



flexible
Learning Centre

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Term 3 2024

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Add to your Calendar

- 9 September – RSPCA Cup Cake Fundraiser
- 12 September – RUOK Day
- 12 September – Swim – Hot House Theatre
- Term 3 – last day 20 September
- 14 October – Bird Count
- 13 & 14 November – Melbourne Camp – The Big Issue and Peter and the Starcatcher Play
- Wodonga Cup – 29 November

Navigating Loss and Grief

Recently, we have faced the challenge of saying goodbye to two of our students, I want to acknowledge the pain and difficulty that this brings to our entire school community.

Losing a student is an experience that can leave us feeling overwhelmed, confused, and deeply saddened. Each student holds a special place in our hearts, and their absence is felt acutely by their peers, teachers, and families. It is important for us to come together in this time, offering support and understanding as we navigate this difficult period.

Grief is a natural and personal journey, and everyone processes it differently. For some, it may be helpful to talk openly about their feelings, while others might need time to reflect in silence. As a school community, we strive to provide a supportive environment where every individual feels safe to express their emotions.

Counselling and Support Services: Our school psychologist is available to provide counselling for students who need it. We encourage anyone who is struggling to reach out for support. Helpline numbers are listed on the back page of the newsletter.

A special thank you to the entire WFLC staff who continue to support our students despite dealing with their own grief. I am continuously amazed by their leadership, professionalism, empathy and sense of community.

Darcy Eaton – Acting Principal

WHAT'S ON 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

Media/Digital Art – Digital art is an artistic activity that incorporates digital technology into the creation or production process, or as computerized art that uses and interacts with digital media.

Mondays and Tuesdays with Sam Robinson

Blue Earth – Get outside and get moving whilst having a laugh! We will run a collection of games and activities such as shooting hoops, tabloid sports bike rides, table tennis etc.

Fridays 9am to 10am with Blayne Nagle

Gym – Come do a workout at the Wodonga Sports and Leisure Centre. Learn how to use the machines and how to target different muscle groups to build your strength, fitness and improve your overall wellbeing!

Wednesdays 1pm to 3pm Fridays 1pm to 2.30pm with Blayne Nagle



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

Careers Update Term 3

This term has been packed with exciting career development activities! Our students have participated in TAFE Taster Days, travel training, and an exploration of the CBD. We also took an informative excursion to the Halve Waste Centre in Albury. Looking ahead, we have an upcoming excursion to Wodonga's Job Expo, where students can explore a range of local employment opportunities.

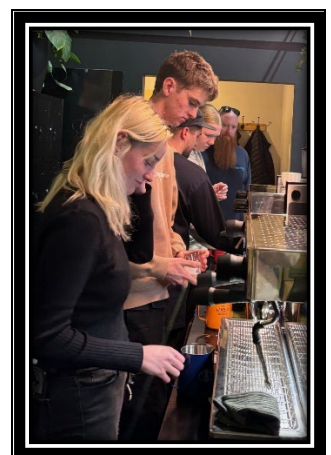
Work experience is in full swing, with students gaining hands-on experience in fields such as engineering, aged care, landscaping, and dog grooming. Some have already completed their placements, while others are in the process of setting them up. Additionally, four of our students are making great progress in their Certificate II in Public Safety, with over half of the course completed and an expected finish by the end of the term.

Our Year 9s are also hard at work, engaging with their Morrisby Profiles to explore their future career pathways. It's been a fantastic term for career exploration and development!

Green Bean Project

Through their fun school program Platform 9 provide the opportunity for students to learn about coffee from farm to cup, including how to make espresso coffee. Students complete the course by running their own pop-up café for a day. Platform 9 have worked with a wide range of secondary and alternative education groups to provide both barista and work readiness skills.

WFLC have been able to send 6 students in both term 2 and 3 this year



Roadsmart Interactive – Tuesday 20 August

The interactive program uses the latest immersive technology to guide students through a series of educational exercises, all aimed at teaching young people about road safety.

Students learn about safe road environments, safe vehicles and explore the impacts of crash forces. Students also test their knowledge of road safety issues like speed, drink driving and distractions.



Art news – from the studio

So much art being created in our studio!

We are working towards our art exhibition titled 'Flex-Ability'. Which will be held at the Gateway Gallery which starts on 26th November. The official opening celebration 5pm Saturday 30th November. All welcome to attend.

There has been a contagious craze of dog painting with the exception of one cat by Carly Greenhill. Most of these paintings will be viewed at our exhibition. We all love our dogs, so it has been a lovely subject matter for our artists.

It's important to note, that our past student Alex Leeworthy held their first solo art exhibition at Hyphen Gallery this year and gained rave reviews! We are all very proud of Alex and look forward to following their art career.

Many students at Wodonga FLC are currently applying for the RAW exhibition at MAMA for 2025. Sophie Holvast from MAMA gallery visited us and was very helpful with advice on how to submit the artists application for RAW. It requires an artist statement to be written which is quite a challenging writing task.

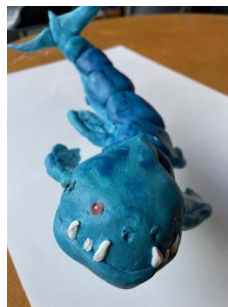
Last year 3 students from Wodonga were selected from 30 applications, with only 12 being selected from the region. We are extremely proud of Logan Warnaar, Alex Leeworthy and Jack Walter.

Good luck to this years' artists who are applying.

Linda Fish



Amy Bishop



Ashton Lawler



Carly Greenhill



Leah Wade



Mia Cutts



Jesse Delarue



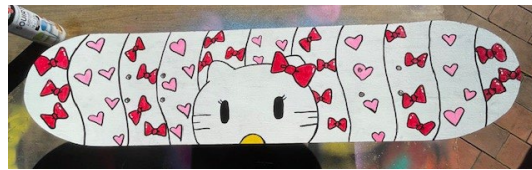
Kaleb Buffet



Will Fuller



Summer Van Gerven



Bianca Cincotta



Alex Leeworthy – Portraits without Faces

By depicting people in their personal spaces, Alexander explores the connections between oneself and one's things. Beloved gifts, precious hobbies, trinkets from the ground and op-shop treasures; the objects people surround themselves with tell stories about what they love and who they are.

Students' achievements Outside of School

Congratulations Kat Sibun who, after making her AFLW debut this year, took home the 2024 Coaches Award.



Jack Walters competeing in his Basketball Grandfinal



WFLC Mini Olympics



Our school was abuzz with energy when we kicked off our own Mini Olympics in celebration of the 2024 Games! The campus transformed into a lively sports arena, with students competing in a range of exciting events from sprints and relay races to friendly team challenges and field events. Enthusiastic crowds of classmates cheered on the competitors. This spirited event not only mirrors the grandeur of the Olympics but also fosters a sense of community and school pride, highlighting the values of teamwork, perseverance, and fun. We continue our mini-Olympics throughout the Paralympics.

Our torch bearer. Rosie Franzke



Animal Care – Term 3

This term our Animal Care students have been focusing on the maintenance of animals in an animal care environment, specifically domestic dogs and cats. With the help of Cindy, students have learnt to groom dogs of all shapes and sizes in our dog-wash van. The introduction of Flex's chickens has provided an added hands-on learning experience into the correct handling, feeding, and basic care of our chicken friends! An excursion to Mars Petcare provided the students with knowledge on how pet food is created, packaged and distributed and the extensive trial and error behind the process. – **Amy Bishop**





Mount Hotham Ski Camp

A group of students from Wodonga flex went to Mount Hotham from 22 to 24 July. We stayed at Bembooka lodge. We participated in a range of fun snow activities. On the first day we arrived at the lodge we had lunch then walked to the Hoys Ski Hire Shop and got our cross-country skis and boots. Putting them on and practicing our skiing, the views were amazing. When we got to the accommodation most of us hung out in the games room and played games. On the second day we switched to downhill skiing equipment. Then went straight to the bus and drove to a downhill ski lesson. We came back to the ski lodge after the lesson at around 12 pm then left again to go ski some more. When we got back at 5pm everyone relaxed a bit played some games and had dinner then went to bed. On the third day everyone switched back to cross country ski gear. We got on the bus and drove to a cross country ski place to practice more cross-country skiing and learnt how the professionals do it. We practiced shooting as well with fake guns and lasers. At the end we had a race and the race was really fun, everyone participated in a bit of everything. After we finished cross country skiing, we returned all our gear then went to the lodge and got our stuff. We packed all our stuff had lunch then left and arrived back at school at 4:30 pm. – **Madi Marshall**





Project Green Henry started when student Ashton Lawler wanted to improve the school garden after the wisteria was removed and the courtyard looked empty.

Teacher James Foley and student Will Fuller both agreed something needed to be done.

While preparing to take out the old plants Ashton found a baby praying mantis who was named Henry. As we still needed a name for the gardening venture Ashton proposed the name Project Green Henry.

This became the logo for a range of different projects around the school such as planting our garden beds with vegetables, breeding European night crawlers for the fishing program as well as breeding meal worms to feed to the chickens.

A small green house was built for smaller plants and soon every student will paint a pot to leave behind when they finish at Flex.

In the future we want to restore the front garden beds and plant a bigger vegetable garden. – **Ashton Lawler**



Congratulations to our very own Josh and Whitney who tied the not in June. A fantastic day had by all. Congratulations Josh and Whit.



The Gang

Term 3 In Pictures



Kobe



Medal Ceremony – Mini Olympics



First Aid Course



Will's homemade croissants



Professor Blake – Things that go Bang



Flags – Mini Olympics



Things that go Bang



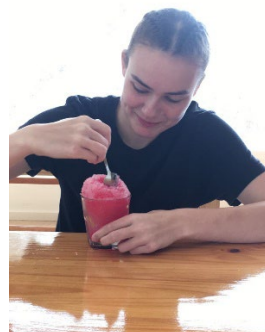
It's just a walk in the Park



Never too young to play



Toby enjoying the snow



Snow cones at the Snow



Cod Season saw us catch plenty of Carp and a Shoe!!!



Meal Worms



Student First Aid Course



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Your Move!



Come and play at our board game day. Both new and experienced players are invited to this event in partnership with HuMM BuGG (Happy Murray Meeple Board Game Group).

Bring your own games or choose from the provided game library in a day where everyone is welcome to meet other people for some friendly board game rounds. We'll be playing strategy games in a fun and social atmosphere. Players of any level are welcome.

Time: 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Location: Community Studio

Cost: Free

Ages: Ages 14 plus

Enquiries: 02 6022 9330 or hyphen@wodonga.vic.gov.au

Write Around the Murray – Poetry Slam Workshop



Want to set your stories free?

Push yourself out of your nest. Rob Waters and K.J. Hayward will help you migrate your thoughts to the page, become an eagled-eyed editor and take flight on stage. Spread your words at the Albury-Wodonga Poetry Slam for your chance to win a prize worth \$20k including publication and international touring.

Rob Waters is the 2023 Australian Poetry Slam Champion. He's a Gomeroi poet, storyteller, cultural educator and spoken word artist performing and sharing Story for over 20 years. Rob has deep cultural connections to the North West of New South Wales. He is a proud father and grandfather living on Darkinjung Country.

K.J. Hayward is an emerging spoken word artist and 2023 Australian Poetry Slam Co-Champion. In her poetry, she intertwines stories of feminism, youth, mental health and her own journey transitioning from "normal" schooling to Home-school with the rap, rhythm and rhyme of slam poetry.

Bookings Required. 10 Sept, 6.30pm to 8.30pm Free. 13 years or older. 02 6022 9330 hyphen@wodonga.vic.gov.au

Peter Andrew Hastings

06.07.2006 to 10.07.2024



Shayla Rivett

10.12.2006 to 03.08.2024



In our thoughts

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