

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Welcome to the close of week 5 everyone.**

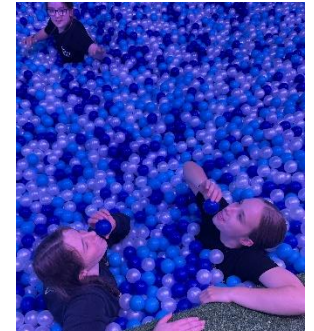
It's been a busy and full week for staff and students here at the school.

### **Melbourne Excursion 25 February 2026**

On Wednesday, as you know, we took the students down to Melbourne for the day. Bec Neill and Richard Hull welcomed everyone to Circus Centre Melbourne. The students had a great opportunity to tour the facilities, and they were able to see some older performers and Circus Oz training and rehearsing. After lunch the students visited Balloon Story, which was very interactive and colourful. Many of the kids had a great time submerged in the Ball Pit. A big shout out to Rosie Castagna who assisted a distressed mother by tracking down her phone at the bottom of the Pit.

We finished the day with our Year nine students doing some well needed shopping (that's what they told me anyway) and then we travelled home after dinner.

A huge thankyou to Jan White for her organisation of the day, Helen Vardy and Shelley for their activities they provided on the trip and their help with managing students all day and Greg Glasson for his help with the 3/4/5 students.





## Year 8 / 9 Science

This week in science we observed exothermic and endothermic reactions when particular chemicals were mixed with water.

The students demonstrated independent work habits when they were left to complete the experiments without teacher assistance.

The step-by-step method had four parts that had to be followed precisely.



### Student Led Conferences:

**Next Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** we are having our **Student Led Conferences at the Flying Fruit Fly Circus building in Albury.**

They will start at 3:40pm and conclude at 5:40pm

Due to a situation with the new booking system and overlaps with the schedule, several parents were unable to book a spot. We will be contacting those of you who have reached out to me requesting a spot, and to the parents who had a spot to confirm your booking. Teachers attending the conference are Greg Glasson, Helen Vardy, Shelley Kay and Will Pleydon. Due to time constraints Greg will only be able to see parents of the 345 class. If your child is in his tech class and you would like to speak with him, please send us an email and we will follow this up. Unfortunately, Katherine Lowe (music) is unavailable on Tuesday. Katherine has been sending positive comments through the school portal for students that are engaging well in class so keep an eye on that. If you wish to speak to Katherine, again email us and we will organise that for you.

As well as meeting with parents. You will have an opportunity to meet with Circus Trainers during the conferences to talk to them as well.

We are also currently running **Student Support Group Meetings** for every student, which will give you an opportunity to speak to myself and / or teachers and have more in-depth conversations. SSGs are a great way to help us understand your child better and for us to work with you on goals for your student's education.



Zahra has created an amazing Viking ship as part of her studies. Awesome effort Zahra!

### Breaking News:

Well done to Violet and Cleo – it has just been confirmed that both of these girls are through to Regional Swimming next Friday!

**Thank you to Bek for the following combined school and circus upcoming events list:**

Tuesday 3 March – Student Led Conferences at circus

- 3:40pm–5:40pm

Foundation training running as usual (students leave the floor as needed)

Thursday 5 March – Swimming Carnival

- Foundation (in-school and creative class) cancelled
- After school Development training running as usual

Tuesday 17 March – Athletics Carnival

- Development (in-school and creative class) cancelled
- Pay No Attention cast attend Creative Development (Cast do not attend carnival)
- After school Foundation training running as usual

Friday 20 March – Albury Gold Cup

- Morning training only
- No in-school or after school training

Thursday 2 April – Last Day of Term (Early Finish)

In-school and after school sessions will run earlier to accommodate.

- Foundation Training
  - 12:00pm–2:45pm
  - Bus pick up: 11:24am FFFCS
- Foundation B Creative
  - 3:00pm–4:15pm
- Development Training
  - 3:00pm–6:00pm
  - Bus pick up: 2:30pm FFFCS
  - Bus pick up: 2:35pm WSSC (back of school)

**Students of the Week**

Congratulations and thank you to Spencer and Elliott for your assistance on the excursion and relieving staff of having to carry all the bags of train activity materials.

Have great weekend everyone.

Kindest regards,

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# FROM THE CIRCUS

Term 1 Week 5

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Visit to Circus Centre Melbourne



Our entire Fruit Fly School visited Circus Centre Melbourne this week. This was their first opportunity to tour the building, learn about the facilities and meet the team. Steph Cox and Bec Neill led a Q+A session about varied pathways into the industry and the diversity of professional careers available.

## Carpooling – We Can Help!

I'm pleased to share that we currently have several generous families who are willing and available to assist with car-pooling. However, at the moment, we don't have anyone who has indicated to us that they need help with transport.

If getting home from training is ever a challenge, please don't hesitate to reach out. Car-pooling can be a great way to ease travel pressures and support one another as a community.

If you would like to be connected with a car-pool, please let me know - I'm very happy to help coordinate. (Dates, days, times, etc. please).

Melanie

## Circus Oz Creative Development



In an exciting 2-week development some of our artists have been working with Circus Oz on a new collaboration.

This is just the beginning of this project!

## Class Clowns



The laughs were BIG at Class Clowns 2026!

Albury-Wodonga's funniest teens including our very own Clancy and Ethan took to the stage, bringing bold new voices and serious punchlines.

With a shot at the National Grand Final at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, the future of Aussie comedy is looking very bright

## How Not to Climb a Mountain - Branch Nebula



Artists Skye Gellmann and Lee Wilson will be at Fruities for a creative residency, working on their new show *How Not to Climb a Mountain*. The performance explores what it means to keep trying, even when things do not go to plan, highlighting persistence, problem solving, and creativity.

**Early Bird tickets are available for \$20.**

Friday 13 March, 7pm | Borderville Theatre

[Book Now](#)

## Wodonga Show



Join us for a fun filled family day out at the Wodonga Show. Across three exciting performances, our incredible young acrobats will flip, fly and swing in a joyful showcase packed with energy and our signature spirit. After each show, families can jump in with free come and try circus activities. Make a full day with activities, animals, stalls and live performances.

Saturday 14 March, 10am, 11am & 12.15pm

Wodonga Showgrounds

[Find Tickets](#)

## Pay No Attention



Pay No Attention is going on tour! Tickets are now live for dates at the Cube Wodonga and the Sydney Opera House. The performance celebrates disguise and reinvention – where young people try on new selves, where nothing is certain and where spectacle itself becomes slippery!

Cube Wodonga: 18 – 20 June

Sydney Opera House: 4 – 11 July

[Book Now](#)

## UPCOMING DATES

<b>Week 5</b>	25 & 27 February	Wodonga Show Rehearsal
	26 February	Class Clowns Workshop & Performance
<b>Week 6</b>	4 & 6 March	Wodonga Show Rehearsal
<b>Week 7</b>	11 – 13 March	Wodonga Show Rehearsal
	13 March   7 PM	How Not To Climb A Mountain Performance by Branch Nebula
	14 March	Wodonga Show
<b>Week 8</b>	16 – 19 March	Pay No Attention Creative Development
	Friday, 20 March	Albury Gold Cup half-day public holiday (No afternoon training)
<b>Week 9</b>	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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