

Newsletter

Regular Programs:

Mondays

Men's Shed.
10.15 – 12.30

Tuesdays

Sailability
12.30—1.30

Wednesdays

VET Courses
Community Services and Business
9.00 – 12.30

Thursdays

VET Courses
Community Services and Business
9.00 – 12.30

Important Dates:

Wednesday February 27th

No School
Teacher Professional Development

Friday March 15th

Grand Prix Melbourne

Friday March 22nd

Belstack Strawberry Farm

Thursday March 28th

Vic First Aid
Highly recommended WRS, Business
and Community Services attend.

Friday April 5th

Last Day of Term 1

Monday April 22nd

First Day of Term 2

Message from Roger

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2019.

The year has started well with student attendance at a very satisfactory level. Students have shown a great attitude towards their work and are applying themselves to the tasks set for them. It is hoped that all students will continue to show improvement and that they will continue to be involved in the activities that the Flexible Learning Centre offers them.

The first major activity for this term is the Australian Grand Prix excursion on the 15th March. There are 20 places available for students to attend the activity so I urge students to complete the excursion permission form as soon as they are made available from Friday 22nd February. See Kylie for the forms.

We are in the process of getting lockers so that students can put their bags, etc. in a safe place – not in the classroom. Bags in the classroom are a trip hazard and we therefore want to remove this potential risk.

There will also be lockers specifically designed for the storage of mobile phones. It is the policy of Wodonga Senior Secondary College, as well as a strong recommendation from DET, that students' mobile phones should not be used or be switched on, inside classrooms. Therefore we will be asking students to secure their phones in the secure lockers when they arrive at the Flex. They can access their phones during breaks, but they must be returned to the locker prior to resuming classes.

We urge parents/carers to remind their children to adhere to this policy, and ask that if an important message needs to be sent to a student, that you call or text the school phone (0427877113) and the message will be relayed to your child. If preferred you may call them during break times.

Regards

Roger Gale
Campus Principal

**WILL YOU BE ABSENT
FROM SCHOOL .**

If students will be absent from school on the day they are timetabled to attend, please ring or message the school mobile on 0427 877 113.

REALLY, TRULY
BELIEVE
IN YOURSELF.



CAREERS

We have a fantastic group of enthusiastic students starting their Community Services Certificate 11 course this year. All students have had a cracking start, with some great conversations and reflection on what being a Community Services worker is all about.

Throughout the year, the students will be working through their workbooks covering subjects surrounding health and wellbeing, occupational health and safety, understanding client needs, including mental health, physical and emotional wellbeing, social needs and other supports such as financial support. Other aspects of the course involves learning how a Community Service operates and the various roles involved in being a worker in this career. Students will also be involved in class activities, discussions and online I.T learning.

I'm really looking forward to working with this awesome group of students and seeing them progressively improve with their confidence and knowledge in this area of their studies.



Business has had a great enrolment this year. We currently have 6 students who are enjoying learning about day to day business activities, Occupational Health and Safety, learning skills to use within the workplace.

Tristan says about Business: "Even though I am ahead in Business, the instruction is helping me to understand what I have and am learning better."

Careers & Pathways Department will be focussing mainly on Career Action Plans for all students, to start initial development of potential Career Pathways for students when they finish school.

Students are encouraged to make appointments with Simon, if they need any help focusing on Job Searching, Resume development, General Career Advice, Work Experience and VET in School programs.

Currently taking expressions of interest from any students who are 15 years and older, wishing to engage in the following short courses to be held later in the year. Please note that courses will be run dependant on availability and adequate student numbers for each of the classes.

Proposed Short Courses

Construction Induction (White Card)

Short Hospitality Course, including:

- Responsible Service of Alcohol
- Food Handlers Certificate
- Espresso Coffee Workshop



Students are creating art pieces for a combined Art exhibition with our Benalla, Seymour and Wodonga Campus's. This is being planned in Seymour, coinciding with Youth Week.

The theme for the exhibition is "Identity".

Studio Arts

In Term 1 for Studio Arts students is all about experimenting with materials.

VCAL is off to a great start this year with many students throwing themselves into their work with gusto!! There will be plenty of outside projects for students to work on, including building a raised garden bed, learning how to pave and planting vegies and herbs.

We hope to offer a day for students to obtain their 'White Card', complete their First Aid Certificate and Barista Training. We have lined up plenty of guest speakers for the students and I would like to see many of our students attend a Cool Heads Program this year.

We would like to welcome all new students to the Flexible Learning Centre and welcome back all previous students enrolled.

For Term One the students have made goals for the term and worked out their Individual Learning Plans. Many of the students have been working on spelling, grammar and vocabulary worksheets and Maths tasks. We have also included Humanities into the curriculum for this term and the students have learnt about the colours of the Australian Flag, Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander flag.

Looking forward to a productive term!

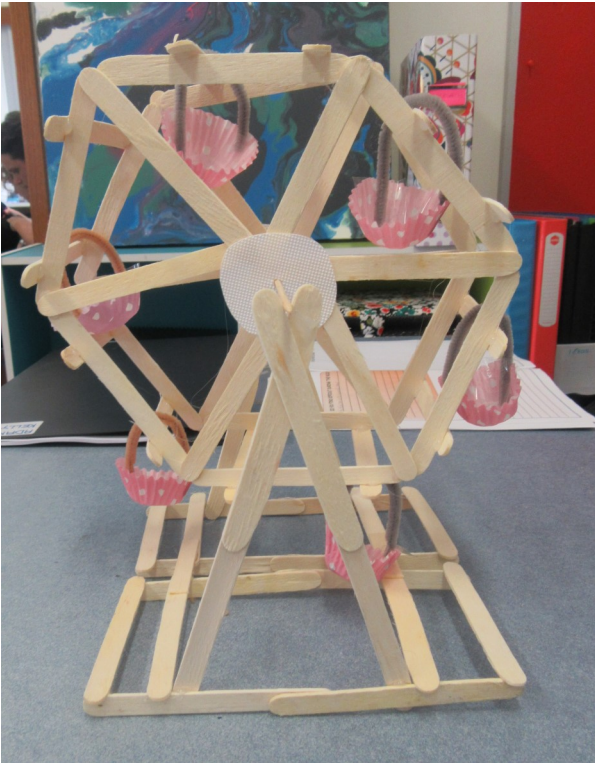
From the Vic Curriculum Team.



Sailability has continued this year with students enthusiastic to get back out on the water.

This activity is held every Tuesday from 12.30 to 1.30.

Please speak with Kylie if you'd like to participate.



Art has started with a lot of enthusiasm with plaster casting, a costume design ideas being created and an art challenge. Some of the students are already working out design concepts for the joint exhibition in Seymour.

