



flexible
Learning Centre

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Term 4 2024

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Dear Students and Families,

As we close out another school year, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on our year and extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to making our school a safe and supportive community.

2024 has been a year of learning, growth, and resilience. While we faced some challenges along the way, I am incredibly proud of how our staff, students, and families came together to overcome them. Your dedication and commitment have been instrumental in helping us create an environment where everyone can thrive.

To our amazing staff, thank you for your unwavering passion and hard work. You have continued to inspire and support our students every day, even in the face of challenges. To our students, I am so proud of your achievements, big and small. Your curiosity, creativity, resilience and determination make this school a wonderful place to learn and grow. And to our services and families, thank you for your ongoing partnership and support. Your involvement strengthens the foundation of our school community.

As we look ahead to 2025, one of our key priorities will be to improve attendance. Regular attendance is essential for student success, and we will be working together to ensure that every student has the opportunity to engage fully in their learning. With the support of our staff, families, and students, I am confident we can make great strides in this area.

Thank you once again for your contributions to another memorable school year. I wish you all a restful and joyful holiday season and look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year for an exciting 2025.

Darcy Eaton – Acting Principal

Add to your Calendar

- 28 January Staff
Return to school
- 29 January –
Students return to
school

WHAT'S ON OFFER IN 2025

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, 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 Beddow – singing, piano/keyboard, guitar and many more



Careers Update Term 4

It has been a busy year for the Careers Education program at Wodonga Flexible Learning Centre, marked by diverse opportunities and significant achievements. We broadened our horizons with tertiary education tours at La Trobe University and Charles Sturt University, exposing students to the possibilities of higher education. Our participation in TAFE Taster days at Wodonga TAFE provided hands-on experiences in fields such as building and construction, hospitality, motor sports, and engineering, sparking interest in new career pathways. Beyond the classroom, students engaged in work experience across a variety of roles, from engineering to dog washing, gaining invaluable insights into different industries. These activities were further complemented by career expos, industry tours, and travel training to develop life-ready skills.

Our collaboration with Geared4Careers proved instrumental in preparing students for the workforce. Through tailored support in job readiness, resume writing, and interview preparation, many students secured their first jobs or advanced toward their career goals. Short courses in first aid, white card, and barista training equipped students with certifications that enhance employability and open doors to diverse opportunities. Additionally, we assisted students in applying for TAFE and university, ensuring they had the tools and confidence needed to take the next step in their educational journey.

The most rewarding aspect of this year has been the success of our students. An increasing number of Wodonga Flexible Learning Centre students are transitioning into employment, apprenticeships, traineeships, and further education at TAFE and university. These accomplishments are a testament to their hard work and the supportive environment we strive to create. Congratulations to our departing WFLC students and well done to all those who helped with their journey.



Invisible Hurdles

Goodbye to our wonderful Invisible Hurdles lawyer Taylor Smith-Stephens

The aim of the Invisible Hurdles program is to create better legal outcomes for young people experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, family violence in North East Victoria. It also gives our students a better understanding of the law and how to navigate it.

After nearly three years here at WFLC as one of our amazing Invisible Hurdles lawyers, we would like to congratulate and wish Taylor all the best in her new role as the new youth crime and child protection lawyer with Victoria Legal Aid. She will be missed in our weekly Invisible Hurdles sessions.

We are so excited for Taylor as she moves into this next chapter of her legal career. This is an incredible opportunity, and we know Taylor will excel and make a meaningful impact with the young people here in Wodonga and the local area.

Taylor's dedication, creativity, compassion and knowledge about the law in regard to young people will undoubtedly help her shine in her new job!

May it bring you happiness, growth, and fulfillment. Keep in touch Taylor, everyone here at WFLC cannot wait to hear all about your new adventures!



Students' achievements

Congratulations to Chelsea who recently performed in the cast of 'Live and Famous' with the Flying Fruit Fly Circus in the famous Spiegeltent at the historic Carriageworks in Sydney. An amazing achievement.



Project Green Henry



Vegetable Plots

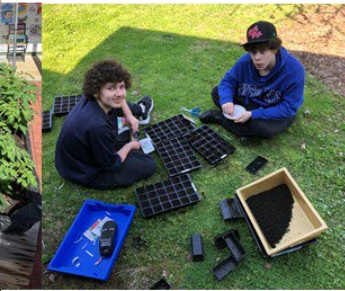
- Sustainable organic vegetable garden
- 6 raised garden beds + green house growing seedlings
- Produce for cooking at school and a social enterprise
- Engages many students
- Learning about the science behind gardens

Veggies

- 4 types of lettuce
- Spring onions
- Radish
- Silver beat
- Tomato's
- Cucumber
- Broad beans
- Snow and sugar snap peas

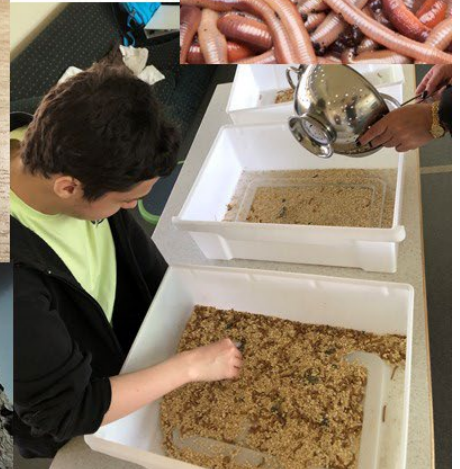
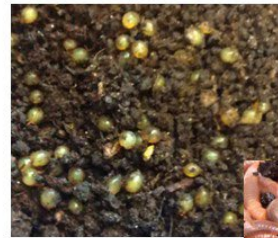
Herbs

- Basil (pesto)
- Mint
- Coriander
- Thai basil
- Oregano
- Parsley x 2 types
- Chives



Meal Worms and Nightcrawlers

- Breeding Meal Worms for the chickens
- High in vitamins and protein
- Breeding European Nightcrawler Worms for fishing.
- Grown from eggs
- Engages many students
- Science of lifecycles and environments



Melbourne Camp

Students Explore Melbourne on Overnight Camp

In November, our students embarked on an unforgettable overnight camp in Melbourne, packed with enriching experiences that combined entertainment, education, and a deeper understanding of social issues.

The adventure began with a train journey into the heart of the city, sparking excitement as students caught glimpses of Melbourne's iconic skyline. For many, it was their first-time experiencing city life in such an immersive way.

A highlight of the camp was attending a production of *Peter and the Starcatcher*. This hilarious and imaginative prequel to *Peter Pan* had students in stitches as they marvelled at the clever storytelling, witty dialogue, and creative stagecraft. The play brought both laughter and awe, showcasing the magic of live theatre

The next day, the group visited the offices of *The Big Issue* magazine, where students gained an eye-opening perspective on the realities of homelessness and disadvantage in Australia. Through heartfelt stories shared by guest speakers who had firsthand experiences of homelessness, students learned about the challenges many people face and the ways in which initiatives like *The Big Issue* empower individuals to rebuild their lives. This session left a profound impact on the group, sparking thoughtful discussions about empathy and social responsibility.

The Melbourne camp was more than just a school trip—it was an opportunity for students to step outside their comfort zones, engage with the arts, and connect with important social issues. As they returned to school, the students brought back not only fond memories but also a renewed appreciation for the world around them.



What's On in the School Holidays

Drop in and Draw – Hyphen Wodonga

Starts: Thursday, 2 Jan 2025 @10:30AM

Ends: Saturday, 4 Jan 2025 @05:00PM

Location: Community Studio

Cost: Free

Enquiries: 02 60229330 or hyphen@wodonga.vic.gov.au

Be inspired to create your very own artwork!

Whether you're an experienced artist or a total beginner, you can get creative at our interactive drawing space and discover just how relaxing and enjoyable drawing can be.

Be inspired from the drawing prompt provided, or simply let your imagination run wild!

You can take your artwork home or add it to the studio walls as we create our own gallery. Come back each day to see what is added to the community space.

All ages and abilities are welcome – materials provided.

Children under the age of 12 must be in the company of an adult whilst in the venue.





Esports Tournament

Get ready to level up these holidays at Hyphen's esports tournament! We're teaming up with Albury Esports to bring you an action-packed competition with prizes to be won.

Whether you're a pro gamer or just starting out, this event will be fun for everyone. Bring your A-game, show off your Mario Kart skills and claim the title of the ultimate champion.

Come and compete, meet fellow gamers, and make some new friends!

Consoles, controllers and games will be provided. Game is rated PG – Parental Guidance Recommended.

Book now to secure your spot in the competition.

Open for ages 12 to 18.

Starts: Saturday, 18 Jan 2025 @11:00AM

Ends: Saturday, 18 Jan 2025 @02:00PM

Location: Community Studio

Cost: Free, bookings required.

Ages: Ages 12 to 18.

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

Christmas Word Search

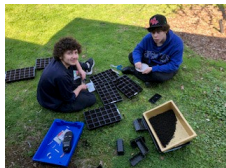
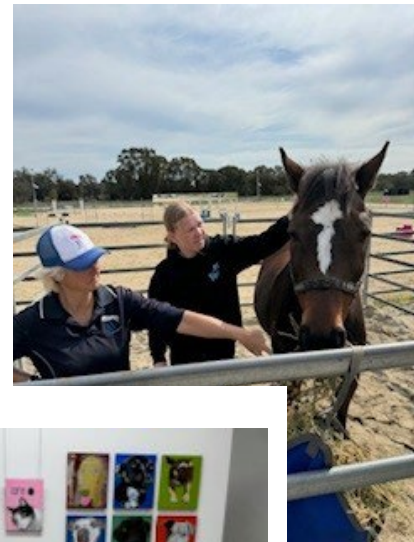


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See how many of these words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

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| 1. Snow | 5. Shovel | 9. Slippery | 13. Scarf |
| 2. Snowman | 6. Cold | 10. Slide | 14. Hat |
| 3. Winter | 7. Freezing | 11. Sledding | 15. Earmuffs |
| 4. Weather | 8. Snowflake | 12. Skating | 16. Mittens |

TERM 4 IN PICTURES



If you or a friend need help,
please reach out to the
following services



1800 55 1800



1300 22 4363



13 11 14



1800 650 890

School Saving Bonus

System guide for parents and carers

How to use the online School Saving Bonus parent and carer online system

About the School Saving Bonus

The Victorian Government is making life a little bit easier for families by providing a one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus. This support will help cover the cost of school uniforms, textbooks, and school activities like camps, excursions and sports.

Receiving the School Saving Bonus

Parents and carers of government school students enrolled for 2025 will receive an email from the Department of Education from 26 November 2024.

The email will contain:

- your unique School Saving Bonus code to use the \$400 support
- a link to the [School Saving Bonus parent and carer online system](#).

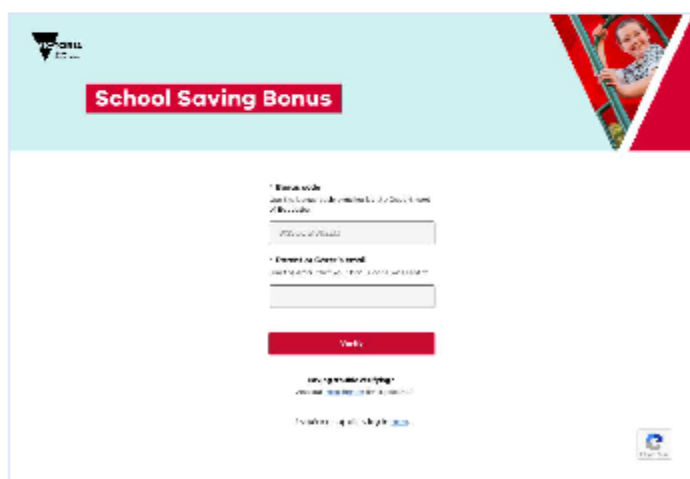
Parents and carers will receive one email and code for each eligible student in their family.

If you cannot locate the email, check your spam or junk folder.

Please note, the Department of Education and the Victorian Government will never ask you to provide your banking or financial details for the School Saving Bonus.

Accessing the School Saving Bonus parent and carer online system

1. Visit the [School Saving Bonus parent and carer online system](#)
2. The following webpage will be displayed:

The screenshot shows the login page for the School Saving Bonus system. At the top, there is a header with the Victorian Government logo and the text 'School Saving Bonus'. Below the header, there is a form with two input fields: 'Enter your unique School Saving Bonus code' and 'Enter your email address'. A red 'Verify' button is positioned below the email field. At the bottom of the form, there is a link for 'Forgot your unique School Saving Bonus code?'. The page also features a small image of a child in the top right corner and a 'Log out' button in the bottom right corner.

3. Enter your unique School Saving Bonus code from the Department of Education and the email address it was sent to and click verify.
4. After you click verify, you will see your School Saving Bonus summary page.