FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

Wonthaggi Secondary College House Athletics

Last Thursday the House Athletic Sports took place on the Dudley oval. The day was a great success, with the entire college getting involved and the weather being kind enough to just have some light sprinkles of rain. Many of our students produced some spectacular examples of athleticism, with others content with some friendly rivalry, supporting their house and enjoying the relaxed atmosphere of the day.

By the end of the day and one hundred and ten events later Berry house took place at the top. The champions put in a solid effort all day to take control of the points race.

Congratulations to the following students who received the age group champion’s award.

13  Tanika McCaughan & Campbell McKenzie
14  Lucy Mulqueeny & Benjamin Rielly
15  Tegan Lowe & Aaron Edwards
16  Megan Prentice & Walter Hiatt
U20  Samantha Battiatto & Leki Asa Leausa

Final Results

1st  Berry  1304 points
2nd  Luke  1029 points
3rd  Lovett  883 points
4th  Garnham  726 points

The College wishes all the students progressing onto the next round of competition the best of luck at the South Gippsland Championships on the 4th May at Leongatha Secondary College.

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Year 7 Gideons Visit

Gideons Australia will be visiting WSC Year 7 students on Monday 30th April. The Gideons are an interdenominational association of business men who are members of Protestant churches who distribute Bibles to students in their first year of secondary school.

If you do not wish for your child to participate in this visit please phone the Dudley general office before Monday 30th of April.

Talented Students Concert

This year our Talented Students Concert will be held on the evening of the 27th of June. This is the last Wednesday of term 2. The Talented Students Concert brings together musical, performing and visual art works in a brilliant showcase of the talent we have on offer at Wonthaggi Secondary College. Auditions for acts will be held at lunch time during week 3 at both Dudley and McBride campuses. For those students auditioning, please remind them to get their forms in on time to secure an audition time. Mark this date in your calendar and look out for further updates about ticket sales.

English Text Books

We are using new textbooks this year (Year 7: Successful English 1; Year 8: Successful English 2; Year 9: Successful English 3), that all students should have purchased on their booklist.
We realise that some students didn’t purchase them, so they are now available through the office for students to buy as soon as possible. Students need to bring $25.95 to purchase their copy. These are required textbooks – ALL students must have a copy as they are used extensively each week in English classes.
AUTHOR, SCOT GARDNER, VISITS YEAR 9’S

If you were a Year 9 student five minutes into the Scot Gardner presentation you could be forgiven for thinking ‘Gee, this dude is really great and I’m actually enjoying this’ or ‘This bloke could easily get a gig in the Melbourne Comedy Festival’. Both thoughts are totally accurate. Once again, multi talented author, Scot Gardner, had the audience in the palms of his hands - introducing his books and telling stories to engage them in a VERY humorous way. The raucous applause at the end of each presentation said it all!

Talented writers at our school were also given the opportunity to attend a workshop with Scot and this is what Year 9 student Leah Manning had to say.

‘On Thursday, 22nd we had a surprise visit from Scot Gardner, aka ‘Wandering Flower’ lover. He came to talk to us about the books he’s written and gave a tutorial on “how to start writing a story,” to some avid young authors. He was hilarious and had many people crying with laughter as he explained how he got some of the ideas for his books, including One Dead Seagull and Kevin the Plumber. Scot was the funniest public speaker ...and would be welcome back any time.’

CULTURAL SPORTS EXPO

On Friday 20th of April, Miss Stoopman’s and Miss Dellamina’s Year 8 and 9 sport classes had a session with the cultural sports expo which was held by Tony Cornish, Santo Joma, Gerson Pacheco, Aloysio Ferriera, Thentoo, Sanoo and Htooeh. Gerson and Aloysio are brothers from Brazil and have been in Australia for about five and a half years. Soccer was a dominant sport in Brazil so the boys are pretty good at it. When they first arrived, they didn’t speak any English which was the hardest part of coming to Australia. They both also play soccer for the state team. Santo is from Sudan in Africa, he has been in Australia for six years. He didn’t speak any English either when he came here. Now he also plays Aussie Rules Football for Dalyston. Gerson also plays many other sports such as; rugby, tennis, table tennis, cricket, football, basketball and netball. He is a very talented athlete. Thentoo and Sanoo are brothers, they have been in Australia for two years. They were in a refugee camp for eight years and that’s when they started to play Cane ball. Htooeh is their cousin, he has been in Australia for one year. All three of boys only started speaking English when they got to Australia, so they are still learning. They are from Burma Karen which is an indigenous community in Burma.

By Jessie Wagner and Mollie Bloch.

YEAR 7 GIRLS CRICKET

The Year 7 team, led by co-captains Rachelle Dowling and Jemma Jolly-Bordonaro had a fun day in Leongatha last Friday, managing to beat our Year 8’s in the round robin tournament held on the day but they were unfortunately defeated by the Year 7’s from LSC the next round. Special thanks to Grace McInroy-Howard for offering to step up and fill in for the Year 8 team and the MVP of the day goes to Glenda Smith for her excellent bowling and batting skills.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2012 tests for Years 3,5,7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 15th May, Wednesday 16th May and Thursday 17th May 2012. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in writing, reading, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. WSC will bus year 7 and year 9 students to the Workman’s Club where the NAPLAN will be conducted. Students may be withdrawn from the NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the principal. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you must sign a Student Withdrawal form. These forms are available at the school, please contact Ms Gay Findlay to discuss.

We are confident the information you receive as a result of your child’s participation in the NAPLAN tests will be valuable in helping you to assess your child’s progress in literacy and numeracy.
Community Announcements

RUNNERS WANTED

South Coast Athletics is your South Gippsland athletics Club and we are seeking runners of all ages and abilities, Male and Female, to join us in our assault on the State XCR12 Series (Road and Cross Country Racing) for 2012.

XCR is a 10 race series commencing in April and concluding in September comprising 4 Relays, 3 Road Races and 3 Cross Country races over distances ranging from 3KM up to 21 KM. Each event attracts over 1000 runners from across the State ranging from National representatives such as Steve Monaghetti, Craig Mottram, Jeff Risely, Kaila McKnight down to the recreational jogger. All abilities are catered for.

The series comprises graded Individual and Team competition for both Male and female runners.

Individual Competition is for U14, U16, U18, U20, Open, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59 & 60+.

Team Competition is graded with 7 divisions for Men, 4 Divisions for Women as well as Under age U14, U16, U18 & U20.

Over the last 5 years South Coast has been very successful winning 3 State Pennants as well as producing 4 Individual Series winners.

If you love fun runs and want to take the next step then this is it. Whether you are interested or curious, come along to the registration and Information day at Kilcunda Community Centre on Sunday, 1st April any time between 10.30am and 3.00pm.

Enquiries can be made to Steve on BH 56713706 or AH56724299 or by email to southcoastaths@gmail.com

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