



SENIOR NEWS

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations

Thank you to all for getting the Term off to such a great start. Most students quickly settled back into the routine in the novelty of a new building. It is important for all students to stay on task as a great deal needs to be completed this Term.

Once again thank you to everyone concerned with the move and the establishment of teaching spaces and resources in this new facility.

International Visitors

We have twelve students from Hanoi Vietnam joining us this week. They will be with us for the next two and a half weeks. Five will be involved with the Year 10 Academic advancement program classes. The other seven will be spending some time at the Wodonga Middle Years College.

Please make all students welcome. The positive 'spin off' for our students is a real benefit to our extensive International Program. Our thanks to Di Larkin and Andrew Box for coordinating this highly successful program.

Trade Careers Day

On Tuesday 22nd July we had over 1200 students from over 28 surrounding secondary schools along with employers, trade training organisations and employee management companies in what was a massive undertaking. The Trade Training Centre as well as the old library housed most of the exhibitions. It was strongly attended and all feedback has been very positive. Thank you to Jim Morris for ensuring the success of the day.

Transition - Parents and Student Information Evening

This week we begin the transition program for Year 9 students. On Wednesday 23th July parents and students were invited to attend the Year 10 Course Information Evening to gain greater information about the courses and pathways available. This is an enormously helpful event in providing information to prospective students and their parents/guardians.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the College on 0260 437 500.

Attendance SMS Service

To help keep you informed of your child's attendance at the College we are rolling out a new SMS messaging service. These SMS's will inform you when your child has missed two or more timetabled classes in one day.

These messages will be sent at the end of each school day at 3.20pm. If you have already informed the College of your child's absence or you are aware that your child is on an excursion, no further action is required as our records will be amended accordingly.

If you are aware of your child's absence and you have not informed the college, please do so by writing a letter and handing it to the front office, by phoning the office on 6043 7500 or replying to the SMS message.

*Vern Hilditch
Principal*

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**Friday 25th
July 2014**

CALENDAR

**Friday 25th July - Sunday
10th August**
Albury Wodonga Eisteddfod

Wednesday 13th August
Subject Expo

Friday 12th September
Deb Ball

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

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

EMA - Second Instalment

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. Parents and guardians may be eligible for the EMA if they have a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due to be paid into bank accounts from mid August onwards for those parents/guardians who chose the EFT payment option on their application form.

Parents/guardians who choose the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August/early September. Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Parents/guardians whose children have transferred to this College since 28th February 2014 will need to submit a new EMA application form. Applications close on **Friday 1st August 2014**. Eligibility information can be obtained from: www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm. Contact the College office for an application or further information.

*Belinda McKenzie
Bursar*

TRAINING FOR DEB BALL BEGINS

Training for the deb ball begins soon. Please ensure that you make every session.

Date	Location
Friday 1 st August	Galvin Hall
Friday 8 th August	Galvin Hall
Friday 15 th August	Galvin Hall
Friday 22 nd August	Galvin Hall
Sunday 31st August	Galvin Hall
Friday 5 th September	Galvin Hall
Tuesday 9 th September (7.00pm)	Commercial Club, Dress Rehearsal

REMINDER: You must pay the full amount of **\$260** before the **1st August**, to be included in the training.

The Debutante Ball date is Friday 12th September 2014. Any questions should be directed to Simon Webb

*Simon Webb
Deb Ball Coordinator*

CAREER NEWS

EXERCISE & SPORTS SCIENCE DEGREES AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY (VU)

Starting in 2015, VU will be offering four exercise and sport science degrees:

- Bachelor of Exercise Science (Sport Practice)
- Bachelor of Exercise Science (Clinical Practice)
- Bachelor of Sport Science (Human Movement)
- Bachelor of Sport Science (Exercise Science)

VU has partnerships with elite sport organisations such as the Western Bulldogs, Australian Sports Commission, CSIRO, Netball Victoria and Universidad Europa Madrid (in collaboration with Real Madrid Football Club).

To find out about the different courses and pathway programs, go to: <http://www.vu.edu.au/about-us/academic-colleges>

MIBT PATHWAYS TO DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

If you are concerned you might not receive the ATAR required to gain direct access to your desired course at Deakin, you can apply to undertake a related diploma program at MIBT. Successful completion of the diploma can guarantee you transfer into the second year of the related Bachelor Degree. For more information, go to www.mibt.vic.edu.au/

CAREERS IN AUTOMOTIVE !

The automotive industry is currently experiencing a labour shortage - a shortfall of more than 35,000 positions nationally! There are many occupations within the automotive industry - not just mechanics. You can start an apprenticeship whilst you are still at school or full time when you finish. To find out about the industry, apprenticeships, and the amazing occupations, go to MAAP My Future at <http://maapmyfuture.com.au/>



WORK EXPERIENCE AT THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS NATIONAL GAMES (SONG)

You have the opportunity to undertake work experience at SONG in Melbourne between Monday 20th – Friday 24th October. You must be at least 16 years old by 19th October. To find out about the experience and how to apply, browse the volunteer section at- <https://specialolympics.fusesport.com/>



*Tamara Mason
Career & Post School Options
Full Report on the Website*



NAIDOC AWARD EVENING

UNCLE Ken "Tunny" Murray has been named Elder of the Year in the second annual NAIDOC Awards Night on Sunday at The Cube. The sold-out event was hosted by the LaTrobe University's Indigenous Education Unit and recognised the significant achievements and contributions of the regions Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population.

LaTrobe Indigenous Student Services Officer Dr Pettina Love said every year Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities throughout Australia spent months planning NAIDOC celebrations and the university was proud to play a part. "The Naidoc Awards Night was a very exciting evening and everybody had a lot of fun," Dr Love said. "Uncle Ken (Tunny) Murray gave a fantastic speech and he reminded everyone how important it is to be part of a strong, supportive community." Emceed by last year's scholar of the year award winner Bobby Whybrow while 2013 Elder of the Year Aunty Avis Gale presented. "MC Bobby Whybrow was absolutely fantastic," Doctor Love said.

"We had a great turnout, it was a wonderful night and everybody was very deserving of their awards. "It really reminded us to take time to congratulate people for the good things they do within our community – we are very lucky to live in Albury-Wodonga, it is such a great place filled with wonderful people." LaTrobe University Albury Wodonga NAIDOC 2014 "Uncle Arthur Melrose Encouragement Award"

WINNER: Ms Larissa Moffitt

FINALIST: Mr Curtis Reid

"Elder of the Year"

WINNER: Uncle Ken (Tunny) Murray

FINALISTS: Uncle Ollie Patten and Aunty Pam Griffin.

"Youth of the Year"

WINNER: Ms Tahlia Biggs - Current Year 11 student

FINALISTS: Ms Shantelle Gormley, Miss Larissa Moffitt and Mr Curtis Reid

"Community Person of the Year"

WINNER: Ms Bec Willis

FINALISTS: Ms Nicky Briggs, Ms Alison Reid, and Ms Joanne Taylor

"Scholar of the Year"

WINNER: Ms Leonie McIntosh

FINALISTS: Ms Selina Clark and, Ms Jacqueline Martyn

"Sportsperson of the Year"

WINNER: Ms Kylie Whitehead - Previous WSSC student

"Appreciation Award"

WINNER: Ms Sheri McMillan

FINALIST: Ms Mandy Wilson

*Chanel Parmenter
English/EAL/VCAL
Teacher*



*Community Person of the Year - Bec Willis
Youth of Year - Tahlia Biggs
Elder of the Year - Elder Uncle Ken Murray*

Host Family Required

Wodonga Senior Secondary College will be hosting

International students from China during Term 3.

Chinese Students: Monday 11th - Thursday 14th August

A Working with Children Check is mandatory.

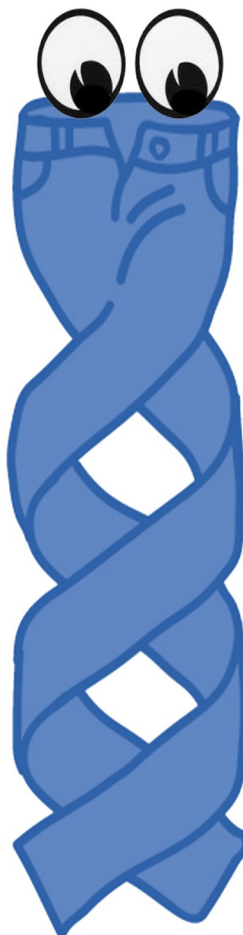
For further information please contact

Di Larkin, International Student Coordinator, Wodonga
Senior Secondary College.

Email: lad@wssc.vic.edu.au Phone 0260 437500.

Jeans for Genes

Gold Coin Donation!



When: August 1st

Why: Raising money for research into birth defects and diseases such as cancer, epilepsy, and a range of genetic disorders.

NOTE - This is not a casual day, you will still be required to wear school uniform except for jeans.



SPORT REPORT

State Cross Country Championships - Bundoora 17th July 2014

Though perhaps relaxing for some, the school holidays were likely full of intense training for WSSC's Cross Country team in preparation for the State Championships which were held this Thursday. Melinda Gray, Rachael O'Callaghan, Jacob Scott, Matt Williams, Jason Colombero, Matt Robin and Ted Elkington all represented the College in fine form at Bundoora Park in Melbourne. Upon arrival at the venue the team was soon drenched to the bone by a combination of rain and hail but, like true champions, they did not let the adverse weather conditions dampen their spirits.

Our 17-20 year boys team placed an impressive 5th against some elite Melbourne schools, while we had some remarkable individual times from all of our competitors. We congratulate each of these students on their achievements and wish them all the best for their future racing endeavours.

*Hayley Roberts
Sports Trainee*



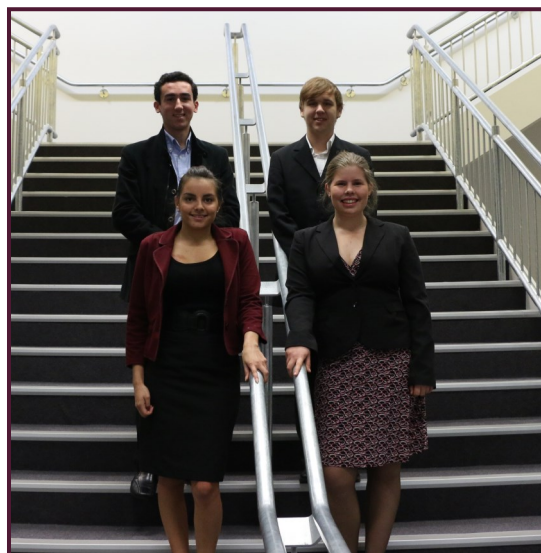
YOUTH PARLIAMENT

The school holidays for five students from Wodonga Senior Secondary College bring Jacob Mildren, Ashley Whitehead, Brandon Bulowski, Tahlia Biggs and Cody Power was a participant in the 2014 Victoria Youth Parliament. Youth Parliament of Victoria provides the opportunity for 120 people aged between 16-25 to take over the chambers of Parliament House and debate issues and ideas that are important to them.

The Wodonga Team debated the bill 'Stricter Regulations on Fast Food', with an intention of breaking the convenience element and culture surrounding fast food, whilst making healthier options and the availability of fast food information more accessible.

Since the program commenced, more than 25 Bills that have passed the Youth Parliament that have gone on to become Victorian legislation, including drug testing for driver, over the counter availability of the morning after pill and replacing glass with plastics in Nightclubs notorious for glass related violence.

For more information visit: facebook.com/wypt14



Tahlia Biggs, Ashley Whitehead, Jacob Mildren & Cody Power

STUDENT LEADERSHIP NEWS

On Tuesday 22nd July the Student Leadership Council had a special visit from the Minister for Benambra MP, Billy Tilley. A Q&A session was held where students asked a range of questions from environmental to transportation. We are honoured to have had such an esteemed guest, visit and take the time out to answer our questions and concerns.



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A VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE



FreeZA PUSH START BAND COMP 2014

**Friday,
August 8**
6pm to 11.30pm
(doors close 8.45pm)
The Cube Wodonga



Guest bands
Listerdale
AtMostFear

Cost: The Cube Wodonga members \$4, all other tickets \$5, EFTPOS available

Bookings: The Cube Wodonga box office

Website: thecubewodonga.com.au/tickets

Phone: (02) 6022 9311

Enquiries: Wodonga Council's events team on (02) 6022 9300 or visit facebook.com/wodongayouth for more information.

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The Sound of Light

CONCERT

Supported by the Ruth Whyte Bequest
Sunday 3 August 2014 at 2:30pm
Mirambeena Centre, Lavington



The Murray Conservatorium Choir
and friends will be conducted by

BRETT WEYMARK
of Sydney Philharmonia Choirs



Program includes:
Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna
Coronation Anthem Zadok the Priest
Cantique de Jean Racine

Tickets

Adults \$20; Concession \$15; Under 18 free

Available from

Regent Cinemas, 455 Dean Street, Albury
Murray Conservatorium, cnr Dean & Olive Streets, Albury
Genevieve Boutique, 137 High Street, Wodonga
Spiritus Gallery, 2 High Street, Yackandandah
Choir Members

Website: www.murrayconchoir.com