



SENIOR NEWS

Every Student, Every Opportunity, Success for All

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

End of Term 1

Although a short but very busy term is drawing to a close. Thank you to all parents, students and teachers for their support. A great deal has been achieved and students, especially our Year 10 students, have settled into the routine of school very quickly. Round 1 Grade Point Average (GPA) reports have been distributed which will give a good indication of how students are progressing. Please take time to reflect on your progress over the holidays

Parent – Student –Teacher Conference

Parent –Student – Subject Teacher Conference night will be held tonight Thursday 26 March between 4.00pm and 7.30pm

Parent – Teacher Conferences give you an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress and to build communication and understanding between home and school. If both you and the teachers are well prepared, even a short conference can be productive and worthwhile. Keep a list of questions you want to discuss with the teacher.

- If you wish to discuss specific pieces of work, take them with you to the conference
- Bring your child's most recent report with you to the conference.
- Ask your child if there are matters they would like discussed.
- Take notes during the conference to recap the conference at home.
- Keep the conference positive as we are all looking for ways we can continuously improve.
- Be ready to ask questions, or admit you do not understand.
- Share helpful information about your child or family circumstances. Share your and your child's expectations about the subject with the teacher. Teachers are appreciative of anything that helps them know their students better.
- If you disagree with any judgements the teacher may have made about your child, listen carefully and ask for examples. Being apologetic or angry will not help fix the problem.
- Remember the conference is a valuable time to discuss your child, not share your experiences at school or philosophies about modern education.
- If you are unhappy about the conference, speak with one of the principals.
- Please do not hesitate to contact the school to arrange for a follow up interview with teachers, Pathways Teacher or Year Level Coordinator if required.

Some questions:

- How is my child progressing?
- Are there ways I can help at home?
- Does my child need special help?
- How does my child get on with other members of the class?
- Does my child participate in class activities?
- Does my child complete assignments and homework?
- What is my child's behaviour like in your class and at school?
- How well is my child doing in tests and assignments?

After the conference:

Discuss the conference with your child, including any points of action.

Stress the good things that were said and be direct about any problems.

Act on any suggestions made by the teacher.

Keep working with teachers by staying in touch.

Children respond positively in knowing the important adults in their life are working together. Whatever disagreements you have with the school should be discussed with one of the principals or the individual teacher. Your child should see a united team

Vern Hilditch
Principal

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CALENDAR

Monday 23rd March to Friday 27th March

Mini Exams & assessment period

Thursday 26th March

Parent/ Student Teacher Interviews

Friday 27th March

Last Day Term 1 Finish at (2:30pm)

Tuesday 14th April

First Day Back for Students

TERM DATES

Term 1

29th January - 27th March

Term 2

13th April—26th June

Term 3

13th July—18th September

Term 4

5th October - 18th 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

SPORTS REPORT

The Upper Hume Volleyball competition was held on the 19th of March. The senior girl's team looked promising after making state last year. The girls first match was against Wangaratta High School losing the first set due to bad communication and putting their heads down, a pep talk was needed by the coach in which helped immensely. The girls rose to the challenge beating Wangaratta 10/20 in the second set with Bethany Mckay winning 12 points straight as the opposition did not know how to return a serve. With the 3rd set the girls started playing as a team winning the intense match 15/11.

The next match was against Victory Lutheran College who lost to Wangaratta High School beforehand. With game plans set and smiles all round we started the last match of the day. Throughout the game there was long rally's and funny moments including Ellony kicking the ball over the net in which the Victory student caught the ball leading to a very fluky move and a selection into the school soccer team, Allannah being hit with the ball while it was going out trying so hard to move out of the way. The girls won in 2 sets 20/14 and 20/10 in which they will play at the Hume region on the 5th of May in Wodonga.

Congratulations girls, well played and Good luck at the Hume region!

Team members included: Molly-May Ramsay, Alannah Northey, Taliesha Elliott, Simone Holley

Ellony Jensen, Sarah Kaindl, Paige Bowers and Beth Mckay

*Keely McLaren
Sports Trainee*



FULFILLING HIS DREAMS

Teju Chouhan, our multicultural aide, left his home country of Bhutan at the age of just 10. After spending 18 years in a refugee camp, Mr Chouhan started calling the Border his home in 2008.

He was among the first Bhutanese refugees to settle in the area, light-heartedly referring to himself as one of the 'first fleeters.' While it was exciting to start life in a new land, there were many challenges that faced the "first fleeter's" community.

As part of Cultural Diversity Week, Teju Chouhan will be among a team of people proud to launch the new Albury-Wodonga Ethnic Communities Council Inc. (AWECC) at Sunday's Harmony Day's celebrations to help tackle some of these issues. The council is supported by both Albury and Wodonga councils, as well as the Victorian Government. "We want to make all, if not most, ethnic groups on the Border represented and their voices heard at different levels of government.

*Erin Somerville
News Weekly*

WOODLAND STREET ROADWORKS

Woodland Street Roadwork's

Work will begin on the reconstruction of Woodland street, Wodonga, from Saturday, March 28. The work is expected to take eight weeks.

The contractors will be ensuring children's safety is the highest priority throughout these works and will be giving priority to the bus bay areas during school holidays to minimise disruptions when school returns. There will be no off street parking in the work zone and no access to the Galvin hall staff parking.

