



WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Providing an empowering environment for life-long learning



Newsletter: 13 February 2019

Hi Subscribers Name

Welcome to the new school year, thank you to all our families for supporting your child to have a great start to the year. It was wonderful to see so many students in uniform and prepared for the year when we returned last Monday.

We have had several new families enrol or return to our school, we hope they are enjoying the start to the 2019 school year.

A very warm welcome to our Kindy students and their families, we look forward to working with you throughout the year.

The entire Wagin District High School staff are looking forward to providing an empowering learning environment to support your child's life-long learning journey. Staff had two very positive, productive days before students returned with the focus on being working towards building a strong common story around how our school operates and what we all value. Staff spent a day with Geoff Metcalf on Friday, 1 February reviewing school data and giving feedback about our 2019 and beyond school plan, school council members Anita Longmuir, Nicole Ward and Lindsay Johnson were also involved in this session.

We have welcomed a new deputy: Ms Tara Ward, she has settled in very well and has begun to build positive relationships with the students, their families and her colleagues.

We have started the year with 250 students, with 197 in Kindy-Year 6 and 52 in Year 7-10.

Our class structures for 2019 are:

Kindy with Mrs Spooner

Pre-Primary with Mrs Little

Pre-Primary/Year 1 with Miss Child

Year 1/2 with Ms Bennett

Year 2 with Mrs Gannaway & Mrs Pederick

Year 3/4 with Mrs Pangler

Year 3/4 with Mrs Moffatt

Year 5/6 with Mr Mullin

Year 5/6 with Mrs Pocock

Year 7

Year 8

Year 9/10

English with Mrs King and Mrs Pieterse

Humanities and Social Sciences with Mrs King

Science with Ms Bickers

Mathematics with Ms Bickers

Art with Ms van Leeuwen

Technologies with Mr Harris

Digital Technologies with Mrs Pieterse

Physical Education & Health with Mrs Kellow & Ms Bennison

We continue to have our Education Assistants, supporting teaching and learning programs across the school:

Mrs Montgomery

Mrs Quinn

Mrs Diver

Mrs Hancock

Mrs Hall

Mrs Reed

Mrs Eckersley

Mrs Johnson

THANK YOU

CBH have again very generously supplied stationary packs for our Year 1 students. These packs are the property of individual students and have been sent home with students. This very generous support is a positive step in supporting our students to Aim High.

COMMUNICATION

Your child or young person's journey through school has a greater chance of being successful if there is a positive relationship between school and home. If we are all working towards the same goal to meet our

school vision of; providing an empowering environment for life-long learning, our students - your children - reap the benefits of that. They need the communities heartfelt support, genuine commitment and to feel as though the adults in their lives are proud of them and the school they attend, and that no matter what, we will always do our collective best for them. We need to encourage those members of our community who are unsure of what is happening or with negative perceptions about the teachers or children or the admin team to be courageous and come in, ask questions, seek solutions and work together. That would be an amazing life-long learning experience for the children and young people attending Wagin District High School.

A very big thankyou to all the parents and carers who have or are planning to attend the primary classroom meetings, volunteered your time to walk to and from the pool for swimming lessons, in the canteen, in breakfast club, or on your child's classroom support rosters. We greatly appreciate everyone's time and commitment.

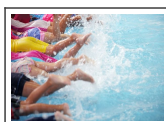
Please do not hesitate to come and talk to teaching or admin staff if you have any concerns or questions. The school office can be contacted on 9861 3200.

BEHAVIOUR

A lot of changes were implemented last year to support improved behaviour across the school; these will continue to be a focus throughout 2019. These changes have been so successful due to family support especially regarding phones, uniform and students following school expectations. We look forward to continuing this positive progress with everyone's input. We continue to use our EMUS to help all school members - students, staff, parents and community to be Engaged, use our Manners, show Understanding and Strive.

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Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons have started! With swimming pools and beaches a part of the WA lifestyle, ensuring our children can swim competently and safely is a must. Great to see so many happy faces heading off to the pool for their lessons. Swimming Carnival will be held on **Tuesday, 26 February 2019**



School Social

Get your dancing shoes ready...the first social for the year will be on **Thursday, 21 February 2019**. It will be running from 5.30 - 7.30pm with a \$5 entry fee. All proceeds will go towards this year's Leadership Camp.



Immunisations

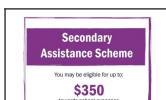
Our school nurse will be giving vaccinations to the Years 7, 8 & 10 students on Wednesday, 20 February 2019. **Please return the form by Thursday, 14 February 2019**. If you have any queries about these vaccinations please contact Pia Lambert - School Health Nurse on 9861 1224.



P & C

The first P & C meeting for 2019 will be held on **Monday, 25 February** at 12:30pm in the Library. If you have any questions, agenda items or apologies, please contact Nicole Ward at paulnicole@activ8.net.au

One of the main agenda items to be discussed at this meeting will be fundraising ideas for this year. If you have any ideas for how we can raise money to put back into our school, please come along to discuss them. We welcome all previous and new members to attend. We look forward to another successful year as your P & C.



Secondary Assistance Scheme

Is your child in Year 7-12? Do you hold a Centrelink Family Healthcare card, Centrelink Pensioner Card or a Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Card? You may be



eligible for up to **\$350** towards school expenses. Applications close Friday, 12 April 2019. More information is available from the front office.



Bushfire Plan

Wagin District High School is in a Bush Fire zone as determined by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services. As such we have a Bush Fire Plan and will work with local agencies in the event of a bush fire. Our Bush Fire plan can be found [here](#) or on our website www.wagindhs.wa.edu.au.

We may be directed by our Regional office to close school, if this occurs we will do our very best to inform you as soon as we know. To ensure you remain up to date with information from school **please ensure your contact details are current** and also listen to local ABC radio stations as they also provide updates. Bus services are overseen by the Public Transport Authority; we will do our best to work with them to ensure all students are safe in the event of a bush fire, **if your children travel to and from school on the bus please also ensure bus drivers/contractors have your current contact details.**



Wagin Woolorama

Section P: Special Junior Section

All school aged students are invited to enter a range of work in this years Wagin Woolorama. Whether your child is interested in cooking, art, craft and design, stamps or photography, we encourage them to consider entering their work in the Special

Junior Section.

All details can be found in the show schedule, or at www.woolorama.com.au Exhibiting work in the show gives students the opportunity to see their work on display, thus developing a sense of pride in their achievements. They could even earn some prize money as a bonus!

Any enquiries to Nicole Ward at paulnicole@activ8.net.au



Wagin Playgroup

Playgroup is held Friday's 9.30am-11.30am during school terms at Eric Farrow Pavilion (near playground) for ages 0-5. Also check out the [Toy Library](#) or [Kindy Gym](#)



TEAM Kids

Think, Eat and Move (TEAM) is a healthy lifestyle program designed by health professionals to support individuals and families to improve their physical activity levels and eating habits. [More Information](#)



Kidsafe

Keeping kids injury free in the Wheatbelt Region. Free Child Safety Workshop Presented by Kidsafe WA. Wednesday, 20 February, 9am – 10am. [More Information](#)

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