This term’s Mystery Word has three letters. This is the term’s second letter. From the letters printed this term, work out the word and ask a parent/carer to sign the coupons. Put the letters 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 18th March and will win a voucher worth $250.00 from Franks Footwear!!
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMP, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Please find the application form on the facing page

BUS NEWS - School Travel

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 skate boards through the bus area.

There are to be no basketballs/netballs/footballs played with in this 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 1, 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 57 230500 to make this payment.

From the beginning of 2016 the Bus Coordinator will be located in the General Office.

Parents and Friends Association

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6.30pm in the Administration Building

Next meeting 8th March

All parents and friends are welcome.

STUDENT PROPERTY AND INSURANCE

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

Parents and guardians 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/guardians 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.
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name ___________________________ School REF ID ___________________________

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname ___________________________

First name ___________________________

Address ___________________________

Town/suburb _________________________ State _________ Postcode _______________________

Contact number _______________________

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

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☐ Foster parent* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

• DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.

• this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.

• I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.

• if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.

• information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

Signature of applicant ___________________________ Date __/__/____
**AMBULANCE COVER**

Parents, Carers and students are reminded that the Department of Education and Training 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.

**STUDENT PROPERTY**

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and, in line with DET policy, the school does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on the school premises.

**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

**FILM CLUB**

Film Club - Wangaratta Cinemas

Annual Membership

Single or Family $5.00

Every ticket to any movie - $12.00

($+3 surcharge for 3D)

Membership fee & $2.00 from every ticket goes to support School Chaplaincy in Wangaratta & you get cheap tickets too! Everybody wins!

Available during office hours from Wangaratta High School General Office.

**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 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.

**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...
YEAR 11 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Barmah Canoe trip - 17-19 Feb 2016.

Year 11 Outdoor Education completed a 3 day canoe and camping trip on the Murray River - Barmah Forest. Students developed canoe skills and camping skills on the trip. We studied the Yorta Yorta Aboriginal connection to the forest and compared this to how white man has managed the forest. Barmah forest is the biggest River Red gum forest in the world and is an amazing place to visit.
This was year 11’s first trip for 2016 and all students were very organised and well behaved. Thank-you to 15 Mile Creek for supporting the students on this trip.

Zelda Yeates
Outdoor Education teacher

YEAR 12 OUTDOOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

On Wednesday 10th February 2016, the Year 12 Outdoor and Environmental Studies students made the inaugural pilgrimage to the Victorian Surf Coast for three days of surfing and water based activities. Students participated in three surfing sessions with Go Ride a Wave, Snorkelling and an environmental coastal processes walk with Ecologic, a visit to the Surfworld Museum with an insightful talk about developments of surfing and associated equipment.
Currently the class is learning about the different relationships people have with the natural environment and were surprised to learn about, and perhaps experience the deeper spiritual connection many surfers have with the wave. Surfing is considered to be the first purely recreational pastime created by the Hawaiian’s, however surfing has undergone significant growth and popularity especially in Australia since its introduction in the 60’s.
I believe all students experienced the ‘stoke’ at some point and maybe some are ready to buy a board, wetsuit and combie van to pursue a nomadic lifestyle in search of the ultimate ride, hang loose dude!

Phil Hunter
Outdoor Education Teacher
IMMUNISATION SCHEDULE FOR 2016

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NEWS FROM THE ADOLESCENT HEALTH NURSE

SEXUAL HEALTH NURSE – GATEWAY HEALTH

Every Monday at lunchtimes during the school term we have a sexual health nurse visit the school. Kerrie provides a sexual and reproductive health service to students in a confidential and safe setting in the Wellbeing area (located near the new First Aid area). As a registered nurse specialised in sexual and reproductive health, Kerrie is non-judgmental and here to assist students who come to see her.

If students are not comfortable seeing Kerrie at the school there is a new service called Clinic 35 at Gateway Health. This sexual health service is available to all of the community free of charge. The clinic will open 29th February:

Gateway Health
Clinic 35
45-47 Mackay Street
Wangaratta
5723 2000
09:00-17:00
You can plan ahead and call to make an appointment or can walk in and wait to be seen. As mentioned before it is free of charge, but if you need a script from the doctor you will need to get this filled at your local pharmacy.

As the Adolescent Health Nurse I also welcome students coming to visit me if they need any assistance around sexual and reproductive health. Term 1 I will be here on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Melissa Mogford | Adolescent Health Nurse | Wangaratta High School

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

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https://www.lifeline.org.au/
Online – 7pm – 4am
**WORK EXPERIENCE 2016**

**YEAR 10 STUDENTS 2016**

Monday 19th – Friday 13th May

Work Experience is all about 'experiencing work'!

Work experience is the short term placement of secondary school students with “host” employers, to provide insights into the industry and the work place in which they are located.

Students are placed with employers primarily to observe and learn – not to undertake activities which require extensive training or experience.

- Improve the understanding of the work place environment
- Learn employer expectations and expectations in the work place
- Explore possible career options and pathways
- Gain awareness of personal attributes required for particular industries
- Observe and participate in some day to day work activities
- Develop work place confidence, independence, communication skills
- Learn recruitment process: application, resume, writing letters
- Create a current resume and learn interview techniques
- Work place visit by teaching staff
- Complete work place logbook of daily activities & observations

Current 2016 Year 10 students need to begin considering and organising their work experience choices and options for this year. It is never too early to organise this to ensure your first choice of workplace.

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**JAPANESE EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

**Wanted!!**

Host families for 2 Japanese students

1 year 7 girl, 1 year 8 boy

Both polite and enthusiastic. English speaking skills may be limited, but are willing to try!

They are visiting to experience Culture-Shock!

No need to take the students out anywhere, as there will be an event held at school during their stay.

Arriving on March 28th, leaving on the 30th.

Questions and further detail, please contact Mr. Ryuichi (Richi) Kashima on kashima.ryuichi.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

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**PARENTING COURSES TERM 1**

**TUNING INTO KIDS – Emotionally Intelligent Parenting**

A program for parents/carers of children aged 2 – 8 years that helps you tune into your children’s emotions and manage their behaviour. Learn about ‘emotion coaching’ – helping children to understand and regulate their emotions.

The program helps you to respond to your children’s individual needs in a way that suits the child and the family.

*This program is being offered in conjunction with Gateway Community Health Service*

**Date:** 5 x Mondays 8th Feb – 7th March  
**Time:** 7:00 – 9.00pm  
**Cost:** $35 / $25 concession

**BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS**

Bringing up great kids is a six week program which aims to help parents create positive relationships with their children, learning about children’s needs, helping manage children’s strong feelings and coping with the ups and downs of parenting.

Ideal for parents with children aged 2-12yrs

*This program is being offered in conjunction with Gateway Community Health Service*

**Date:** 6 x Tuesdays 17th Feb – 23rd March  
**Time:** 10.00 – 12.00 noon  
**Cost:** $35 / $25 concession

“Whatever” Parenting Adolescent

This a one week course looks at adolescent development and the impact this has on parenting. It helps parents to use “emotion” “Coaching” to connect with their adolescent and help them learn to understand and regulate their emotions.

*This program is being offered in conjunction with Gateway Community Health Service*

**Date:** 4 x Thursdays 25th Feb – 17th March  
**Time:** 7.00-9.00pm  
**Cost:** $35 / $25 concession

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
PANGERANG COMMUNITY HOUSE ON 57213813

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**MOUNTAIN RANGE TO WETLANDS Photographic Competition**

To celebrate the beauty of North East Victoria and Wooragoe in particular Wooragoe Landcare would like to invite adults, primary and secondary students to participate in a photographic competition

- **Separate sections for primary school, secondary school and adult competitors**
- **Landscape + Biodiversity (Flora and Fauna) + Human Interest**

**Human Interest:** Photos of families, people enjoying the outdoors etc.

A SPECIAL PRIZE FOR PHOTOS TAKEN IN THE WOODRAGUE VALLEY

**PRIZE MONEY EACH SECTION**

First $100.00  Second $75.00  Third $50.00

Entries close 15th August 2016 - Entry Fee $2.00 per photo

Winners announced September 2016

For further information contact Maureen Cooper  
Email: brigadion.99@bigpond.com Ph 03 5728 1311

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**Bonjour! G’Day, Mate!**

Create the perfect connection between French and Aussie cultures by hosting an exchange student from France.

From mid-May why not show your support and invite a friendly 15-17 year old French girl or boy to become part of your family for a short-term duration? A French ‘big brother’ or ‘big sister’ in the family provides fantastic fun and learning, especially with helping to learn French as a language other than English.

If you are interested in hosting an exchange student, please call us NOW on 1800 500 501 or email us at scceaus@scce.com.au  
Web: www.scce.com.au or ph local Co-ordinator, Chan James 0412 24 931 960
The Australian Air Force Cadets is one of the Premier Youth Organisations of Australia. We are currently seeking new members for 2016.

**New Member Intake Nights:** Friday 12th to 26th February
7:00pm to 9:00pm

Are you:
- Looking for a challenge
- Enjoy being part of a team
- Looking to develop leadership and communication skills
- Into adventure and field craft activities pushing yourself to the limit
- Looking to meet new people and make lifelong friends
- Considering a military career or not
- Thought about flying an aircraft before you can drive a car
- And heaps more!

If you:
- Are an Australian resident
- Have good general health
- Are between 13 and 18 years old
- Can attend weekly parade nights during school terms
- Prepared to have a go
- Have permission from your parent or guardian

If you answered Yes to Any of these questions
Then Why Not
Become a Cadet in the Australian Air Force Cadets

**EDUCATES** 🎓 **CHALLENGES** 🏆 **EXCITES** 🎉