



SENIOR NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Facebook hits 1001 Likes

About 18 months ago Wodonga Senior Secondary College launched a Facebook page. Last week this page reached the milestone of 1000 page likes. This is thanks to the hard work of Nicholas and the staff and students that provide him with content every week. Each post on our site typically reaches between 250 and 2100 people. Over 1000 people have watched the video of our ANZAC ceremony. Facebook is a powerful communication tool that allows us to share our achievements with the College community. Please continue to provide us with videos, photos and articles to post and by this time next year we might have 2000 followers.

Exam and Test Period.

A mini exam period for all students in Years 10 and 11 will be held during normal class time from **Wednesday 3 June**. To avoid students having a number of exams on the one day a blocking arrangement has been distributed to spread the tests over the week. Students will be expected to attend all classes as normal.

Term 2 exam Timetable 2015

Wednesday week 8 3 rd June	Thursday week 8 4 th June	Friday week 9 5 th June	Tuesday week 9 th June	Wednesday week 9 10 th June (GAT day)
Period 1 Block D	Period 1 Block B	Period 1 Block C	Period 1 Block F +11 VET Hosp	Catch up exam day for Year 10 students
Period 4 TT Block only (Auto, B&C, Dance, Ch service, Hair)		Period 3 Block E and ETT (training block)	Period 3 Block A	GAT for 11/12 students- no formal classes

In addition all students currently studying a Unit 3 VCE and scored assessed VET Subject, which is over 45% of our student cohort, **must** sit the **General Achievement Test (GAT)** on Wednesday the 10th June at the school. The GAT will commence at 10.00am and finish at 1.15 pm The Exam Centres will be Galvin Hall, the MDC and the Sports Centre

The GAT is a formal assessment tool used by the VCAA to verify individual student performance relative to all other students in the state. Students need to prepare and are encouraged to do the best they can on the GAT. Students will be provided with more details over the coming weeks but are encouraged to seek information from the VCAA website:

www.vcaa.vic.edu.au

Vern Hilditch
Principal

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Monday 18th
May 2015

CALENDAR

Thursday June 4th

Pepper Restaurant - Lunch only

Monday 8th June

Queens Birthday Holiday

Wednesday 10th June

General Achievement Test

Monday 15th June

Year 12 Practice English exam

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
Naomi Wattie

Year 12 Coordinators

Matt Moylan
Simon Webb

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Important Dates

Monday 8 June – Queens Birthday Public Holiday; School will be closed.

Wednesday 10 June –As we have so many students sitting the GAT no classes will be timetabled at any Year level. Students who are not sitting the GAT and have missed mini exams may be asked to attend on that day to resit the exams they have missed. All other students are not required at school. Students are not required to wear school uniform to the GAT exam and are free to leave once the GAT has been completed.

Thursday 11 and Friday 12 June –classes as normal. Finalise Assessments and hand back marked Assessment Tasks and exams to complete semester 1.

Monday 15 June –Semester 2 commences. **All students** must attend.

Thursday 25 June - Semester 1 Reports distributed and Parent Student Teacher Interviews in the afternoon and evening.

Friday 26 June - 2.30pm - Students dismissed for term 2 holidays.

Monday 13 July – Teachers Return to school

Tuesday 14 July - Students Return to commence term 3

Wednesday 22nd July Parent Information Evening for Year 9 students transitioning into Year 10

Wednesday 12 August – Subject Expo

Exam Preparation

As already stated Mini Exams for Year 10 and 11 students begins on Wednesday 3rd June. Just as examinations should be the successful end to the semester's study, so revision should be the process of refreshing what has already been thoroughly learned. Revision should be a process of consolidating understanding of the subject rather than cramming in as much information as possible before the morning of the exam. Unfortunately for many students last minute revision cannot make up for the lack of a planned study program. A number of strategies have been included in a short article "Last Minute Cramming" that may help if you find yourself beginning your exam preparation now, which can be found on our website.

Leaving the School Grounds without permission.

We have a duty of care to know where students are during the school day. Students who leave the grounds without seeking permission from either their parents or Year level Coordinators and have not informed the office at the time of their departure are putting themselves and the school at risk. I remind all students of their obligations with this matter. "Wondering off" down the street is not an option as significant consequences will result.

Student Absences

There is an expectation that all students have a legal obligation to attend school. Where students are absent it is recorded as an unapproved absence until it is explained. All absences must be approved. Notes or phone calls from parents explaining the absence as a result of illness or pressing necessity are required. Thresholds have been introduced by the Education Department and Commonwealth Departments where student unexplained absences can result in fines or a reduction in benefits.

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MUSIC NEWS

The Music Program running in the PAC and the MDC is a busy, vibrant part of the Performing Arts program. It enthuses students and allow them to express their musical interests and expand their musical skills.

Student enrol in Instrumental lessons for their chosen instruments and join varied music classes and musical groups and Ensembles.

Rehearsals are occurring every day and at the busy times of the year music students rush from one rehearsal to the next.

- Students are preparing for Concerts and gigs.
- Choir will perform at the Probus Club AGM on May 27th 10.00am-12.00.
- Students are preparing for the North Eastern Gala in Hamer Hall on May 27 where they will showcase some items from the Middle Year's Production 'Little Shop of Horrors' This includes singers and instrumental students.
- Bands have been rehearsing original works for the North Eastern Region Battle of the Bands in Wangaratta on June 12 and Kool Skools recording on June 22. Instrumental staff, Keith Miles, Gary McDonald, Trevor Cooper, and Sam Bulowski, Robyn Krowicky, Sam Bulowski and Roman Turewicz are assisting students to complete their Performance Programs for Year 10 Music and VCE Music Performance and Music Investigation. Students are preparing performances for Assemblies, Lunch time Concerts and the North East Arts Festival.
- VET Music Technology students will assist at many gigs and set up and run the Sound and Lighting. They attended a beneficial Lighting Course and have developed a new set of skills.
- After school and lunchtime rehearsals for Swing Band and Funk Band are very exciting rehearsals.

Students find involvement in music to be a very satisfying activity as they expand their skills and express their creativity.

Janet Turewicz
Music Coordinator



SENIOR BASKETBALL

On the 8th of May the Upper Hume Senior Basketball was held. The boy's first game was against Victory Lutheran College, with an early lead and some great shots going in by Dylan Nowak (Pappa Nozz) and Jeric Balbin we went into the 2nd half ahead. Victory gave the boys a run for their money in the second half getting within 5 points but our boys held out the win and were keen to find out their statistics that Lachie Lewin had been recording.

The last game was against Catholic College who were a very tall team. Catholic got the early lead which led the boys chasing the rest of the game. Unfortunately the threes did not connect for Jeric and Toby Marx still had his footy instincts in him which got him fouled a couple of times. The Catholic boys were just too good beating the Senior boys. The boys played in great spirit learning the game and enjoying themselves the boys were well led by Miss. Wright and Lachie Lewin the coaches.

Well done to the following students-Daniel Lumby, Dylan Nowak, Jeric Balbin, Kobe Campbell, Toby Marx, Cory Montagnat, Rhyle Transom and Zach Leach.

The Senior girls only had one game for the day against a very experienced Catholic team. Throughout the game it was high class basketball many three's went in, but mainly for Catholic who shot around six. Throughout the game Jane Cook was fantastic with the rebounds, Steph Gorman ranked up 3 steals and Aly Greer with her netball shooting was fantastic. Catholic were too good but well done to our girls.

Well done to the following students-Beth Mckay, Alaana Northey, Steph Gorman, Jane Cook, Aly Greer, Nikolina Bukvic, Taniesha Leach and Chloe Mathey

Senior Girls Basketball 1. Catholic College 2. Wodonga Senior SC

Catholic College defeated Wodonga Senior SC 57-41



*Keely McLaren
Sports Trainee*

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM VISIT

Last Thursday, the Year 11 Twentieth Century History class travelled to Melbourne to visit The Jewish Holocaust Museum. After having an hour free time in Elsternwick we proceeded to The Jewish Holocaust Museum. Once there, we were given a 30 minute presentation on the background of The Holocaust. We were also given a 45 minute tour of the museum, where we learnt about the brutality the Jewish families were shown. We also learnt of the brave people who saved many Jewish families throughout World War II. After we had explored the museum our group got to learn first-hand of the Nazi regime from a French Jewish man who hid from the Nazis for the last four years of the war with his family. It was a humbling experience and one that I would recommend to anyone else.



*Nicholas Fitzsimons
Year 11 Student*

PEPPER RESTAURANT

Bookings are now being taken for Pepper Restaurant.

Tuesday 2nd June - Night
Thursday 4th June - Lunch

A la Carte - Mains from \$15
\$15 deposit pp to secure booking

