

SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to Week 3

As we close Week 3 for this term, I wanted to thank all the parents that came out to support our Open Evening for the School on Monday. It was a brief evening, but it was great to hear from Tahni Froudust the Deputy CEO of the Flying Fruit Fly Circus, and Richelle Moyle, WMYC School Principal, who both welcomed everyone to the evening. Gary Hodge, the Assistant Principal of Curriculum spoke at lengths on the School Portal, GPA and Reporting process at the school. His information is attached to this week's newsletter, and Mel McClure discussed her role as the Student Liaison Officer.

The classes have had our Principal Richelle Moyle and Campus Principal Darren Clough visit multiple times, they are both enjoying the Flying Fruit Fly Circus School Students, their commitment to learning and of course their positive energy levels.

Student of the Week

Congratulations to Cleo. Cleo is one of our new students this year and has set the benchmark of being awesome very high. She is always prepared and organised for her classes and helpful to other students all while settling into her new school and training routine. Well done Cleo.



Happening in School this Week:

As a snapshot across our School, our teachers are working on the following curriculum tasks,

3/4/5 – Writing: the students are doing recounts

Reading: students are progressing through the Matilda novel.

Maths: the class are focussed on Addition and Subtraction.

Art: the class are working through their first focus on the Elements which is 'Space' in Art. The students will be working on watercolour positive and negative space pieces next week.

6/7 – English – the students are working through the Hatchet novel.

Humanities – 'Vikings' is their current unit, and the construction of shields.

Maths – students are focussed on decimals, multiplication and their timetables.

Science- they are working on their Lab skills with Bunsen burners.

Technology – They are learning about soldering in metal work and constructing their torch and robo bug.

Art – students are working through their first Element of 'Line'. They are working through tutorials for their formative assessment.

8/9 – Humanities – the students are working on a tutorial, understanding the constructs and mechanics of Government in Australia.

English – ‘Tomorrow When the War Began’ is the novel our students are reading in class at the moment.

Science – ‘Atoms and Elements’ are the topics they are covering.

Maths – the focus is Australia and World time.

Technology – the students are working on their Ned Kelly Sculptures in Metal Work.

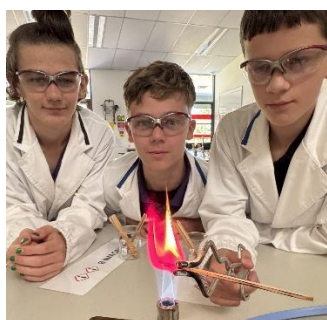
Art – the Year 8/9 students are working on the elements of Distortion and Colour. The year 8 students are working on their American Traditional Tattoo Lino Prints and the Year 9 students are working on their Muppet portrait.

It was time to measure up this week:



With a little help from a well-placed chair, Helen set about the task of recording the students of year 8/9's height. There has obviously been a bit of growth over the summer break.

The ever-hopeful Will also got in on the action, but Emi wasn't able to confirm or deny that Will has shrunk a little in stature.....





8/9s had a very informative prac session – conducting ‘flame’ tests where different chemicals were mixed with gas to create coloured flames. They looked amazing!



A picture of pure concentration from the year 8/9 classroom. Meanwhile Anni had the primary students fully engaged in a game of Zip Zap Zoom.

Open Night

The following information was presented by Mr Gary Hodge, Assistant Principal at WMYC:

School Portal App:

- Facilitates a high level of communication
- Keeps parents up to date and informed
- Lists activities that your student is participating in
- Consent for all activities can, and should, be made through the portal
- Gives immediate notification of positive messages from teachers regarding your student
- Provides teacher and contact details
- Enables payment of school fees, excursion costs etc

Assessment and Reporting:

- GPA reporting cycle (Grade Point Average)
- 4 GPA's per year – one per term
- Immediate feedback on progress of student
- Assessment against the Victorian curriculum at the end of Semester 1 and 2
- SLC – Student Led Conferences – 3 per year, face to face
- Brightspace – D2L – online learning platform

Swim carnival and trial day

The swimming carnival day is scheduled for Thursday 5th March. Unfortunately, this date is outside the qualifying cut off for the next level of competition. To accommodate this a swimming trials event will be held on Wednesday 18th February. Molly – the college sports assistant – spoke to our students today and recorded the names of those wishing to participate and have their results recorded for the purpose of advancing to the next level. You will soon see this activity on your portal if your child has put their name down.

School Camp!

Wednesday 6th to Friday 8th May

3 days and 2 nights packed with activities.

Billabong Ranch, Echuca.

Cost \$465, Deposit \$100 due 20 February, Bal (\$365) due 22 April 2026.

This activity is now on your portal. More information will come out as we lock in the activities. This will be a great time of relationship building, forming great connections with staff and students.

Lots of great exploration at the school, have a great weekend everyone!

Kindest regards,

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Student Liaison Officer – What this means for families

The Student Liaison Officer (SLO) provides an important link between students' schooling and their circus training. Working closely with the Flying Fruit Fly Circus, Flying Fruit Fly Circus School, Wodonga Middle Years College and Wodonga Senior Secondary College, the SLO supports clear and consistent communication with schools to help each student succeed both educationally and artistically. Please note that all circus-related matters and queries should continue to be directed to Donna.

In this role, I understand the unique challenge of balancing school with professional-level circus training and work proactively to help students manage both successfully. For families, the SLO serves as a central point of contact and an advocate for your child's education. Key responsibilities include supporting student wellbeing, assisting with transitions between schools and programs, coordinating subject selections (at WSSC), monitoring academic progress, and ensuring school attendance records are maintained during rehearsals and tour periods.

I also assist with the coordination and support of homestay arrangements for students living away from home and facilitating and connecting families for carpooling.

Above all, this role exists to ensure every student feels supported, understood and able to thrive academically, socially, and creatively while training with the Circus.

I am based at the Flying Fruit Fly Circus on Hovell Street, Albury. I am on site Monday to Wednesday and available by phone (0407 277 768) on Thursdays and Fridays.

I look forward to the year ahead and working with our circus community.

Melanie McClure

Term 1 Week 3

With many exciting projects happening at the moment, we hope everyone is settling into the term well. A reminder to all students to please wear your training shirt.

On Monday, we will be hosting Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of New South Wales, and Mr Dennis Wilson during their visit to Albury. Could all attending students please remember to wear their FFFC shirt (new or We Make Circus).

Measuring Impact: Self-Assessment

Over the next 4 years we are measuring the impact of our programs on our students, artists and the community. We are hoping that all students can participate in this evaluation, with the aim of measuring whether their involvement has a positive impact on their life and creative practices.

This will be evaluated through surveys (start and end of each year), attendance, skill development and group discussion. If you could ask your student/s to complete this survey, that would be great! They may have filled it in at school or at circus already.

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Full Company Photo

Next **Wednesday 18 February at 4pm** we will have a whole company photo with staff and students on the training floor taken by Ian Sutherland. We would love as many students there as possible.

The Next Big Thing



Circus Oz are here working with our artists on a creative development for *The Next Big Thing*. Born from nearly 50 years of shared history between Circus Oz and the Flying Fruit Fly Circus, this thrilling collaboration will exemplify the ensemble spirit at the heart of contemporary circus.

Class Clowns



Come see the next generation of Australian comedians hit the stage in this special teenage comedy bash! Melbourne International Comedy Festival's national comedy competition *Class Clowns* has been unearthing the freshest voices in Australia comedy for almost three decades, and this year's stars are some of the most hilarious yet!

Thursday 26 February, 7pm | Borderville Theatre

[Book Now](#)

There is still time to [Register your Act](#)

How Not to Climb a Mountain - Branch Nebula



A visceral collision of precision, danger and anarchic play. *How Not to Climb a Mountain* is a full-length, highly physical performance that embraces risk, resourcefulness and inventive failure. Working from a position of being deliberately ill-equipped, the performers repurpose found materials, pushing them beyond their intended function.

Friday 13 March, 7pm | Borderville Theatre

[Book Now](#)

Pay No Attention



Step into a circus of contradictions, where nothing is as it seems - a kaleidoscope of illusion, disguise and reinvention. Performed by the extraordinary young artists of the Flying Fruit Fly Circus, it features breathtaking acrobatics, theatrical trickery and shifting personas - where every identity tried on, discarded or reinvented leaves a trace of who we might become.

The Cube Wodonga: 18 – 20 June

Sydney Opera House: 4 – 11 July

[Book Now](#)

UPCOMING DATES

Week 4	16 – 18 February	The Next Big Thing Creative
	16 February	NSW Governor Visit
Week 5	25 & 27 February	Wodonga Show Rehearsal
	26 February	Class Clowns Workshop & Performance
Week 6	4 & 6 March	Wodonga Show Rehearsal
Week 7	11 – 13 March	Wodonga Show Rehearsal
	13 March 7 PM	How Not To Climb A Mountain Performance by Branch Nebula
Week 8	16 – 19 March	Pay No Attention Creative Development
	Thursday, 19 March	Albury Gold Cup half-day public holiday (No afternoon training)
Week 9	Thursday, 2 April	Last Day of Term (Early Finish)
	Thursday, 2 April	Marsha Terentieva: Revolver Showing

Please remember to email both school and circus if your child will not be attending school and training

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