



Term 4 Week 4  
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The Newsletter is designed to offer an information service to the parents of Wedderburn College students and local people interested in Education.

## COMING DATES

*Please note: An official College Calendar with all dates for the year was distributed to all families via Compass and the Homeroom. Should you require one, please ask at the Front Office.*

29 October	Thursday	Last day of Unit 4 classes
30 October	Friday	Year 12 Celebration Morning
30 October	Friday	Try a VET for Year 9, 2021
2 November	Monday	Staff Professional Learning Day (Student Free Day)
3 November	Tuesday	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
4 November	Wednesday	2021 Year 9 Orientation Day
2 - 9 November	Wednesday - Monday	Year 12 SWOTVAC
9 November - 2 December	Monday	End of Year Written Examinations
10 November	Tuesday	Unit 3/4 English Exam
23 - 27 November	Monday - Friday	Year 11 Exams
26 November	Thursday	Year 12 Graduation (at school)
30 November - 4 December	Monday - Friday	2021 Year 12 Step Up Week
4 December	Friday	Year 10 Classes end
10 December	Thursday	Awards Night (Online)
11 December	Friday	Last day of Foundation to Year 9
30 December	Wednesday	Year 12 Study Scores and ATAR results released (online WebEx support will be pre-arranged for students as requested or required)

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers and Friends of Wedderburn College

### Book Week

Instilling a love of reading in every student is one of the highest hopes teachers have for all of their students. Dressing up as a character from a book is just one way to promote and encourage a love of reading. Thank you to all students and families who made the effort to dress up on Monday. It injected colour and fun into what has been a dreary calendar of school events this year!

### Year 12

I wish to acknowledge and thank our Year 12 students for the way they have conducted themselves during this unusual year, and for the resilience and perseverance that they have displayed. On behalf of our entire College, we thank you for your contribution to our College and for all that you have given and shared. We wish each of you health and happiness as you embark on the next chapter of your lives.

Guided by DET advice, we look forward to acknowledging your contribution with a simple ceremony at school with your teachers on Thursday 26 November after exams. Mr Lockhart will speak more to the end of year arrangements below.

### **Professional Learning Communities**

Our teachers have commenced an enquiry cycle this term focusing on aspects of literacy and numeracy. This is a collaborative approach that will focus our improvement work in learning and teaching across the school. A significant investment of time and effort has been committed to establish this 'way of working' and we look forward to the development and growth it will bring.

### **SWPBS (School Wide Positive Behaviour)**

You may have noticed your child receiving positive green chronicles on Compass lately? This is a new and additional way for us to acknowledge our students who demonstrate the expected behaviours linked to our school values of Respect Responsibility and Resilience. We are appreciating the calm and orderly learning environment that we have created here at Wedderburn College. Thank you to all parents and students for their support in teaching and modelling our values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience to all of our students.

### **COVID Safe**

All of the usual measures continue to apply. These include:

- Regular handwashing
- Additional cleaning of high touch surfaces
- Wearing of face masks
- Social distancing where possible
- Only permitted people only onsite

I remind all families that is a student is **sick or unwell** they are **not to come to school**. All absences are to be notified to the front office.

**Ms Rachel Lechmere (Principal)**

## **FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

### **Year 12 Last Day**

This Friday 30 November is Year 12 Celebration morning. It has been a difficult year for our Year 12s with more time spent at home than at school. Our Year 12s have missed a lot of the 'fun things' of Year 12 such as the athletics carnival, despite this it was great to see every one made the most of Book Week and dressed up, which was great role modelling for the rest of our students.

The format and expectations of our Year 12s on their last day has been clearly outlined to all students by Ms Lechmere and myself to ensure a safe and respectful departure. We expect and trust our Year 12s make their last day a positive experience, to end strong and to appropriately celebrate the conclusion of the 13 year journey.

Our Year 12 students will enter SWOTVAC next week and begin exams the following week - this is where everything else takes a back seat and encouragement is given to say:

- no to the part time job
- yes to the morning exercise
- no to the 18th birthday party next weekend
- yes to getting plenty of sleep
- no to poor eating
- yes to formulating a study plan
- no to mum and dad doing the extra work around the house (good luck with this one)
- yes to timed break

I think you get the picture! To our Year 12s I say:

*have a real crack  
step it up  
you are nearly there!  
Good luck!*

### **Student Free Days**

The following days are Student Free Days

Monday 2 November: Staff Professional Development Day

Tuesday 3 November: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

### **NCTTC Orientation Days & Year 9 First Aid**

All students need to be in full school uniform with appropriate footwear and need to take drinking bottles.

Friday the 30 October: Try A Vet (for current Year 9s)

Wednesday 4 November: NCCTC Orientation Day (for current Year 8s)

Wednesday 4 November: Year 9 Level 1 First Aid Certificate (at Wedderburn)

**Mr Dean Lockhart (Assistant Principal)**

### **FOUNDATION/1**

Our knowledge of how to tell the difference between toys from the past and modern toys has improved. We are now asking ourselves: What are the toys made of? How are they made and how do they move? This assists us with working out the difference. This week we will be sorting pictures of toys into modern and olden -day categories. Let's hope we remember what to ask ourselves when we do this!

**Mrs Tanya Chalmers, Teacher**

### **YEAR 2/3**

This term we are becoming scientists and looking at how things grow and change. Next week we will be completing an experiment using seeds and soil, our hypothesis is "Seeds grow better in some soils more than others". In maths we are using money to add amounts and work out change. Well done to all for the effort in dressing up for Book Week. We had a colourful and fun room for the day. Keep reading at home everyone!

**Mrs Deirdre McKenzie, Teacher**

### **YEAR 3/4**

A lovely fortnight with Book Week Dress Up day and Footy Colours day was made even more relaxing with the added public holiday. A nice work ethic has been circulating the room as students work on their poetry and measurement topics in literacy and maths. We are eager to jump into our science topic of Chemistry but juggling the timetable has been difficult at times.

We are so close to completing our class novel, *The Tale of Desperaux* by Kate DiCamillo and we can't wait to hear about Desperaux's fate in whether or not he saves his beloved Princess Pea. The villainous Roscuro has made quite a statement by kidnapping the Princess in the night and transporting her into the castle dungeon. We can't wait to view the film version of this story and make comparisons between the texts.

We have been talking a lot amongst our students about Resilience amongst friends and to tell a staff member if something isn't going well for them. Students are reminded to always be RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE by using kind and polite words, keeping their hands and feet to themselves and to always include others in the yard.

**Miss Jessica Higgins, Teacher**

### **YEAR 5/6**

What a cracking start to Term 4 we have had! We are in Week 4 of the term and already we have some stellar poems written for our own personal anthologies.

A diamante written, notice the symmetry both in the poem display and the subject matter

*Billie  
Annoying, lazy  
Jumping, caring, playing  
Always hungry, always feeding  
Feeding, petting, loving  
Annoyed, tired  
Owner*

This week we are starting on Odes.

*To U2  
Your music is the best of all the songs  
Your music is of god's voice  
A wave of happiness on every beat  
You're all a shining star  
Oh, U2 how I adore you*

In Maths we have been working on several projects. Building chairs and theme parks. As well as Maths pathways. Please, Families, if you have any masking tape or old newspaper lying around the house we would love to collect them!

After we have all become experts on a particular planet we will be coming together to build an entire solar system. If you have any recyclable materials that you think should be good to use to support planet structures, please bring them in.

**Mrs Annita Steel, Teacher**

#### **MATHS PATHWAY**

Congratulations to this fortnight's Maths Pathway champions. Congratulations to **Morgan** for achieving the highest growth this cycle with **300%**.

CLASS	CLASS AVERAGE	HIGHEST STUDENT GROWTH
Year 5	91%	<b>Morgan</b> with 300%
Year 6	67%	<b>Matilda</b> and <b>Noah</b> with 100%
Year 7	97%	<b>Edwin</b> 233%
Year 8	93%	<b>Chelsea</b> and <b>Claire</b> with 167%
Year 9	89%	<b>Mack</b> with 267%
Year 10	92%	<b>Josh</b> and <b>Tahli</b> with 233%

Just a reminder that students achieving 100% growth rate each cycle is equivalent to one year's growth achieved in the Mathematics curriculum.

**Last week's maths Joke:** Why was the student upset when his teacher called him average?  
**Answer:** Because it was a mean thing to say.

**New Joke/Pun:** Why should you not argue with a 90 degree angle?  
**Answer:** Will be in the next newsletter

**Mr Danny Fowles and Miss Emma Milne, Teachers**

## SENIOR ADVOCACY

This week we will celebrate our Year 12 students completing their formal classes on Thursday. Year 11 students will conclude their formal classes on **Friday 20 November** with their examination period taking place the following week. Step up classes into 2021 will take place between **Monday 30 November and Friday 4 December**. **Friday 4 December** will also be the last day of the school year for our Year 11 students.

### Reminders

Students are reminded to be aware of their own personal hygiene and safety at all times when in public. Masks are required to be worn, social distancing should be adhered to and hand washing/sanitizing should be taking place before school, after each class, at the end of recess and lunch.

### Year 12 End of Year VCAA examinations

Official VCAA end of year examinations will take place for our Year 12 students at the Wedderburn Trotting Pavilion. Students are reminded to read through all examination requirements, permitted materials and rules prior to the beginning of the examination process. Information regarding these can be found in the Year 12 Exam Navigator, or at [www.vcaa.vic.edu.au](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au)

All Year 12 examinations will take place between **Tuesday November 10 and Thursday November 26**.

Individual examination timetables have been provided to students. If you would like an additional copy, please speak with Mrs Barker.

### Reminder: Term 4 Career Advisor Dates

Sue Clay, our Career Advisor will be available to meet with students on the following dates this term. Please email or discuss with Mrs Barker if you would like to make an appointment time.

- Wednesday 28 October
- Monday 9 November
- Friday 20 November

Have a great week everyone!

Mrs Lauren Barker, VCE Coordinator

## COMPASS

Don't wait for the end of semester to view your child's progress. Log in to Compass and view teacher feedback and feed forward at any time by checking out your child's Learning Tasks. Children also receive regular (every 5 weeks) progress reports on their Organisation, Behaviour, Attitude to Learning and Work Completion. Learning Tasks and Reports can be found on your child's profile page.

## GENERAL NEWS

### LIBRARY NEWS

#### Book Week

We finally got to celebrate Book Week over the last ten days! You could be confused as to whether we were at Wedderburn College or Hogwarts School of Wizardry with all the caped students and professors with wands and the fantastical wild creatures.

Professor Delores Umbridge (aka Miss MacKay) and her judges discerned the best costumes of the day. Each winner receives a \$15 book voucher for the Book Fair next week or to use at the website [bookdepository.com](http://bookdepository.com) The winners in each class level are:

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Brax Van Noordenen

A Pirate

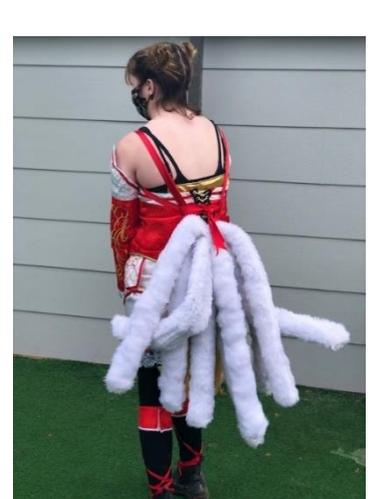
Year 2/3	KB	Pikachu
Year 3/4	Riley Leach	The Wizard from The Wizard of Oz
Year 5/6	Amelia Rose	The Snow Queen from Chronicles of Narnia
Year 7	EW	Mike Wazowski from "Monsters Inc."
Year 8	Crystal-Rose Murray	An 8-Tailed Anime Character - Graphic Novel
Year 9	Neve Nisbet, Ella Bailey and Eliza Turnbull	from the Very Hungry Caterpillar
Year 10	Olivia Lockhart	Daphne from "Scooby Doo"
Year 11	Laura Rowe	The Old Man from "Up"
Year 12	Tyler Douglas	Alien
Staff	Highly Commended:	Miss Gerin as Dorothy and Mr Tatchell as the Scarecrow with Hudson the wonder pug as Tonto from "The Wizard of Oz"

Thank you to everyone who participated in the spirit of the event. Special thanks to **Jake Murphy** and to all and parents and family for preparing the students. See you all next year, and in the meantime - READ!

**Book Fair (Covid style)**

Thursday 5 November 8.30am - 2pm  
Friday 6 November 8.30am - 2pm

Next week the Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the college Library. Students will be able to see the wide selection of books, gifts, posters and fancy stationery available to buy in a socially distanced manner.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### UNIFORMS FOR SALE

Wedderburn College Parents Association sell SECOND HAND and NEW UNIFORMS to help raise funds for camps, books, excursions etc. These uniforms can be purchased from the Uniform Shop at the School, located on Chapel Street side of the school. (Building formally known as the HUB)

**Hours:** Thursday 3pm to 4pm  
 Friday 8.30am to 9.30am  
 Or phone **Kylie** on **0409 389 916** or **Jo** on **0407049268** to arrange another time.

### RAMJAC Uniform Price List

SS Champion Polo Navy/Gold	\$24.00
LS Champion Polo Navy/Gold	\$26.00
Champion Jacket	\$40.00
Micro Fibre Shorts	\$30.00
Drill Shorts	\$30.00
Skirt with Skort	\$37.00
Microfiber Track pant -Kids	\$40.00
Microfiber Track pant -Adult	\$44.00
LS Tee with Logo	\$18.00
Padded Vest	\$45.00
Bonded Polar Fleece Vest	\$39.00
Bonded Polar Fleece Jacket	\$44.00
Polar Fleece ½ zip jumper	\$32-\$36
Wide Brimmed Hat	\$15.00
Bucket Hat	\$15.00
Beanie	\$15.00



\*\*\*\*\* Navy Socks Now Available\*\*\*\*\*

We have a wide variety of sizes to try on. Orders taken and paid for on the day via Cash or Credit Card and delivered to the School Uniform Shop the following week.

### Second Hand Uniform Price List

Polar Fleece Jumpers	\$3.00
Navy Polo	\$2.00
Shorts	\$2.00
Track pants	\$2.00
Hats/Beanies	\$2.00
Dresses	\$5.00
P/F Vest & Full zip Jacket	\$5.00
Champion Jacket	\$5.00

Donations of unwanted or no longer needed uniforms are greatly appreciated. These can be dropped off to the front office or call or text **Kylie** on **0409 389 916** for other arrangements.

Wide variety of sizes to purchase on the day. Cash only.

New Dresses now available \$55 each.

# Be a part of the inaugural



**Have your say, be heard, get involved, meet new people, learn new skills, and make a difference...**

The North Central LLEN (NCLLEN) is looking for energetic, self-motivated people between the ages of 15 and 21 who live, work or study within the Buloke Shire Council, Loddon Shire Council and St Arnaud in the Northern Grampians Shire Council to join our inaugural Youth Advisory Committee.

We are seeking up to 24 local young people (for an initial 12 month period) who are passionate about many different areas of community life to represent the views and interests of their peers, and to provide the opportunity to build positive connections with each other and the wider community.

The Committee will hear and respond to the voice of young people in the north central region - initially as we begin the recovery process from Covid-19 and the economic and wellbeing impacts that have, and will continue to arise.

This is a fantastic opportunity to build on - and expand - your skills in leadership, communication, public speaking, problem solving, teamwork and governance and at the same time making a difference by helping us to create opportunities for all children and young people to be on their way to success in education, work and life.

As a collective, the Youth Advisory Council will:

- Provide input and advice on how we can navigate towards the new "Covid normal" as well as other NCLLEN programs and projects
- Have discussions about issues that are of concern to young people and advocate for change
- Provide opportunities for young people to respond to local/state/federal government policies that impact them and their communities
- Develop and implement projects that will help young people living in the north central region
- Participate in the Victorian Youth Parliament initiative
- Provide a social opportunity for young people from across a broad range of north central communities to come together as a network

**Expressions of Interest are now open (closing on Sunday 1 November 2020) and can be downloaded from the Youth Advisory Council information page on our website - [www.ncllen.org.au](http://www.ncllen.org.au).**

**The Youth Council's inaugural gathering will take place as part of National Youth Week on Sunday 15 November.**

**For more information contact Julie at the NCLLEN on 0409 983 270 or email [ncllen@ncllen.org.au](mailto:ncllen@ncllen.org.au).**

# Expression of Interest



<b>Name:</b>			
<b>Date of Birth:</b>			
<b>Address:</b>			
<b>Town:</b>		<b>Postcode:</b>	
<b>Mobile:</b>		<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Occupation/Current Level of Study:</b>			
<b>Why would you like to be a part of the inaugural North Central LLEN Youth Advisory Council?</b>			
<b>What skills and qualities do you think you could bring to the North Central LLEN Youth Advisory Council?</b>			
<b>What do you think are some of the biggest issues currently facing rural youth?</b>			
<b>What do you hope to get from being involved in the North Central LLEN Youth Advisory Council?</b>			

Email completed Expression of Interest to [ncllen@ncllen.org.au](mailto:ncllen@ncllen.org.au) by Sunday 1 November 2020

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Bringing check-ups, treatment and oral health  
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Where: **Wedderburn Community Centre**  
**24 Wilson Street, Wedderburn**

When: 12<sup>th</sup> October – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020



Call **(03) 8412 0444** to book your appointment

Who can receive treatment in the Flying Doctor Dental Clinic:

- Children 0 – 12 years
- Young people 13 – 17 years
- Adults aged 18 years and over, who have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession card or are dependents of a card holders
- All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- Holders of a DVA gold card

To find out more or to download your **free colour-in teeth-cleaning calendar** go to  
[flyingdoctor.org.au/vic/our-services/mobile-dental-care/](http://flyingdoctor.org.au/vic/our-services/mobile-dental-care/)

RFDS Victoria is committed to providing a COVID safe environment for our clients.  
Please contact us to find out how we are keeping our clients safe.