Term 3 is now well underway and, even though we all have battled the recent cold conditions, I am pleased to say that it has been a very smooth start to the second half-year. It is a significant term as planning for the 2016 school year gets underway and at the same time many camps, excursions and sporting events are scheduled.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF
Also in this term we welcome new staff to the College. Andrew Hamilton (Humanities/English), Pavan Rohit (Information Technology/Computing) and Penny Morris (Food Technology/Home Economics) have all joined the staff at our Dudley Campus this term. We welcome them to our WSC Community.

CINDERELLA
Congratulations to all involved in the recent production of Cinderella. It was a real pleasure to see students from across the College come together to perform for family, friends and the wider community. It was great to see the smiles on the faces of both performers and those in attendance. Well done to all students involved and thanks to Dani Hradsky, Remi D’Agostin and all staff involved.

HAKUI HIGH SCHOOL VISIT
The recent visit from our Japanese sister-school, Hakui High School, was very successful. Our relationship with Hakui HS now extends to over ten years and when WSC visits them in 2016 it will be the tenth visit between the schools. It was a pleasure to once again have them in our College. Congratulations to our Japanese Language Coordinator, Kenji Misawa. Thanks also to staff member Jess Bretherton and the families/staff who hosted our visiting students and their teachers.

REMEMBER TO LOG-ON TO COMPASS
Parents and carers please remember that the Compass Management System is now the key platform for directly accessing information about your son or daughter at WSC. It provides key information about your child for your immediate consideration (including attendance and reporting information). Families who have difficulty accessing the site (there is a tab on the WSC home page www.wonthaggisc.vic.edu.au ) should contact the office. It is also possible to provide password information once again if you require this.

INFORMATION EVENINGS
The process for students to make their initial subject choice for 2016 commences very soon. Please see below for key details about our upcoming Information Evenings.

VCE / VCAL Information Evening
(Year 11)
Wonthaggi Workmen’s Club
19th August, 7:00 PM

Middle School Information Evening
Year 8 and Year 9
Flexible Learning Centre, Dudley Campus
2nd September, 7:00 PM

Year 10 Information Evening
Flexible Learning Centre, Dudley Campus
26th August, 7:00 PM

2016 Year 7 Parent School Tours
School tours are available at any time
To book a tour please call Dudley Office 5672 0900

Darren Parker
Acting College Principal
IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST
Monday 10  -  Yarram Eisteddfod
Tuesday 11 -  Maths UNSW Competition
Thursday 13 -  Year 9 Tree Planting
Friday 14  -  Student Free Day
  -  AIME - Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience
Tuesday 18 -  Junior Girls Football 1/4 Finals
  -  Year 7 Boys Soccer Gippsland Finals
  -  Intermediate Boys Soccer Gippsland Finals
Wednesday 19 - SEAL Interview Day
  -  VCE Information Night
Thursday 20 -  Year 7 Girls Soccer Gippsland Finals
  -  Intermediate Girls Soccer Gippsland Finals
Saturday 22 -  Tournament of Minds
Monday 24 - Friday 28 NUMERACY & LITERACY WEEK
Tuesday 25 -  Year 12 English Exam
  -  Term 3 Sports Day
Wednesday 26 -  Year 9 into Year 10 Information Evening
Thursday 27 -  Rock-climbing at Nunawading
Monday 31 -  Year 7 Girls Netball State Finals

Beat the Dry! Year 7 Community Project

As part of the Humanities - Water in the World unit of work, the Year 7 students participated in the ‘Beat the Dry’ Fundraising activity. Students were asked to drink water as their only beverage for two weeks. The money raised through sponsorship went directly to the Eastern Indonesian Association to build water tanks in dry areas of Eastern Indonesia.

We apologise to those people for the technical issues that some donors experienced with the website. Thank you to the families and friends who sponsored the students (and teachers) with their generous donations. Thank you also to the students who participated and supported this very worthwhile fundraising community project.

We hope to run the same activity next year with even more success with the 2016 Year 7 students.

Alpine Country Gippsland Schools Clay Target Championship

On Wednesday the 15 Morwell Gun Club hosted the Alpine Clay Target Championship. Wonthaggi was well represented with 13 students attending. Conditions were favourable with good visibility and no wind. All students shot well and at the end of the two rounds Wonthaggi had placed well with the overall boys award going to Tom Eden. The junior boys award went to Dylan Cunningham and Hayden Hamilton was extremely calm under pressure as he shot against other students and secured second place in the junior boys category. Well done to all the students who participated and thank you to all the parents for their support.

Alistair McLeod
Goodbye Mr Close

An open letter to the WSC community from Year 7 Coordinator: Terry Close

At the end of this term I will be leaving WSC and relocating to Coffs Harbour NSW. This has been a move in the making for a number of years, and with the recent sale of my house it is time for us to go. My family are both excited and nervous about the move, but I am sure great & warm adventures await us.

I have taught at WSC for 14 years and been a part of its growth into the very successful school it now is. I am very proud of what the Leadership Team have created and would have loved for my own children to have experienced the programs on offer here. I can only hope I find a college in NSW that cares about its kids as much as WSC.

As I leave, I will be handing over the Yr 7 coordination to Mr Andrew McIntosh with Ms Gemma Dellamina as Assistant Coordinator. Both have been long time teaching colleagues and personal friends, and I couldn't have wished for a better team to take on this very important role. Gemma has shifted roles from Yr 8 assistant whilst Andrew has been part of the Yr 7 team for many years following other coordination roles both at WSC and previous schools. Yr 7 is in very caring and capable hands and I wish them all the best for the years ahead.

To the students and parents of WSC, thankyou for your support, friendly conversations and fun times. Sorry for all the Dad jokes in class, in the yard and at assemblies. It is time for me to inflict this upon students on warmer shores.

Best of luck for the year ahead, make the most of all that WSC has to offer, get involved, try new things and never be afraid to be a good person!

Regards, Terry Close.
Year 8 Boys Football Report

GIPPSLAND DIVISION FINALS

A relatively fine winter day but heavy conditions greeted the boys when they arrived in Traralgon. Off the bus and straight into it was the first assignment of the day as the team had 15 minutes to prepare for their first opponents.

The opposition proved a real test for the Wonthaggi boys and the ball was on the ground for most of the first half. The game resembled a rugby union game rather than a game of footy. Players were misjudging the flight of the ball and were finding it difficult to find the open spaces that would allow them to get the game on their terms. But the boys kept at it and finally got their noses in front with only a minute remaining, only to have Lavalla get a quick centre clearance and snap a winning goal in the final seconds.

Everyone was devastated and keen to make amends in the following games, but as it would pan out, the one point defeat in those final seconds was to prove the difference between winning and coming second in the Gippsland Division Finals!

GAME 1: WSC 3.5.23 lost to Lavalla College Traralgon 3.6.24
Best: Ryan Sparkes, Marcus Toussaint, Darren Gardener, Wade Lindsay
“Hard at it”: Bodie Bilson, Cale Farrell, Seth Bent
Courage Award: Marvin Sellars

Wonthaggi enjoyed playing on the open spaces on the much bigger “Ground 1” in their second game and soon established their superiority over an undermanned opposition. Players used their skills, pace and teamwork to show the benefits of training for two terms. It was an impressive and polished performance in which every player did their bit for the team.

GAME 2: WSC 7.6.48 def Nagle College Bairnsdale 0.2.2
Best: Taj Sleeman, Campbell Scott, Ryan Sparkes, Jarrod Pearsall, Isaac Batty, Nic D'Angelo
“Hard at it”: Darren Gardener, Kai Mackenzie, Jarvis Kilgour
Courage Award: Jarrod Pearsall

Wonthaggi played Lowanna College in their third and final game, and once again were drawn to play on the large “Ground 1”. This was the boys’ best performance of the carnival. They were thoroughly tested by a strong, well organised opponent but the team rose to the occasion and produced almost the “perfect game”. They were hard and skilful and never gave up the contest, but even more impressive was their attitude. Always positive with their teammates and always respectful of the umpires and opposition, the Wonthaggi boys did themselves and their school proud.

GAME 3: WSC 4.4.28 def Lowanna College Newborough 1.1.7
Best: Cale Farrell, Ryan Sparkes, Marcus Toussaint, Darren Gardiner, Nick Anderson, Marvin Sellars, Wade Lindsay, Jarvis Kilgour
“Hard at it”: Seth Bent, Alex Geyer, Cale Farrell
Courage Award: Taj Sleeman

Paper Recycling @ McBride

11J VCAL has started a paper recycling program at the McBride Campus. We are going to put small paper bins in every classroom and large EcoBins in all the staff offices. This is great for the environment as it prevents recyclable materials going into landfill. We will have some more initiatives coming up for Recycling Week in November.

Pictured right students with the small paper bins for every classroom.
On Friday the 24th of June a group of nineteen students from Hakui Senior High arrived in Wonthaggi to spend the week with host families. They arrived in Wonthaggi early in the afternoon and were quickly taken home by their hosts to rest after a very long flight from Japan. The weekend was spent in getting to know each other and showing our guests around the area. On Monday the Hakui students came to McBride to experience an Australian school day, and then in the afternoon the group set out to visit the State Coal Mine. Then, on the Tuesday, the students visited Dudley, before heading out to Warrook Farm where they got to learn about life on a farm. Wednesday was a sad day for everyone, because after a fun time at Amaze ‘N’ Things it was time to say goodbye.

“It was a very unique experience having students from a completely different culture and country at our school. The students from Hakui Senior High School in Japan were extremely friendly and eager to learn all about Australia, from our language to our customs. Even though they took learning about Australia very seriously they were very humorous and entertaining.” (Sam Watson)

“I hosted Reo, and it was an amazing experience, talking to him was difficult but after a while it got easier. We had some fun moments. He really liked kicking the footy and attempting to teach me and my friends a Japanese card game. Overall I believe that he had some great experiences in the short time that he was here.” (Alex Lowe)

Everyone involved in the programme had such an amazing time. The Hakui students were so much fun to spend time with, and by Wednesday everyone was good friends. Everyone is very excited for the upcoming Japan trip next year! (Lyla Wilson)
Maths Help @ WSC

Students at WSC have a range of options to get extra assistance with their Maths and Numeracy skills.

At DUDLEY: Maths Boot Camp runs every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8am in the Flexi Centre. Students are welcome to drop in at any time between 8am and 8:40 to get some help or they can come for a whole session to do some intensive skill building. There is also the option for students to attend the Maths Catch-Up Class offered every Wednesday at lunchtime in Room 2. Students in the SEAL program can also attend the SEAL Lunch Workroom each lunchtime in Room 20.

At McBRIDE: After School Maths Help Classes offered to students from Years 7 to 12 at McBride every Wednesday in Room 24. There are also regular Lunchtime Maths Help Classes in Room 24 each day and in Room 32 from Monday to Thursday and Room 33 from Monday to Friday.

These are all in addition to the help that individual teachers offer students at recess and lunchtimes on an informal basis.

Aichi Victoria Teacher Exchange

Wonthaggi Secondary College is very pleased to welcome Riho Isaji, a visiting English teacher from Ichinomiya Nishi High School in Aichi, Japan.

Riho will be at Wonthaggi for the next month, team teaching in the Japanese department, as well as observing classes in other subjects to see the differences in the education systems between Japan and Australia.

This week Riho ran classes relating to the 70th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Welcome Riho!

Year 7 Girls Netball—Gippsland Champions

The Year 7 girls netball team consisted of Chloe Cengia, Grace McRae, Izabella Tiziani, Lanni Pryor, Gabby Martin, Gemma Thomas, Laila Kane DiPiolo, Bella Anderson, Zarli Anderson (injured) and Elly Bates (Bali).

Results-
- Game 1- Wonthaggi SC-34 defeated Nagle CC- 7
- Game 2- Wonthaggi SC- 38 defeated Drouin SC- 3
- Game 3- Wonthaggi SC-32 defeated Lavalla- 17

The girls played extremely well all day and persisted throughout each game. Chole and Grace shot a high percentage while Isabella, Lanni and Bella worked the mid court and fed the ball to the goalers with precision. Gabby, Gemma and Laila all combined to turn the ball over and make it hard for the opposition goalers to get the ball into the ring to have a shot.

The next round is the state level which is being held at Waverly on the 31st of August. Good luck girls.
Year 7 Boys & Girls Soccer

Our Year 7 boys and girls soccer teams have been training regularly throughout the term and on Wednesday the 20th of May the boys finally played against some real opposition at Korumburra.

The girls’ team earned automatic progression to the next level of the competition but the boys had to play off against Mirboo North in order to join them.

In crisp but fine conditions our boys took to the field under the captaincy of Blake Cornelius. With Noah Anderson controlling the back half, and April Htoo constantly pushing the ball from the midfield into our forward half we were able to maintain a forward press that the opposition had trouble coming to grips with. Blake made some excellent long range strikes with a number hitting the back of the net.

Caleb Wilson was brilliant in the left strikers position setting up attack after attack on the Mirboo Nth goal. Andy Thomas, Max Bruhn and Joel Rankin also gave us plenty of opportunities to score.

We had kicked five goals by half time and so Coach McIntosh asked goal keeper Emmet Dempsey if he would like to swap with a team mate and have a run around on the field. Emmet replied in a flash; “that’s alright Mr. Mac, the whole reason I am the goal keeper is so I don’t have to run”. Hard to argue with that logic Emmet!

In the second half WSC managed to kick another five goals to finish with a ten nil win. The team is to be congratulated on their efforts and for their sportsmanship on the day. We will now train in earnest for our next challenge in the zone final where our opposition will certainly be a tougher opponent to overcome.

In other soccer new WSC’s Intermediate boys and girls teams also made it through to the southern zone final. Well done to all of our soccer teams and thankyou to the coaches who have given up their time to train the students.

Andrew McIntosh - Yr.7 Coordinator

State Cross Country

On Thursday 16th July a group of enthusiastic runners travelled to Bundoora for the State X country championships. Some travelled by car, others were lucky to be travelling with Wayne in Harley’s Mini bus. The students were very encouraging of each other throughout the day’s races. While some of the other students had elaborate warm up exercises, our Wonnie students preferred to kick the footy around and throw some food onto the BBQ. However, when the races began the Wonthaggi cheer squad was out in full force and very vocal. Thanks to the parents and grandparents who made the trip to Bundoora to support their children.

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding sportsmanship on the day, Chris McLean, Jack Rosenow, Bailey Sutherland, Keith Robertson, Max Bruhn, Kyle Reid, Jai Findlater, Lani Pryor, Eros Reid, Ava Scapin, Chloe Moxey, Siobhan Griffin, Ashlee Moxey, Ella Morcom, Mia Goldsbury, Andy Arney, Campbell McKenzie, Nick Lawson, Alex Lowe, Louis Paxton and Kyle Ross.

Pictured above: Back - Sally McNiece (Coach), Keely McMahon, Gemma Hughes, Ella Hughes, Taryn Hughes (Coach) Front - Hayley Balmer, Alana McRae & Leah McNish
Year 9 MIPs Day - Tuesday September 1

As part of the Year 9 Managed Individual Pathways (MIPS) program, all year 9 students have been writing resumes and job applications as well as studying interview techniques. All students will be interviewed for a job at “Bramley Mart”. Students will be interviewed at a business located in Wonthaggi and will have their interview in groups of three students. The interview panels will consist of one of their teachers and a business owner or operator. A successful applicant will be chosen from each interview venue.

On September 1, all students will attend a mock job interview at a business in Wonthaggi. Venues for the program this year include Bunnings, Woolworths, Cardells Accountants, Big W, Wonthaggi Police station, Bass Coast Information Centre, NAB, Wonthaggi Library and Target.

Other aspects of the day include course counselling at the Wonthaggi Town Hall with the Wonthaggi Secondary College Principal Team and other McBride campus staff. Students will be encouraged to ask questions related to their subject pathways and career directions.

At the Wonthaggi Arts Centre throughout the morning, students will presented with an array of speakers in the Career Snapshot component of the day. Several professional people will speak for 10 minutes throughout the morning about their chosen career path.

The Lions Club will again cook up a delicious BBQ lunch for students and staff to be served at McBride. Students will need to bring morning tea and a drink with them as they will not be allowed to access shops for lunch or snacks.

In the afternoon session, WorkSafe inspectors will present to all Year 9 students at the Arts Centre on Health and Safety in the work place.

All students will be issued with a detailed appointment letter in the coming weeks which will show all times and venues for appointments. They will also receive their Pathways folders that they will bring with them on the day. These folders contain their Pathways Plan, their current resume and a covering letter for the job for which they are being interviewed.

All students need to dress in a neat, professional and appropriate manner. They will not come to Dudley in the morning but will make their own way to their first appointment. Appointment letters will be in their folders and all appointment venues will be marked on a town map which will also be in their folder.

If you have any queries please contact me at school. Kathy Moore - MIPS Coordinator

Tournament of Minds 2015

2015 marks the 8th year that WSC has participated in Tournament of Minds. Once again the school will be entering teams in all four categories including Maths Engineering, Language Literature, Social Science and Applied Technology. The teams have been meeting during their lunch breaks and after school. It is hoped that all of our teams will progress beyond the regional finals to the state level and that we may even have a couple of teams make it through to the Australasian final in Sydney in October. In last two years two of our teams have represented Victoria in both Canberra and Melbourne. The regional final will take place at Federation University, Churchill on August 22nd. Pictured are members of the Language Literature team.

They are from left to right Jasmine Graham, Ruby Gemmill, Mack Geyle, James Jesson (facilitator), Max Bruhn and (front) Jack Mendes.
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WONTHAGGI COASTERS
14 GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM
NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

TRIVIA NIGHT

Come and join us
Saturday 15th August 2015 @ Wonthaggi Golf Club
7.00pm- Trivia starts at 7.30pm sharp
Tons of prizes, raffles, heaps of great fun
Book NOW!!
Form your own team 8-10 players
Or we can find a team for you
$15 per person paid in advance
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Supper provided & Drinks at bar prices
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