FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

INCORRECT DATE:
Please note that the Year 9 into Year 10 Information Evening will be held at the Dudley Campus Flexible Learning Centre on Wednesday September 4, at 7pm - NOT Friday 30th August as advertised in the last newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS:
Congratulations to Kenji Misawa on the success of the recent visit to Wonthaggi SC by a group of students, and two teachers from Hakui High School in Japan. We have a "sister school" arrangement with Hakui High School and groups of our students have also visited there on a regular basis. The visit was a resounding success. The support of Wonthaggi Secondary College students and their families in individually hosting the visiting students is gratefully acknowledged.

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL CHARGES
Wonthaggi Secondary College has one of the lowest fee structures in the State while offering an expansive selection of subjects. Some elective subjects incur a subject levy which enables these classes to run. It is essential that these levies are paid otherwise we may run out of money to purchase ingredients for cooking or to pay for buses to the surf etc....

All outstanding charges, with the exception of the Student Resource Charge and the School Magazine are due and payable. If you don't wish to pay the Student Resource Charge or receive a School Magazine we will remove these charges at your request.

In the next week or so we will be sending out statements to families with outstanding charges and outstanding credits. It would be appreciated if families who have outstanding charges could pay the outstanding amount promptly.

If payment of the full amount would prove difficult, we are happy to take regular instalments. Payment can be made at the office of either office with cash, EFTPOS or credit card being the preferred method. We can also accept direct payments to the Schools Official account:

BANK: Westpac Banking Corporation
ACCOUNT NAME: Wonthaggi Secondary College Official Account
BSB: 033-265
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 194569

Please ensure to put a clear identifier in the description field. The 3 letter, 4 digit student ID is best ie: CIT0004

Some families have credits on their statement. This means we owe you. Families with a credit have 3 options:
1: Request a refund.
2: Request it be allocated against outstanding charges.
3: Leave it on your account to pay for future charges.

Families who have a credit will receive a form with their statement. This form should be completed and returned to the school with their chosen option.
If you don't have any outstanding charges or outstanding credits, you will not be sent a statement. However, if you would like to receive a statement (at any time), we are happy to send one out upon request.

Stephen Plumb - Business Manager
## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

### AUGUST:
- **Mon 12 - Fri 17** - Science Week
- **Tuesday 13** - VCE Biology Excursion
- **-** Parent Information Night 2014 Indonesia Study Tour, 7pm @ Dudley Flexible Learning Centre
- **Wednesday 14** - Monash Maths Madness GAP Excursion
- **Wednesday 21** - Senior Programs Evening Year 10 into Year 11
- **Friday 23** - State Semi Final - Year 7 Boys Football
- **Thursday 29** - VCE Biology Excursion
- **Friday 30** - Japanese Immersion Camp
- **-** Dudley Bookweek Dress Up Day
- **-** State Netball Final - Senior Boys
- **Friday 30 - Sat 31** - Japanese Immersion Camp Year 10, 11,12

### SEPTEMBER:
- **Monday 2** - Junior School Showcase, 7pm @ Wonthaggi Workman’s Club
- **Tues 3 - Fri 6** - Ski Camp
- **Wednesday 4** - Year 9 into 10 Information Evening, 7pm @ Dudley Flexible Learning Centre
- **-** Actors at Work - Bell Shakespeare Workshop
- **Thursday 5** - Year 7 & 9 Immunisation
- **Monday 9** - State Netball Final - Intermediate Girls
- **-** Year 10 into Year 11 Counselling
- **Tuesday 10** - Year 9 MIPS Day
- **Wednesday 11** - Interschool Athletics @ Newborough
- **Friday 13** - Grade 6 Fantastic Racers
- **Tuesday 17** - Year 8 Landcare Planting Day
- **Friday 20** - Last Day Term 3

## LEKI’S OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to VCE student Leki Asa Leausa who played in the U18 National Schoolboys Rugby League Championships in Cairns over the last school break. It was a gruelling tournament with the boys playing 4 games and numerous training sessions over the 10 days.

Leki was part of the CAS team – a combined team of Victorian, South Australian, Western Australian and Northern Territory players. They played the power-house teams coming out of NSW and Queensland and the Australian Capital Territory team. There was some amazing rugby played with many stars of the future showing their skills.

Leki was very competitive and played hard, solid rugby. Unfortunately, he sustained a shoulder injury in the last game and ended the tournament earlier than he would have liked. He had a great time and learned heaps more about the game.

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY:**

Imagination is more important than knowledge.

*Albert Einstein*
Volleyball Victorian Championships

Last weekend Wonthaggi Secondary College under 16 and under 14 girls volleyball teams competed at the state volleyball centre in Dandenong. The under 14 girls had great success winning the gold medal.

The teams competed over three days against the top volleyball schools in Victoria. These teams included Monbulk, Upwey, Eltham and Girton College (Bendigo). The under 14 girls were undefeated in their preliminary six matches.

In the gold medal playoff against Eltham Secondary College they won 25 points to 17 and 25 to 11 a dominating performance.

Team members were: Tori Sanderson, Alana McRae, Ella Hughes, Melody Notley, Hayley Balmer, Keely McMahon, Taylah Turner, Ally Kershaw.

Alana McRae was voted by the coaches as the MVP for the under 14 girls division.

The under 14 girls are now ranked in the top 12 teams on Australia and will compete at the Australian Championships in Melbourne in December.

The under 16 girls team narrowly missed the semi-finals and were placed 5th in the tournament.

Darrel Wilson - Coach

Congratulations to our Best Year Seven Readers

Our most committed readers for the first semester were rewarded by the library with a lunch this week. Nothing like some hot, free food to get those smiles going. Well done to those students and keep those pages turning to be in the running for a reward lunch for our best readers at the end of the year.
**Managed Individual Pathways Update:**

A reminder that the Year 9 interview day is Tuesday September 10. There are ten local businesses involved in the interviewing process as well as several local business and trades people speaking with students in Career Snapshots at the theatre.

All students should have completed and returned their *Pathways Plan folder* to school. This folder is important to use on the day because it will contain their list of appointments at the different venues for the day as well as their Resume and their *Job Application Letter*.

Resumes are being completed as part of their Humanities assessment. Job Application Letters are being completed in English as part of their English assessment. Their actual interview on the day contributes to their English assessment as well.

Tax File application forms have been distributed in Humanities classes. These need to be returned to the General Office as soon as possible, with accurate details of the students’ birth certificate details. The official Tax File Number Application Form will be completed in class, certified by the school and sent off. The students’ tax file number will be mailed directly to the home of the student by the Australian Taxation Office.

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL FOLDERS AND INFORMATION PIECES ARE RETURNED TO THE GENERAL OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

*Any queries can be directed to Kathy Moore, Managed Individual Pathways Coordinator.*

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**Parent/Student Information Night: Indonesia 2014**

Parents and students interested in finding out more about the 2014 Indonesian Java - Bali Study Tour are invited to attend an Information Night on Tuesday 13th August 2013, starting at 7pm in the Dudley Campus Flexible Learning Centre.

There will be a power-point presentation/talk about this fantastic tour by Gippsland Educational Tours (GET) representative Ms Janine Craig, with plenty of opportunity to have all questions answered. Also present will be College Business Manager Mr Steve Plumb, Indonesian Language teachers Ms Susan Hacker and Ms Janell Willis, as well as McBride Campus Principal Mr Darren Parker.

This exciting cultural and language-enhancing opportunity is being offered to students who will be studying Indonesian Language in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 during 2014. A letter, with the itinerary and information night Expression of Interest slip, has been given to all Year 8 to Year 11 students in recent weeks.

If you would like to find out more about this valuable opportunity and have not already returned your Expression for the Parent—Student Information Night, please return this indication of attendance by Friday 9th August 2013. Your co-operation is appreciated as it assists in organisational arrangements for the Information Night. All are very welcome to attend (no commitment to joining the Study Tour is involved).

We hope to see as many interested people as possible at this informative presentation evening on Tuesday 13th August 2013, for what promises to be memorable trip. Enquiries Ms Susan Hacker - Indonesian Language Coordinator.

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**Cybersafety Tip:**

Google Photos - looks for photos that are not set to private (spiders and web crawlers) and adds them, only put photos up if you have the person/s permission.
TRANSITION TO THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CURRICULUM

For the past 8 years our curriculum has been based on the Victorian Essential Learning Standards. (VELS) We are now in transition to the Australian National Curriculum and the term AusVELS is being used to describe the curriculum during this period of change.

At WSC our core and elective structure at Years 8 & 9 enables us to offer a broad program which caters for diverse student needs and interests and which encompasses key aspects of the National Curriculum which is being phased in over the next 3-5 years.

The Australian Curriculum incorporates 8 subject areas, 7 general capabilities and 3 priorities as shown in the table below.

What is the Australian Curriculum?

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AusVELS is the curriculum from Prep (Foundation) to year 10 that all government schools need to use to plan, assess and report to parents from 2013. There is a learning continuum over 11 levels. Subjects are being phased in over 3-5 years but remain similar in many cases.

One major difference in the change from VELS to AusVELS is that previously a year 7 student worked towards VELS level 4.5 and a year 8 student towards VELS level 5, now a year 7 student works towards an AusVELS level 7 and a year 8 student towards level 8 and so on.

For more information contact Gay Findlay- Assistant College Principal and Curriculum Coordinator at either campus.

Drama Event

The Boy with the Longest Shadow performed by the Tasmanian Theatre Company.

Where: Dudley Drama Room

Audience: Year 7 & 8 Semester 2 Drama students

When: Friday August 30, Units 1 and 2

There is no cost for our Drama students. The performance is fully sponsored by our school and Regional Arts VIC!
ようこそ！YOKOSO! - HAKUI HIGH SCHOOL IN WONTHAGGI 2013

On Tuesday the 30th of July, 18 students arrived at Wonthaggi Secondary College from Hakui-City, in the Ishikawa prefecture of Japan. The Japanese students were then introduced to WSC students and their families, to embark on their wonderful Australian adventure.

On the 31st of July, the students proceeded to attend school with their buddies, experiencing Australian culture and the way in which our school operates. Before the day was out, the Japanese students and their buddies visited Wonthaggi State Coal Mine. At the place, they were given a tour of the mines where we were required to wear helmets to further indulge in the experience. The afternoon proved to be very interesting event for both Australian and Japanese students alike.

The next day, the Japanese said “こんにちは/kon-nichiwa(Hello)” to the Dudley Campus and attended the junior classes. In the afternoon, the senior students were collected and together we visited Warrook Cattle Farm where we were shown different aspects of farm life and had the opportunity to feed calves and kangaroos. We were also permitted to watch a sheep get shorn and had many other close encounters with the animals.

On Friday the 2nd of August, the Japanese students resumed attending morning classes with the senior school buddies. Before lunch, we were off again, this time to the Nobbies. Unfortunately, the weather was less than ideal, yet it did not take away from the enjoyment of the day. We were shown the board walk around the Nobbies and had a chance to appreciate the beautiful scenery. Later, we viewed seals on the special ‘seal camera’ and were bused back to McBride.

On the weekend, the host families had the decision about the activities they did. Popular activities included visiting Maru, The Pelican Feeding, Amaze’n things, Wildlife Reserve in Phillip Island, Melbourne and going bowling on the Friday night.

All the students were extremely sad to see the Hakui students depart for Japan, yet we were left with positive certainty that the students from Hakui greatly enjoyed their stay. We all hope they visit again soon.

James Dean and Jessica Berthelsen-Murray (Yr11)
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July 29th – August 2nd saw Wonthaggi Secondary College Dudley Campus celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week.

Students and teachers were actively involved in a variety of competitions over the course of the week. Teachers got involved with their own daily catch phrase quiz and humorous grammar and mathematical ‘facts’.

Students were a bit more serious about the aims of the week, with 150 students taking part in the state wide Maths and English Competitions and a daily Home Group quiz for all students.

On Thursday 1st August, all students at the Dudley campus took part in a whole school reading initiative where all students brought their own reading material and read quietly for the first ten minutes of their Unit 5 class. The week was a huge success with fantastic teacher and student participation.

Congratulations to Jake Williams in Year 9 who won the Literacy and Numeracy Week Home Group Challenge who used the worded mathematical questions to work out the correct number of jelly beans in a BIG jar. Jake was awarded the jar of jelly beans as his prize, walking away with 1190 jelly beans. Well done, Jake!

Photos: Above - students during the English Competition Left - Jake Williams winner of the Home Group Challenge with Mathematics teacher Penny Gordon
In what is becoming an annual event at Wonthaggi Secondary College, a group of 60 year 9 students took part in a tree planting day in the hills of Woolamai. Earlier in the year the students had expressed interest in planting trees and so were invited by Bass Coast Landcare to help plant 3000 trees on some very steep and precarious terrain. So the students packed their abseiling gear and crash helmets and headed for the hills on the 27th of June. The site is highly significant as it contains many of the remnant species that once covered the Strezlecki ranges. Much of the seed stock from these trees has been used over the years to propagate seedlings for other plantings in our area.

The hosts of the day were Anna and Bruce Spiden who have fenced off most of their creeks in order to preserve this significant site as well as help prevent erosion. They plan to continue their revegetation work well into the future. Their position high in the catchment is important as it has a big effect on the amount of sediment that ends up in our creeks and estuaries. The students were rewarded with a magnificent lunch at the home of the Spidens and were able to sit on the deck and enjoy views from Wilsons’s Promontory all the way to French Island. The students then walked up to the top of the hills behind the house where the students put their strength to the test in order to build a couple of human pyramids, demonstrate their latest dance moves and take some happy snaps.

The school has now planted 7000 trees at this site and will hopefully continue to add to their tally in the coming years. For their efforts the students were rewarded with a $150 prize which will go towards a couple of chip lunches in the next few weeks or maybe just a big party to celebrate their hard work. As usual the students of Wonthaggi Secondary College can hold their heads up high.

We also thank the efforts of our hard working teachers Nick Sibly, Helen Black and Gemma Smith.
**Music News**

An exciting time is coming up for our music students. Our workshops and concert with this year’s Guest Artist, Ian Godfrey, are taking place on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th September. Ian Godfrey is a Melbourne based musician who specialises in playing the baritone saxophone. He currently teaches at the University Of Melbourne and has performed extensively overseas and with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra.

A concert will be held on the evening of Friday 13th September to showcase the Bands and the work they did with Ian. It will commence at 7.30pm and be held at the Wonthaggi Workmans’ Club. The event is being supported by College administration and will be free for all audience members, however tickets will be available from the General Office of either campus as seating at the venue is limited.

 Notices for the annual SGSMP Music Camp have recently been given out to students. This is a great event where students from the five SGSMP schools get together for three days of music making. A reminder that payment for the camp is due by September 2nd.

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**Community Announcements**

**The Great Gatsby Movie Fundraiser**

Sunday August 11, 2013

Join us for an exclusive premier of THE GREAT GATSBY in support of a great cause!

The event will start with a **Silent Auction** at 3.30pm where some great auction items will be up for grabs, including:

- 2012 signed Richmond football
- Pilates bench
- YMCA memberships
- Sports packs
- Electric saw and lots more!

When: 3.30pm Silent Auction
4.30pm Movie Starts

Where: Wonthaggi Union Cinema
Graham St Wonthaggi

Cost: $15 per ticket

For more information or to make a donation, contact: Rachel Fraser on 0439 866 888.

Ticket sales also available at:
**Wonthaggi Aquatic and Leisure Centre**
t: 5672 4194  e: wonthaggi@ymca.org.au

**Phillip Island Leisure Centre**
t: 5952 2811  e: philipisland@ymca.org.au

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All funds raised will go toward the treatment and associated costs of 18 year old Mark Brain in his ongoing fight with leukaemia.
**Lifeline - We're never to far away**

**INFORMATION SESSION**

**DATE:** 26th August 2013  
**TIME:** 7pm – 9:00pm  
**VENUE:** GARNHAM HOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WONTAGGI  
**WORKSHOP:** Saturday, 31st August 2013 - 10:00am-2:00pm  

Lifeline Gippsland invites you to find out more about our Volunteer Telephone crisis Support Training Course.

This is an opportunity to:  
( ) Seek information  
( ) Ask questions  
( ) Obtain a Student information pack  
( ) Find out what telephone counselling is all about.

For further information, please ring Kathleen: Office 5136 3500 / Mob 0458 585 081

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**Wonthaggi Girl Guides**

- Do you like craft, do you like challenges, do you like learning about new things, do you like to have fun?  
- Wonthaggi Girl Guides has vacancies for girls aged from 8-14 years to join their unit.  
- At Guides you will have the opportunity to earn badges, go on camps, indoors as well as outdoors, and have fun days with other Guides in the Gippsland Region.  
- Wonthaggi Girl Guides meet on a Monday evening at Garnham House, in the grounds of the Wonthaggi Hospital.  
- Time: 6pm until 7.30pm  
- Come and Try Guides for two weeks to find out how much fun you can have. Check out our website to find out more about what we do: [www.guidesvic.org.au](http://www.guidesvic.org.au)  
- For more information please ring: Sharon Bentley on 0447 390 632 or email her at: slbw85@yahoo.com.au

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**Wonthaggi Hockey**

- **Hockey returns to Honey’s Rd:** October 2nd: 5-a-side resumes from 5.30pm, on the refurbished Honey’s Rd surface, can’t wait!  
- **5-a-side challenge** at Honey’s Rd: Nov 23rd: games & ongoing BBQ from 3pm  
- **Beach Hockey Tournament** from 9.30am: Nov 24th, Hockey Victoria have offered to run, should be best yet!

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**DRUMBEAT**

Come & Join the Movement  
@ Mitchell House,  
**Wonthaggi. Thursday afternoons 4-5pm from 25th July 2013.**

Call Alison Fry for further details 0419009994 or  
allison.fry@ucgipps.org.au

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