

Wanganui Park Secondary College

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'The Girls' Year 12 Graduation Assembly

The Principal Team Report – October 29th 2009

Year 12 Graduation Week

As in previous years, the final week for our Year 12 students was a highlight of our year. The culmination of this week is the Graduation assembly, where we farewell our Year 12's with a mixture of emotions. We are sad to see them go, but we also take great pride in the fact that they are ready to go. Our College Captains, Nicki Everist and Mitch Anderson, entertained the audience with humour and wit, yet their sense of belonging to our school was genuine and tangible. Gerry Vecchio was nominated by the Year 12's to give the address on behalf of the teachers, and his speech reminded us (if we needed it) what it is that makes us proud to be a part of this school. We can't do this justice in 2 lines, but it is about relationships, supporting each other through difficult times, mutual respect, and a passion for making this school the best that it can be.

To the parents that are leaving us after 6+ years of working together, thank you for your support!

College Captains 2010

We farewell one group of students, and start now in preparing our graduating class of 2010. We expect leadership from all of them, but in particular we would like to congratulate the following students elected to be our student leaders:

College Captains: Kate Mathisen and Alain Giuca
College Vice Captains: Aleisha Myers and Blake Royden
Student leadership is in good hands!

Secondary Education in Shepparton

You would be aware that there are many discussions currently taking place about how to provide the best education for students in the Greater Shepparton area. We had approximately 170 parents attend an information night last week. This was a great response, and we had a strong sense of the feelings of the group. We have since welcomed parents at smaller group sessions (if you see this in time, there is another session tonight at 7.30pm in the staff room).

Note that all of the current models on the website are based on a "Greater Shepparton College" model. There is still opportunity to suggest alternatives to this. Different models are being formulated, but our timeline is brief. If you have not yet had the opportunity to have your say, please do so in one of the following ways:

Put your comments/questions/concerns on the designated website (access via WPSC home page)

Email Keith at gray.keith.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

Phone to speak to Keith, Xavier or Ken. If we are unavailable at the time, we will get back to you. We welcome and value your input.

Monday, November 2nd

Normal classes will run on Monday (this has previously been a student free day).

Keith Gray
Principal

Ken Murray
Assistant Principal

Xavier Tanner
Assistant Principal

CANTEEN ROSTER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 November 2009 Toni-Marie Arnold Loretta Grant	3 November 2009 Melbourne Cup Day	4 November 2009 Dee Tricarico	5 November 2009 Helen Davidson Polly Divine	6 November 2009 Monica Darveniza Kathie Henderson
9 November 2009 Dushy Goonetilleke Priya Steer	10 November 2009 Alex Douch Sally Sidebottom	11 November 2009 Julie Hunter Liz O'Callaghan	12 November 2009 Julie Thompson Jan Sabri	13 November 2009 Fiona Hand Kathy O'Brien

CALENDAR	
OCTOBER	
29	Parent Meeting 7.30pm Staff Room
30	Year 12 Exams Commence
NOVEMBER	
3	Melbourne Cup Day – Public Holiday
9	Netball Club AGM 7pm Visy Centre
13	Rock Jazz Concert

Rock Jazz Concert

To Parents, Teachers and Friends,

On behalf of the rock jazz class of Wanganui we would like to cordially invite you to come and view our concert, at which we will be performing items that we have worked hard on all semester. Our concert will take place on Friday the 13th of November at 6.30pm in our school theatre which is in our Visy centre. Come and support us, our school and our teachers. Gold coin donation will be collected at the door. We would love to see you there,
The Rock Jazz Class



WANGANUI PARK NETBALL CLUB INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH @ 7.00PM
VISY CENTRE

PARKSIDE DRIVE, SHEPPARTON
DISCUSSIONS ON COACHING, UMPIRING,
TEAM SELECTION AND TRAINING
ALL WELCOME



Community Links

A Parent Meeting will be held at 7.30pm Thursday 29th October in the staff room here at Wanganui to further discuss Shepparton secondary school arrangements in the future.

YEAR 9 SNOWY RIVER LEADERSHIP STUDENTS

It has been almost four weeks since our six Year 9 students headed off to the residential leadership school at Marlo. The students have been contacting friends via email, writing letters to 7E, and last week Mr Chua assisted us in setting up a video-link. Below is some correspondence from the liaison teacher at Marlo clearly describing some of the activities the students have been up to. Have a read and be envious!

Greetings Parents, Teachers & Loved Ones!

I am pleased to report that our outdoor explorers extraordinaire have returned safely from the first expedition. During this trip students walked a 20km loop track from the Yeerung River out to Dock Inlet via the beach and returned via a 4wd bush track. During this expedition the team were presented with a number of practical, social and personal challenges which they had to overcome.

The expo demanded that the students work together to negotiate various team roles, make logistical decisions and support each other throughout the 48hrs they were in an isolated outdoor environment. The students had to manage their own clothing, equipment, cooking, nutrition and sleeping arrangements. A number of individuals were put out of their comfort zone by strenuous walking, bush toileting and dealing with a sometimes harsh environment. These stresses and challenges provided a number of fantastic opportunities for the team to put all the team skills we have taught them into practice, and I believe they have come out a closer and more supportive group as a result.

A large part of the expo experience is goal setting and reviewing. Throughout the process of preparation, participation and closure of an expo we undertake a lot of personal and group goal setting. Goal setting is an integral component of the Snowy River experience, as it encourages the students' personal understanding and development. Effective goal setting provides clear expectations for performance which is personally catered to the individual and outlines achievable and relevant steps to forward their development.

But the outdoor adventure doesn't stop there!! During the next few weeks we have and will also be participating in a number of adventurous outdoor activities, such as mountain biking, canoeing and surfing. These activities promote active lifestyles, resilience and allow us to explore the beautiful natural environment from a number of different perspectives. I am sure your children will let you know how they go with these exciting and sometimes confronting activities!

Regards
Brendan Pfanner



WHAT'S NEWS IN SCIENCE?

VMG GENETICS – DRAMA IN THE CLASSROOM!

Under the artistic direction of Nicole Brown-Shepherd and Marcus Scott, students of the genetics class became chromosomes, centrioles, and nuclear membranes in order to perform the cellular process known as 'MITOSIS'.

Cells undergo this process in order to repair, grow and reproduce asexually.

In order to gain a deeper understanding of the intricacies of the process, students 'became' an organelle and moved about the classroom dramatising the changes that they undergo during mitosis. As the photo shows, Jetta McFarlane and Amy Matthews were enthusiastic chromosomes contained by Chelsea Sofra, Jane Murray and others as the nuclear membrane! The class performed in front of Mrs Hoskin and Ms Waser, who scored them highly for their creativity and accuracy.



EXCURSION

Genetics students are travelling to Melbourne's Gene Technology Access Centre on Thursday 29th October to further their understanding of the role that DNA plays in forensic science. They will be performing 'hands-on' activities under the guidance of thesis students from Melbourne University. A report written by students will be found in the next Newsletter.

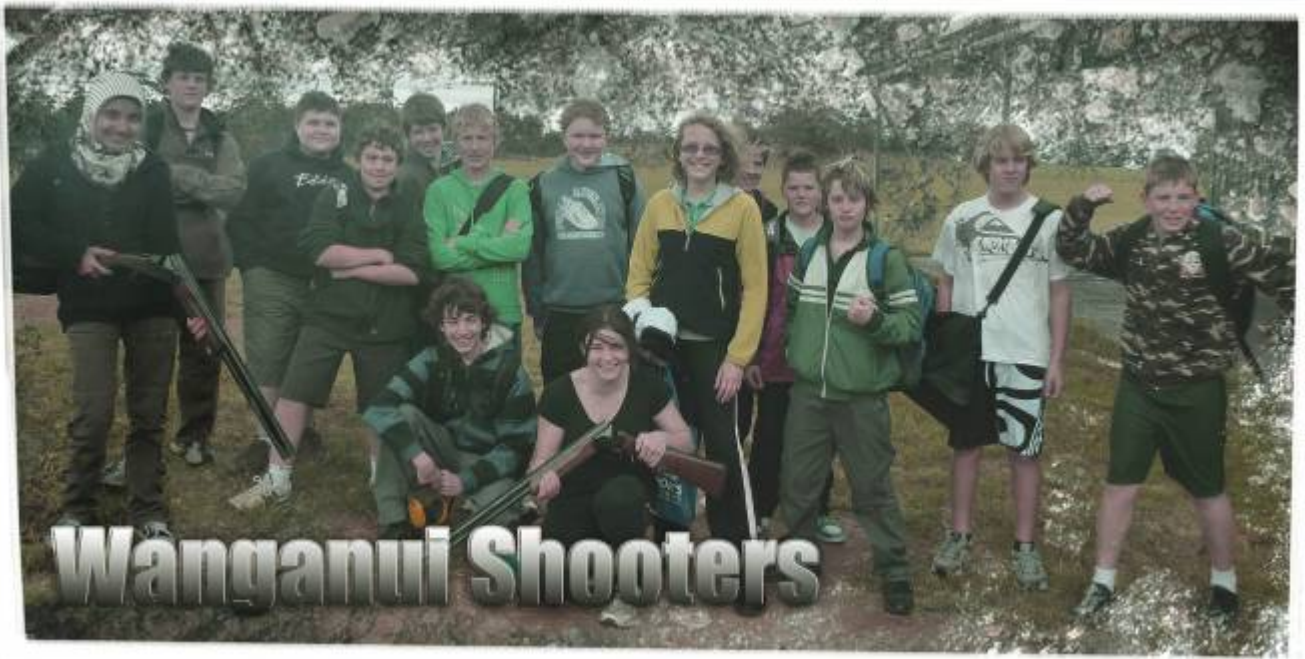
AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE OLYMPIADS

In the last Newsletter we celebrated the success of Thomas Cloney and noted his invitation to attend the Australian Science Olympiad Summer School, an intensive residential training program in January 2010 at Monash University. This week I received information about the success of our two other participants, Piers Gillett and Samuel Sharpe. Congratulations to Sam who was awarded a Credit certificate and to Piers who was awarded a Distinction certificate.

Raising chickens in Agriculture 5308

Students in the Agriculture class this semester have just started caring for 16 chickens. The chickens were obtained from the Hyline Hatchery near Bendigo as one day old chicks on Friday 23rd October. Students are required to weigh the chickens and study their growth and development over the next few weeks. Students are also completing a Chicken research task, which will teach them about different chicken breeds, a chicken's reproductive system and lifecycle, and how to raise chickens. Due to a year 7 student saving a duckling from the clutches of a crow, the chickens are also enjoying the company of a duckling until it is old enough to be released back into the wild.





Junior Sports: Clay Target Shooting

October 14, in possibly an alternate universe. Ms Jo Burgess and Mr Andrew Chua were on the trail of fifteen students that went out to Dhurringle Shooting Range. "Thousands of shots were fired but nothing that could have caused this," she said as she surveyed the aftermath. "Look, here are some of their personal black box recorders. They look burnt but still should work."

They turned the first on, "Travis Lamont, the best part was that I got better at shooting and I was the best at shooting rabbits, I got all four out of the four they released!" They found another, "Suzan Yilmaz, it was an awesome day, and Emily Shields was the best girl shooter, but didn't want that recorded. Georgia 'GG' Sofra, was a very skilled gunsman, but disappointed that no sparrows were there for her to shoot because they had headed north for the summer." "Mitchell Guy, it was pretty cool, but I wished I could have played the whole day back and did it different because at first I was worried about my shoulder but it didn't hurt and I should have shot more." "Darcy McFarlane, they really should have allowed us to fire two cartridges, but anyway, we all shot a lot of rabbits, they were the most fun. Jono O'Donoghue really liked the two he blew away." "Jake Otto, it was the first time I fired a twelve-gauge and I came third! Nick Amadei and Jayden Damianopoulos tied for first!"

"All seems pretty normal here but doesn't explain anything yet," Mr Chua said, pushing another one, "Tyren Rodaughan, it was awesome because I accidentally shot my friend Chris Revell in the head. Then his dying wish was for Micah West to take revenge by doing the same back, but he instead shot out the tyres of the bus, and then ended up blowing up the bus accidentally while trying to kill Mitchell who he thought was a zombie."

"I can't see anymore recorders, and there's no way one bus exploding could have done all this," Mr Chua frustrated, throwing that recorder as far as he could.

"Oh well, let's go," Ms Burgess said, as they turned away without watching where the recorder landed.

On impact, it landed on another recorder, its volume too low to carry any distance, "Brandon Moncrieff, haha, it's all going to plan. I've rigged an explosion to go off during the final round, wiping all the others while I hide on the bus. It's going to be so cool being the only survivor and then I will be the winner!"

EASTERN ZONE GIRLS INTERMEDIATE CRICKET

A close and exciting game was played between WPSC and Wangaratta HS in Wangaratta for the Eastern Zone final during October. WPSC batted first and made 9 wickets for 120 runs of 25 overs. Megan Rovers was the batting backbone of the innings with a great score of 42 runs. WHS then batted and for the first 10 overs they made steady progress in the run chase. WPSC then took a few wickets which slowed the run rate and made the game result quite in the balance. With one over to go WHS scored 6 runs to win the game with a final score of 6 wickets for 126 of 24 overs. Steady bowling performances by Nicole Brown Sheppard (2 wickets and four catches) Maddie McKinnon (2 wickets) Caitlin Roe (1 caught and bowled) and Bek Rendina (1 wicket and 1 catch) contributed to a close finish and a worthwhile game.

The team was Megan Rovers, Bree Bennett, Nicole Brown Sheppard, Lilly Caia, Caitlin Roe, Bek Rendina, Hannah Morey, Georgia Kriss, Monique Eddy, Kirrily Golan, Riz Campbell, Jo Gall, Simone Brown, Maddie McKinnon. Special coaching from Keegan Bott and Sam Poole was appreciated.



Parents and Carers of children 11–14 Years.

*Would you like to know more about...
The changes that take place in adolescence?
Setting boundaries and consequences?
Your child's need for increased independence?
Dealing with risk taking behaviour?*



Then come along to:

The ABCD: Parenting Young Adolescents Program

A practical and enjoyable program that will take place on a Wednesday evening, held once a week for four weeks, to help parents and carers understand and cope better with the challenges of parenting and staying connected with their children as they move onto secondary school and adolescence.

Venue: 'The Hub' Alexandra Street. Mooroopna **Starting Date:** Wednesday 11th November 2009

Time: 7.00-9.30pm **Cost:** \$15.00 person/\$20.00 couple

Facilitator: Meredith Plunkett Bookings are essential as places are limited

To Book and for more information: Call Meredith on 58 233 215.

McDonalds Kids Go Tri It Triathlon - Come on kids give Tri a try! Saturday November 14, 2009 - Kialla Lakes, Shepparton, Victoria

Don't just let mum &/or dad have all the fun racing on the Campbell's Shepparton Half Ironman weekend

Age Categories: 7 – 9 Years 50m swim/2km ride/400m run
10 – 15 Years 100m swim/4km ride/800m run

When: Saturday November 14 - 2009

Where: Kialla Lakes – Gordon Drive, Shepparton

Time: 5:30pm

Cost: TBC

Entry: www.trivic.org.au or you can enter on the day

Enquires: info@sheppartontriclub.com.au

More Info: www.sheppartontriclub.com.au

Have fun while supporting a worthy cause - Zaidee's Rainbow Foundation (official Kids Go Tri It nominated charity). Get in now & score yourself some freebies as well as have fun participating.

Shepparton Sports Stadium

SPORTSPOWER

(Indoor Soccer)

FUTSAL CUP

Open Men's and Women's Competitions

U16's Boys and Girls Competitions

Registrations will close Friday October 23, 2009.

To obtain registration forms or for more information please contact Council's Programs Coordinator

Nathan Tweddle at the Shepparton Sports Stadium on 58329481 or email

stadiums@shepparton.vic.gov.au

SHINE - Youth Performing Arts Group

Performing songs from ABBA

Saturday 31st October 2:00pm

Westside Performing Arts Centre - Mooroopna

Tickets available through Riverlinks 5832 9511

Adults: \$12.00

Concession: \$10.00

Children (16 and under): \$5.00
(Under 18 months free & Companion Card accepted)