**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Staffing Update:**
Our Principal, Ms Heather Sarau, will be on leave during the next four weeks of this term. Mr David Cummins, will be replacing Ms Sarau as Acting Principal during this time. David has been working in the School, as an Educational Consultant, since the commencement of the school year and will work alongside the Leadership Team, teaching staff and educational support staff over the course of the next four weeks to ensure continuity of the day-to-day operations of the school. We take this opportunity to welcome David into the Acting Principal role.

We welcome back Mrs Beth Gaut who will be starting on Tuesday 31st May as an Teaching & Learning Coach. Beth will be working predominantly in the Middle Years learning Community.

**Courage to Care:**
On Tuesday 24th May Wangaratta High School hosted the official opening and community viewing of the Courage to Care exhibition. Mrs Irene Grant, Administrator at Rural City Wangaratta, delivered the official opening speech to the large invited crowd. Dr Prue Keith, a local orthopaedic surgeon, was the keynote speaker. Dr Keith spoke about her efforts at the Port Arthur massacre where she operated on many of the massacre survivors. Wangaratta’s Local Hero award was presented to past student Daniel Cowan. Miss Gemma Hunter delivered a delightful insight into her memories of Daniel as a student and said that she was not surprised that he had been given the honour of the award. The evening also featured a recollection of the Holocaust by survivor Mr Tuvia Lipson.

**Expo Days & Family Fun Night:**
A big thank you to Mrs Kasey Doyle who organised theses events for the school community showcasing learning at WHS for prospective students. The students and families who came were able to participate in class settings and undertake hands on activities. Students were given the chance to play musical instruments, attend drama classes and use the wonderful food technology rooms. Thank you also to the WHS students who volunteered to assist at both events.

**GAT: General Achievement Test**
The GAT will be taking place on Tuesday 7th June 2016. Any student who is studying a unit 3 or 4 must sit the GAT and must be at school by 9:30am.

For all other students this is a student free day.

**Winter Weather:**
A reminder that now the colder weather has set in the students must be wearing their winter uniform to school.

There is lost property in each of the Learning Communities (thankyou to staff for collecting them up when students leave them behind!). School uniform is available through Steers Clothing.

**Kool Schools:**
On Wednesday 1st June and Thursday 2nd June 2016, Wangaratta High School students will again be participating it the annual Kool Schools event in Melbourne. This event is in its 20th year and we are one of only three schools who have been involved since its inauguration.

Thankyou to Mr Scott Solimo for being a wonderful supporter of the event and organising this opportunity for our musically inclined students. Best wishes to the students who will be participating, and we look forward to hearing what you produce.

**Building Update:**
Again our contractors have been working tirelessly on our new buildings and are still ahead of the time schedule.

This fortnight we saw the roof go on and the insulation go in, there are plumbing pipes and electrical wires being worked on and the bricks have been delivered and it wont be to long until we see walls go up.

**MYSTERY WORD COMPETITION**

**Mystery Word Sponsored By**

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**YARRAWONGA: 45 Belmore St 0357 441688**

This term’s Mystery Word has four letters. This is the term’s fourth letter. From the letters printed this term, work out the word and ask a parent/carer to sign the coupons. Put the coupon in an envelope with your name and the answer on the front and bring it to the General Office prior to the day that the competition is drawn.

The winner will be drawn on Friday 10th June and will win a voucher worth $250.00 from Franks Footwear!

Parent Signature: ________________________

**COMPETITION ERROR**

PLEASE NOTE: THE INCORRECT LETTER WAS PRINTED IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER. THE LETTER SHOULD HAVE BEEN

NOT ‘C’

The letters are C, P, E, I

Make sure you put your entries in!
EDUCATION EXPO FOR LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Students from Appin Park PS, Wangaratta West PS and Yarrunga PS attended an education expo during week 6 of this term. Primary school students were given the opportunity to sign up to interactive classes that were taken by our WHS staff and students. The program showcased how exceptionally responsible and creative our students here at WHS are; highlighted their pride in our school and passion for learning.

Some of the classes that were involved included Chemistry, Music and Performance, Food Technology, Literature, Informatics and well-being workshops. Students took part in fantastic interactive activities that included making Aspirin, rainbow bread, learning how to play the drums and even jumping over a crocodile infested creek (imaginary of course, thanks Bruce!).

Every staff member that was involved and all our amazing students led each activity with patience and enthusiasm. Primary school students were engrossed, inquisitive and very enthusiastic about our fantastic facilities and resources.

The program was a great success and all feedback from staff and students was positive. This program really highlighted what a wonderful school full of innovative learning and teaching we have here at Wangaratta High School.

I want to extend a very warm thank you to all staff and students that were involved, the efforts and enthusiasm that were displayed were second to none!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

This year Family Fun night was electric. From staff and students tuning up the Bongo drums to guests (and staff) pulling funny faces in the photo booth. All those that took part in the organisation of the night had a sole aim; to have the larger community really feel the energy of our students and the innovation and high standards that we represent as staff at WHS. Although visitor numbers were low in comparison to other years; staff displays and activities were better than ever!

Prospective students that attended the evening with their families came from a wide area; with a high contingency coming from our smaller rural schools, and particularly those students in grade 5 were more visible on the night to those currently in grade 6.

Andrea Belci was the 'hostess with the mostess' in her role as head chef on the BBQ; table service was even apparent with all families, staff and students not leaving until they were well and truly fed.

The English team held fantastic interactive activities; in particular the masses were very impressed with the 'Black out Poetry'.

The Arts team were the first bright and bubbly faces we saw; taking quick snaps of visitors (and plenty of themselves).

As visitors moved further around the ‘M’ building and into the Science area there were fantastic creations being concocted. Attendees loved being part of the experiments, and feedback was that our science team has great passion for teaching and that it shows in their involvement.

All members of our fantastic Languages team not only impressed our guests but also proved to be very artistic with their games and displays. Our PE team brought out the best in all involved; particularly those with a competitive nature, some games were nail-biters.

The real stars of the night were our student helpers. They shone brightly in their interaction with the quests and particularly in their support of our staff. To see our students taking such pride in our school and promoting it to our guests was the real highlight.

I’d like to thank all staff, students and guests that attended and made the Family Fun night such a success. Your hard work was very clear to all; without all of those that took charge and made it important to them this school would not be such an innovative and supportive place to work and to learn.

Well done to all.

Kylie Fountain: Admin support above and beyond! Staff from all areas of the school helping on the night.

Mr Andrew Wighton and Ms Lesley Milne: Discussing the finer points of English. Both teachers participated on the night to show families some of the areas studied in English at WHS.

Mr Rob Findlay & Ms Cory Stewart: Having fun with science! Working with two young ladies and showing them the some of the many things that can be done in a science class.
Thank you to the staff who set up wonderful displays and activities for the visiting families on the Family Fun Night. Thank you also to the Parents and Friends Association for supplying and making tea and coffee for the evening. A great night was had by everyone who attended.
**COURAGE TO CARE—OUR LOCAL HERO**

Wangaratta High School has had the pleasure of hosting past student, Daniel Cowan, who has been honoured as a local hero through Courage To Care. Miss Gemma Hunter took great pride in introducing Daniel on the opening night presentation. This is part of her speech.

So I thought I would start by telling you a little about Dan the student. I first taught Dan in year 8. I'm almost certain if I found his report it would say 'Dan talks too much'. Dan enjoyed talking. To anyone who wanted to listen and to anyone who didn’t. I spent almost every lesson asking him to be quiet and listen, this would last for about 10 minutes if I was lucky, and then he would start again. Engaging his class mates in banter about the school work, what he had planned for the weekend, what they could get up to at lunchtime. I eventually realised I was fighting a losing battle. I came to realise that Dan had a knack for engaging people in his conversation. He always seemed genuinely interested in what others had to say and I think this is a trait that makes Dan so likeable, people wanted to be around him. I don’t think there was ever a time that he didn’t stop by my desk when he was in the office for a chat – most likely charming his way out of trouble. I’m sure Dan won’t mind me saying that his school focus was probably more around the social aspect rather than an academic one.

Dan worked at Safeway after he finished school and it was here while doing my shopping that I learnt about his travel plans. He planned to start his travels in the Philippines and then head to other parts of south east Asia.

Dan created his own travel blog, ‘a journey with Dan’. The opening of Dan’s blog read – ‘Who am I? A 19 year old average Aussie guy from a small town with a big dream…to travel the world.’ He mentions that on October 11th 2013 he was setting out on the biggest adventure of his so far pretty mundane life. I don’t think even Dan realised the extent of what that adventure had in store for him and how much this ‘average’ Aussie guy was going to discover just how extraordinary he was.

Dan found himself in the Philippines when they were faced with a 7.2 earthquake that killed and injured many. Some people would have jumped on the first plane home or continued on their travels, looking for a safer option. But not Dan. He made the decision to stay and help, documenting his experiences for everyone at home through his blog. I started following his blog and was confronted by the images, the raw language and the honesty of his words. It was at this point that I realised a role reversal was happening. I had taught Dan and had told him many times to be quiet so he could get the most out of his learning but at that point he was teaching me. He was also reminding me of the importance of being heard, using his voice to get his message out about how we needed to support those in need. Through his blog, I found myself being challenged. Challenges not to look away from the images, not to scroll down from what I was seeing. Challenging me to question whether I was one of those people who say ‘gosh that’s sad, it must be awful’ and then go about my day. After reading one of his blogs, I jumped straight on the Red Cross website and donated. It wasn’t much, it wasn’t going to force me to go without but I realised that I had to listen to my teacher and do what I could from my lounge room”.

I was asked once if I was surprised by what Dan had achieved. I was surprised, simply because I could not imagine any of my past students or anyone I know being in that situation. But I was not surprised Dan chose to stay. He has always been someone who has genuinely cared about people, their welfare, what they have to say and he always provided positives to those who needed to hear it.

When Dan was nominated for this award of ‘local hero’, I had a bit of a giggle, not because I don’t think he deserves it but because I could imagine his reaction to being labelled ‘a hero’.

When Dan returned from his travels he would often respond with ‘I just did what anyone would do’, ‘I’m not a hero, people needed my help’.

‘What I did was no big deal’. So in finishing up I leave you with my definition of a hero – ‘a person who is admired for their courage and bravery. Who stands up for and protects others. Someone who shows great strength but not for their own personal gain’.

Miss Gemma Hunter

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**CONGRATULATIONS SIENNA**

Congratulations to Sienna Hajek who has been presented with the Australian Scout Medallion on Saturday 7th May in front of hundreds of people from across Victoria. Sienna is a member of the 1st Myrtleford Scout group. To achieve this award Sienna had to show exceptional skills in leadership, organisation, drive, determination, resilience and high-level practical Scouting knowledge including camp craft and hiking.

The Australian Scout Medallion was introduced in 2003 to provide additional challenges for the top scouts where they have to demonstrate particular skills from the initial planning right through to the final self assessment of the leadership activity.

Sienna will now enter in to the next youth section of Scouting called Venturers where she will work her way through two VET certificates, Certificate II in Business and Certificate II Outdoor Recreation. Both of these courses are accredited by the VCAA and can go towards her VCE or VCAL studies.

Sienna Hajek: Sienna and her very special award. Congratulations to you from staff and students at WHS.

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YEAR 12 OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP—MT SAMARIA

The Year 12 Outdoor & Environmental Studies class participated in a bushwalk to Mount Samaria State Park on Thursday 19th to Friday 20th May. This camp was an opportunity for students to gain experiential knowledge on a local area that has been used for a variety of purposes including; primary industries, indigenous and recreational activities. During this camp, students were expected to demonstrate key skills associated with outdoor education programs. These skills include choosing a safe camp site, cooking on a lightweight trangia stove and minimal impact. Everything the students needed for the two days including food, water, camping equipment, clothing and snacks needed to be carried in their backpack.

Our group drove to Spring Creek Historical site to have a look at the remnants of the timber industry with the old kilns. Exploring the park on foot allowed students to take in the views of the Victorian Alpine Range, waterfalls and massive Blue Gums. Students hopefully develop a deeper connection with the environment.

Phil Hunter, Outdoor and Environmental Studies Teacher

PIZZA PAZZA!!

On Thursday 19 May 2016, Prof. Taylor’s Year 9 Italian class made pizza. Students were provided with basic ingredients for the pizza base but brought their own toppings. The results were impressive and varied ... There were Margherita pizzas, chicken pizzas, garlic pizzas, pepperoni pizzas, Hawaiian pizzas, a gluten free pizza and even dessert pizzas! Apart from chocolate and banana pizza there was also a rather spectacular white chocolate, raspberry and ice-cream pizza. Luca Artuso, our visiting Italian language assistant from Calabria, joined in the fun but remains sceptical about putting pineapple on pizza.

Many thanks to the Food Technology Department for allowing us to use the kitchens and also Karen Mascas for her time-table flexibility.

Student quotes:
“IT was fun to do something different and the pizzas turned out deliciously. We even got to decide what toppings we wanted and had a lot of freedom for the task.”
“Some people were very creative.”
“Glen, TP’s and Toby’s was the best.”
“It was fun. Nicole and Bethany’s pizza was the best.”
“Hawaiian pizza is a sin.”
“FUN WAS HAD.”

The annual ‘Mid-Year Music Concert’ featuring all bands and orchestra will be held at WHS PAC on Tuesday June 21st commencing at 7:00pm (please note change of date from previous information about this performance). Tickets are available at the door - all funds raised go to the Music Support Group to assist with Music Camps and Tours.

Ticket Price for Mid Year Concert
Adult =$10
Child = $5
Family = $20
Performers = No Charge

Help shape the EDUCATION STATE

We want to hear from you so to have your say go to education.state.education Vic.gov.au

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

Parents and Friends Association

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6.30pm in the Administration Building
Next meeting: 14th June
All parents and friends are welcome. We need more members so if any Mums/Dads or Nans/Grand-dads can support PFA please join us.
**WANGARATTA HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN**

**Rolls, wraps and salads**  
½ Wrap | Full Wrap | Roll  
---|---|---  
Chicken and salad | $3.50 | $6.00 | $5.50  
Ham and salad | $3.50 | $6.00 | $5.50  
Plain salad | $3.50 | $6.00 | $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”

**Hot food**  
Steamed dim sim $1.00  
Oven baked wedges $3.00  
Hashbrown $.50  
Egg and bacon roll (recess only) $4.00  
Breaky wrap (recess only) $5.00  
Chilli chicken wrap with lettuce, cheese and chilli sauce $4.00  
Chicken burger with lettuce, cheese and mayo $4.00  
Homemade veggie burger with lettuce, tomato and sweet chili sauce $4.00  
Hamburger with lettuce, tomato, onion, cheese, bacon and egg $5.00  
**Toasted focaccia**  
Ham, cheese and pineapple $5.00  
Chicken, cheese and sweet chilli $5.00  
Chicken, cheese and avocado $5.00  
Pumpkin, capsicum, rocket, pesto and cheese $5.00  
Plain pie $4.00  
Sausage roll $3.00  
Hot dog $2.50  
Fantastic noodles, chicken or beef $3.00  
Hot chicken and gravy roll $4.00  
Nacho’s GF $3.50

**Remember you can pre order your lunch.**

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**SCHOOL PRODUCTION NEWS**

On Tuesday 17th May, the VCE Drama students attended a workshop run by MTC Melbourne Theatre Company at the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre.

This workshop focussed on the play ‘Peddling’ which the students viewed as part of the VCE playlist.

They were given the opportunity to work with extracts from the script and develop a practical understanding to some of the dramatic techniques. This workshop has also given them a head start in preparing for their second semester drama solos.

**CONTACTS:**  
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Fax: 035 57 230 546

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**SESSION TIMES**

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**LEADERSHIP STAFF**

Mrs Heather Sarau—Principal  
Mrs Mandy Smith—Assistant Principal  
Mrs Michelle Lappin—Assistant Principal  
Ms Alison Pickard—Senior Years Learning Leader  
Mrs Libby Walters—Senior Years Learning Leader  
Ms Kasey Doyle—Middle Years Learning Leader  
Mr James Bourke—Middle Years Learning Leader  
Ms Lesley Milne—Staff Learning & Development  
Mr Paul Thomas—Digital Learning  
Mrs Meryl Merman—Library & Curriculum  
Mrs Doreen Wheeler—Instructional Leadership & Coaching

**SCHOOL CANTEEN**

**VCE DRAMA WORKSHOP**

Auditions for this year’s production have wrapped up and the pool of talent was exceptional.  
Ms Rudder, this year’s production director said she was impressed with the talent of the students who auditioned and it was going to be difficult to select the final cast members.

This year the school production will be cult classic ‘The Breakfast Club’.  
The script is currently being modified to give it an Australian flavour and to ensure its appropriateness for a senior school cast.
On Thursday 19th May after school Newmo and the team of 7 senior boy’s volleyballers headed to Melbourne to avoid the early 5.00am departure on Friday morning. With a 9.30am start and team meeting at 9.15am it was a no brainer to head down the night before and stay at Sundowner Caravan and Cabin Park in Springvale. We arrived in Melbourne just before 8.00pm and the boys sat down to a nice parmi for dinner before driving 800m to the caravan park.

A lights out curfew was set (and only slightly ignored) and everyone was awake and having breakfast at 8.00am. The focus changed quickly from FIFA to Volleyball and we packed the bus and headed to Dandenong stadium.

On arrival we were given time to warm up and reminded of rules and duty expectations. The boys warmed up well and had duty first giving us the opportunity to check out our opposition – we were definitely in the stronger pool but the boys were not phased and gave it their all.

We lost in 2 sets to Murtoa 6 -20 and 13 – 20, Bendigo Senior Secondary College 16-20 and 16 – 20 and finally Eltham 6 -20 and 3 – 20 (who are coached by the Australian u/19 assistant volleyball coach). It was heartening to hear their coach say that our boys had some excellent skills and worked quite well together and he told them that Wangaratta has had great volleyballers in the past and that he works alongside an ex Wangaratta HS student in Danny Illott who is now the U/19 Australian coach!!

The boys and I would like to thank Nicoll Engineering and Finer Food Pantry for their donations and to also thank school council for supporting them through the Excellence in schools funding after the team submitted an application – your generosity is very much appreciated.
Wangaratta ACCESS ministries Chaplaincy and Wellbeing Support Group’s job is to support our Chaplains in their work in three ways; through prayer, encouragement, and fundraising. Fundraising is essential to meet the gap between Government funding and the costs of placing chaplains in schools.

Our fundraising requirement in 2016/2017 financial year is $21,000. The committee conducts a number of fundraising activities each year, which include BBQ’s, Chaplaincy Lunch, Open Gardens and a few other smaller events. We are always looking out for new fundraising ideas. Despite all this activity, the most significant portion of funds comes from donations. Will you please consider this invitation to donate towards this valuable cause?

**All donations of $2.00 or more are tax deductible.** With this newsletter is a donor slip to assist you with your donation.

Please help us to help our Chaplains support some of Wangaratta’s young people.

If you have any further enquiries, please feel free to contact: Trish Nolan (Acting President/Treasurer) or Ruth Goebly (Secretary).

**Acting President:** Wangaratta ACCESS ministries Chaplaincy and Wellbeing Support Group

**Acting President:** Trish Nolan    0404 051 446  trish.nolan49@gmail.com

**Treasurer:** Trish Nolan    0404 051 446  trish.nolan49@gmail.com

**Secretary:** Ruth Goebly    0427 213 308  ruth.goebly@gmail.com

When a young person is in need, it is important that there is someone safe they can turn to for encouragement and support. Our Chaplains assist in this role in our schools. While our Chaplains differ in their personalities and the programs they use, encouragement and support is central to what they do. Their roles include being available to listen and chat with students as they deal with the issues of life. They also conduct programs that help students move through and cope with grief and loss, anxiety or fear; and others, like peer leadership programs, which help students develop new skills. The encouragement and support our Chaplain’s offer will sometimes extend to the student’s family in times of need.

We currently have 4 chaplains serving in 6 schools across Wangaratta: Wangaratta High School, Wangaratta Primary School, Wangaratta West Primary School, Yarrunga Primary School, Appin Park Primary School and the Wangaratta District Specialist School. The principals and school communities value the work of Chaplains.

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**Wangaratta ACCESS ministries Chaplaincy and Wellbeing Support Group**

I would like to make a donation to the work of Chaplaincy and Wellbeing Support within the public schools in Wangaratta.

**Tax Deductible Receipt? (check $2) Yes / No**

Name: _______________________________ Email: _______________________________

Address: _______________________________ Postcode: ____________________

Cash / Cheque / Direct Credit / Visa / MasterCard $_________

**PLEASE NOTE: We have changed our Banking details – we are now with the BENDIGO BANK.**

**For Direct Credit:** please deposit to Bendigo Bank, Wangaratta 335, Account Number: 156790209, Account Name: Wangaratta ACCESS Ministries Chaplaincy & Wellbeing Support Group, and description: donation & your name. **T I E N:** Email a remittance or notice to the Treasurer, Trish Nolan at trish.nolan49@gmail.com, please include the amount, date, your name, and also your address if you would like a receipt.

OR **Make Cheques payable to:** Wangaratta ACCESS Ministries Chaplaincy & Wellbeing Support Group

Cardholder’s Name: _______________________________ Expiry Date: __________________________

Signature: _______________________________ Thank you. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

If mailing your donation, please use the enclosed stamped and addressed envelope to: Trish Nolan, Treasurer, Wangaratta ACCESS ministries Chaplaincy and Wellbeing Support Group, 27 Lamont St, Wangaratta Vic. 3677.
**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, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

**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.

**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:

Phone: 57 230 568

**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.

**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.

**BREAKFAST CLUB**

The Breakfast Club invites the WHS school community to enjoy a hearty breakfast every Wednesday morning at 6.00am 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.

**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.

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

- **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

- **Beyond Blue & Youth Beyond Blue**: 1300 224 636
  - 24 hours a day/7 days a week
  - Online - 3pm – 12am

- **Lifeline**: 13 11 14
  - 24 hours a day/7 days a week
  - Online – 7pm – 4am
State Schools’ Relief
Year 7 uniform package initiative

Fact sheet for parents

The Affordable School Uniform Program

Program background
Each year, State Schools’ Relief (SSR) provides tens of thousands of children with school clothing, shoes and other essential items. For the first time SSR has received government funding so that it can help more families needing financial assistance, and ensure no one is left behind. As part of the Victorian government’s affordable school uniform program, every Year 7 government school student who is a recipient of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualifies for a uniform pack voucher. Eligibility requirements for CSEF can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

What’s included in the uniform pack?
The uniform pack includes all basic uniform items needed to start secondary school (approx. value $225):

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Summer package: A dress x 1 OR shorts x 1 and shirt x1 (long or short sleeve)
Winter package: A skirt OR trousers x1 and a shirt x1 (long or short sleeve)

How can parents apply for the packs?
Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents at www.ssr.net.au/schools. Parents must apply for CSEF by the closing date listed at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Once approved, the pack voucher will be dispatched electronically to the school, uniform shop or uniform supplier. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer (and not at SSR).

Can parents who are ineligible for the Camp, Sports and Excursion Fund or, who have children in other year levels receive assistance from SSR?
Yes. Parents are encouraged to talk to their school principal, assistant principal or student welfare coordinator about their situation and they will assess their eligibility. SSR only responds to requests from schools (not from parents directly). Applications for parents requiring financial assistance for uniforms, textbooks or shoes are encouraged via the regular SSR services – www.ssr.net.au/schools

Terms and conditions
• Only CSEF recipients are eligible for the uniform packs.
• Each student is eligible for a single uniform pack.
• A voucher is dispatched electronically to the school, uniform shop or uniform supplier on approval. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer (and not at SSR).
• The order is valid for 75 days from date of issue.
• Once expired, a new application must be lodged.
• Expired vouchers cannot be redeemed.
• Each voucher specifies the individual items funded by SSR.
• No changes to the items can be made unless through the school.
• Changes made in store will not be honoured by SSR.
• The maximum voucher value is $225 and any short fall will not be covered by SSR.

More information
Parents: For CSEF application details please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Schools: For SSR applications please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/ssr
State Schools’ Relief WINTER Uniform Package Initiative

State Schools’ Relief has received Government funding so that it can help more families needing financial assistance, and to ensure no one is left behind. As part of the Victorian government’s uniform expansion program, every 2016 Year 7 government school student who is a recipient of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualifies for a free uniform pack.

Please be aware that the turn around time from lodgement to receiving the voucher can take up to 14 days. We will contact you once we have sent your voucher to Steer Clothing Wangaratta. You will have 75 days to claim your voucher.

Please complete this form for each eligible child.

Your Name: __________________________________________ Your child’s name: ______________________________________ D.O.B. __________

School your child attended in 2015: __________________________ VSN No (if known) ____________________

Your email address: __________________________________ Contact number: _______________________

Did you apply for the CSEF in 2015? YES/NO (circle one) *If NO please be aware you will need to apply for the Camps Sports and Excursion Fund.

*PLEASE DO NOT APPLY FOR THIS WINTER PACKAGE IF YOU HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THE SUMMER VOUCHER.*

To apply for this voucher please complete the slip below and return to the school office by the end of term two.

What are you applying for:

☐ Year 7 Uniform Package Initiative or

☐ Requiring Financial Assistance for uniforms. Please do not select any uniforms below (you will be contacted by a member of our Welfare team.

Year 7 Uniform Package—Please select the following;

☐ 1 x Jumper or ☐ 1 x Jacket (please tick one)

☐ 1 x Short Sleeve Polo shirt or ☐ 1 x Long Sleeve Polo shirt (please tick one)

1 x PE shirt (will receive)

1 x PE shorts (will receive)

1 x Pants (boys automatically receive)

GIRLS ONLY (please tick one) ☐ 1 x Skirt or ☐ 1 x Pants (please tick one)

Your Signature: __________________________________________ Date: ________________________
Wangaratta High School
Transition Events 2016 - 2017

April 19th – SEAL information night (6:30pm start)
May 7th (Saturday) – SEAL entry test (9am – 12pm)

May 16th – May 20th - Education Expo (Primary Students with teachers will attend)

May 17th – Family Fun Night; a chance for parents to see what is on offer at WHS (6pm start)

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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