Welcome back to semester 2.

It has been terrific to see the students re-connecting with friends and bouncing back into their school work during the week. It has certainly been a cold start to the term and getting out of the wind a high priority for all.

This term we have many exciting activities for our students to enjoy and participate in. Already our ‘Concert Band’ is on tour, our year 12 Biology students have visited and undertaken activities at La Trobe University in Wodonga, others have been involved in the SOAR program and this week we commence our Debutante Balls. The Deb students are excited and will undoubtedly be sensational on their big night.

Towards the end of last term we instituted a ‘blitz’ concept. The purpose of the blitz is to reinforce in our students the need to become better learners, both in school and out. It is about creating a culture in classrooms—and in the school more widely—that systematically cultivates habits and attitudes that enable our students to continually develop pride in our school and to make all learning opportunities as effective as possible.

We will continue to run with this concept during this semester and I request that all parents and carers engage with this process and support the school in enforcing the blitz with our students as we announce them.

Pokémon Go

The new craze of searching for little mythical creatures on smart phones is certainly in Wangaratta. This looks like great fun, however, it can put our kids at risk in terms of road safety. Please chat to your kids around being aware of their surroundings if they are going to get into this activity.

New Building works

The works are progressing quickly and are ahead schedule. This is a wonderful new space and opens up exciting modes of learning to our students. School council President, Andrew Gibson, has been closely involved in overseeing the new works and 5 of our teachers are part of a professional learning group supported through the ‘Bastow Institute of Educational Leadership’ focusing upon the best teaching styles for this space. Over the next month we hope to be in a position to look at how we utilize the space and purchase new furniture for our students and staff.

Strong community and parent support is critical for all schools and I encourage all parents and carers to take up opportunities to be involved with your children in their learning. If you have ideas on how we can further strengthen the link between school and home please contact me.

DEB BALL 1: Friday 15th July 2016

PHOTO: Halle and Toby both in year seven with Acting Principal David Cummins and Chronicle photographer Luke Plummer having a quick inspection of the new building.

Regards,
Mr. David Cummins - Acting Principal

Mystery Word Competition

Mystery Word Sponsored By

Parent Signature

Term three’s Mystery Word has four letters, ‘I’ is the term’s first letter. From the letters printed this term work out the word and ask a parent/carer to sign the coupon, place your coupon in an envelope with your name and answer on the front. Take the envelope to the General Office prior to the day the competition is drawn and place in the box on the front counter. The winner will be drawn on Friday 9th September 2016 and will receive a $250.00 voucher from Frank’s Footwear. Good Luck!
Wednesday 22nd June saw Wangaratta HS host the Tertiary Information Sessions in the School PAC. There were two one hour sessions on the day and 19 institutions present to share information to students and staff.

Year 12 students came from secondary schools from Wangaratta, Benalla, Yarrawonga, Bright, Myrtleford and Wodonga.

A presentation was given to the students and covered such topics as ATAR scores, scholarship applications, SEAS applications, Important dates and life at university. All the students who attended gave great positive feedback and went away with a sense of excitement for their futures, and a whole lot of holiday reading!!

The Parents & Friends Association of Wangaratta High School are the major fund raising group of the school. Many voluntary hours during the year are committed to working to fundraise for the school and to purchase items on a "Wish List" for various departments, they are currently considering which departments are to receive money raised from the Debutant Balls.

Each year the PFA donate $4000 to the school Chaplaincy Program and within the next month they will be distributing a further $13,000 via their fundraising efforts. The Deb Balls are the biggest fund raising event for the PFA and over the last five years has seen approximately $90,000.00 donated to the school.

The PFA also run the Second-hand Uniform & Book Shop. The book shop will open again in mid-November where students hand their books in to be sold and to also purchase pre loved books for the coming year, dates and times are yet to be made.

For further information regarding second hand items please contact Anne on 0413 300 477.

The 2016 Deb Ball season is upon us again with the first ball being held on Friday 15th July at the St Pat’s Hall on Ford St. The second ball is Friday 22nd July and the third and final ball is on Friday 29th July.

There are 76 year 11 students participating in the three deb balls this year. A big thank you to Deb and Dom Ravida who have trained and supported the students in preparation for this annual event.

Thank you also the staff who support and attend the three balls over the three nights. Watch this space for pictures!

The Parents & Friends Association, Wangaratta High School

The Parents & Friends Association Wangaratta High School (PFA), are greatly in need of new members. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, carers and friends are welcome to come and join the group. The group work together on fundraising activities for the school to assist with the purchasing of items the school.

PFA meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month commencing at 6:30pm in the school Administration building. The meetings usually go for not much longer than an hour and it is a great way for member to become informed about the many aspects of the school community.

Please come and join us......We need you!

For all enquiries regarding joining the Wangaratta High School Parents & Friends Association please contact either: Anne Diffey—0413 300 477 or Tanya Hopper—0459 027 272
In semester one a group of year 9 students worked hard to re-build the schools chook shed as their CLC project. With support from the CLC staff and Hudji, our school grounds keeper, the shed has been completed and looks great!

With the second group of year 9 students starting the CLC program we have now purchased four lovely chooks for the students to care for.

When ‘the girls’ start laying, the eggs will be donated back to the school to go towards supporting the Brekkie Club every Wednesday morning, food tech classes and also for staff to purchase.

Officer Hours
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 230586

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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.

Dates to Remember

**TERM 3 IMPORTANT DATES**

- Monday 11 July first day of term.
- 11th - 15th July — Music Concert Band Tour
- 19th July — Senior Years Learning Community Whole School Prefect Assembly
- 21st July — Middle Years Learning Community Whole School Prefect Assembly
- 28th July — XC Ski Training Day
- 29th July — Year 10 ODE High Ropes Course
- 2nd Aug
- 3rd Aug — Downhill Ski Day
- 4th Aug — Year 7 Information Evening (2017 enrolments) 6pm start.
- 10th Aug — Year 10 Romeo & Juliet Performance
- 10th-12th Aug — ASSSTC Ski Competition
- 11th-12th Aug — Year 12 OED XC Ski Camp
- 19th Aug — Music Victoria Bands Festival
- 19th Aug — XC Ski Training Day
- 23rd Aug — XC Ski Day
- 26th-27th Aug — Year 11 ODE Snow Walk

Wangaratta High School Course Counselling Day

On Tuesday 2nd August Wangaratta High School will be holding their course counselling day from 11am until 7pm. All students in years 9 through to year 12, are expected to book a time with a parent or carer to meet with their mentor teacher. The students in year 9-11 will be working to select their courses for 2017 while the year 12 students will be having their Future Pathways conversations.

Booking times will open on Compass on Tuesday 19th of July. You must book a time with the mentor teacher. It is hoped that most of the students will complete their course selection by the end of the day.

For those that don’t get their forms completed on the day they will have until Tuesday 9th August to complete and hand these into their mentor teacher during mentor time. It is important to get these completed as soon as we can so the timetabling for 2017 can start.

Supporting the school in this event will be representatives from:

- GOTAFE Wangaratta
- Wodonga TAFE Ag Skills
- ATEL
- NETRACKS LLEN — Structured Work Placement
- Sarina Russo Apprenticeships
- Apprenticeships Matter
- Charles Sturt University (CSU)
- Latrobe University.

All of these providers will be able to give up to date information regarding specific courses, school based apprenticeships and work placement.
The last week of term two saw the music department hold their annual Mid Year Music Concert at the High School PAC. The night was a sell out with over 250 family and friends in attendance. Mr Scott Solimo, Mr Chris Keast and Mrs Jenny O’Brien lead the bands and groups through their musical pieces and thrilled the crowd with the great display of talent on the night. There were several performances on the night and the junior year 7 band played for the first time in front of a crowd. At the end of the evening there was a raffle draw with wonderful baskets full of treats. The funds raised from the raffle goes towards supporting the school band when they go on their annual tour. Congratulations to all the students who performed on the night; the standard, as always, was outstanding.

MID YEAR CONCERT

PHOTO: Mrs Jenny O’Brien, Mr Chris Keast & Mr Scott Solimo.
A reminder to all parents that school bus services are for school use only. A written note is required from a parent asking for a bus pass, at least 2 days prior to need. School bus passes are not available for football training, netball training and other social activities. MYKI Cards for V/Line bus travellers: Bus fees for V/Line travellers may be paid for at the railway station and paperwork collected also. Paperwork then needs to come to the front office at the school to be ratified, then returned to the railway station to receive a MYKI card. Students must not ride bicycles, scooters or skateboards through the bus area. In accordance with DET guidelines, “where practicable, bus loading areas are ‘out of bounds’ to all non-bus users.” Bus travellers must move away from the bus area as soon as practical to help relieve congestion. Bus travellers are asked get on and off the bus quietly and do so in an orderly manner. Behaving appropriately on a school bus enables the driver to concentrate so that everyone stays safe. Bus fees are due for payment for Term 2, 2016. Fares are due and are payable in advance, as per DET guidelines. Parents are asked to make contact with the school if they need assistance with payment plans. Please contact the main office on 57230500 to make this payment. Bus Coordinator: Janine Andrea.

On Wednesday 22nd June the Murray River Culinary Challenge, Wangaratta High School, level challenge was hotly contested with seven students taking to the kitchen. There was a high level of quality meals being presented over the three courses presented during the competition, delicious food and creative presentations. The enthusiasm in the kitchen and the engagement of all students was exceptional along with support from Kim McLeod VET Hospitality teacher. Guest judge Tony Molinaro from Aroma Deli Cafe and Shane Crispin NE TRACKS LLEN were both being super impressed by the. The winners in a hard fought contest Jo Elle Everingham and Georgia Nyman mastered all components of the challenge and will certainly be a formidable team at the Wangaratta Regional Final.
Wangaratta High School’s new web page. The page can be found at http://www.whs.vic.edu.au/ and has six key areas to click onto and gain information. The six areas are Our School, Learning, Pathways, Wellbeing, Enrolments and News & Events.

BUILDING UPDATE

The building works are making great progress and are still running ahead of time, even with all of the rain affected days. If everything keeps going as well as it has been, the building will be completed by the end of term 3.

At the moment, as well as working on the interior of the building, work has begun of the exterior paving and seating areas linking the canteen area.

Once the building has been completed and ready for hand over there will be slow period of transition for both staff and students during term 4. This will be a very exciting time for everyone involved and there is currently a team working on the best strategy to make this happen in a smooth and organised manner.

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
STUDENT PROPERTY AND INSURANCE

Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students.

Parents and carers of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers, and can be obtained by parents/carers for individual students. Private property brought to school by students, carers for individual students, insurers, and can be obtained by parents/ policies are available from some commercial

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

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.

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REPORTING AN ABSENCE

Remember - every day counts; your child’s learning matters.

If your child unable to attend school on any day please notify the school of your child’s intended absence, please telephone:

57 23 0568

STAFF PARKING AREAS

In the interests of student and staff safety, parents are asked not to drop off or pick up students in the staff car park and in front of the administration building before or after school.

Please, do not drive into the staff car park entrances.

Students are asked to walk out of the gates and meet their parents in neighbouring streets.

VISITING THE SCHOOL

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.

BREAKFAST CLUB

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.

PAYMENTS TO THE SCHOOL

Parents are asked to use their family code when making a direct deposit from their account to the school account. There is a section on an electronic payment form from your bank entitled description - please enter your code there. The family code is in the bottom right corner of your billing statement and consists of three letters, usually the first of your family surname, and this is followed by four digits. This identifies your payment to us and enables us to deduct the amount from your account. Alternatively you can telephone the school and inform us of your direct deposit.

This does not apply to Bpay payments, there is no need to include your family code for Bpay.

If you have any queries about a payment please phone Kylie Fountain at the school office: 03 57 23 0500.

UNIFORMS at STEERS

Uniform Purchasing from Steers Clothing – our official Uniform Supplier

Option 1 : Purchase a uniform package
This package costs $200.00 paid at the time of purchase. We then issue the customer with a credit note of $240.00 (20% value added)
You can buy any items. There are no exceptions. There is no time limit.
Option 2 : Apply to become a reward card Customer
As the customer makes purchases and the value accumulates over a period of time to $400.00, a 10% credit is applied to the customer’s account.

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Clik2sell App

Clik2sell is an App designed in liaison with State Schools Relief to support families to buy and sell second hand school uniform items. Wangaratta High School has an active site where all families can buy and sell students used uniforms.

Families can download the clik2sell app, set up your account and list items at the price you select.

If you’d like to buy an item, just purchase with the app and arrange to meet and pay for the goods.

For full information see http://www.clk2sell.com/

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21st century learning is heavily dependent on anywhere, anytime computer access to the wide range of opportunities the internet enables.

All students need to be ‘Ready to Learn” with a fully charged Bring Your Own Device computer on a daily basis at school. BYOD requires parents to source a suitable portable computer for their child. Could parents assist their child's learning by ensuring their child has access to a computer device.

In addition, Wangaratta High School does have a $100 Bond computer scheme which provides a basic computer to support anyone who has difficulty obtaining a computer. Calling in to the Front Office at school and completing the paperwork and payment is required to action a Bond computer.

The school has 3 computer laboratories but these are heavily used by specialist subjects and they don’t support a flexible and personalised learning approach. We also have portable computers available through the library but this is only for short term use.

If any further advice is send an email to wangaratta.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au, attention Mr. Thomas.
The Administrators of Rural City of Wangaratta invite you to the official opening of Bullawah Cultural Trail.

Date: Friday 26 August
Location: Sydney Beaches (near the suspension bridge 1)
Ovens Street Wangaratta
Time: 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
RSVP by 19 August

council@wangaratta.vic.gov.au

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- No other promotions apply
Watch this space for further transition information. Transitioning from primary school to secondary school is a big event in young persons life and we want to make sure that things go smoothly for both the student and the parent/carer.

**Wangaratta High School**

**Transition Events 2016 - 2017**

- **August 4th** – Year 7 information night (6pm start)
- **December 6th, 7th, 8th** - Orientation days

*Any further enquiries or for school tours by appointment please contact Transition Leader Kasey Doyle on 57 230500*
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Road injury is the main cause of unintentional death and hospitalisation among young people. About ¾ of all preventable deaths among 15-20 years olds are due to transport injury. Young drivers have not yet developed the skills necessary to handle complex traffic environments or judge risky situations properly, over estimating their own abilities and under estimating the risk associated with driving. This can be manifested in driving behaviours such as high speeds, close following distances, failing to comply with red signals and aggressive interactions with other road users.

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