

# Senior News

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## Principals Report

### College Transition Tours

To ensure a smooth transition process into the College, tours will be conducted on the following dates:

- Thursday September 7th
- Thursday October 12th
- Thursday November 2nd

The whole school tours will begin at 4:00pm at the front office with enrolment enquiries welcome. Book your school tour today using this link on the College website:

<http://www.wssc.vic.edu.au/?p=27214> For more information, contact the College transition coordinator Tim Bridgeman, phone: (02) 6043 7500.

### National Child Safety Week

National Child Protection Week 2017 runs from Sunday 3rd – Saturday 9th of September. The Wodonga Federation of Government Schools, which includes our school, continue to promote the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people.

Protecting children is everyone's concern and we urge the entire school community to play their part. The best way that we can adequately protect children, is to stop neglect and abuse BEFORE it happens.

Even the smallest act can help build a safer community for children and young people.

For more information on National Child Protection Week 2017 [www.napcan.org.au](http://www.napcan.org.au)

### Wodonga Schools Arts Festival

This week schools from Wodonga and surrounding region will celebrate with its annual festival. The week long event will see the students performance perform various acts and musical numbers throughout the week.



*Local primary schools performing for the community in Galvin Hall*

**Vern Hilditch**  
*Principal*

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**Monday 4th**  
**September 2017**

## Calendar

**Monday 4th September**  
WFGS Arts Festival

**Tuesday 5th September**  
Year 12 English and  
Maths practice exams

**Friday 22nd September**  
Last day of Term 3

**Monday 9th October**  
First day of Term 4

## Term Dates

**Term 2**  
18th April - 30th June

**Term 3**  
17th July - 22nd  
September

**Term 4**  
9th October - 22nd  
December

## Coordinators

**Year 10**  
Tim Lamb  
Cynthia McFarland  
Tim Bridgeman

**Year 11**  
Chris North  
Naomi Wattie

**Year 12**  
Brydie Hind  
Paul McMullen

**VCAL**  
Mark Smit  
Sarah Maybury

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## Graduate Program - Duke of Edinburgh

As part of the College Graduate Program, a class of students are working to complete the necessary modules to receive the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Last Thursday the group visited Les Stone Park, planting native shrubs in collaboration with the Wodonga City Council.

Earlier this year the students completed the 'adventurous journey' module as part of the award planning a two-day camp at the local yacht club where they learnt how to sail and participated in many team building activities.



*A view from above as the planting gets underway*

**Jess Harris**  
*Graduate Program Coordinator*

## We are Awesome, Flaws and All

"I'm Flawsome" was the catch phrase promoted to WSSC students and staff on Monday by Caitlin Figueiredo. We are Awesome, flaws and all! Caitlin is studying law at ANU whilst volunteering actively in her community. Caitlin shared her story passionately on Monday with over 300 students and staff across four different presentations. She spoke about her mental health journey and the impact this had on her education. Caitlin praised her teachers who stood by her and helped her achieve a pass in her schooling despite the physical challenges and mental health diagnosis she faced in her teenage years.



Caitlin has met some of her biggest Influencers in life already. She was invited to the White House and met with the then First Lady Michelle Obama and they spoke about Caitlin's work with women in vulnerable communities in Pakistan. Caitlin encouraged each one of us to figure out who the people are that we allow to shape and influence our lives and to surround ourselves with those people who are of positive impact to us. To seek out opportunities with the people who can inspire you, lead you, guide you and mentor you.

We hope to see Caitlin visit our College again and are so appreciative of her volunteering her time to come and speak to our school.

**Jacqui Boehringer**  
*Wellbeing Groups Coordinator*

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