



# SENIOR NEWS

*Every Student, Every Opportunity, Success for All*

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Building refurbishment update

As the regeneration building opened our library relocated into a new space within the new building. The old library is currently being developed it will include two purpose built classrooms for hair and beauty and our careers office. The refurbishment has been in progress since late last year.



### Woodland Street Road Works

Road works will commence in Woodland Street in early April these works are expected to take ten weeks, weather permitting. Actual dates for the works have not yet been confirmed. The City of Wodonga understands that road works can be disruptive and they appreciate your support and patience while these are underway. For more information please contact the College.

*Vern Hilditch  
Principal*

## NATIONAL APOLOGY DAY

Last Tuesday we had an event to commemorate the apology by the former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd in February 2008. The event was conducted by the Student Leadership Council and our guests included Aunty Avis Gale and Trish Sell who spoke of their experiences as members of the 'Stolen Generation'. The event was concluded by Tahlia Biggs reading a very moving poem by Stephen Oliver and her personal thoughts as follows:

'Let us use the mistakes of yesterday to serve as a reminder for tomorrow. Let it serve as a reminder to walk together and to respect one another differences. Let us replace ignorance with education, racism with acceptance and discrimination with compassion. We are the future of Australia and we are the ones who will shape it for the better.'



*Sue Bell  
Koori Coordinator*

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## CALENDAR

**Thursday 12th March**  
Multicultural Day

**Wednesday 18th March**  
College Athletic Sports

**Monday 23rd March to Friday 27th March**  
Mini Exams & assessment period

**Thursday 26th March**  
Parent/ Student Teacher Interviews

## TERM DATES

**Term 1**  
29<sup>th</sup> January - 27<sup>th</sup> March

**Term 2**  
13<sup>th</sup> April—26<sup>th</sup> June

**Term 3**  
13<sup>th</sup> July—18<sup>th</sup> September

**Term 4**  
5<sup>th</sup> October - 18<sup>th</sup> December

## YEAR LEVEL COORDINATORS

### Year 10 Coordinators

Tim Lamb  
Brydie Hind  
Tim Bridgeman

### Year 11 Coordinators

Chris North  
Simon Webb

### Year 12 Coordinators

Matt Moylan  
Paul McMullen

## MT ARAPILES ROCK CLIMBING

On Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> February sixteen Year 11 students set off for Mt. Arapiles (located approx. 35 km west of Horsham). After travelling the whole day we arrived at around 4:30 pm. After setting up camp for the next three days, students set off for their first rock climbing adventure, bouldering and exploring the area. After this the second big adventure and challenge loomed, as it was time for cooking their own dinner. Most of the students did a great job on being organised for meal times, many having the right ingredients. Once dinner was over a strong Southerly wind set in and the students escaped to their tents.

With a 7:30am wake up the students were raring to rock climb. Bushrangers Bluff was where we spent the day, where students learnt how to belay and most importantly tie a re-thread figure 8 knot (this knot was used to tie the rope directly to the harness). Throughout the day students helped each other get up the challenging climbs, often pointing out the best route. The boys were very competitive with each other trying to see who could get up each of the climbs, whilst the girls were patient and persistent with their climbs. We arrived back at camp at around 7:30 pm where the students cooked dinner again and played Football-Frisbee afterwards.



On Wednesday morning as students walked to Declaration Crag. Students were challenged further with harder climbs and higher temperatures.

Some of the boys discovered that using Mr. McKenzie's magic chalk was the way to go, claiming that it was the only way to get them to the top. After lunch and playing some mind challenging riddles, we then headed for Mitre rock with more climbs and a wonderful view. Once the day was over students visited the local town's Milk Bar to refuel after the past two days of hard climbing. Back to camp it was time for dinner and a few more games of Uno before bed. Thursday was a pack up and travel day in which the goal was to leave at 8:30am and arrive back at school at 4:30pm. We left at 8.29 am and arrived back at 4.23 pm, so with the mission complete it was a great trip that all students thoroughly enjoyed. Thanks to Mr. Smith, Keely McLaren and Mr. McKenzie for making this trip happen.

*Keely McLaren  
Sports Trainee*

## PANCAKE DAY

On Friday 27th February, the College held a UnitingCare Pancake Day event. A group of Graduate Program students organised the event with the help of the Colleges Senior Leadership Council (SLC). The aim of the event was to raise money for the UnitingCare Pancake day cause. The money raised from the event was donated to UnitingCare.



*Portia Stowers-Motly  
Year 10 Student*

## CAREERS NEWS

### Have you considered bricklaying as a career?

Bricklayers lay clay bricks and concrete blocks using mortar. They are masters of their profession and create beautiful brick and blockwork in domestic homes and commercial buildings working to specific plans and as part of a team. The work of bricklayers can be seen all around you. There is a shortage of qualified builders in Australia. For information about this exciting industry, go to: [www.becomeabricklayer.com.au/](http://www.becomeabricklayer.com.au/)



### 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](http://www.facebook.com/ApprenticeNet)