 2014 as part of Education Week.

Career Conversations is the parent component of the *Engaging Parents in Career Conversations* (EPiCC) resources that were released to schools at the start of Term Two this year. EPiCC is an online suite of resources to assist career practitioners in schools to encourage and empower parents and carers to get their children thinking and talking about subject choices, courses and career opportunities.

Career Conversations is an online resource that assists parents to talk to their child about what sort of career they would like in the future. By talking to children about their own interests and abilities, parents can help children to set goals and realise their potential.

Career Conversations resources are available at:
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/careerconversations>

For further information, please email:
youth.transitions@edumail.vic.gov.au



TAMIKA ON HER OWN JOURNEY TO HONOUR FALLEN SOLDIERS

Wodonga Senior Secondary College student Tamika Hawkes used to cower in a corner.

But after dipping into her talent for art, she has started to brim with confidence.

Tamika 18, who has Asperger syndrome, found it hard to walk into a classroom but she recently stood on a stage in front of fellow students and donated one of her artworks.

"It was a big step for me and like a bit of a journey", she said.

Tamika is from a defence family and last year decided to create a series of commemorative artworks for the Anzacs.

"I was always passionate about Anzac Day", she said. Her pictures tell the story of the Anzacs with the first showing brave young men, marching forward. The second piece shows the battlefield with exploding shells.

She said she wanted people to understand the horror that took place there. Lastly she painted a grave yard showing the true trauma of it.

I wanted to honour the memory of them and also teach the future generation", Tamika said.

She said she was at a loss of what to do when she finished school but when she took part in the school's graduate program, she realised her passion was art.

Tamika said her graduate program teacher Jenni Jarratt recommended her to paint. "She really guided me," she said.

As a result of her paintings, she has also been nominated for Wodonga Council's Red Carpet Awards.

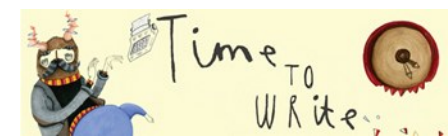


The article appeared in the *Border Mail*, *Education Mail News* Section on Tuesday 3rd June 2014

CAREER NEWS

TIME TO WRITE SHORT STORY COMPETITION

You have the opportunity to enter this short story competition, run by NMIT's Bachelor of Writing and Publishing. Stories must be between 600 – 1000 words and you can write about what inspires you. The winning and shortlisted works will appear in both a print and eBook version of Time to Write. Entries close Friday 13th June. For more information, go to www.nmit.edu.au/bwap



MONASH COMPUTER GAMES BOOT CAMP

This is a week long event run by the Faculty of Information Technology at Monash University for Year 9 to Year 12 students. If you are interested in becoming a professional gamer, building and designing games or simply playing games this event is for you! The program runs between Saturday 5th July – Friday 11th July at the Clayton Campus. or more information and to register, go to <https://cgbc.infotech.monash.edu/>

STUDENT CAREERS CONFERENCE AT MELBOURNE ZOO

Students in Years 9 – 11 who are passionate about wildlife and the environment are invited to attend this conference and learn about the diverse range of careers within the zoo. Students will meet zoo professionals who will outline the breadth of opportunities within Melbourne Zoo and discuss their career journeys. Students will also be able to tour the zoo and meet the educational animals. The conference will be held 1st August. To register, go to <http://www.zoo.org.au/education/school-programs/melbourne/>

Careers in Conservation
It's not just about animals!
Student Careers Conference
at Melbourne Zoo



INTERESTED IN PLUMBING ?

If you are completing school at the end of the year and are interested in pursuing a career in plumbing, you may be interested in undertaking a pre apprenticeship in plumbing at the Plumbing Industry Climate Action Centre (PICAC) at Brunswick. This is a world-class training facility and tuition fee concessions may be available for eligible students. For more information, go to <http://www.picac.com.au/>

Tamara Mason
Career & Post School Options

Full Report on the Website