

SCHOOL NEWS

Week 7

Here we are in the beginning of transition week, our year 9 students are exploring the next chapter in their education at Senior College and are learning the layout of the College, expectations in class and their timetables in preparation for 2026. If there are any concerns or queries, Mel McClure our Student Liaison officer will be there at different times to help facilitate a smooth experience for our students.

Last Friday night was the Year 9 Graduation. Our Year 9 students, Griffin, Meg, Issy, Macy, Imogen, Jemima and Clancy were in attendance with their families, trainers and teachers to celebrate their journey through the Flying Fruit Fly School. Jan White did an incredible job in the organisation and set up of the PAC, Helen and Shelley put a lot of time into the preparation of the students' gift bags and video presentation. Nic and Matt were a huge help as our Senior College Publicity team, taking photos and video throughout the evening. I want to thank Leah Gray and GRAYS Catering for the wonderful job they did and to our incredible parents that stayed back to help pack up the PAC; it is all of these elements that make an event like this achievable and memorable for everyone. Best of luck Year 9 and we will see you back here on 15th December.



Upcoming Events:

- 28 November – Wodonga Cup Public Holiday, no school
- 10 December – Transition Day
- 15 December – End of Year Award Ceremony, 10am at the school
- 17 December – Whole school excursion to Zootopia 2 at Albury Cinema

Remembrance Day Service



I want to thank all of our students who were very respectful and truly honoured our soldiers past and present in our Remembrance Day ceremony last week. Our Captains did a fantastic job delivering the ceremony to our students and staff.

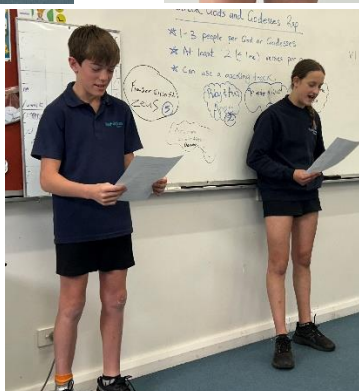
End of year movie excursion

A whole school cinema trip to see **Zootopia 2** (rated PG) has been arranged for Wednesday 17th December. The price of \$15.00 includes bus travel to and from the cinema, a bottle of water and popcorn, and cinema ticket.

(Please note no other food and drink purchases can be made on the day)

Students will be returned to school for lunch. The preparation training students will be dropped at circus training. **All students will need to bring their own lunch.** This excursion is now on your student portal to give permission and arrange payment. This must be done by Friday 5th December so numbers can be finalised with the venue.

Year 6/7:



Last week the 6/7s presented the facts they had learnt about historical gods and goddesses to the class in the form of raps they made up and performed to accompanying music.

MHIPS



Mental Health & Wellbeing

This week, the year 3/4/5 students completed an activity in groups about what stress feels like in the body and mind; they then compared this to what calmness feels like. We then talked about how mindfulness strategies like focusing on the breath can be useful for helping ourselves feel less stressed. Training the mind to come back to the breath is a bit like training a puppy to sit on a mat – we know our mind will wander off and that’s okay – when it does, we just gently guide it back to the breath or to the sound if we are listening to a guided meditation. The students then completed a short, guided meditation – ‘mindful belly breathing’ which is available for free at:

<http://www.peacefulkids.com.au/meditations.html>

The year 7s continued some work on the garden – helping with some weeding and then beginning the process for starting a compost within one of our raised beds. If you have any manure such as cow or horse poo, we would love a donation of some for our new compost!

The Year 6s completed a group activity about what stress and calm look like in the body. They also had a go at sitting quietly alone in a part of the playground and either writing, drawing or just being still.

Kat Beaton

Mental Health & Wellbeing Leader

Student of the week:

Congratulations Holly. Holly was observed demonstrating kindness and care to another student, checking in on their wellbeing after an injury at training.

Have a great week.

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TERM 4 WEEK 6

The Borderville Festival is fast approaching, so gather your friends and family and join in the fun.

- **Night Flies Cabaret** | 2 December | Borderville Theatre
- **The Portrait** | 4 & 5 December | Borderville Theatre
- **Circus Arts Showcase** | 6 December | Guang Rong Lu Stage
- **Chaos** | 9, 10 & 13 December | Borderville Theatre
- **Mayhem** | 11, 12 & 13 December | Borderville Theatre
- **Circus Cubed** | Sunday 14 December | Hyphen Courtyard – Free Community Event
- **Curtain Call: The Grad Show** | 16 - 20 December | Borderville Theatre

Tickets can be purchased here: <https://fruitflycircus.com.au/performances/>

VOLUNTEER CALL-OUT – USHERING AT BORDERVILLE

We're seeking two friendly parent volunteers per performance to assist with ushering at our Borderville theatre shows. As an usher, you'll be part of the fun, greeting audience members, helping them find their seats, and setting the warm, welcoming tone that makes Borderville so special.

You'll receive a quick briefing at the beginning of your shift - all you need to bring is your friendly smile and positive energy! A volunteer schedule outlining dates and times needed has been emailed to families.

And if volunteering isn't possible for you this time, another wonderful way to support is by donating snack food to keep our young performers fuelled during their long rehearsal days. Every muesli bar, piece of fruit or packet of crackers makes a difference!

If you're able to help, please contact Bek at bgibbs@fruitflycircus.com.au to sign up.

PAY NO ATTENTION



We are thrilled to return to Sydney next year with our brand new world premiere show Pay No Attention where the audience will step into a circus of contradictions, where nothing is as it seems - a kaleidoscope of illusion, disguise and reinvention.

Expect breathtaking acrobatics, theatrical trickery and shifting personas - where each identity tried on, discarded or reinvented leaves a trace of who we might become.

Tickets are now on sale just in time for Christmas: sydneyoperahouse.com/pay-no-attention

ALBURY WODONGA FOODSHARE CHRISTMAS APPEAL



Albury Wodonga

FoodShare

Christmas Appeal

HELP US FEED LOCAL FAMILIES

Experiencing food insecurity

SHOPPING LIST

- 🛒 Pasta
- 🛒 Rice
- 🛒 Pasta Sauce
- 🛒 Tin Spaghetti
- 🛒 Baked Beans
- 🛒 Microwave Meals
- 🛒 Tinned Vegetables
- 🛒 Spreads
- 🛒 Instant Coffee
- 🛒 Biscuits & Crackers

DONATE MONEY **DONATE FOOD**

Please Donate

foodshare.org.au

This year we are participating in the Albury Wodonga FoodShare Christmas Appeal to help feed local families experiencing food insecurity.

You can help by donating items from the list of most needed items on the Christmas Appeal poster and dropping them off here at Fruities.

Together we can make sure more families experience the joy of Christmas.

CLASS CLOWNS 2026

The search for Australia's next teen comedy sensation!

Melbourne International Comedy Festival's national competition and workshop program, Class Clowns, is back in 2026 to inspire, engage and elevate humorous people aged 14–18. All it takes is 3-5 minutes of original material in any genre - whether it's stand-up, sketch, solo, group, musical or physical comedy - the possibilities are endless! Participants take part in a free workshop to fine-tune their acts under the guidance of a professional comedian before taking to the stage.

The funniest acts will earn a trip to Melbourne to perform at the National Grand Final, and the chance to win a \$1,500 cash prize plus a workshop package for their school.

To register and find out more head to classclowns.com.au.

HOSTING

We'd love to hear from any families might be interested in hosting a new student joining the Flying Fruit Fly Circus in 2026. Homestay families play an incredibly important role in making it possible for young people from across Australia (and sometimes overseas!) to take part in the unique circus experience we offer here. By opening your home, you're giving a student the chance to pursue their dream and be part of something truly special.

Many families have found hosting to be a deeply rewarding experience, building lifelong friendships and gaining a real sense of pride in supporting the next generation of Fruit Flies.

If you'd like to learn more or register your interest, please contact Melanie McClure mmcclure@wmyc.vic.edu.au and who'll be in touch to chat through the details.

UPCOMING DATES

WEEK 7 (This week)		Borderville rehearsals continue
WEEK 10	Tuesday 9 December	Chaos 7PM
	Wednesday 10 December	Chaos 7PM
	Thursday 11 December	Mayhem 7PM
	Friday 12 December	Mayhem 7PM
	Saturday 13 December	Mayhem 11AM Chaos 3PM
	Sunday 14 December	Circus Cubed 10 AM, 11 AM, & 12.15 PM
WEEK 11	Tuesday 16 December	Grad Show 7PM
	Wednesday 17 December	Grad Show 7PM
	Thursday 18 December	Grad Show 7PM
	Friday 19 December	Last day of term Grad Show 7PM
	Saturday 20 December	Grad Show 3PM & 7PM

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

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