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Week 4 Newsletter:

Notice of carpark closure

Wodonga Council would like to advise that it will be necessary to close the extension of Hedgerow Court which accesses the carparks at the rear of Wodonga Sports and Leisure Centre from 7am – 10am on Monday, May 23, whilst there is a crane onsite lifting equipment onto the roof of the leisure centre.

Pedestrian access will be maintained.

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 later in this newsletter. We will be running these surveys during the period 30th May to 17th June.

Positive COVID results

Please send a notification email to the school if your child returns a positive result to 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://vacsdta.educationapps.vic.gov.au/detvac/s/ratest> 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.

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Upcoming Events.

1. Friday 27 May – Student Enrolment Information forms due back at school
2. Monday 30 May – Student Led Conferences Online
3. Monday 13 June – Queens Birthday Public Holiday
4. Tuesday 14 June – Pupil Free Day

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.

School camp 2023

We are completing our planning for the 2023 camp. The Barwon River Holiday Park in Geelong is booked. Activities will be amazing and include the Adventure Park with 24 epic water rides and the Live Wire experience at Lorne. We are confident of keeping the costs to around \$390 (or less). Again, please note that this is a higher cost than this year's Harrietville camp as we 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 applied for 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 0260579000 and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

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.**

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PARENT / CAREGIVER / GUARDIAN INFORMATION AND CONSENT LETTER

2022 Student Attitudes to School Survey

Dear Parent / Caregiver / Guardian,

This letter is to inform you about the 2022 Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS), that your child is invited to participate in.

About the survey

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of your school.

The AtoSS is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist your child's school to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer and family relationships, resilience, bullying, mental health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

This year, the AtoSS will be conducted at your school over the period 30TH May – 17th June 2022.

What are the benefits?

In our experience, young people enjoy having their say. We have been running this survey for nearly 20 years and it has been invaluable in helping schools understand student views. Your school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

What are the risks?

While we do not anticipate many risks of participation, some students may find some of the survey questions too personal and sensitive in nature. Should you agree for your child to participate, they are still free to skip questions or to withdraw at any stage if the survey makes them upset or uncomfortable.

The survey has been approved by a Human Research Ethics Committee. The questions are selected from validated survey instruments used in Australia and around the world, are strength-based, and tailored for each year level group.

What will my child be asked to do?

Your child will be invited to complete the survey **online during class time** using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Please note:

- Student participation in the survey is voluntary and students may withdraw at any time.
- The survey will take around 20-45 minutes to complete.

How is my child's confidentiality protected?

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey from their teacher. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only. Personally identifiable data will not be recorded in the survey response file. This ensures that the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times.

How will results be reported?

The survey results will be reported back to the school in an aggregate form throughout the survey period. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Data suppression rules are used for schools with low student numbers per year level.

Your school may share the results of the survey with parents, in documents such as the School Annual Report.

Options for participation

Participation in this survey is **voluntary**. If you **do not** wish for your child to do the survey, please opt out via email to your school: mmcclure@wmyc.vic.edu.au Please do so before 30th May, 2022, stating that you wish to opt out of your child's participation, along with their name and year level.

If your school does not receive a Refusal of Consent email from yourself before the survey commencement date mentioned within this letter, it means that you give your consent for your child to participate in the 2022 Attitudes to School Survey.

A copy of the survey that we are asking your child to complete is available from your child's school. Please contact the administration office if you would like to see the survey before making your decision about whether you would like your child to participate.

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher, or contact the Department at school.surveys@education.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

The Victorian Department of Education and Training

6/7 Humanities

The 6/7 students are learning about geographical changes over time. In this lesson the students have demonstrated how rock and soil is weathered or eroded and deposited in a new location.



FROM THE CIRCUS – WEEK 4: 16 – 20 May



CO-CREATE

Rehearsals start next week for our performance at Co-Create Saturday June 4! Co-Create is a free community event running from 4pm. Fruities will be wowing our local community from 6:30pm but other local acts will be entertaining from 4pm!

We hope to see all our families there supporting.



THROW CATCH COLLECTIVE

Byron, Richard, and Sam have been hard at work developing *Escalate*: an amazing collaboration between Music, Juggling and Lights. Throw Catch will be doing a showing on Friday May 20 at the new time of **4pm**. Come along and support these incredible artists and a work that promises to change our view on juggling.

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

HAPPENING IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Smart Arts Marketing for Creatives Friday 20 May, 10:30am - 3:30pm @ Burraja Cultural Centre - **\$20pp**

Being a professional artist includes understanding the basics of marketing and sales. This practical workshop focuses on a six-part strategy that includes creating marketing collateral such as photos and resumes, understanding your customers and peers, choosing the right tactics like social media, and putting together a digital presence. Bookings are essential.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/smart-arts-marketing-for-creatives-tickets-328678284597>

Well Meaning Play Reading Friday 20 May, 6:30pm @ Burraja Cultural Centre – **FREE**

Well Meaning is based on the comments that are said to our First Nations Peoples, often from a place of ignorance. These four indigenous creatives came together and reflected on their own personal experiences, and created a diverse collection of works, from poetry to a script about vengeful Aboriginal vampires.

Written by Mitch Hibbens (Wiradjuri), Nikita Tabuteau-Rosas (Wemba Wemba), Kathleen Srgo (Gamilaroi) and Aaron Perkins Kempberger (Arrente) Bookings are essential.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/well-meaning-rehearsed-reading-tickets-217735551897>

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IMPORTANT DATES

9 – 20 May: Throw Catch Collective Residency

20 May @ 4pm: Throw Catch Showing

23 May – 27 June: TEMPO Rehearsals

4 June: Co-Create Performance

TEMPO – BOOK NOW!

THE CUBE WODONGA

Friday 1 July, 6:30pm

Saturday 2 July, 11am & 2:00pm

Use Code **orchestra** to access \$20 tickets!

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