



# SENIOR NEWS

*Every Student, Every Opportunity, Success for All*

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Grade Point Average Reports (GPA)

GPA 6 and the semester reports will be distributed to students on December 4, this coincides with the end of Head Start. It is important that all students maintain an approved attendance of above 90%. Although the school year has ended for the Year 12 students there are still many weeks left in the school year for student in Years 10 and 11 at the College. It is still an expectation that all students attend every day in full school uniform.

### Study Skills for November

Parents often have high expectations of their children in relation to how much homework they will do, and what results they will achieve in their studies. These expectations may result from cultural beliefs, personal experiences, desire for children to have better opportunities than their parents had and the like. Research shows that whilst parental expectations can play a significant part in children achieving high results, they can also contribute to high levels of student stress.

- **Understand your own motivations:** Why do you want your child to do get particular marks in their studies? Is it because you have pressure from family/friends/society about what your child will achieve? Do you want them to follow in your career footsteps? Do you want them to have opportunities you never had as a child or young person? Understanding your own motivations will help you find balance in your expectations of your children.
- **Help your children to set realistic goals:** Keep talking to your children about what they want to achieve, in individual subjects, at school overall and in other aspects of their life. Their career goals may mean they want to focus intensively on something like art or music, rather than maths or science. Helping them to identify their goals will enable them to determine what subjects they need to focus on and what marks they are likely to need, which means that effort can be concentrated on the areas which will help them to achieve their goals.

More study skills for this month can be found on the College website:

<http://www.wssc.vic.edu.au/?p=25394>

### Awburn Street Parking

Please be aware there has been a change to parking arrangements in Awburn St. This may affect people visiting the Wodonga Hospital or Wodonga Senior Secondary College. Parking along the full length of Awburn St is now residential permit parking only. Previously this only applied to the southern end of the street.

### Remembrance Day Service

A Remembrance Day Service will be held at the commencement of Period 2 this Wednesday 11th November. Students will make their way, once the roll has been marked at the beginning of period 2, to the grassed area at the rear of the new building at 10.45. Thank you to Jenni Jarratt and all the students involved in the Service. All students are encourage to attend and to be respectful of the efforts of their peers.

*Vern Hilditch  
Principal*

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November 2015**

## CALENDAR

**November 12 to November 19**  
Year 10/11 Exams

**November 23 to December 4**  
Head Start Program (two weeks of 2016 coursework begins)

**Friday November 27**  
Wodonga Cup Public Holiday  
(No School)

**Friday December 4**  
Year 10 and 11 Presentation

## 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  
Naomi Wattie  
Paul McMullen

## YEAR 11 SURFING CAMP

On Tuesday the 27th of October, seventeen students left for Anglesea to have a week learning and participating in surfing and surf kayaking. We arrived at Anglesea Beachside Caravan Park at 12:30pm. We had some lunch and got introduced to Mr Boweys game Kelly gang. At 3:00pm we had our first surf lesson with Go Ride a Wave. The weather was very windy with rips occurring near us but with the first lesson most of the students got up despite the harsh conditions. We walked back to the caravan park had some tacos which were cooked by Maddi Deery and continued on with Kelly gang and volleyball.

The following day we had a surf lesson at 9:00am. With much better conditions being warm, not windy and the beach to ourselves the students took advantage of the surf and caught some killer waves. After we got back we had some sausages in bread with Keely idolising the importance of onion and then headed to Torquay to visit the surf museum and get some retail therapy. The surf museum helped the students have a better understanding of the changes in surfboards and how surfing became big overseas and then Australia. We headed back to camp with some tired students, dinner was roast chicken with veggies and a trivia game to follow.

Thursday we first visited Bells Beach an iconic beach in Australia for surfers and Pt Addis with Smithy giving an insight of the outdoor environment and pests around the area. We then headed back to Anglesea to go surf kayaking. The students enjoyed the kayaking by catching waves into shore and sometimes the waves winning over the people in the kayak. The afternoon we headed to Lorne to look at Erskine falls, then a little bushwalk and afterwards the students had the opportunity to get some chips and ice-cream. We then drove home passing the famous Round the Twist lighthouse and the biggest drop toilet house in the world. We arrived back to camp and played Mr Boweys fun trick games, Kelly gang and enjoyed our last night.

Our last day involved a surf at 8:00am, it was one of the best days that Mr Smith and Mr Bowey have ever had on the surfing camp. All students did a terrific job getting up, having fun and doing tricks on their board. The last day was the students time to prove who should win the Sandy Tugwood Surfers trophy with best surfer going to Jamie Paul and most persistent went to Tysha Bretton.

The students were an absolute pleasure all enjoying and persisting through all activities. Thanks to Mr Smith, Mr Bowey and Keely for the awesome trip!



**Keely McLaren**  
*Sports Trainee*