PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Back To Reunion - A Huge Success
Thank you to everyone involved with making Saturday such a huge success. I would like to especially thank Paul Prentice and Mark Smith for the huge amount of work they have done over the last few months to get not only the grounds but also the buildings looking absolutely fantastic. On Saturday the entire school looked sensational.

It was great to see so many people associated with the college over the last 62 years returning to have one last look at the old building. Special thanks to all staff with setting up the static displays both subject and decade based; to Jim Moylan for organising the “On the Couch” session which was a great hit and kept the audience spell bound for the hour.

Thanks also to the large number of students who conducted the tours of the new facilities and provided food and drink during the day. We can take great pride in how well they conducted themselves and how positive they were about the College and what we offer in our new facilities. Although difficult to judge crowd size over the day we believe that well over 700 people attended. We were surprised at the level of nostalgia expressed by some who took a large number of photographs both inside and outside the building. On any measure this was a wonderful day for all concerned.

Vern Hilditch

SCHOOL FEES
Recently a statement was sent home regarding outstanding fees. Thank you to those families who have either paid these fees or made a payment arrangement. For those who have not made payment arrangements please endeavour to do so as soon as possible by contacting the Main Office (Brockley Street Entrance).

YOU ARE INVITED
To The Parents & Friends
Music Concert
Thursday 11th September 2014
6.00pm
Performing Arts Centre
Wodonga Senior Secondary College

Tea, Coffee and Juice available
Please bring a plate for supper
Year 12 Music students are performing works from their Performance Examination programs.

MUSIC PERFORMANCE GROUP SOLO PERFORMANCES
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MUSIC REPORT

LaTrobe Band Competition
July, August and September are always very busy months for Music students. Many students have been involved in an array of performances and there has been outstanding success and wonderful feedback from audience, adjudicators and community members.

Albury/Wodonga Eisteddfod
This competition was hectic as always and the Bands and Choirs achieved excellent results. The Band Day in the CUBE featured our Combined Middle Years and Senior School Concert Band, Swing Band, Funk Band under the direction of Trevor Cooper and VCE Music Performance Rock Bands assisted by Keith Miles and Sam Bulowski. All Bands performed to a very high standard.

The WSSC Music Captains, Kevin Finlayson and Kristen Nichol shared the conducting role for the Concert Band and were rewarded with first prize.
- The Swing Band set the bar very high in their section taking out first prize.
- The Funk Band and a VCE Band gained 1st and 2nd in the Rock Band section.
- A few students took this opportunity to perform in SOLO Sections.
- Jakob Pik received an excellent result for his first Solo Guitar Performance.
- Brandon Bulowski received 1st and 2nd for Contemporary Piano.
- Kristen Nichol entered 7 sections, won 6 and received 2nd for Own Composition.
- The Choir students were very excited to receive the Trudy Bekessy Memorial trophy for the Best Choral Achievement in the Eisteddfod.

Kool Skools
The Kool Skools CD has now arrived; fully mastered in a very cute package of photos and album cover designed and drawn by April Williams. These CDs are available for purchase at $5.00 from the Main Office or Band members. There are 6 tracks composed and performed by 4 different bands. This CD reveals the depth of musical talent at WSSC.

Battle of the Bands - Rutherglen and Wodonga
We are thrilled that bands made it through the heats and were selected as finalists for the Shepparton Final. The Thieves won the Wodonga heat and Mudpuppy consisting of ex-students Sam Bulowki and Dylan Read won the Rutherglen heat. Congratulations and good luck in the final. Congratulations also to WSSC students who are members of the FREEZA Committee who organised and ran the Wodonga heat.

LaTrobe Band Festival
This inaugural Band Competition attracted bands from local schools
Our Band ‘The Thieves’ –
Kevin Finlayson on drums
Kristen Nichol on Sax
Sarah Webster as vocalist
Brandon Bulowski on Bass
Michael Michelini on vocals and guitar won the competition.
Well Done guys and enjoy spending your earnings.

This win also afforded the Music program a voucher from Custom Music which will buy new guitars for students in the Instrumental Music Program to use for lessons and performances. Students from our school are also dedicated members of outside school Music groups. The Murray Con Big Band, Albury Citizen’s Band and Wodonga Brass are bands of choice for Kristen Nichol, Kevin Finlayson and Jacob Mildren.

The Rock scene in Albury/Wodonga also attracts many of our students. Josh Newman, Jes McMahon, Andrew Collins and Jack Gray are fully fledged performers in Metal bands outside the school. Emily Kirk is a regular performer at Kinross. Other students commit to community based performances. Check names and information.

LaTrobe University Open Day Band Competition
This is a new competition and 6 local bands vied for the 1st prize. Our Band ‘The Thieves’ won the competition and received glowing adjudication reports. They performed with great energy and excitement.

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Jazz Basement Gig
On Friday 5th September we are showcasing the Swing Band, the Funk Band and The Thieves. Come along and enjoy a great night of musical expertise. Free entry at the Jazz Basement on the Causeway - 8.00pm

The Arts Festival
This is the culmination for Primary and Secondary schools to perform in Galvin Hall from 1st - 5th September. Concert Band played an array of exciting music on Tuesday and the Swing Band and the Choir strutted their stuff on Wednesday. Every item was supported by the VET Music Technology students on the Sound and Lighting desk. Joshua Newman and Eden Manly also put their hands up to ‘man the desk’ for the Wodonga West Primary School Concert. Thanks to all the Instrumental staff for their support during this very busy time as a teacher, performer, conductor and organiser.

VCE PARENTS and FRIENDS CONCERT.
The VCE class is presenting part of their Exam Performance on September 11th at 6.00pm in the PAC. The Concert will feature Music Performance, Music Investigation and Music Style and Composition works being prepared for the END of YEAR PERFORMANCE RECITAL and assessments.

I want to thank all the Music and Instrumental staff for their dedication and support during this busy Performance season. Thank you Lisa Cadman, Trevor Cooper, Sam Bulowski, Gary McDonald, Robyn Krowicki, Roman Turewicz and especially Keith Miles for all your amazing work with our students.

Janet Turewicz
Music Coordinator

VCE/VET

Dance Showcase 2014

Featuring solo performances from the up-coming practical VCE examinations

Wednesday 17th September 6pm

WSSC Performing Arts Centre

Gold coin donation

Alison Jones
VCE/VET Dance
8th September 2014

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to you to inform you that Wodonga Senior Secondary College will be participating in The International Study of City Youth (ISCY). This study is a partnership between the Victoria University and University of Melbourne.

All Year 10 students will be required to complete a survey as part of the College’s participation in this study. We will be conducting the survey during Graduate Program – Period 2 Monday – Week 10 of Term 3. This survey will take the entire period.

Please see the following statement to parents that details the specifics of this study and what the research from the study will assist with.

If for any reason you wish for your child to be exempt from participating in this survey you are required to complete the slip at the bottom of the following letter from the ISCY and return it your child’s Graduate Program Teacher prior to the survey being conducted.

If you have any questions regarding this information please contact Sarah Kilner or Trevor Matthews at the College.

Thanks,

Sarah Kilner
Student Engagement Coordinator
Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you about a study being conducted by Victoria University in partnership with the University of Melbourne, which involves students in Year 10.

The International Study of City Youth (ISCY) follows Year 10 students across a number of cities of the world to understand how their school experiences and achievements influence their careers and life more broadly. The research team is heading an international consortium of researchers to compare student pathways from school into further study and work in cities including Melbourne, Montreal, Bergen, Turku, Sacramento, Ghent, Wroclaw, Santa Barbara, Barcelona and Hong Kong.

The study will help answer questions like: What subjects and courses do different students take in upper secondary school and how do their choices influence what happens to them when they leave school? Do the opportunities and outcomes for young people vary depending on the city in which they live and the way that schools and programs are organised there?

For these reasons,

- We would like your son/daughter to complete a Student Survey and also a short reading and maths Skills Test in class sometime in Term 2 2014. This will take two 40 minute periods. The Survey asks students about their high school experiences, their views, attitudes and perceptions of the world, and their hopes and plans for future work and study. The Skills Test is to provide a measure of literacy and numeracy skills.

- Students will also be asked to provide their contact details in the Survey. This is so we can contact them again a couple of times over the next four years, to ask them about how they are going, what they are doing and any changes in their plans for further study and work. Each re-contact will involve completing a brief survey (less than 10 minutes) which can be done either online or over the telephone.

The surveys are strictly confidential, and all contact information will be destroyed upon completion of the study.

Your child’s participation is voluntary. They will be given the opportunity by their school not to participate in the project if they so choose. A decision not to participate will not affect them in any way. They are also free to withdraw at any stage of the research.

For further information about the study, we encourage you to visit the website, www.iscy.org

Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the ISCY Help Line (Ph. 9919 1124) or email (iscy.info@vu.edu.au). If you have any concerns about the conduct of this research study, please contact the Executive Officer, Human Research Ethics, The University of Melbourne, 3010 (Ph. 8344 2073).

If you are happy for your son/daughter to participate, you need do nothing.

If you do not wish your son/daughter to participate, please fill in the section overleaf and return this form to the school office within one week.

Kind regards,

Professor Stephen Lamb
Project Director

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I do not want my child to participate in the International Study of City Youth.

Name of son/daughter ........................................................................................................................................

Name of parent ........................................................................................................................................

Signature ........................................................................................................................................ Date: ..............................................................................
Wodonga Tennis Centre Inc

Want to play pennant tennis but don’t want to commit to playing each Saturday?

Want to keep the weekends free but still be able to play some good, hard, competitive tennis?

Want to be able to play this type of tennis on lawn tennis courts, not play in the heat of the day & keep yourself active?

You can do this whilst playing at the largest grass court venue in Albury / Wodonga, enjoying a cold drink (or two) & having a bite to eat at the BBQ, all at the same time.

All this is now available to enjoy on a balmy summers evening & you can even be home before dark (if you want).

Entries are now being taken for our pennant competition on Tuesday evenings & you don’t even have to be a member to play.

Commences: 14th October 2014

Time: 5:30pm - 8:00pm

Tuesday Pennant Twilight Tennis

Contact:
Justin McCellin - Mob. 0400 950 750 or
Wodonga Tennis Centre - Ph. 6024 6354
& leave your name & phone number & we will get back to you if you require.

Entry:
Further information plus individual or team entries can be made online at www.wodongatenniscentre.com.au.

No team, no worries. Just let us know if you want to play & we’ll look after the rest.