FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

College Attendance Requirements
A reminder that students are required to be at the College every day of the school year unless parents are otherwise notified. Every absence must be explained by a note which sets out the reason for and the date of absence. The note is required on the first day that the student returns to school. Alternatively, a parent may advise the College of the absence of a pupil by telephoning the College attendance coordinators (McBride 56713700 or Dudley 56720900).

Students leaving school during the day has a negative impact on their learning and can disrupt the learning of others and should therefor be avoided wherever possible. Where a parent requires a student to leave the College during the day a note must be provided on that day, setting out the reasons for the absence and the time. This must be written into the student’s diary. All notes are required to be signed and dated by a parent/guardian. If you need to collect your child before the end of the school day, please contact the General Office (prior to coming in) to let us know and we will call your child to the General Office at an appropriate time. As WSC requests that students do not have phones on themselves at school due to the disruptions they cause to the operation of classes, please do not sms your child to inform them that they will be leaving early.

PHOTOS FROM DUDLEY HEALTH & PE WEEK - HEALTHY EATING DAY
As part of Health & PE Week, students from Home Economics classes prepared healthy lunches of wraps, muffins and fruit for all Dudley students and staff.
**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

**NOVEMBER:**  
- Monday 4 - Student Free Day  
- Tuesday 5 - Melbourne Cup Day  
- Mon 11 - Fri 15 - Year 9 Camp Week  
- Mon 18 - Thur 21 - Year 11 Exams  
- Thur 21 - Mon 25 - Maryborough HPV  
- Fri 22 - Thur 28 - Year 11 into Year 12 Headstart  
- Tue 26 - Thur 28 - Year 10 Exams  

**DECEMBER:**  
- Tue 3 - Thur 5 - Music Camp @ McBride  
- Mon 9 - Fri 13 - Year 8 and 9 Headstart  
- Tuesday 10 - Grade 6 Orientation Day  

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**FIRST EVER Wonthaggi Secondary Girls Hockey Team!!**

On Wednesday 23rd Wonthaggi Secondary College sent its first ever girls hockey team to the Gippsland Region Hockey Competition. With no competition in Southern Gippsland the girls went straight to the regional competition where they faced Nagel, Sale Catholic and Warragul Secondary Colleges. The matches were fiercely competitive with the girls facing very experienced players (girls who play with Miss Goodfellow in the Gippsland State League team) but they held their own! Proving just how strong Wonthaggi can be when they work as a team!

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**Youth Workers Skill Up @ Dudley**

A group of trainees studying for their Diploma in Youth Work travelled from all across Victoria recently and visited the Dudley campus to practise some of their skills with Year 7 students.

Three year 7 classes enjoyed physical activities focused on cooperation and respect. It was a fun and often very loud way for students to be engaged in these issues as a group.

During their studies, the trainees work on developing skills in the areas of activity based learning, team management, trauma care and adolescent development.

Thanks to Matt Moran and Greg from Praxis for organising this event.

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**Konnichiwa Japan 2014**

The Languages faculty is currently trying to organize a trip to Japan in 2014. The purpose of this trip is to allow students to experience the culture, use their knowledge of Japanese and to expand their points of view by looking at the different country. The departure will be around Thursday 3 July 2014. The duration of the trip will be around twelve days. If you are interested in participating, please contact Mr Misawa or Ms Copeland to obtain detailed information.
WSC PROGRESSES TO NATIONAL FINALS IN CANBERRA

Three Wonthaggi Secondary College teams recently won their way through to the Tournament of Minds state final held at Latrobe University in Bundoora. The Maths Engineering, Social Science and Applied Technology teams came up against the winners of various regional finals and competed in the open-ended problem solving competition. The state final required teams to work on the problem for three hours and then present their ten minute solution to a packed lecture theatre within the university.

This could have proven overwhelming for a small country school, however, the Applied Technology team was awarded First Place and the Maths Engineering team was awarded Honours. Although the Maths Engineering team will not progress further their Honours award is an impressive achievement in a fiercely competitive environment. The Applied Technology team will now progress to the Australasian final held in Canberra on the 18th and 19th of October. This will also coincide with the Canberra centenary celebrations.

This year the Tournament of Minds teams have been invited to be part of the official celebration. The celebration will begin on the 18th with a special luncheon at Parliament House and then a whole group visit to Questacon. The rest of the day will be set aside for exploring the many activities that will feature during the weekend. The serious side of the weekend will begin on the Saturday when teams from all over Australia, Singapore, Hong Kong and New Zealand will compete in the Australasian final.

The Applied Technology students are deservedly excited about the prospect of representing their state in the nation’s capital and are looking forward to the next competition and a weekend of celebration.

To view the results from the state final you can go to www.tom.edu.au/VIC/

MATHS COMPETITION RESULTS

In early August, 127 students from Years 7-12 sat the Australian Mathematics Competition run by the Australian Mathematics trust. The results included 1 High Distinction, 13 Distinctions and 51 Credits. Top students included Jack Mendes (95th percentile), Flynn Anderson (93rd percentile), Angus Brown (98th percentile), Imogen Kaye-Helmot (95th percentile) and Seb Hammond (97th percentile). The Prudence award winner was Luke Graham.

Well done to all students who competed, certificates will be handed out shortly. Thanks to all the staff that helped supervise the competition.

Melanie Tschiderer - Mathematics Coordinator
Table Tennis Report - Gippsland Finals

THREE BOYS TEAMS RUNNERS UP AND.......... GIRLS MAKE THEIR FOURTH STRAIGHT STATE FINAL!!!

Wonthaggi Secondary College was represented by four teams at the recent Southern Zone finals in Traralgon and in what was a great performance by our students we finished top two in every category. All of our boys teams (Year 7, 8 and Intermediate) were defeated in only one match in each of their sections meaning that they attained overall second place in the Gippsland region. Jack Clements of Year 7 made the step up to the Year 8 competition and played some excellent table tennis to be a valuable asset for year 8 team.

We only had one girls team represented on the day, but what a team they were! After coming first in their division our Intermediate girls’ team qualified for their fourth consecutive State Final in Table Tennis. This is an outstanding achievement for Wonthaggi Secondary College in any sport, and one that I have certainly not seen in my 25 years of coaching various sporting teams.

The Intermediate girls have an excellent record at state level finishing second in 2010 as year 7 students. They were the number one team in Victoria in 2011, and last year (as bottom age Intermediates) they were runners up after narrowly losing in the grand final.

Two members of this team, Brittany Taylor and Tanya Milnes have represented WSC with pride on four occasions, and they were keen to finish their Interschool representation this year with another state appearance.

“We really wanted to play for the school this year since it would be our last chance”, Brittany said in between matches last week.

There have been a number of other girls who have made up the team over the years with perhaps our strongest overall combination taking out the State Final in 2011. In addition to Brittany and Tanya this year’s team also includes Caitlyn Taylor, who is actually a year 8 student. Brodie Sanderson filled the number four position in the first round with Tricia Garcia playing as our four last week in Traralgon.

The State Final is set to be decided on the 27th of November at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre, and with a lot of determination, great focus and even a little bit of luck our Intermediate girls team just might finish their amazing run in Table tennis with another State Championship.

Andrew McIntosh - Coach
INTERMEDIATE GIRLS NETBALL - SECOND IN THE STATE!

On a cold and very early morning on September 9, the Intermediate Girls Netball team travel to Jells Park, Waverley to compete in the State Netball Titles. The girls looked very much the part in their brand new uniforms. Their first game was against Rowville Secondary College, who are a sport based college in Melbourne. A shaky start by the team especially having never played any of the earlier rounds indoors. After the first couple of minutes they settled into a nice routine and managed to level the scores in the last half with three minutes to go. It was goal for goal within the last three minutes but with less than a minute to go Hannah McRae and Mollie Bloch forced a terrific turnover which was converted by Nikki Cengia. Two goals up with our centre pass the girls utilised the time and created space for another goal and a three goal win, 27 to 24.

In Game Two the team played Sunbury Secondary College, still on a high from their first win, the girls kept their focus. Creating some great passages of play and many turnovers saw them in the lead at half time by three. Some minor changes at half time didn't disrupt the team with them powering home for an eight goal win, 26-18.

Game Three the girls played Crusoe 7-10 Secondary College. Still excited by their two wins they were looking forward to a finals place and were a little overwhelmed by their success so far that they let Crusoe get a handy lead of six at half time. After some advice from the coaches to go back to basics, the girls re-focused and played some tight defensive pressure all over the court to get the scores back to level, thanks to five unanswered goals by Britt Thomas. Without taking their foot off the pedal and continuing to play hard contested netball, the girls charged home with a six goal win, 26-20.

The team ended up top of their pool and were to face Berwick SC, in the second semi final. Berwick put our girls to the test playing a tight ‘press’ defence play. The girls were lacking in the mid court and making silly little mistakes which Berwick capitalised on and had a lead of seven at half time. Our girls fought hard and made the most of their turnovers and got Berwick’s lead back to within one with less than a minute to play. A turnover by Molly Edwards, got the ball to our shooters, a missed shot by Britt Thomas saw our hopes fade, but an intercept by Jade Ray-Angarane and a sharp pass back into Britt saw her steady to level the scores. With less than 20 seconds to go Berwick had the centre pass and our defence worked hard to stop the ball getting to their goal ring. The girls did a great job getting the scores to level at the final siren from seven goals down.

Overtime had to be played to determine the winner, seven minutes at each end. Teams were goal for goal in the first half of overtime. Berwick started to tire and our girls found another gear and scored three consecutive goals to give themselves a slight advantage. Not letting this lead go the girls just kept their heads and utilised their possessions, winning by four, 30-26 and earning them a spot in the final.

Feeling tired from playing overtime and only having a ten minute break the girls took on Emmanuel College in the final. Emmanuel were well rested and used that to their advantage to maintain a five goal lead throughout most of the game. The girls fought hard to try and peg back their lead but ran out of time and evidently lost but were awarded Runners Up State Champions!!! A great effort by all players to be the second best Year 9/10 team in the state of Victoria. Congratulations girls.

The team comprised of Tanita Bow, Nikki Cengia, Mollie Bloch, Britt Thomas, Kahlia Truman, Hayley Moxey, Jade Ray-Angrane, Molly Edwards and Hannah McRae.

Coaches - Ange Williams & Gemma Dellamina

Mascot - Charli Dellamina
TOURNAMENT OF MINDS (TOM)

AUSTRALASIAN PACIFIC FINAL

For the first time the students of Wonthaggi Secondary College reached the final round of the Tournament of Minds. This year the Applied Technology team made up Ewan Millett, Jack Mendes, Mack Geyle, Louis Paxton, Mallory Bradley, Breeana Clements and Bronte de Lacy Vawden managed to win both the regional and state finals and progress through to the Australasian Pacific finals held in Canberra.

This year the nationals coincided with the celebration of Canberra's centenary and all competitors were included in the official celebration. Six members of the team and their teacher facilitators travelled up to Canberra by bus on Thursday the 17th of October (Louis Paxton was in Nepal climbing mountains). On the Friday prior to the competition all the students from around Australia and the Asian Pacific were officially welcomed to Canberra in Parliament house and were then invited to lunch on the lawn outside the parliament. The students were then treated to several hours inside Questacon. In the evening all teams were invited to Spin. Spin was Canberra's month long celebration of Canberra's love of all things that spin. The students were able to mingle with other teams and witness the creativity and quirkiness of the Canberra cycling community.

On the Saturday the Wonthaggi team took part in the official competition. The Wonthaggi team was competing against teams from all around Australia. The students were given three hours to work on a solution to the open-ended problem and then present their solution to a packed lecture theatre at the Australian National University.

The Wonthaggi students presented an amusing and engaging solution to the problem and surprised even themselves with the positive response from the audience. After the completion of the competition all competitors were bused to the AIS where the official award ceremony was held. While the Wonthaggi did not win their category, their results indicated that they produced an excellent interpretation to the problem. Having one member of team absent from the competition added another degree of difficulty to their performance. With all members of the team still eligible for the competition next year it is hoped that they will go one step further in 2014.

The team returned to Wonthaggi on Sunday the 20th of October proud of their efforts and enriched by the experience and also ready for a good night sleep.
INTERMEDIATE GIRLS BASKETBALL

On Tuesday October 29, nine intermediate girls travelled to Newborough to compete in the Gippsland region basketball finals. The girls played their first game against Lavalla, they were pretty determined to settle a score in this match as they only lost to this team last year by a point. The girls started off very slow and let Lavalla get 10 points before we even scored. After some fierce defense and support from the boys on the sidelines the girls got the score to even and for the reminder of the half both teams were goal for goal to be level at half time. The second half we took the lead but not for long and with only two minutes to go the scores were level. Some controversial umpiring calls gave Lavalla a penalty and they utilized to get a two point advantage. The ball went back and forth a couple of times with many missed shots and Lavalla were eventual winners.

Game Two we played Orbost SC. We started off with a completely different starting line up in this game and the girls were quick off the mark, getting a nice lead within minutes. With minor substitutions the girls settled well and had some great passages of play. At half time they led by 22 and set themselves a goal to reach 56 points by full time. With many fast breaks and plenty of turnovers the girls were well on track to reach their target. With three minutes to play the girls reached their target and stream rolled ahead for a 53 point win.

Game three we came up against Lowanna and we were very sluggish thinking we had the game in the bag! Lowanna got a very nice lead on us and our shots were just not sinking. After a brief time out and a chance for the girls to regroup, they started to make some direct passes and passages of play started to flow. Some very nice three point shooting and some quick in the key passes got us to a two point lead at half time and from there we didn't stop, forcing turnovers and some fast breaks to win by 17 at the final siren.

Congratulations girls - Runners Up Gippsland Champions.


YEAR 10 AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE

The year 10 Agricultural Science students have been studying pigs and pork production. As part of this study, a guest speaker, Nadine Verboon, came out to discuss with the students the benefits and problems with running a piggery. She brought with her some of the products produced on their farm for the students to try and compare with supermarket products. The differences between organic free-range meat and intensively farmed meat were obvious. Nadine sells her farm produce direct from her gate at Wattlebank Park Farm.
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BASKETBALL SUMMER SEASON AT SAN REMO

TUESDAY 29th OCTOBER -
Combined Registration & First Training Night

AUSSIE HOOPS – 4.00 - 4.45pm Tuesdays
This is a 5-week beginners program suitable for children aged 5 – 8. Cost is $25 for returning players & $55 for new players due to the annual insurance fee. Also starts Tuesday 29th October.

U10s – born 2005 & 2006, Cost: $90*
  Training Tuesdays 5-6 pm
  Matches Saturdays 9.00 am or 9.40 am.

U12s – born 2003 & 2004, Cost: $110*
  Training Tuesdays 6-7 pm
  Matches Saturdays 10.20 am or 11.10 am.

U14s – born 2001 & 2002, Cost: $110*
  Training Tuesdays 7-8 pm
  Matches Saturdays 12.00 pm or 12.50 pm

U16s – born 1999 & 2000, Cost: $90*
  No Training.
  Matches Saturdays 1.40 pm or 2.30 pm.

*There is an additional annual $40 fee for new members ie: those who did not play in the Winter season. This covers insurance with Basketball Victoria Country & club membership.

Please note:
We do not have card facilities for registration payment.
Round 1 is Saturday 16th November. The season will run for 11 weeks ending with Grand Finals on 29th March. There will be some breaks in competition due to public holidays, representative team commitments & school holidays.
Registration must be paid by round 2 unless other arrangements are made by agreement.
All grades are mixed.

For more information contact:
Amanda – 0477049704, or Jo – 0438341063, or email islandanddistrict@hotmail.com

Cowes Junior Basketball Registration night is 11th/12th Nov. Contact the club for more information.

SUMMER SEASON AT COWES

YMCA

BOYS - MONDAYS
Registration: 11th Nov. 3.45 – 5.00pm
Season Commences Monday 18th Nov.

Boys Grades 1 & 2: For boys who are ready to compete.
Skills Session: 3.45–4.05pm
Game 1: 4.10 pm Game 2: 4.35 pm

Boys Grades 3 – 6
Game 1: 5.00 pm Game 2: 5.35 pm

GIRLS - TUESDAYS
Registration: 12th Nov 3.45 – 5.00pm
Season Commences Tuesday 19th Nov.

Girls Grades 2 & 3:
Skills Session & Match Practice 3.45 – 4.45 pm

Girls Grades 4 – 6
Game 1: 4.50 pm Game 2: 5.25 pm

Girls Years 7 & 8
Game 1: 6.00 pm Game 2: 6.35 pm

Cost is $80 for all age groups.
Payment can be made via cash, cheque or electronic transfer. We do not have card facilities.
Registration must be paid by round 2 unless other arrangements are made.
There will be a break for the Summer school holidays. Games resume in February and finals are late March.

For more info contact: Amanda – 0477049704, or Jo – 0438341063, or email islandanddistrict@hotmail.com
Contact the YMCA for Aussie Hoops.

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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