Dear Parents and Carers,

The warm weather is most welcome and it is great to see our kids out on the grass areas playing sport or simply chatting and laughing. It is marvellous what some sunny days means to our dispositions.

Our year 12 students are nearing the end of their exams and I’m sure they are all looking forward to a break from the pressure. Next week we have our year 11 and year 10 students entering their exam phase. Good luck to all. I’m sure you will do well.

At the moment we are in the process of recruiting staff for next year to teach in senior science and maths. We also have active advertisements for 2 assistant Principal positions. All of these positions will commence in 2017. We have been conducting the process for selecting our new prefects for 2017. Students from year 10 have presented to their peers and have taken part in interviews with myself, Mr John Paola and current prefects. The outcome of this process will be known shortly. It was fantastic that we received more nominations than vacancies and the quality of applicants was simply outstanding.

Last week I attended the SOAR graduation for the boys who completed the course. It was great to listen to their stories and to meet their proud parents. Thanks to our Chaplain Todd Werner and our Well-being Leader Bruce Hordern for facilitating this program.

We are fast approaching the end of the year and the school is a hive of activity. We are planning some small internal structural changes to increase our storage capacity and we are relocating our textiles facility into the ‘M’ building. Along with that we have a large repository of artefacts from the old school building which we want to preserve and indeed locate some items around our new school. It is important that whilst we will have a new school with regard to facilities in 2017, we need to ensure the artefacts that represent the traditions that our school was founded on are proudly displayed to ensure we have an enduring legacy for future generations.

To assist us in this endeavour we have gratefully accepted an offer from Rhonda Diffey to coordinate this aspect of our move. Rhonda has an enormous breadth of experience in the area of historical archives and I know we will end up with a terrific display space.

Condolences

It is my sad duty to inform you that Lynn Barr, former Wangaratta High Schools principal passed away on Monday 6th November.

Lynn was principal from 1982 – 1991 and was an outstanding educational leader who contributed significantly to the educational outcomes of Wangaratta Students. Our sincere condolences go to his family and friends.

Regards,

Mr. David Cummins - Acting Principal
It’s been a busy few weeks for the music department. On 21st October Wangaratta High School held their Music Cabaret which was a celebration to unveil the newly purchased Grand Piano. This wonderful new addition to the music department was paid for by funds raised by the ‘Music Parents Support Group’.

The music department has also had their Stage Band perform on the free stage at the Jazz Festival. As always the Big Band performed an outstanding performance and entertained the appreciative crowd.

A big thank you to all the staff of the music department who put in many hours of their time outside of school time to support and encourage our music students to learn and achieve at a high standard.

Ruby L, of year 9 unveiling the new Grand Piano at the Music Cabaret.

Wangaratta High School, Stage Band performing at the recent Wangaratta Festival of Jazz.

Lara O’B Year 12, Rose W Year 10. Performing on the Grand Piano at the music Cabaret.

ABOVE: WHS Big Band.

LEFT: WHS Symphonic Band

VET SPORT AND RECREATION TASTER
SPORT COACHING – APPIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
On Wednesday 26th October and Wednesday 2nd November the Year 9 VET Sport and Recreation Taster class attended Appin Park Primary School and coached the Grade 5 students a fundamental motor skill. They were required to sequence their sessions from a closed environment with minimal distractions to a more open environment where the Grade 5’s could focus on gameplay and decision making. The Grade 5 students rotated between the groups that included; football, soccer, basketball and netball in 15 minute blocks. The Year 9s did an excellent job planning and executing their sessions that engaged the younger people and improved their own instructional skills.
Phil Hunter - Teacher
On Thursday the 3rd of November we celebrated the graduation for the boys SOAR program. 10 boys graduated from the SOAR Adventures program in 2016. SOAR Adventures is an adventure-based program, which focuses on leadership, teamwork, personal strength and not giving up.

25 boys were selected by their mentor teachers then interviewed. 10 boys were selected to be a part of SOAR boys program. The group worked well together and built strong bonds in the 10 sessions that they had together. These sessions included 2 adventure-based camps, rock climbing at Mt Arapiles and a Ski Camp to Mt Sterling camping out in the snow.

The boys learnt some great skills on these camps and created memories that will last for a lifetime.

The boys that received a graduation certificate for being a part of the program in 2016 were: Corey Boyd, Daniel Tidball, Bryce Bennett, Henry O’Halloran, Samuel ‘Chef’ Beattie, Brandon Chambeyron, Hayden Newton, Daniel Honey, Jared Cook & Lachlan Kazenwadel. The boys also won awards that were sponsored by people in the Wangaratta community.

The awards went to:
Corey Boyd – Outstanding Leadership Award – Sponsor: David Cummins
Samuel ‘Chef’ Beattie – Above & Beyond Award – Sponsor: Wangaratta Police
Bryce Bennett – Shining Star Award – Sponsor: Hordern Family
Lachlan Kazenwadel – Community Award – Sponsor: WHS School Council
Daniel Tidball – Mountain Mover Award – Sponsor: Todd Werner
Brandon Chambeyron – Team Player Award – Sponsor: High Life
Hayden Newton - Most Dedicated – Sponsor: Wangaratta Trophy & Engravers
Henry O’Halloran - Most Encouraging – Sponsor: Hadar Homes
Daniel Honey - Most Determined – Sponsor: Propel Your Life Coaching
Jared Cook - Most Committed – Sponsor: Bendigo Bank

A big thankyou to Bruce Hordern, Todd Werner & Corena Brennen for helping out with the boys SOAR program. The program was very successful. All the boys shared at the graduation of how the SOAR program has helped them with their everyday life.

We also ran a girls SOAR program in 2016. Unfortunately the girls program was unable to finish but the girls did receive a participation certificate during assembly a few weeks ago. The girls that received a participation certificate were Anita Newton, Chloe Dowell, Hayley Neate, Kelly Griffin, Sara Radovanovic, Shakaya Robertson, Tara Whitehead, Tesha Davern, & Trinity Hutchins. A big thankyou to Bruce Hordern, Sandy King & Danielle Werner for helping out with the program.
What a great night! I want to thank the staff that gave up their Friday night and bought their expertise to the event, it couldn’t have happened without them. Special thanks go to Judd Mullins, Katie Alexander and John Paola, for the music, photos set up and clean up.

We had over 100 students enjoying themselves. They were transformed into well-dressed young adults, who danced the night away. Many lights and decorations and the happy smiles of the students lit up the Oaks Function Centre at the Wangaratta Turf club. There was some competition to dance next to their favourite teacher, including Mr Carr and Ms Stewart. Cold drinks, good food and cool air were in demand as the night progressed. I am proud of our year 10 students for their mature behaviour and smiled at their antics on the dance floor. It was a good night had by all.

We have many great images recorded of their night, if you are interested in a copy, please contact myself or John Paola at school.

Mrs Drummond Year 10 leader
The Antipodeans expedition this year is travelling to China on November 25th to December 16th. This expedition involves 25 students in two tour groups accompanied by four teaching staff. We will be working in a local village in the Lijiang province where we will be building a recycling station. We hope this will provide a healthy alternative for the local villages as rubbish impacts on their daily food and water supplies.

The group has been fundraising and through the fantastic efforts and generosity of the Wangaratta High School community we are able to donate $3,000 to this community project. Throughout this year and last year we have ran BBQs, a Chinese banquet, sold chocolates and held uniform free days. The students will be challenged to lead each day’s activities including organizing travel, accommodation, meals and tours, at each of our seven locations. Through these unique travel experiences we are empowering our young people to take ownership and embrace the world beyond their own borders. This will be a life changing expedition for all involved, facing the many challenges of working and negotiating in a foreign country with a foreign language and customs.

In preparation for our expedition have met numerous times after school and on weekends to learn new skills and practice scenarios to enable us to be well prepared for our travel overseas. For some of our students this is their first time they have ventured over seas, leading to some nerves and a lot of excitement. We have worked with our students to develop the many requirements needed to work as a team to meet the many challenges of working together and using each others strengths and abilities. Thank you to the parents and families of our students and staff who have continued to support both emotionally and financially with all of us on this endeavor to help others in a less fortunate community.

Teachers: Kay Drummond, Jackie Mitchell, Karen Mascas, Andrea Belci

PHOTO: Some of the students and staff who are soon to be off on a trip of a lifetime.
On the 4th of November 2016, Year 11 Outdoor Ed completed their last field trip for the year, white water rafting.

As a group the class travelled to Lake William Hovell in Cheshunt and completed the rafting activity in the King River, starting below the dam wall.

The students paired up in canoes then navigated for about 5 km down the river.
The students were expertly instructed by 15 Mile creek staff, it was a great experience and a great day was had by all.

Zelda Yeates
Year 11 OE teacher

On Tuesday 8th November Wangaratta High School VCAL students were privileged to have a visit from a guest speaker, Carlos Castro. Carlos is an Outreach Organiser from the Young Workers Centre.
Carlos spent the whole day with the students delivering workshops on occupational health and safety, bullying, discrimination and rights in the workplace.
The workshops were enjoyed by students who contributed to the conversations about their own experiences in regard to each workshop.
The students took notes and wrote summaries to be used for literacy, personal development skills and work related skills.

Leanne Reed
VCAL Coordinator.
UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

Wangaratta Regional Study Centre
and
Department of Education and Training

an invitation to parents and community
to share your ideas with us

we want to hear what you think about
• engaging school students
• lifting their expectations
• having careers conversations
  (primary and secondary school)

What:  Free Chicken Lunch
When:  Tuesday 29th November
        12 pm to 1.30 pm
Where:  Apex Park BBQ area

Please RSVP for catering reasons
(and any dietary needs)
and/or give us your ideas at
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PB2QG25

Jacqueline Martyn
0455 052 686
martyn.jacqueline.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Ilona Young
03 5713 9061
ilyoung@csu.edu.au
2017 Yr 7 UNIFORM PACK

The administration office has new opening hours.

These hours are daily from: 8:00am until 4:30pm

For student absences please contact the absentee line 57 230 515

2017 Booklists

Year 11 and 12 Subjects Now Available

Resource lists are now available for students studying Year 11 and Year 12 subjects in 2017. These can be collected from the General Office or accessed online at: www.northeastschoolsupplies.com.au/Schools

Please return your filled out resource lists to the General Office or directly to Edgars by Monday 14 November. This will ensure students have their required textbooks in time for Step Up.

Note: Accelerating students will need to collect lists for each year level they are studying, e.g. Year 10 student accelerating into Year 11 Biology will need to collect a Year 11 Resource List.

State Schools’ Relief Camps, Sports and Excursions (CSEF) Fund 2017 Year 7 Uniform Pack

In 2017 every Year 7 government school student who is a recipient of CSEF or whose parents have a Health Care Card automatically qualifies to receive a uniform pack that is provided through State Schools’ Relief.

If your child receives CSEF assistance and is in Year 6 in 2016 you can ask for a uniform pack to be provided by State Schools’ Relief through the secondary school your child is enrolled to attend in 2017.

The uniform pack includes basic uniform items needed to start secondary school.

For more information or apply for a pack contact the Wangaratta High School on 57 230 500.
SUN SMART

A reminder to students, families and staff that in terms one & four our summer uniform policy is in place. Please ensure that your child has a hat to wear to school, sunscreen on and that they bring plenty of water to keep hydrated.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to teacher Mr Andrew Wighton who announced his engagement to Miss Amy Hill on Saturday 29th October.

Best wishes to you both for a long & happy marriage.

SUN SMART

Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

Wangaratta High School

PRIVATE SINGING LESSONS

Commencing on Tuesday the 25th & Wednesday 26th of October (please advise which time slot you would like!)

Where: Wangaratta High School music Centre (one of the small studio rooms)

Cost: $30 for half hour lesson
       $50 for 1 hour lesson

Singing lessons- focussing on pitch, projection, vocal tricks, breathing, performance & confidence building!

Contact: Claire O'Connell
Mobile: 0481 387 127
The Breakfast Club invites the WHS school community to enjoy a hearty breakfast every Wednesday morning at 8.00am until 9.00am near the Food Technology area between the M and the Senior Years Learning Community.

There is delicious food on offer such as eggs, pancakes, toasted sandwiches, fresh fruit, hot drinks, fruit juice and much more. Staff and students are welcome to enjoy a free and wholesome breakfast to start their day in an informal and relaxed social setting.

We would like to remind parents, carers and friends of the Wangaratta High School community that when visiting the school you must do this through the General Office.

The office staff will assist you with your enquiry. Entry to the school must be from the Edwards Street entrance.

We have a duty of care to all of our students to ensure the school’s grounds are safe and orderly.

If a parent or carer needs to contact their son or daughter, please ring the office and a message will be given to your child.

Messages can only be accepted and delivered to students before 3.15pm unless there is an emergency.

By working together we can create a safe and positive learning environment for all.

Our Core Values at Wangaratta High School are shown below. These values underpin our thinking and conversations with students, parents and colleagues.

Core Values:
- Ready to learn
- Safe
- Respectful
- Personal best

WHS Our Values

Breakfast Club

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Visiting the School

Students arriving late

Students who arrive late to school must bring a note indicating why they are late. This note is to be given to the Attendance Officer in the General Office when they arrive and this will be recorded.

Parents/carers will be asked to provide a reason for the student’s lateness.

We ask that all students and parents follow this process in order to assist us with accuracy in our attendance records.
SESSION TIMES

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CAR PARKING AREAS

Parents are asked not to enter the staff car park at any time. This area is for staff parking only.

With the increased use of headphones, students need to be reminded that they must take extra care when crossing roads.

Please be patient and wait for cars and buses to move so that you have clear vision before crossing. Use the available crossings and traffic lights to ensure your own safety, and please look out for others.

WORK EXPERIENCE 2017

Wangaratta High School Year 10 students participate in the Work Experience program. It is expected that sometime during 2017 all year 10 students find a suitable week to experience the workforce.

In 2017 students can choose any week to complete their work experience, accept the week beginning Monday 14th June.

Please be aware other schools in the area will have work experience and these weeks should be avoided.

The school will support all students to gain work experience. Cate West is available to support students with planning and appropriate paperwork. Please work with your child in organising work experience for 2017.

During 2016 Step-up all students are expected to complete their general Safe@work certificate.

Libby Walters
Senior Years Leader

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS AND ONLINE SERVICES FOR STUDENTS, CARERS AND PARENTS

**Beyond Blue & Youth Beyond Blue**
1300 224 636
24 hours a day/7 days a week
https://www.beyondblue.org.au/

**Lifeline**
13 11 14
24 hours a day/7 days a week
https://www.lifeline.org.au/
Online – 7pm – 4am

**Kids Helpline**
1800 551 800
We care we and listen, anytime and for any reason.

**Parentline**
13 22 89
8am – 12pm
7 days a week
Please be advised that the Student Transport Unit (DET) and Public Transport Victoria are currently undertaking a network compliance review of the Wangaratta School Bus Network. These are government funded schools bus services, not private charter or public transport (town bus services) services. Whilst parents/guardians have primary responsibility for transporting their children to and from school, the School Bus Program (SBP) assists families in rural and regional Victoria by transporting children to school.

To be eligible for the School Bus Program, students must attend their nearest appropriate school (assessed by year level or denomination) and reside 4.8km or more from the campus attending. Students who do not meet the eligibility criteria and/or do not qualify for a fare exemption (as determined by the School Bus Program Policy and Procedures) may access a school bus program service where capacity allows and upon payment of a fare. The 2016 flat rate fare is $120 per term/$480 per year.

Whilst the review is in operation, all travellers are permitted to travel on School Bus Program services under their current arrangements (regarding eligibility assessments). All families are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the School Bus Program Policy and Procedures, January 2016 and additional resources located on the Student Transport Unit (DET) web site. Please contact Ms Janine Andrea Bus Coordinator, Wangaratta High School, should you have any enquiries.

Lunchbox ideas......

It’s already Term 4 and ideas for what to bring for snacks & lunch are getting thin. Check out this website for some new ideas to fill your students lunchbox.  https://kidshealth.org/en/teens/recipes/#catrecipes

It’s a great idea to start cooking at home, making something good for school lunchbox’s and a great way to spend time together in the kitchen and teaching some valuable skills to you children.
GIRLS CRICKET COMPETITION
#allgirlsCan

JOIN IN THE FUN!

COMPETITION/S: Starts Girls Cricket league - Wangaratta
LOCATION: Norm Minns Oval, Wangaratta
TIME: 5pm to 8pm
COST: $25 includes T-20 team shirt

CLUB: Wangaratta District Cricket Association

COME & TRY SESSIONS: Starting Tuesday 16th of Nov 2016
CONTACT: Cassy Campbell 0438 882 954 or come and see Andrea Belci in Yr 8
OTHER INFO: Follow our facebook page www.facebook.com/Wangaratta-District-Cricket-Association-143485162417164/
Northeast Health Wangaratta and ATEL Clinical School Based Traineeships 2017

In 2016 we will offer local secondary students the opportunity to apply for three paid Clinical traineeship positions working one day per week (THURSDAYS) at Ilourea Aged Care facility-Northeast Health Wangaratta during 2017.

Trainees will study the Certificate Three in Individual Support (Aged Care) qualification delivered by GOTAFE. This will replace one school subject during their school year.

All students will complete core units including work health safety, infection control and confidentiality. Then students will complete electives related to support and care of elderly residents. All theory is delivered by GOTAFE. Please note this traineeship requires students to work directly with patients and involves direct care for aged care clients. E.g. showering, dressing, assisting with meals and mobility.

Gain a nationally recognised Certificate III in the chosen field of industry.

Acquire skills and theory related to study for the Diploma of Nursing or Bachelor Nursing.

Greater career, study and employment options will also be available to you.

School-based can give credits towards VCE or VCAL studies.

If you are interested in a school-based or want to know more, log onto www.atel.com.au to register. Enquiries regarding school-bases are welcome and can be directed to ATEL’s Wangaratta office on (03) 5720 0100.

Northeast Health Wangaratta and ATEL Non clinical School Based Traineeships 2017

In 2016 we will offer local secondary students the opportunity to apply for seven paid NON Clinical traineeship positions working one day per week (TUESDAYS) at Northeast Health Wangaratta during 2017.

NON Clinical positions on offer for 2017 are:

Supply & Logistics—warehouse, stock supply
Business Administration- secretarial work, ward clerking
Finance & Accounting—budding accountants
Maintenance— for those interested in a trade career
Kitchen /Hospitality services—budding chefs and cooks
Cleaning/Orderly—cleaning and supply of line, patient transport
Instrument sterilisation and preparation ** NB this is a Certificate three qualification and occurs THURSDAYS (see more information below)

Trainees will study the Certificate Two in Health Support Services qualification delivered by GOTAFE. This will replace one school subject during their school year.

All students will complete core units including work health safety, infection control and confidentiality. Then students will complete electives related to the profession they are training in i.e. business studies, accounting, supply, kitchen services.

All theory is delivered by GOTAFE onsite at NHW monthly **except the instrument sterilisation course which is via Mayfield online.

Gain a nationally recognised Certificate II or III in the chosen field of industry.

Greater career, study and employment options will also be available to you.

School-based can give credits towards VCE or VCAL studies.

If you are interested in a school-based or want to know more, log onto www.atel.com.au to register. Enquiries regarding school-bases are welcome and can be directed to ATEL’s Wangaratta office on (03) 5720 0100 or to Di Ward at NHW nhwstudentemail@nhw.hume.org.au.
At Wangaratta High School we place each child at the centre of our thinking. Our focus is to ensure that every child becomes a confident, curious, creative and independent thinker and learner who is able to achieve their personal best. We model and nurture respectful relationships to create a positive environment in which every child can thrive. Our school is a vibrant, innovative learning community based on the principles of quality learning. Our highly skilled teachers design and activate a broad range of programs to engage and challenge, excite and inspire every young person to pursue their unique pathway. Through structured and flexible learning opportunities we empower students to explore and negotiate their learning so that they can make a difference in their school, local and global communities.