NEWS FROM MRS SARAU

Staffing information for end term one and start of term two
I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Katherine Sullivan to the Eng/Hums/Generalist position to work as part of the year 7 team for the remainder of the year. We also welcome Bek Nash Webster as our new youth counsellor who will commence her work with us at the start of next term. Thankyou to Lisa Bracken and Ron van der Winden for their work in replacing Rob Findlay whilst he has been on long service leave this term. We welcome Rob back at the start of next term. Next term there are three staff taking leave; Gary Michael, Sharon Mellington and Geraldine Marsh. Replacement staff are being determined and will be in place for the start of next term. I wish them all the best for their well-deserved time off and look forward to seeing them back in term three.

Interim Reports
In the past couple of weeks staff have been completing Interim Reports to indicate student progress so far this year. Please read these reports which will be available on Compass and make the time to come and elaborate on them at our Student/Parent/Teacher conversations on Thursday 14th April between 4 and 7pm. It is a great opportunity to celebrate successes and talk about strategies for further progress to be achieved. Bookings for conversations can be made online through Compass from Monday the 4th April and if you need assistance, please contact the General office on 5723 0500.

Professional Learning day for staff
On Friday 15th April, the staff professional learning day will focus on curriculum planning and assessment. With the shift during this year from the current AusVELS to the Victorian Curriculum which is to be fully implemented in 2017, staff will work on their curriculum to ensure it meets the requirements of the new courses. Please note that no students are required at school on this day.

School Council Office Bearers for 2016
Thank you again to our new Councillors; John Elcock, Anita Everingham and Debi Fisher for their willingness to work with our school council for the next two years. I am pleased to announce that Andrew Gibson has been elected to the position on President, Kelvin Archer as Vice President and Tony Bigg as Treasurer. I also wish to thank Nicky Powell for her work over the past four years as a dedicated member of school council who was very involved with the Student Wellbeing and Engagement Committee and also chaired the Marketing Committee for the last 12 months.

Talent Quest
The preparation for the Talent Quest is enormous during term one, particularly for the year 12 students and key staff who work very hard to put the whole event together.

This year has been particularly difficult due to the unavoidable absence of a couple of key staff. A huge thank you Gemma Hunter, John Paola and Kay Drummond who have stepped up to ensure that the event is up to the exceptionally high standards set in the past. Thank you also to the year 12 mentor teachers for their support with the preparation of the year 12 students. It promises to be a great night.

School Athletics Carnival
Due to the large number of days that students have missed classes with public holidays and schedule events within the school, there has been a change to the athletics day from being a whole school day for everyone to attend, to competitors only from year 8 to 12. All year 7’s will attend as well. This day will be held on Tuesday 12th April at the Appin Park Athletics track and parents/ carers and families are very welcome to attend. Parents who would like to volunteer to help out on the day should contact Sandy Newman, our Sport Coordinator.

Thank you to all staff for their hard work and dedication to our students and their learning this term. I hope that everyone enjoys a happy and safe Easter with family and friends.

MYSTERY WORD COMPETITION

The Winner of this terms mystery word is Thomas Moore of 8F who from the letters printed this term, worked out the word which was NEW.

Thank you to all of the students who entered. Thank you also to Frank’s Footwear for their ongoing support.

ROAD SAFETY

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 to look out for others.
DEBUTANTE BALLS 2016

Names of prospective Debs and Partners for the Deb Balls to be held on 15th, 22nd, 29th July 2016 are listed on the Notice Board in the Senior Years Learning community.

Co-ordinators are:

Debbie Brown 0428 631 119
Anne Diffey 0413 300 477 / 5721 2328

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.
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/carers for individual students.

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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.

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.

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.

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 buildings.

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.

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 $140.00 (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 the value accumulates over a period of time to $400.00, a 10% credit is applied to the customer’s account.

PARENTS AND CARERS

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.

REPORTING AN ABSENCE

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

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More than 1,000 donors are still needed to give blood this Easter long-weekend in order to prevent a shortage of blood products needed by cancer patients and road trauma victims.

Demand for blood increases in the lead-up to and immediately following the long weekend. Cancer patients, road trauma victims, women giving birth, and people with blood disorders will still rely on blood donations to help them through this Easter weekend.

Blood Service spokesman Shaun Inguanzo said the need for blood would affect one in three of us. “If someone you loved was unwell or battling a serious illness, you’d do whatever you could to help,” he said.

“Blood donation only takes an hour of your time but could mean a lifetime to someone in need.” Mr Inguanzo said stocks of O Negative red cells, and short-lived platelets, were most under threat from the long-weekend.

“O Negative is the universal blood type that can be used to save lives in emergency situations. Many air ambulances carry stock for this reason,” he said.

“And platelets are used to stop bleeding, and are critical to the treatment of cancer patients. Platelets are also the shortest-lived blood product at just five days, meaning they can’t be stockpiled, so long-weekends often pose a threat to continuity of supply as donors drop away due to holidays.”

Bookings are essential, please call 13 14 95 or visit www.donateblood.com.au.

Melissa Mogford | Adolescent Health Nurse | Wangaratta High School
Department of Education and Training

**Immunisation Schedule for 2016**

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HPV—Human Papillomavirus
BTX—Adolescent Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

**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

- **Lifeline**
  - 13 11 14
  - 24 hours a day/7 days a week
  - Online – 7pm – 4am
YOUTH HOLIDAY PROGRAM
AT WANGARATTA LIBRARY

AWOL
ANIME WAY OF LIFE
Join us for awesome animation, prizes and more in our Anime appreciation group!
Wednesday 30th March 5pm – 7:45pm

STUDIO GHIBLI FILM
NAUSICAA AND THE VALLEY OF THE WIND
This classic film by legendary director Hayao Miyazaki is absolutely amazing. Pop in and enjoy the journey.
Snacks and drinks will be provided.
Wednesday 6th April 5.15pm

GEEKCON! ‘GET YOUR GEEK ON’
A Comic/Pop Culture convention in Wangaratta? You heard right!! YES, our very own convention in our town. In conjunction with Rural City of Wangaratta and as part of National Youth Week join us for Steam Gaming and Cosplay Comp, Comics, Author Panel, Stalls, Giveaways and much, much more!!!
Saturday 9th April 1pm - 4pm FREE ENTRY

MUFC SOCCER SKILLS CLINICS
VIC – TUE 5, WED 6, THU 7 APRIL – LATROBE WODONGA
NSW – TUE 12, WED 13, THU 14 APRIL – ALBURY HOCKEY CENTRE
Time: 9am-1pm daily
Cost: $40 per day / $100 for 3 days
INDIVIDUAL OR SMALL GROUP COACHING WITH SENIOR COACH JAMES COUTTS (AGES 12-16 YRS)
(max 4 participants – by appointment only)
Time: 2-4pm daily Cost: $20 per hour
Booking or enquiries: M 0402 421 297
E admin@murrayunitedfc.com.au

GeekCon at Wangaratta Library
Save the date, 9th April
1pm to 4pm
More details coming

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.
Join us as a volunteer host family to an interesting student and create international understanding and help change lives and outlook.
If you are interested in hosting an exchange student, please call us NOW on 1800 500 501 or email us at scceast@scce.com.au Web: www.scce.com.au
or ph local Co-ordinator—Dan James 0424 931 900
SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE
OPPORTUNITIES

Wangaratta High School Netball Teams

If any girls are interested in forming teams representing WHS, bibs and balls are available to be borrowed from Bev in the Well Being Centre

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NRL Holiday Clinic

FUN / FITNESS / FRIENDS
Come along this Holidays and enjoy a Rugby League Experience
Venue – Willow Park, Wodonga
Date – 5th April
Time – 10am to 1pm
Cost - $40 (Includes pictured pack)
Age – Girls and Boys aged 5 to 12
To register - http://www.playnrl.com/programs/
Type Wodonga into the search panel
Click on the Clinic
Follow the link for more details.
Contact Dean Whymark 0411159456 if you need any further information.