

LINK NEWS

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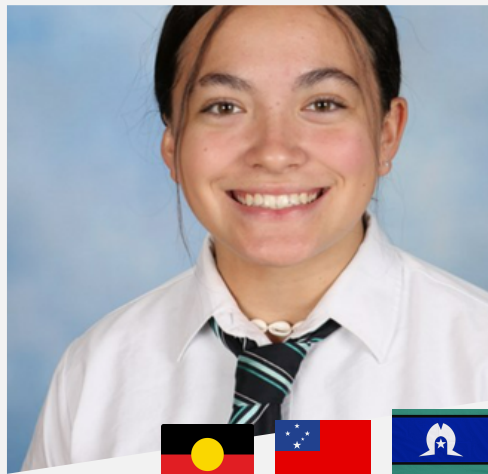


FROM BUNURONG LAND

We respect, acknowledge, value, and celebrate the First Nations people, our heritage, cultural diversity, and multicultural strengths. We will provide an environment in which we aim to support every student to engage with truth, justice, and healing through reconciliation via the curriculum and listening to our elders and our family stories. An environment in which every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student has the opportunity to achieve their potential and feel strong and connected in their cultural identity.

MEET OUR CULTURAL LEADERS!

Our 2025 Cultural Leaders will organise events, lead awareness campaigns, and foster a welcoming environment for students from all backgrounds. Serving as a bridge between students and staff, they advocate for cultural representation and support minority or international students. Through workshops, collaborations, and initiatives, they will help create a more inclusive and engaged school community. Congratulations to Tanika, Chloe, Max and Bailey.



BETTER READING AND WRITING

Our Better Reading and Writing course helps families with low English proficiency by improving their communication skills, increasing confidence, and enhancing daily life interactions. It enables parents to support their children's education, understand important documents, and engage with teachers and the community. By strengthening literacy, families gain better job opportunities, access essential services, and build stronger social connections, leading to greater independence and improved quality of life. Thanks to our partners at Wyndham Community and Education Centre for facilitating.



TRANSITION SUPPORT- SETTLING INTO THE NEW YEAR

The Hub Team plays a vital role in supporting families as they settle into the new school year by providing essential services and guidance. They assist with the School Savings Bonus, helping families manage school costs, and support with Compass for booking parent-teacher meetings and staying informed. The team also helps with uniform support, ensuring students have what they need to start the year with confidence. By offering practical assistance and fostering connections, the Hub Team makes the transition smoother for families, ensuring every student has the best start to their school year. Multicultural Education Aides Mili, Kaw and Du Way also help us a lot in the Hub :)



WHAT'S ON IN THE HUB FOR TERM 2?

BETTER READING AND WRITING CLASS

If you're interested in improving your English skills, this class is a great opportunity.

WEDNESDAYS 12.15pm to 2.15pm

THE SMITH FAMILY DROP IN

Touch base with The Smith Family team

TUESDAYS 9.30am-11am

COMPASS TRAINING

Need help navigating Compass? Passwords, bookings, emailing teachers and more

Contact the Hub team- Text Compass Help to 0427 099 841

LIVING AND WORKING IN AUSTRALIA

Learn Australia's history and laws and how to navigate living and working in Australia. Supports getting ready for citizenship.

COFFEE WITH A COP SERIES

YOUNG MOB and Excursion

BREAK TIME CLUBS

Interact- Wednesdays Break 1- once a fortnight

Rainbow Group- every Tuesday, Break 2

Auslan- Thursday Break 2

RECONCILIATION WEEK May 26-30



REFUGEE WEEK 15-19 June



TERM 2 calendar out soon!

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



We celebrated the incredible women who make our workplace a better, stronger, and more inclusive place to be. We hosted a wonderful morning tea for our amazing staff, and we're deeply thankful to the Australian Education Union Victoria and Teachers Health for joining us and the AEU for generously covering the cost of the delicious spread! A special thank you to Mrs. Vlahos (Social Club), who created a beautiful art collage showcasing all the inspirational women in our staff's lives – such a meaningful touch! We also want to thank Kristy (AEU ES Rep), Sandy (AEU Women's Rep), and Ms. Serovska (Sub Branch President) for your dedication and hard work in making today extra special. Here's to lifting each other up, supporting one another, and continuing to make a difference in the world.

HOLI VIP

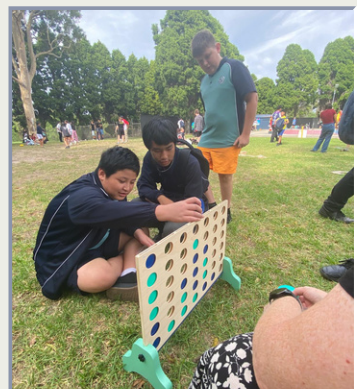


Holi, the vibrant Indian Festival, was celebrated with joy, love, and unity at Wyndham Central College! It was an amazing day filled with colours, laughter, and a true spirit of togetherness. As the Hindi Beacon School Program Leader, Ms Sharma had the honour of welcoming everyone to this special event. We were thrilled to be joined by the Honourable Consul General of India, Dr. Sushil Kumar, and our State MP, John Lister, in the Community Hub who added their grace and presence to the celebration. Year 7 students were treated to a color run.



SWIMMING CARNIVAL SPIRIT BOOTH

Student Services and the Community Hub combined efforts to provide fun by the pool, ensuring we are lifting the house spirit teams! Look out for us at the athletics carnival!



HARMONY WEEK 2025

Celebrating Harmony Week at Wyndham Central College

Our incredible school leaders have a strong message about what Harmony Week means to them. Our School Captains—Alice, Liam, Tala, and Nicole—and our Cultural Leaders, Chloe and Tanika, came together to create a powerful video sharing their personal insights on the significance of cultural diversity, inclusivity, and the importance of unity in our community.

At Wyndham Central College, we believe that student voice is a crucial part of shaping our culture. When students take an active role in expressing their thoughts and values, it fosters a sense of belonging and encourages respect for one another's differences. By empowering our leaders to share their perspectives, we are reminded of the strength that comes from embracing diversity. This video serves as a testament to the vibrant, diverse community we are building together. It's a beautiful example of how student voices can inspire change and contribute to the development of an inclusive school culture.

Let's continue to celebrate each other's differences and stand united in fostering respect, empathy, and understanding.

Happy Harmony Week!!

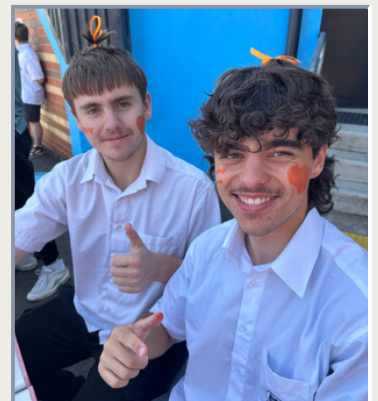
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DAY 1 AND 2

Day 1 and 2 of Harmony Week! ☀️. Our Community Hub kicked off the week with creativity and collaboration, creating beautiful artwork that shares powerful messages about harmony, unity, and respect. Along with their art, we had an incredible African drumming session, bringing rhythm and energy to our celebrations! Students also wore orange ribbons, bracelets, and face paint to show their support for Harmony Week. ❤️ The color orange symbolises the message of building a more inclusive and harmonious community, where everyone is respected and valued. Shout out to Year 11 VM students Tayla, Eamon, Bailey, Nick, Zane, Ryder and Ryder for giving back to community and supporting the events.



DAY 3- PODCAST INTERVIEWS

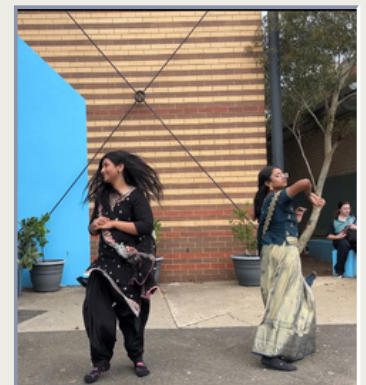


Our Year 12 leaders – Chloe, Tanika, Malia, Tina, Harmony, Sou, Christine, and Rana – have come together to discuss what Harmony Week means to our school community. ❤️ In our upcoming podcast, they'll share their personal insights on the importance of unity, respect, and embracing diversity.

We are also honored to have Wathaurong Elder Aunty Judy Dalton Walsh, along with teachers Mr. Slater and Ms. Toloa, contributing to this meaningful conversation. Stay tuned as we'll be releasing this special podcast soon! 🎧 You won't want to miss their inspiring thoughts on how we can all contribute to a more harmonious environment.

DAY 4-INDIAN DANCE AND FIRST NATIONS GAMES

Day 4 of Harmony Week was a celebration of Indian culture through vibrant dance and First Nations sports games! ❤️✨ A huge thank you to Udisha, Jaskirat, Reehj, Gaurika, and Harshini for their incredible performances, showcasing the beauty and energy of Indian dance! Your talent brought the spirit of unity and diversity to life. We also had the opportunity to engage in traditional First Nations sports games, thanks to Mr. Brown, Mr. Lynch, and our Cultural Coordinator, Cooper, for leading the activities and helping us learn more about this important part of our heritage.



DAY 5- KAREN WRIST TYING CEREMONY

LEARN ABOUT OCHRE AND THANAKA

Day 5 of Harmony Week was full of cultural learning and celebration! 🌟 We started the day with a meaningful Karen wrist-tying ceremony, a tradition symbolising unity, respect, and friendship. This beautiful practice helps strengthen community bonds and reminds us of the importance of togetherness and harmony.

Students also learned about the significance of thanaka, a traditional Burmese skin paste used for beauty and protection, and ochre, a natural earth pigment with cultural importance for many Indigenous communities. We also explored the art of henna, used for centuries as a form of body art and a symbol of celebration. A huge thank you to Shwe Win and Eh Gay Paw for their stunning traditional Karen dance performances! Thank you to Year 11 VM students Sunday, Si, Shaw Reh and Joseph for helping us. And a special shout-out to our Family and Community Worker, Paw Ner Moo, for organising such a wonderful and educational day. It's been a day of learning, connection, and celebration. Thank you to everyone involved!



Happy Harmony Week!