



# WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

*Providing an empowering environment for life-long learning*



## Newsletter: 12 December 2018

We have once again had a busy, productive year. It is evident from the number of award winners at yesterday's Presentation Day ceremony that our school fulfils our school vision: To provide an empowering environment for life-long learning.

Some of the opportunities our students have had this year include:

- Students achieved in the top 20% of Australia in NAPLAN testing;
- Swimming, Athletics, Cross Country & Interschool Carnivals - with champions and runners-up in events along with records being broken;
- Worked collaboratively with the Wagin Early Years Network to improve opportunities for families with 0-8 year olds - including Messy Play, Parent information sessions and regular Storytime;
- One student being selected in the top 10 for the Vi Barham Awards for Excellence;
- Country Week;
- Breakfast Club, Lunch Club and Mentors;
- Hawaiian Ride for Youth and Youth Focus;
- Community guest speakers;
- Our TAGS Program;
- Year 6 Camp;
- Canberra Camp;
- Leadership Camp;
- Nature Play area;
- Dumbleyung Speech and Drama festival;
- Students singing at Carols by Candlelight;
- Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch;
- Yr 6 Celebration; and
- Presentation Day.

We have many positives to be proud of at Wagin District High School. We look forward to continuing to work with everyone to make 2019 even better.

## FAREWELL

To our wonderful Year 10 students. They have been an absolute joy to work with and we wish them the very best for their future.

We also have one staff member leaving:

Ms Roche together with Bohdie, Callum and Trey are moving back to Perth, we wish them the best for next year.

Mrs Abbott, Mrs Owen and Ms Bliss have retired; we will hold a formal retirement event for them in the New Year.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for their support and commitment to the children and young people of Wagin DHS. We look forward to working with everyone in the New Year and wish everyone a safe and relaxing Christmas break.

See you in 2019!

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## Presentation Day Awards

It was delightful to see so many faces at our Presentation Day on Tuesday and a pleasure to see so many students rewarded for exhibiting their EMUS and aiming high. Click [here](#) for a recap of the award recipients. [-Photo Gallery-](#)



## Class Splits

You should have received your child's teacher and classroom details earlier in the week. Yesterday students spent some time with the classroom teacher they will be working with in 2019. This went very well and the students were very excited to have this opportunity.

The class splits for 2019 are:

- Kindy with Mrs Spooner and Mrs Quinn
- Pre-Primary with Mrs Little
- Pre-Primary/Year 1 with Miss Child
- Year 1/2 with Ms Bennett
- Year 2 with Mrs Gannaway and Mrs Pederick
- Year 3/4 with Mrs Pangler
- Year 3/4 with Mrs Moffatt
- Year 5/6 with Mrs Pocock
- Year 5/6 with Mr Mullin

Our exceptional Education Assistants will continue to work across classrooms to support student academic, social and emotional progress.

Year 7 with Mrs Pieterse being Year Group Co-Ordinator

Year 8 with Ms Bickers being Year Group Co-Ordinator

Year 9/10 with Mrs King being Year Group Co-Ordinator



## Volunteers Morning Tea

We held our annual volunteers Morning Tea last Thursday to thank everyone who has volunteered throughout the school during 2018.

Throughout the year we had 135 people volunteer across the school:

- In classrooms;
- In the canteen;
- In the uniform shop;
- At whole school events;
- With fundraising;
- In Breakfast Club;
- To mentor students;
- Constructing our Nature playground;
- On P & C; and
- On School Council.

We are very lucky and immensely appreciative of everything our community gives to our school. Ultimately it sends a very strong message to students of Wagin DHS that they are valued and supported. It is another important life-long learning experience you are showing your children and young people. **THANK YOU!**



## School Uniforms

The School Uniform shop will be open next year before school goes back on **Thursday, 30 January** and **Friday, 1 February** from 10am-12pm for all your new year needs.

[Uniform Order Book](#)

It is frustrating for parents and students when their belongings go missing. To stop that from happening, please ensure that your child/ren have their names clearly labelled on their clothing as well as containers and water bottles. Why not support our P & C while you're at it with labels from [stuckonyou](#). Just add their fundraising code "WAGINDHSPC" when you make a purchase and you can help to raise funds for our amazing P & C.

Our School Uniform shop will also be open every Friday during the term from 8.30am - 10.00am



## Canteen Roster

A big thank you to the volunteers that have offered their services in the canteen for 2019! Click [here](#) for the roster.



## Christmas in Wagin

A great way to celebrate the end of the school year is the [Street Carnival](#). This will be held on **Friday, 14 December** on Tavistock Street starting at 5.30pm.



## EMUS Awards

The EMUS card count for this year was **ENGAGED** - 6176, **MANNERS** - 2995, **UNDERSTANDING** - 2678, **STRIVE** - 3474. Making a total of 15323 EMUS cards awarded this year.



## School Development Days 2019

School Development Days 2019 as selected by staff and endorsed by School Council are:

- Thursday, 31 January
- Friday, 1 February;
- Monday, 29 April;
- Monday, 26 August;
- Monday, 14 October; and
- Friday, 20 December.

31 January, 1 February & 20 December are mandated days set by the Department of Education: we cannot change them.

Students start the year on Monday, 4 February and finish on Thursday, 19 December.



## Merry Christmas

Wishing all of our WDHS families a very happy Christmas as well as a safe and enjoyable holiday. See you all back at school on **Monday, 4 February** where we look forward to a splendiferous 2019!

[Click here to go to our Events Calendar](#)