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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM**

**ATTENDANCE**

It is a very busy time of the year but we must stress the importance of full attendance and participation for all students in the College. There are upcoming student free days, and next week many Year 11 and 12 students are involved in exams, but otherwise all other timetabled classes occur for the remainder of the term.

**FINISHING SEMESTER 1**

It is particularly important at this time that students capitalise on the time remaining in Semester 1 classes, to finish of any required work. A strong finish to the semester will not only bring the best possible results in the Semester 1 reports, but also provide the ideal start for Semester 2. Please note also that while McBride students commence Semester 2 on Monday June 18th (two weeks before the term break), Dudley students do not commence their Semester 2 classes until after the mid-year holidays (Monday July 16th).

**REPORTS**

With the end of semester drawing near, staff are preparing some preliminary work on their student reports. Reports this term will be comprehensive written reports based on your child’s progress this semester, and will be given to students on the final day of term (Friday 29th June) to take home to parents. Please note that reports will not be posted home and therefore if your child is not in attendance on the final day of this term, their reports will need to be collected from the relevant General Office at the start of term 3.

**COLLEGE UNIFORM**

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are asking for support from home with regards to the issue of uniform. We understand that the cold weather can make completing laundry challenging at times and ask that a note be supplied in those circumstances. Please note however that “hoodies”, black pants and non-uniform jackets are not approved uniform items.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE THE NEWSLETTER EMAILED TO YOU?**

We recently sent out flyers asking families to check and update their contact information. One of the reasons for this is so that we can move towards a process of having our newsletters sent home via email. If you have not returned the form, or did not include an email address, please contact the school to coordinate this with us.

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**REMINDER:**

**UPCOMING STUDENT FREE DAYS!**

**MONDAY JUNE 11**
QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**FRIDAY JUNE 15**
WSC REPORT WRITING DAY

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**Wonthaggi Secondary College**

**Talented Students Concert**

Wednesday
June 27, 2012
7.30pm
Wonthaggi
Arts Centre

Tickets will be available from the 12th of June, at the General Office
**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

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**INTERMEDIATE BAND FESTIVAL – CERBERUS NAVAL BASE**

Very well done to all of the students who participated in the SGSMP Intermediate Band Festival at the Cerberus naval base. The event not only developed students’ playing but also provided them with a taste of what it would be like to be a professional musician in the Australian Defence Force. The two focus pieces of *The Best of Glee* and *Ironclad* were workshopped under the direction of the Navy musicians and then performed on stage as part of a massed band that consisted of about 120 musicians. What a sound!!

![Intermediate Band Festival](image1.jpg)

**MANAGED INDIVIDUAL PATHWAYS**

This week Year 9 Pathways presentations have started to take place in the Flexible Learning Centre. All Year 9 students will be bringing their folders home as there is a parent/carer section that needs to be completed at home. After this section is completed, students need to return their folder to Ms Kathy Moore, or the General Office at school, as we will be doing other tasks which need to be included in the folders.

![Managed Individual Pathways](image2.jpg)
CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There were a couple of announcements in the recent State Budget that will significantly affect families eligible for EMA and School Start bonus.

SCHOOL START BONUS
The $300 School Start Bonus available to eligible parents of students starting prep and Year 7 has been abolished. There will be no School Start bonus in 2013.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)
From next year the EMA payment will be reduced. The fine details have not been released yet so all we can tell you at this stage is what we know.

In 2012 the EMA was $470, $235 of this was paid directly to the school and $235 was paid to the Parent.

In 2013 the school EMA payment $235 has been scrapped and the Parent payment of $235 will be increased by between $15 and $82 depending on the year level of the student. This is effectively a reduction of between $153 and $220 per student.

At this stage we have not been informed of any changes to the EMA procedures for 2013 but we expect there will be some changes. Any changes may have an impact on some of the services that the school offers such as book-selling day, EMA credit arrangements against school books & uniforms.

If EMA procedure changes do impact on any of the schools services you will be advised in future newsletters.

SCHOOL KIDS BONUS PAYMENT
In the recent Federal Budget the Government announced a lump sum payment of up to $820 per child to families entitled to Family Tax Benefit A. This payment will replace the Education Tax Refund from 2013. If approved by Parliament, payment of the bonus will begin to rollout in June 2012.

This will be a great opportunity for many people to pay off all their outstanding school charges.

CAREERS INFORMATION EVENING

YEAR 10 INDEPENDENCE DAY
You can support your independent educational decisions by spending time discovering a world of possibilities at Monash University. This event will give Year 10 students a chance to discover their options at Monash and life at university.

When: Wed 4 July; Information (shortly) at www.monash.edu.au/study/options/schools/events.html.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING AT MONASH – Parents of Year 11/12s can attend this event to find out about the VTAC application process, scholarships and fess, course options and graduate outcomes (held at Albury, Caulfield and Geelong).


UniExperience

Thursday 12 — Friday 13 July 2012
University of Melbourne, Parkville campus

WHAT IS UNIXPERIENCE?

UniExperience gives Year 11 students from Victoria’s rural and border regions the opportunity to come on-campus and experience university life first-hand.

The two-day program demystifies the university experience by giving you the chance to stay at our Parkville campus and take part in a range of sessions covering all aspects of tertiary study.

THE PROGRAM:

- Onsite accommodation and meals at one of the University’s residential colleges
- Guided campus tours
- Detailed information on Melbourne’s courses
- Sessions and workshops covering the transition to university, student support services, accommodation options, scholarships, study skills and exam tips
- Social activities and the opportunity to meet peers and current university students.

COST

$100.00 (including GST) covers all meals, overnight accommodation and all materials relating to the program.
**TERM 2 SPORTS UPDATE**

**Senior Girls Football**
Under the watch of a new coach with fresh ideas, the Senior Girls team has undergone a transformation. Many of last year’s group have moved on and the current team is now inundated with youthful vigour. Some experienced heads remain to lead the way however, and the leadership of Chloe McRae, Ebony Dwyer and Ruby Cantieni has been an important factor as the 2012 campaign got underway.

The South Gippsland title has been a one-horse race in recent times with WSC being too strong for their opposition. So it proved again with two commanding performances from our girls against Leongatha and Mirboo North. The girls played a great team game and their desire to win was plain for all to see.

With a simple but effective game plan WSC dominated both matches. A pattern of play soon developed – Caitlin Vick or Ebony Dwyer won the ruck, our on-ballers (namely Loretta Chumbley, Chloe McRae and Alesha Kelly) won the clearance, and the ball remained in our forward line until we managed to slot a goal. Maddi Dunlop, Georgia Butterfield and Sophie Bolding provided great dash whenever they worked into space and they continually sent the ball inside the attacking 50 metre arc. Several onlookers made comparisons between Sophie and Cyril Rioli such was her elusiveness, agility and poise with the ball. Our backline girls were good on the rare occasion the ball came their way and Ruby Cantieni and Dom Wilson were dominant up forward in Game 2, both collecting a couple of goals.

In fact all of the girls contributed to the strong performance with none of them beaten by their opponents. They were all willing to win the contested footy, tackle hard and were a credit to their school in their overall approach. With three or four inclusions for the next round, the team should continue to be a formidable opponent for those that await.

**Results**

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**Best Players:** Sophie Bolding, Loretta Chumbley, Maddi Dunlop, Ruby Cantieni, Alesha Kelly, Georgia Butterfield & Ebony Dwyer

in a great team effort

**Senior Boys Football**
WSC were attempting to continue their dominance at this early stage of the championships. Missing several key names, the squad was nevertheless strong and evenly balanced.

Our first match was against traditional rival Leongatha and WSC attacked the contest with vigour from the opening stages. Kurt Thomas was explosive in the ruck, giving first use of the leather to a talented on-ball brigade including Jye Read, Leki Asa Leausa and Aidan Dowie. They were ably supported by tireless runners Tim Landells and Steven Scott. It was one-way traffic early and this dominance was translated to the scoreboard once the forwards started kicking straight.

Read was playing as if he had a point to prove, continually setting up the play with poise and clever decision making. Jarrod Membrey and Aloysio Ferreira repelled several Leongatha attacks during the first half, with both providing great run from the defensive 50. WSC gradually wore down their opponents and with Jacob Dakin, Dale Crawford and Eli Richards dominating up forward, we ran out comfortable winners.

Game 2 was an even more one-sided affair with a strong WSC team effort overwhelming the hapless Burra boys. A ten goal victory was notable for the following incidents:

- Leki impersonating a Rugby League player with strong running and bone-crunching ‘don’t argue’...he inspired his teammates with three tries...
- Dakin’s strong marking. He had earlier been schooled on the art of ‘goal kicking from impossible angles’ by his coach...
- Aloysio’s attacking back pocket play resulted in him getting on the scoresheet...
- Kyle Salama unable to come off the interchange bench after half time because he was asleep... it was one of those games.
- The boys displayed excellent organisation and commitment on the day, well done.
- Greater challenges await...

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**Best Players:** Tim Landells, Jye Read, Steven Scott, Dale Crawford, Jarrod Membrey, Kurt Thomas
Junior Girls Football

It was a very successful day at the Leongatha Velodrome for our Junior Girls Football team last Wednesday. The first match against LSC set the pace for the day with our girls winning 60 – 1. The second match against MNSC resulted in a similar score of 54 – 0. Well done to the girls for their persistence at the ball and their excellent tackling and marking skills. B.O.G went to both Molly Edwards and Hannah McRae. Emma Sprunt and Nat Porter also deserve a special mention for their efforts. Bring on the next round in Traralgon!

House Cross Country

LUKE ENDS 10 YEAR DROUGHT

On Friday 18th May, over 500 students competed in the House Cross Country, running from the Dudley Campus, through the wetlands and up South Dudley Road. Students braved the cold conditions and the muddy drain at the starting line, but were fortunate enough to finish before the rain came. Luke house demolished the field and came up trumps winning its first house event in ten years!!! Well done to the students of Luke House winning on 1126 points followed by Berry 926 points, Lovett 925 points and Garnham 837 points.

Age Group Champions were:

**BOYS**

13 Years – 1st – Lachlan Clark, 2nd – Alex Lowe, 3rd – Andrew Arney
14 Years – 1st – Dylan Wilson, 2nd – Heitor Silver-Hilberto, 3rd – Weston Sparks
15 Years – 1st – Aaron Edwards, 2nd – Matthew Lowe, 3rd – Noah Cooney
16 Years – 1st – Nick Arney, 2nd – Michael Mackay, 3rd – Patrick Bain

**GIRLS**

13 Years – 1st – Tilly Sandbach, 2nd – Bonnie Mullins, 3rd – Chloe Moxey
14 Years – 1st – Hannah McRae, 2nd – Lily Geyle, 3rd – Lucy Mulqueen
15 Years – 1st – Britt Thomas, 2nd – Courtney Spencer, 3rd – Tegan Lowe
16 Years – 1st – Sandra Plumb, 2nd – Charlotte Townsend, 3rd – Loretta Chumbley
Under 21s – 1st – Anna Kentwell, 2nd – Sophie Bolding, 3rd – Brooke Spencer

58 students will represent the College at the South Gippsland Cross Country Championships to be held at Foster, we wish them all the best of luck.

South Gippsland Cross Country

On Friday June 1, WSC took 58 students to compete in the South Gippsland Cross Country Championships held at Foster. The day was perfect for the first day of winter, sunny and not too windy.

WSC did well on the day coming home with six trophies, Junior Girls, Junior Boys, Intermediate Boys, Girls Aggregate, Boys Aggregate and Overall Aggregate.

Wonthaggi winning teams were: 13yr boys, 14yr girls, 15yr girls, 16yr boys.

Individual age group champions for 2012 were:

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Huge congratulations to all the runners on a superb effort, especially to those students who competed in higher age groups to make up teams. Of the 58 competitors the College had competing, 42 are going on to represent the College at Lardner Park, Warragul on June 21st. We wish them all the best at the Gippsland Championships.
Woodwork Semester 1

Woodwork students are busy finishing projects and self evaluations for the end of semester assessment.
Horticulture excursion (Environmental Detectives Program)

On the 24th of May the students of Year 9 Horticulture headed off to a local beef farm in Woolamai and participated in the Environmental Detectives program. The Environmental Detectives Program is run by Bass Coast Landcare and aims to make students aware of some of the environmental indicators that tell us whether the environment is in good or bad shape. It is also a great opportunity for the Year 9s to escape the classroom and run wild through the bush and experience a genuinely beautiful natural environment.

When we arrived at the farm it was a short walk through the paddocks and past the cattle and down to the steep bush valley. Once we arrived at our destination a group of boys set to work getting a big fire going. While the flames had a mesmerising effect on the students, they also kept us warm and kept the mosquitoes at bay.

After a brief explanation from Pete Baird from Landcare, the students began testing the creeks for macroinvertebrates. Because of recent flash flooding it was apparent that many of these small creatures had been washed away. Hopefully they will be back in the Spring. After climbing up and down the waterfall the students and teachers enjoyed a bush barbeque and a lovely camp fire with crispy marshmallows. Following lunch some of the more hard working students volunteered to plant some indigenous native plants on very steep terrain. These will eventually contribute to transforming what used to be a wind-blown valley into a cool temperate rainforest that would have once been common in the Strezleckis.

To finish off the day Pete tested the water for chemicals and oxygen. Although it was high in oxygen and had a low turbidity the phosphorus levels were extremely high. This would most likely be to do with chemical fertilizers that are spread on the surrounding paddocks each year. High phosphorus can lead to such problems as algal blooms which in turn can lead to fish kills.

To save us the stress of walking back the students and teachers took a slow ride in a farm ute and returned to the bus wind-blown but happy. A good day was had by all.

Year 10 Agricultural Science class & CSIRO Presentation to Mcbride Science classes

![Image of students and teachers during the excursion and presentation.](image-url)
Community Announcements

Earn & Learn
Simply start collecting stickers at the checkout of your local Woolworths supermarket until July 22nd and send them into either Campus at the General Office. There’ll be one sticker for every $10 spent, excluding purchases of liquor, smoking/tobacco products and gift cards. Once completed, simply drop the sticker card into a collection box, either at your school or at your local Woolworths.

SAVER PLUS
Would you like $500 to spend on next years back to school costs.
Do you have a Health Care Card or a Pensioner Concession Card?
Do you or your partner have some regular work?
If you answered yes to these questions you could be eligible for the Saver Plus program, which matches your savings dollar for dollar, up to $500.
To find out more phone your local Saver Plus worker Greg Patterson on 5662 6551
Saver Plus - money for education and education about money

Registration Day
To be held at the Wonthaggi North Primary School Stadium
Sunday 17th June 2012 11.00 – 3.00pm
Wednesday 20th June 2012 4.00 – 6.00pm
Junior fees $65.00 per season ( U10, U12, U14, U16/18 )
Senior fees $80.00 per season ( Mens A & B, Womens )
$30 insurance per year
Competition commences Monday 30th July
Download registration forms at www.wonthaggibasketball.org
B/Pay details available on website
All fees and insurance must be paid prior to round 1
Late registrations may not be included in a team

Free Community Meal:
Every Monday night (except school & public holidays) from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. St George’s Anglican Church, Cnr McBride Ave & Hagelthorn St, Wonthaggi.
Brought to you by the Wonthaggi & Inverloch Anglican Church.