



flexible
Learning Centre

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Term 1 2024

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

"Embracing a Fresh Start: Welcome Back to School!"

The air is buzzing with excitement as we embark on a journey of learning, growth, and community building. This year, let's embrace the opportunity for a fresh start! Whether you're a returning student or a newcomer, the start of the school year is a chance to set new goals, forge new friendships, and cultivate a positive learning environment. For students, it's a time to unlock your potential. Challenge yourself to participate in new activities, and step out of your comfort zone. The year is a blank canvas waiting to be painted with your unique talents and ideas. This school year, let's foster a sense of unity and collaboration. We are a community committed to learning, growing, and supporting one another. Together, we can create an environment where everyone feels valued, respected, and encouraged to reach their full potential!

Welcome back to school! Here's to a year of discovery, achievement, and building lasting memories. Let's make it a year to remember!!

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Add to your Calendar

- Term 1 30 January to 28 March
- Labour Day Holiday 11 March
- Falls Creek Camp 25 to 27 March
- Anzac Day 25 April



WHAT'S ON OFFER AT WODONGA FLC?

Get Creative – Try your hand at a range of different craft activities including sewing clothes or quilts, crochet, knitting, colouring, origami etc. all whilst watching a movie or listening to music in a small group.
Tuesdays 1pm to 3pm with Kim Van Kalken

Blue Earth – Get outside and get moving whilst having a laugh. We will run a collection of games and activities such as shooting hoops, random tabloid sports bike rides, table tennis etc.
Fridays 9am to 10am with Blayne Nagle

Out and About – Explore the Local area with Fran Pound. Trips may include Rutherglen, Beechworth, Ten Pin Bowling, local walks etc. We'll even shout you some morning tea.
Thursdays – 9am to 12pm

Gym at Wodonga Sports and Leisure Centre

Wednesdays 1pm to 3pm

Fridays 1pm to 2.30pm with Blayne

VET Programs

Certificate II in Music – Onsite with John Beddoe

Certificate II in Animal Care – Onsite with Cindy Garro

Certificate II in Community Service – Online with Terry DeSousa

Certificate II in Workplace Skills – Online with Sharee Fisher & Ben Linnett

Certificate II in Creative Industries – Online with Sharee Fisher

Certificate II in Active Volunteering – Onsite with Ange Nevin Lewis

Certificate II in Applied Digital Technology – Online with Ben Linnett

Certificate II in Music – onsite with John Beddoe

Certificate III in Business – Online with Sharee Fisher



Want to Learn a Musical Instrument or skill?

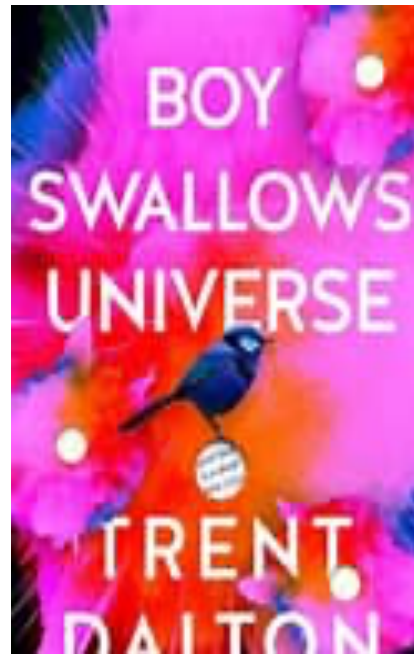
Wodonga Flexible Learning Centre offers lessons in most musical instruments. Talk to the following staff about adding something musical to your timetable.

Josh Orford - Drums.

Josh Lovett - Hip Hop, lyric writing, music mixing.

John Beddoe - singing, piano/keyboard, guitar and many more

BOOK OF THE MONTH



“Boy Swallows Universe”. Trent Dalton

A novel of love, crime, magic, fate and coming of age, set in Brisbane's violent working class suburban fringe - from one of Australia's most exciting new writers.

Brisbane, 1983: A lost father, a mute brother, a mum in jail, a heroin dealer for a stepfather and a notorious crime for a babysitter. It's not as if Eli's life isn't complicated enough already. He's just trying to follow his heart, learning what it takes to be a good man, but life just keeps throwing obstacles in the way - not least of which is Tytus Broz, legendary Brisbane drug dealer.

But if Eli's life is about to get a whole lot more serious. He's about to fall in love. And, oh yeah, he has to break into Boggo Road Gaol on Christmas Day, to save his mum.

A story of brotherhood, true love and the most unlikely of friendships, Boy Swallows Universe will be the most heartbreaking, joyous and exhilarating novel you will read all year.



WODONGA CITY COUNCIL YOUTH EVENTS

FreeZA Youth Program expressions of interest

This is a call-out for young people to join the Wodonga FReeZA Youth Program for 12 months.

With support from Wodonga Council, the Wodonga FReeZA Youth Program will plan and run fun and engaging youth-focused events, including one major event, per year.

Group members will be provided with opportunities for training and development, and develop team-work skills, be able to plan and run youth events and programs, and there's free food at all meetings!

Young people who live, work, study or play in Wodonga are eligible.

Ages 12 to 25 years of all backgrounds and demographic identities are encouraged to apply.

For more information, email youth@wodonga.vic.gov.au or phone the Youth Officer on (02) 6022 9300.



WODONGA COUNCIL OPEN MIC

We are seeking expressions of interest from local musicians and dance performers.

We are seeking:

- Musicians and dance performers between 12 and 25 years;
- Various experience levels from emerging to experienced; and,
- Various genres.

Our aim is to:

- Provide opportunities for new and emerging artists to perform at upcoming events and activations; and,
- Maintain an up-to-date database. If you have performed with us previously, please complete the EOI to update your contact and availability details. By providing us with this information it will ensure you are on the list to be considered for upcoming activations.

Expressions of interest process and timings

The expression of interest opens in January 2024 and will remain open throughout the year.

Expressions of interest will be reviewed on a regular basis by the Youth Officer. You will receive confirmation of receipt of your EOI and will be added to the database.

EOIs applications will be reviewed in line with event/activation requirements. You will be contacted should your application be shortlisted for an upcoming event.

How to apply – follow the link on the Councils website

[Wodonga Council – Open Mic Live EOI](#)

Child safety and wellbeing at Wodonga Flexible Learning Centre: information for families and the school community

Last year, the Victorian Government announced new [Child Safe Standards](#) to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Wodonga Senior Secondary College (Wodonga Flexible Learning Centre) has reviewed and updated our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. These are available to view on the [NEFLN | North East Flexible Learning Network](#) link.

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions about Child Safety at Wodonga Senior Secondary College (Wodonga Flexible Learning Centre), please contact the school office on 02 6048 7720.

PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.

