

Newsletter 13, Term 2

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Week 3 Newsletter:

NAPLAN this week

NAPLAN is a point-in-time check to ensure your child is learning the essential skills of reading, writing and mathematics – skills that will set them upon the path to success as adults.

This week you should ensure your child gets adequate sleep, nourishing food and has some relaxing outdoor play after school. Remember, they have been sitting at a desk concentrating hard all day.

Positive COVID results

If your child returns a positive result please send a notification email to the school: covidresults@wmyc.vic.edu.au on the same day the positive result is received. Notify the school if there is a COVID case in your household as your child has become a close contact. Report to the Department of Health System <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/report> or phone the hotline on 1800 675 398.

RAT Testing - Screening in schools

The supply of RATs will continue for the first 4 weeks of this term. The screening recommendations remain the same, twice a week. Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19, and have completed their 7-day isolation period, now do not need to undertake rapid antigen test (RAT) screening for 12 weeks after their release from isolation. This was previously 8 weeks.

Household Contacts

Students and staff who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are no longer required to quarantine. They can return to school if they undertake rapid antigen tests (RAT) 5 times within their 7-day period and wear face masks indoors if they are aged 8 and above unless they have a valid exemption. If any household contact returns a positive RAT result during this period, they must isolate for 7 days and not attend school.

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Upcoming Events.

1. Monday 13 June – Queens Birthday Public Holiday
2. Tuesday 14 June – Pupil Free Day

Heads up: Camp 2023

We are currently planning for our 2023 camp. We have made a booking for Barwon River Holiday Park in Geelong. Activities will include the Adventure Park with 24 epic water rides, surf lessons, etc. It is early days of planning, but we expect the cost to be around \$390 per student. This is a higher cost than this year's Harrierville camp as we are going further afield and do not have access to the funding that was available in 2022. To make payment more feasible we will set up a payment plan for the rest of this year for those who wish to use that. Please also take note of the information on CSEF below. More details on the camp soon.

CSEF: Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students and \$225 for eligible secondary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you received CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 02 6057 9180 and ask for an application form.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible. **Applications close June 24, 2022.**

Child Safety Standards

Promoting and protecting the safety and interests of children is a top priority for our school and Wodonga Federation of Government Schools (The Federation). Our School, along with the other schools within The Federation, has a zero tolerance of child abuse.

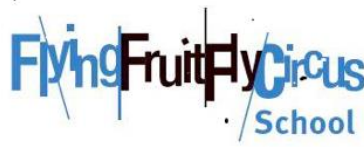
Since 2016, schools and organisations in Victoria who work with children up to 18 years old have had to implement the Victorian Child Safe Standards.

These standards have now been reviewed and Victoria has adopted a new set of Child Safe Standards which align with the National Principles for Safe Organisations. These Standards come into effect from July 1, 2022.

Our school along with the other schools in the Federation are required to review and update our existing Child Safe Policy and Code of Conduct.

We welcome feedback from our school community on the draft Federation Child Safe Policy and Code of Conduct.

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These documents can be reviewed by clicking on these documents below:

[Draft Child Safe Policy](#)

[Draft Child Safe Code of Conduct](#)

If you have any feedback, please speak to myself or eo@wodonga.vic.edu.au

Mellisa Long, WSSC

Attitudes to School Survey

The Student Attitudes to School Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer and family relationships and other aspects of their lives. Further information is available at <https://www.wmyc.vic.edu.au/2022-attitudes-to-school-survey/>

Gateway Health

Find out what Gateway Health have on offer this term for teens and families.

The 'Tuning into Kids' program is running at Gateway this term.

For any families, parents/carers who have any questions, please contact the program coordinator, Andrea, on 0457 279 796

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FROM THE CIRCUS – WEEK 3: 9 – 13 May

This Sunday the 14 May marks the 43rd anniversary of the first ever performance of the Flying Fruit Fly Circus! The show was performed under a big top tent at Hovell Tree park and showcased over 80 young people from the local area.



THROW CATCH COLLECTIVE

throwcatchcollective.com

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Byron Hutton is back with us as part of the Throw Catch Collective's (Byron Hutton, Richard Sullivan & Samuel Kreuslar) Under Construction Residency. Fresh from their recent showing at the Meat Market in Melbourne, Throw Catch Collective will be developing their new work *Escalate* integrating juggling, lighting, and musical composition.

Throw Catch Collective will be doing a showing on Friday 20 May @ 1pm.

TEMPO

We can't wait to have our amazing cast back in the rehearsal room: Tempo will start making noise again from Monday 23 May! Ania Reynolds is back with her fabulous musical talents and the wonderful Jack Silvestro will once again be conducting this boisterous cacophony of talent.

A reminder to cast and families there will be a catch up on Friday 20 May.

If you haven't booked your tickets for **THE CUBE WODONGA**, there is still spots available!

Use Code **orchestra** to access \$20 tickets online or at Cube box office.

Friday 1 July, 6:30pm

Saturday 2 July, 11am & 2:00pm

<http://www.thecubewodonga.com.au/>



SUPPORT VISITING CIRCUS



HUDSON

Hudson's Circus presents a 2-hour traditional style Circus with a modern twist featuring 'Edge of your seat Daredevils, Hilarious clowns, aerial acrobatics, and beautiful animal acts' in a fast-paced show for the whole family!

ALBURY SHOWGROUNDS

Thursday through Sunday 5 – 22 May

REBEL

Stage dive into the mosh pit for a night of live music, glittering glam rock, phenomenal acrobatics, breathtaking aerials, and spectacular, heart-stopping sideshow. It's live music combined with circus and comedy, bringing to life an incredible body of work that spanned more than 50 years featuring an aesthetic that broke ground and inspired generations.

THE CUBE WODONGA

Wednesday 18 May, 8pm

Pre-show entertainment from 7pm

IMPORTANT DATES

9 – 20 May: Throw Catch Collective Residency

14 May: National Busking Championships Rutherglen

20 May @ 1pm: Throw Catch Showing

23 May – 27 June: TEMPO Rehearsals



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