Hello parents and families,

It has been another busy two weeks at school. The students have finished their exams and had feedback from their teachers. The lockers in the senior school have been emptied and all students are being allocated their new lockers for 2017. Staff are packing up their desks and offices in preparation for their move out of the old buildings into the new buildings and slowly the fencing is going up in readiness for the demolition of the remaining old buildings. Once the old buildings are gone the school will be gaining a wonderful new sporting oval.

There is a general feeling of excitement around the school with students preparing for their change into Step Up next week. This is the start of their 2017 courses and gives them an insight into what they will have in front of them in the coming year. For some of these classes the students will have work to complete before they finish school and some may have work to complete over the holidays.

Some of our 2017 Year 7’s students have attended a day trip to 15 Mile Creek Camp where they have had the opportunity me meet teachers and student they will be sharing a class room with next year. By all accounts this was a very successful day, thank you to the staff who participated on the day.

Most of our Year 9 students are away this week at Snowy River Camp in Tallangatta Valley. We have had many staff involved in this week and look forward to hear what the students have to share with us on their return.

The annual band tour is also on this week. The Symphonic and Stage bands are travelling together and have made their way to Apollo Bay where they have been performing, they will make their way back through Melbourne where they will complete their performances.

On Wednesday this week the Year 10’s & 11’s were given the opportunity to travel to La Trobe University in Wodonga. This day was used to allow students to participate in a study skills workshop – hopefully they will put this knowledge to good use.

Congratulations to all who were involved in the HPV competition last week. The students, staff and families put in many hours of work during the year to prepare for this popular activity. We had two teams in this years competition, Ace of Spades and Ramrod, there were students participating from various year levels and some great friendships have been formed. The outcome for the two teams was a great improvement on last years result. A big thank you also to the sponsors who supported this event, it is great to have local businesses show an interest in what our young people are up to.

We now have three weeks left for the school year and there is still plenty on. Step up, year level assemblies, orientation days for the future Year7’s, Year 12 presentation just to name a few. It’s a busy time of year for everyone as we finish this year off and prepare for 2017.

Regards,

Mr. David Cummins - Acting Principal
Those with an eye for history will appreciate this aerial shot of the school from 1984, especially as after this summer’s demolitions, not much of what you see will exist. Corridors A, B and C in the middle of the shot all have appointments with a bulldozer, making space for our new creek-side Oval. The old toilet block & canteen are also saying goodbye. The only structures to stay standing will be the Performing Arts Centre (middle left of frame), and the current Year 7 Building (middle right with the dark high sloped roof), originally the Library.

For the Geography-minded, the cricket pitch is right about where the current Senior School stands, built in 2008. The open field at top left is now the Sport Centre, built in the late-1980s. The car park at middle right is where the current CLC Building stands. It’s an exciting time for everyone. Out with the old, in with the new.

Jud Mullins.

Taken by former teacher Kevin McGennan.

Final photos: the security fences have started to go up and the class rooms shut down. During the Christmas holidays these building will quickly disappear making room for a new sporting oval.
Julie Webster who is the Cassini Spacecraft Operations Manager for NASA based at JPL in Pasadena USA talked to the year 8 Seal class and some interested year 10 students about the Cassini Space Craft which she is in charge of.
She talked about what has been discovered on the moons of Jupiter and the how they discovered water on Enceladus and its deep Ocean below the ice. Enceladus has a real chance of having Life in its Ocean. Before the mission no one expected this moon to have an Ocean.
In 2017 they will crash Cassini into Saturn and that will be the end of the mission. A big thank you to Bruce Johnson who organised Julie to come and talk to students from our school. She also visited Parkes Telescope and Tidbinbillah deep space telescope as part of her work whilst she was in Australia.

Mr Findlay
Science teacher

On Wednesday 9th November the Community Leadership Program held their Presentation Night in which many family members and Community Contacts attended. This night was a celebration of the students hard work over the semester as they presented a PowerPoint and movie about their journey.
As CLC has a community focus each student chose a project to assist in their local community. Some of the projects included; assisting at various local primary schools, helping with the activities program at St John, fundraising for Loaves and Fishes and working with the local community radio station.
Current students Leah Anderson-Byrne and Jesse McAlice opened the evening with a musical performance and Tomas Paola and Glen Lovett were the MC’s for the evening. All students did a remarkable job presenting their project, many having to overcome the nerves that public speaking can bring.
In conclusion we ask that all students assist with their next project which involves collecting school bags for a local community in Fiji. Any unwanted bags can be left at the office.
Its been a busy couple of weeks in the sporting department. The cricket, basketball and table tennis teams have all competed at state level and have achieved great results.

**Thursday 10th November:**
Intermediate Boys Cricket team - played Bendigo Catholic College first up at Macleay Park, Kew in Melbourne and lost by 7 runs. They played Mornington in a friendly game for a short time before watching the Final between Emmanuel (Warrnambool) and Bendigo. The winner was Bendigo by about 32 runs so we unofficially declared ourselves as second. The boys played well and demonstrated good sportsmanship. Thanks to the Bartlett’s for driving down to support the team. Some figures: Batting: Jacob Bartlett 52 not out, Joe Moyle 13 not out and Bowling: Jacob Beattie 2 wickets for 21 off 4 overs; Fraser Ellis 2 wickets for 22 off 4 overs; Ned Moyle 1 wicket for 20 off 4 overs and Joe Moyle 1 wicket for 15 off 3 overs.

**Monday 14th November:**
Yr 7 Girls Basketball team - Ms Hogg and Jill Clayton drove the girls to Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. The girls played very well and came up against some very strong competition. They acquitted themselves very well and were a credit to the school. Well done girls.

**Wednesday 16th November:**
Yr 7 Girls Table Tennis - Miss Hungerford (student teacher) and Wayne Pegler drove the girls down to Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre played extremely well. They had a win and two losses - though one was by only 1 game which robbed them of a place in the semi final. They all had a great time and are keen to have another go next year as yr 8’s. Awesome work girls.

A big thank you to the parents and carers who support our students in these sporting events through the year. The students represent themselves and the school in a respectful and positive manner.

**STUDENT EXCHANGE**

Earlier this year, Wangaratta High School hosted 2 students and 1 teacher from Osaka (Japan) who came to visit Australia for a cultural experience.

Next year in March (Saturday 25th – Thursday 30th) we will have another 2 students coming from Japan and we require 2 families to host them!

The students will be 2 girls chosen, after going through a selection process, (interview and English ability) so there will be no problem with communication.

If you are interested in hosting a student, please contact Mr Kashima at school prior to the end of the school year.

WHS: 57230500
FAIRY FLOSS AND A CAR WASH

In term 4, the year 9 Humanities students have the chance to experience what it is like to plan, organize and then run their own business.

Tyler Harrington, Ky Williamson, Angus McLean, Jalees Kahn and Sean Miller organized a teachers’ car wash on Monday (much appreciated in this busy time of the year!), while Sophie Morey, Hayden Newton, Grace McIntyre and Megan Pleming made the school day a little bit sweeter on Thursday with a fairy floss stall. They even had a vast selection of colours to choose from!

All groups did an amazing job both in the planning and running stages. We’d like to thank Huji and the Home Eco team for their help and support, as well as all teachers and students that patronised the businesses. Hope you enjoyed your squeaky clean car and delicious fairy floss!

KEYS PLEASE

On Monday 21st November the Year 10 students were privileged to attend the Keys Please program presented by Robbie Allen. The VicRoads Keys Please program offers information and practical ideas for Year 10 students on how to best use the learning to drive period, get 120 hours of practice and become safe drivers. This session links well with the F2D Year 11 Workshop and together they help to prepare young people to be safer road users.

Keys Please is a free education session run by a VicRoads presenter in schools during the day. The session takes only 45 minutes and there are plenty of opportunities for students to ask questions. Parents and anyone that helps learners get at least 120 hours of driving practice are also invited to attend. At a Keys Please session students find out about:

*Why young drivers are at risk and why driving experience is so important.
*The importance of learning to drive in stages – from simple tasks on quiet roads to more difficult drives in all sorts of road, weather and traffic conditions.
*The importance of developing a positive partnership between learners and their parents, including tips for managing stress.
*Working with driving instructors.
*Risks for new drivers.


HPV—RACV ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH

On Wednesday 16th October, 18 students from multiple year levels travelled to Maryborough for the RACV Energy Breakthrough event. Students were accompanied by Mrs Kim McLeod (teacher), Todd Werner (chaplain), Mrs Liz Crawford (teacher), Ms Indi Hutchison (ES), Mr Hugh McLeod (Mrs McLeod’s husband) and Janine Neal (parent of a past student). We entered 2 teams in the Try-Athlon event which involves an obstacle course, time trial and an 8 hour endurance race. We also had to participate in a presentation and undertake a design and scrutineering session. Our 2 teams were Ramrod and Ace of Spades.

Highlights of the weekend included:

- Ace Of Spades being placed 8th out of 18 in their category
- Ramrod being placed 12th out of 22 in their category
- The fastest lap time for Ace of Spades Being 2 minutes 10 seconds and Ramrod being 2 minutes and 12 seconds.
- Ramrods fastest pit driver change was an amazing 5 seconds
- Only 2 blown tyres for the whole weekend
- Lots of croaky voices and sunburnt faces
- 6 roll overs/crashes
- No major injuries to any drivers
- 4 nights tent sleeping and awesome camp food made by Mrs McLeod with pancakes by Todd
- Everyone really enjoyed the excursion and many students are keen to participate next year. A big thank you to Janine Neal, an ex-parent who has helped and supervised for 9 years in a row. Thank you to the teaching staff and non-teaching staff who gave many hours during the year and over the four days.

Jackie N, Year 11.
SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORMS & BOOKS

Open from 10:am – 2:00pm
Tuesday 22nd and 29th November,
Wednesday 23rd & 30th November.

Orientation Day, Tuesday 6th December
9:00am until 12:00pm
Large variety of uniforms in great condition.
Located on Phillipson St. near the bus stop.

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.

BE SUN SMART

Slip Slop Slap Seek Slide
Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

GROWING UP

When you grow up things get hard
Sit down and write it on a card
Life’s like a knife sharp and pointy
But on the other side it is as flat
As a door mat and as messy as
A teenagers room, sometimes we
Need a broom and just clean up.

When things get hard
Sit down and write it on a card
Don’t use that pin and write it on your skin.
Use a pen and write or draw on paper,
Read a book, don’t give me that look!
I know times are tough
But don’t give a stuff!
By Alexia 8A

Growing Up, by Alexia in Year 8. 8A were asked to write a poem as a classroom task about Growing Up.
Lexie wrote a poem about an issue that she felt very strongly about...being young, having mixed emotions, surviving those emotions and coming out the other side.
Great poem Lexie.
**Kiewa flavoured milk** 600ml $3.50
**Slushie drinks** sm $2.00 med $3.00

**Rolls, wraps and salads**
- **½ Wrap**
  - Chicken and salad $3.50
  - Ham and salad $3.50
  - Plain salad $3.50
- **Full Wrap**
  - Chicken and salad $6.00
  - Ham and salad $6.00
  - Plain salad $6.00
- **Roll**
  - Chicken and salad $5.50
  - Ham and salad $5.50
  - Plain salad $4.50
- **Egg and lettuce** $4.00

**Homemade meals**
- Pasta of the day Sm $4.00 Med $5.00
- Wednesday, fried rice
- Friday is “lasagne Friday”

**Snacks**
- Apple scroll $1.50
- Jelly cup GF $1.50
- Homemade muffins assorted varieties $3.00
- Homemade slices $3.00
- Homemade biscuits .50 cents
- Truffles $1.50
- Fresh fruit (apple, orange, banana) $1.00
- 27g smiths or red rock chips $1.00

**Ice creams**
- Bulla frozen fruit yoghurt $2.00
- Icy twist $1.00
- Paddle pop $1.50
- Mini calippo $1.00
- Yogoh frozen yoghurt $3.50

**Drinks**
- Hot chocolate $2.00
- Diet coke, coke zero, sprite 390ml $3.00
- Coke zero or diet vanilla 600ml $4.00
- Deep spring flavoured mineral water $3.50
- Vitamin water $4.00
- Fuze Iced tea $4.00
- Powerade $4.00
- Goulburn valley juice $3.00
- Fruitbox $2.00
- Water 600ml $3.00
- Pump, plain or flavoured 750ml $4.00
- Barista Bro milk $4.00
- Nippys flavoured milk $2.00

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**NOVEMBER Term 4**
- 21st to 25th November Symphonic Band tour. Great Ocean Road & Melbourne
- 21st to 25th November – Year 9 Snowy River Camp
- 22nd November — Friends for Youth Girls Program Session 8
- 25th November — China Expedition starts
- 28th November — Start of Step Up
- 29th November — Friends for Youth Girls Program Session 9

**December Term 4**
- 1st December – Year 10 & 11 Award Assembly
- 2nd December – Last day years 10 & 11 students
- 6th December — Friends for Youth Girls Program Session 10
- 6th, 7th, & 8th December – Grade 6 into year 7 orientation days.
- 12th December – Year 12 results due
- 14th December – Year 12 Presentation Assembly
- 15th December – Year 7, 8, & 9 Awards Assembly
- 20th December – Last day of school year 2016

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**Remember you can pre order your Lunch.**
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.
Parents & Friends Association
Wangaratta High School.
We are seeking new members to this group.
Please contact the Tanya Hopper 0459 027 272
(president) or Anne Diffey 0413 300 477
(secretary) for further information.

**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.

**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.

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**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.

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**BENALLA SUPER CLINIC**
**TopTenn Tennis Academy**
**Benalla Super Clinic 2017**
Thurs 8th & Fri 9th of Jan at the Benalla Tennis Club

Peter Owen and his National Award Winning coaching team will be back in 2017 for the annual Benalla Super Clinic. The 2017 curriculum will include 5 jam packed days of Summer tennis for all age groups on Thursday the 5th and Friday the 6th of January. Programs include:

**Hot Shots Red Ball Clinic (4-7yrs)**
9:30-11:00am [+$75 for 2 days] 10% Compression Red Ball

Usé wooden nets, balls and teaching equipment to emphasise success, improvement and fun. Students learn groundstrokes, volleys, serves and smashes as well as basic rules and scoring.

**Hot Shots Orange Ball Clinic & Test (6-12yrs)**
• 9.30am to 2.00pm [$115 for 2 days] 70% Compression Orange Ball
For Red Ball graduates and 7-10 year old beginners. Students are introduced to more rallying, more point play, new strokes and more advanced technique on the specialised Orange Ball Court.

**Hot Shots Green Ball Clinic (10-12yrs)**
• 9:00am to 2.00pm [$115 for 2 days] 70% Compression Green Ball
Intermediate players. More focus on competition tennis - rallying, tactics, point construction, scoring and specialised technique. Green ball uses full court width.

**Teens Tennis (13-14yrs) & Teens XTreme (14+)**
• 9.30am to 2.00pm [$115 for 2 days] 100% Compression Yellow Ball
Specialised program for teenager players. Advanced tactics, conditioning and technique.

Adult Coaching Clinic
• 8.30-9.30am [$35] Thurs 5th of Jan
Improve your skills, learn new skills and meet new people with TopTenn’s Coach/Play (90 mins of coaching and 30 mins of social social netting).

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**BOOK NOW 9830 6618 PTO for Registration**

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**Player Registration**

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Parent/Guardian:

Address:

Postcode: Phone:

Email:

**Payment Information**

Please complete this form and send to info@toptenn.com.au or PO BOX 88, Barwood ($125). Payment is required to secure your position.

- Cheque
  - I have enclosed a Cheque for $____

- Credit Card (+ $2.50)
  - Card #: _________/_______/_______/_______
  - Exp: _____/____

- Bank Transfer
  - I have transferred $____
  - BSB: 083 305 / ACT: 1448 2417

Please list invoice number.

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**Fun Fitness Friendship Forever**

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**Wangaratta High School Staff & Community**

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**Parents, staff and students**

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**Keep Calm Get to School On Time Every Day**
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
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

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
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.

FOR STUDENT ABSENCES
PLEASE PHONE:
57 230 515
IF THE PHONE IS
UNATTENDED PLEASE
LEAVE A MESSAGE.