



# SENIOR NEWS

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### *End of Year 12 Celebrations*

This week will see the end of formal classes for Year 12 on Wednesday. A whole school assembly was held in Galvin Hall on Wednesday for the College to say farewell and to wish them well with their future endeavours. In Period 2 Year 12 students had their own assembly where they relived memories as a group of their time at the College. Students then either left the College or attended classes for periods 3 & 4.

On Friday evening we will be holding the Year 12 Valedictory at the Albury Entertainment Centre. We hope that this provides an opportunity for all students to attend rather than have a considerable number leave the area prior to the Graduation which was held late November.

The ceremony will commence at 7.00pm (all guests to be seated by 6.30pm). Should you still require tickets please go to <http://www.trybooking.com/63314> to purchase them for \$35.30 per head.



### *AVID trip to San Diego USA*

Sheri Parkhouse and six Year 10 students left for San Ysidro High School, San Diego California on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October. They will be shadowing some of their AVID students and hopefully return home with how important it is to have a plan for improving your future. Depending on the success of this tour, we hope to establish regular exchanges between our two schools

*Vern Hilditch  
Principal*

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**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
October 2014**

## CALENDAR

### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

Year 12 Valedictory

### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

Written VCE Exams Commence

### **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

VCE Creative Arts Exhibition  
"Kaleidoscope"

### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

Curriculum Day  
Students not required at school

### **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

Melbourne Cup Holiday  
Students not required at school

### **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 10 & 11 Exams Commence

### **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

Headstart Commences

### **28<sup>th</sup> November**

The College will **NOT** be closed  
School as per normal—local  
Wodonga Cup

### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

Last Day for Year 10 & 11

## 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



# KALEIDOSCOPE 2014

**Wodonga Senior Secondary College**

**invites you and a guest to the Official Opening of the VCE Art Exhibition**



**Date: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014**  
**Time: 5.30pm onwards**  
**Venue: Wodonga Senior Secondary College**  
**Enter via Brockley Street**  
**RSVP: [michele@wssc.vic.edu.au](mailto:michele@wssc.vic.edu.au)**  
**Phone: 0260 437 500**

## CAREER NEWS

### CAMPION COLLEGE - SUMMER PROGRAM

**Who:** Year 10 – 12 students.

**Where:** Campion College, Sydney (includes accommodation).

**When:** 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

**What:** The program gives interested students the opportunity to live College life for five days and nights. Each morning, participants taste subjects such as literature, Latin, history, philosophy, theology etc. This is followed by various activities such as sport, bush walking, a beach trip, ballroom dancing and trivia.

**How:** For more information, go to [www.campion.edu.au/](http://www.campion.edu.au/)

### FILMMAKING SUMMER SCHOOL

**Who:** Students of all ages passionate about film making.

**Where:** Trinity College, University of Melbourne (includes accommodation).

**When:** 7<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2015.

**What:** This intensive summer school is taught by Australia's leading film industry professionals and is suited to people from all ages and backgrounds.

**How:** For more information, go to [www.summerfilmschool.com/](http://www.summerfilmschool.com/)



### ARE YOU AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT STUDYING AT A NSW OR VICTORIAN SCHOOL?

If you are considering studying at the University of Melbourne in 2015, you can make a 30-minute one-to-one appointment with a course adviser to discuss your course options. Please book your appointment time at the following link: [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/international-yr12](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/international-yr12)

### WHITEHOUSE INSTITUTE OF DESIGN

Their Melbourne Graduate Exhibition is being held 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm. You will be able to view the work of students graduating from interior design, fashion design and creative direction and styling, <http://whitehouse-design.edu.au/>

### WOMEN IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP

Calling all IT girls! Monash University is offering 50 x \$6000 scholarships to girls who enrol in an IT course in 2015. You don't need to apply for the scholarship, your application will be assessed based on your ATAR. For information about Monash IT courses, check out this link- [www.infotech.monash.edu.au/](http://www.infotech.monash.edu.au/)

*Tamara Mason  
Career & Post School Options*

**Full Report on Website**

## INTERSCHOOL SHOOTING COMPETITION

It was a cold and windy day in Benalla on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> October but it did not stop Mr Smith and the Wodonga Senior Secondary College Shooting team from competing against 52 other squads in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Interschool Clay Target Shooting Competition. The students travelled down with students from Wodonga Middle Years College and whilst none of our students won a title they all performed very well in the conditions and behaved exceptionally throughout the day.

Team members were: Taylor Shaune, Ben Taylor, Brett Armstrong, Onto Le Breton, Tim Smith and Toby Marx. Special thanks to Mr Smith for driving the bus down and Benalla Field and Game Association for use of their facilities. A great day was had by all.



*Martin Smith*

## MELBOURNE FOOTBALL TRIP

During the school holidays, The Milawa Sons Football team went to Melbourne along with several other netball teams. Firstly, the Milawa Sons played with a team that came from Kurrumaganda. We lost our first game but didn't lose our spirit! After an hour we played on with another team that came from Shepparton. We ended up in the Grand Final. After a long day of travelling and playing, we went to dinner at McDonalds and stayed at The Ibis Budget Hotel Accommodation.

The next day, we played in the Grand Final and although we played very well including team players such as Brock Plas and Jordan Barton, unfortunately we lost. We could not have done this trip without our host John Murray and I would like to thank him for the time and effort that he put into this trip and the amazing experience he has shown us. The WSSC students included Ethan Moffit, Jordan Barton, Jayden Jennings, Anthony Goldsworthy and Matt Krause.

*Ethan Moffitt  
Year 10 Student*



## SPORT REPORT

### Upper Hume Girls Cricket – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October



Wodonga Senior Secondary College was represented by Nikita Lal, Nikolina Bukvic, Renae McPherson, Kayla Gorka, Sarah Kaindl, Maddison Wheeler, Alaana Northey and Maddi Deery. The girls played in the Year 9/10 Super 8 Cricket carnival held in Wangaratta. The girls were able to display excellent sporting behaviour and played all of their matches with spirit and enthusiasm. On many occasions runs were saved by putting their bodies on the line to stop the ball reaching the boundary.

Our first game was against Wangaratta High School who went onto win the carnival. Batting first we scored a commendable 75 runs off our 8 overs. Wangaratta High School were steady in the chase but their final pairing proved too good and found gaps in the field to take the win with 111 runs. Game two was against Marian College who scored 130 runs with some excellent batting. The Wodonga girls were proactive in looking for runs and managed a very good 94 runs. Our final game was a friendly match against Galen College. Again, the game was played with the aim of improving skills and encouraging each other to 'sneak' a few runs when batting. Galen were too strong and powerful with their batting amassing 160 runs. Our girls gave it their best but against accurate bowling they were limited to 49 runs.

Thanks to Hayley Roberts for organising the equipment and helping out on the day. We look forward to putting in some training over the pre-season in readiness for Year 11/12 Girls Cricket in 2015.

*Di Larkin  
Coach*

## SPORT REPORT

### SSV Athletics

The 2014 School Sport Victoria Track and Field Championships were held on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of October at the State Athletic Centre in Albert Park. Wodonga Senior Secondary College was represented by three talented young athletes who competed and qualified just one week prior at the Hume region finals.

Grace Morris from Year 10 placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the 16 years female discus, throwing a distance of 23.14m – a huge personal best for Grace. Emily Woolford from Year 11 also achieved a new personal best on the day running her 17 years female 800m event in 2.43.99 and placing 5<sup>th</sup>.

Ben Hugall from Year 12 competed in two events, the 20 years male 200m and 400m races and whilst he just missed out on a medal placing, Ben was only 1.35 seconds behind the gold medal winner.

A huge congratulations is in order for Grace, Emily and Ben who have been training very hard in the lead up to the day. Qualifying for state finals is by no means an easy feat and to achieve such outstanding results is something these students should be very proud of. We wish them all the best in their future track and field competitions.



*Derek Bowey  
Sport Coordinator*

## WODONGA RAIDERS NETBALL CLUB

2015 16/U Selection Trials

Tues 28/10/14 and Thurs 30/10/14

Time: 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Kindly register your attendance and interest (providing name / age / preferred position)

[raidersnetball@hotmail.com](mailto:raidersnetball@hotmail.com)

Further information:

Michelle 0408561373

BIRALLEE PARK, MARSHAL ST, WODONGA



## CENTRAL AUSTRALIA, 14<sup>th</sup>—26<sup>th</sup> September 2014

Central Australia 2014. An incredible 13 days spent soaking up just a fraction of the beauty and wonder that is Outback Australia, yet still we experienced more than most might see in a lifetime.

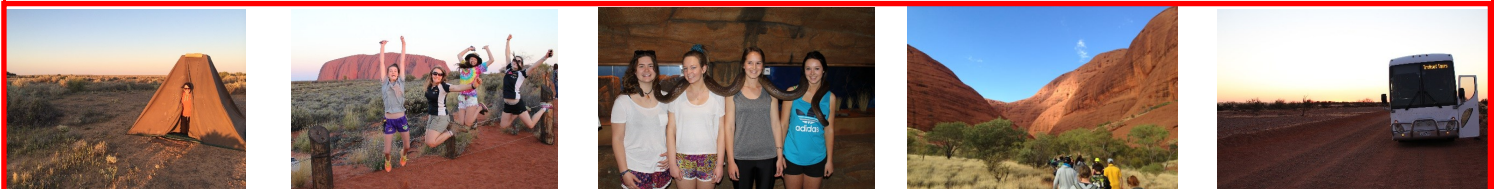
From the rolling hills surrounding the valley that is Wilpena Pound in South Australia, right up to the remote, central hub that is Alice Springs, our students didn't just see the land through their bus windows—they discovered it too. We cannot commend our bus driver Chris Bonacci highly enough; Chris's seemingly endless wealth of knowledge about Australia was shared with everyone on board at just the right moments—never too much, never too little. There was even a chance for a handful of students to read out some of the commentary themselves, if they weren't already playing a game of Mafia or having a quick powernap!

The travelling and sightseeing only made up half the trip though, with camp fun and games just as memorable as the many picturesque lookouts. Who could forget Smithy's infuriating riddles around the campfire during the Oodnadatta Track bush camp? Or the highly amusing spectacle of Mr Bowey dressed up as the bank manager each morning, complete with moustache and monocle? Or better yet, the trivia night challenges in Yulara involving stockings, oranges and one very skilful cook? The laughter coming from WSSC's campsite was always plentiful during evening activities, though never past the 10pm call for lights out—we learned to treasure our sleep!!

This trip of a lifetime wasn't always smiles and laughter however; as with any trip, there were some hardships along the way. Having a giant olive python crawl along your shoulders wasn't everybody's idea of a fun morning, while having no phone reception for days at a time sent others into a state of severe withdrawals. Luckily the snake was friendly and the time flew quickly when we were out of range—it's amazing how much fun talking to people face to face can be!

As the adventure drew to a close, our final night at Coober Pedy before the express trip home was a chance for us all to reflect on what an amazing journey we had all enjoyed over the past 2 weeks. Memories of the tool of the day award included an honourable mention to Onto for his bathroom mix-up, and to Rylea, Courtney and Sarah C for getting lost in their own campsite! A few tears were shed as some very well deserved thankyou's were given and received. Chris our bus driver, tour guide, hard worker, gentleman and all round outstanding role model could not be praised enough by students and staff alike. His passion, experience and professionalism is a credit to him as a person and his company Alpine Spirit. Chris's son Tyler was also a very well received addition to the group on this trip; incredibly well-mannered and enthusiastic to get involved, Tyler quickly found his place in the group (which was with everyone and anyone) and was by all accounts a much appreciated member.

Now who could forget Robyn: the rock of our group and the glue that held us all together? Without Robbie's expertise, precision with a knife, remarkable speed, ingenuity in the kitchen and just general culinary skill it is certain that the team would've fallen apart and morale would've crumbled on the first day. It is no wonder that Robbie is one of Trekset Tours most requested cooks. Her repertoire of skills and her demeanour as a member of the group are attributes an aspiring chef could only dream of achieving.



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Of course, behind all great school trips are a handful of dedicated staff members grinding their nose into the stone to make sure everything runs smoothly. Our Central Australia veteran Smithy has yet again pulled off an incredible multiple day excursion with four dozen teenagers with no hiccups, something that is by no means an easy feat. His tireless hours of planning, booking, corresponding with tour operators, chasing forms, organising students and communicating with parents are all crucial to the success of this trip, and this is all BEFORE we had even boarded the bus!

Along with Mr Smith, Ms Larkin, Mr Bowey, Ms Musgrave and Ms Roberts were all indispensable members of staff, all contributing their own unique personalities and qualities to the group to ensure every student got the most out of this experience. Their leadership, supervision and connection with the students were just another excellent example of how important staff can be on a Central Australia trip.

Last but not least, the students themselves deserve a massive pat on the back. Their attitudes throughout the journey remained unbelievably positive for the majority of the trip. We had international students from China and Brazil who experienced an Australia which was very different to what they had encountered in their homestay so far and took it all in their stride. We had a very talented young artist of our own, Molly H, invited to stay free of charge at Ian Conway's cattle station in the Northern Territory next year in order to work on her entry for the Archibald Prize. Each and every student who came along contributed something special to the group and all displayed a mature attitude and behaviour all students should be encouraged to learn from. Wodonga Senior Secondary College was very well represented in these 43 individuals; you are all a credit to yourselves, your school and your generation. We hope that you have fond memories of your Central Australia experience and look back on this part of your life with pride.

**Hayley Roberts**  
**Sports Trainee**

