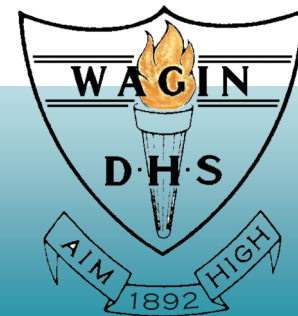


Wagin District High School Newsletter

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Farewell



Awesome Yr 10s

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BANK DETAILS TO PAY FEES

You may prefer to pay school accounts through Direct Debit.
The school bank account details are as follows:

Account Name: Wagin District High School
BSB Number: 036 153
Account Number: 139315
(Westpac - Katanning)

Please ensure that the student's name is used as
the reference for all Direct Deposits

From the Principal

WHAT HAVE WE DONE THIS YEAR?

2016 has been a busy, productive, enjoyable year. It is evident from the number of award winners at yesterdays' Presentation Day ceremony that our school fulfils our school vision:

To provide an empowering environment for life-long learning.

Below are some of the many achievements we have made:

- Swimming, Athletics & Interschool Carnivals- with champions and runners up in both events along with records being broken
- Bendigo Bank Netball and Winter Carnivals
- **Country Week- Netball winning Sportsmanship award and Mixed Basketball winning B Division**
- **ANZAC ceremony**
- **APEX regional finalists**
- **Western Australian State Category finalists and representation at the National APEX Fashion Awards with a Runner up in the Wearable Art category in Melbourne**
- Year 10 Careers Camp, Year 6 Camp, Leadership Camp
- Guest Speakers, visiting Author and visiting Performers
- Hawaiian Ride for youth and Youth Focus
- Hating Alison Ashley Drama performance
- Year 9 & 10 attending Skills West Expo- with a very generous donation from the Wagin Action Group
- Whole School events such as NAIDOC, Socials and Assemblies
- Breakfast Club, Lunch Club and Mentoring Program
- **18 students achieved in the top 20% of Australia in NAPLAN testing**
- One student receiving a **High Distinction** and is the **Western Australian Year 7 Australian History Champion**
- **3 students received distinctions in the Australian History Champion**
- Worked collaboratively with the Wagin Early Years Network to improve opportunities for families with 0-8 year olds including Messy Play, Teddy Bears Picnic and regular Story Time
- Aboriginal Playgroup with families becoming more involved in school even before their children are enrolled
- Whole school fundraising events such as socials, cake stalls, market stalls & raffles
- The TAGS program
- **Kept working hard, demonstrating our EMUS and AIMING HIGH**

All of these opportunities require an enormous amount of organisation from our staff, who willingly commit their time during the school day and after hours to ensure your children are provided an empowering environment for life-long learning. Our school is a place to be proud of, a place to be cherished, a place where your children will begin their future. Next year I would like to see more family involvement in our school, hear more positive feedback and invite people to come in and discuss issues and concerns. If you want to ensure the success of all of our Wagin children and young people we simply must be working towards the same goal; giving our students the very best education and opportunities possible. This can only be achieved through strong partnerships between home and school- we do not encourage your children to behave poorly, achieve low academic results and generally be unpleasant any more than I'm sure you do. We all want the very best for all of our young people so they can AIM HIGH - lets' make that our mantra!

THANK YOU

These two words mean so very much, we truly could not offer the great range of opportunities we do to our students without the tremendous support from families, community members and groups and local business. We greatly appreciate everything everyone does for our school; whether it is giving time, funds, advice or moral support it all contributes to support student growth.

From the Principal Continued....

FAREWELL

To our wonderful Year 10 students, they have been an absolute joy to work with. We wish them the very best for their future.

We also have several staff members leaving:

Mr Parker will be on leave for 12 months. Thank you for keeping the D&T department ticking along.

Mr Malins will be leaving to take up a position at Butler Primary School and we wish him all the best.

Ms Vowles will be leaving to take up a position at Piara Waters Primary School. We congratulate her on winning a metro position so early in her career. This is testament to the great job she has done here this semester.

Mr vandenBerg will be taking 12 months leave. Our school drew the long straw when Mr V arrived; he has been integral to developing and implementing many wonderful opportunities for our students. Thank you for the stellar job you have done for the last 10 years. Enjoy your leave!

STAFF 2017

Below you will see the primary staff for 2017, we have two new teachers taking up positions in our Year 3/4 and Year 6 classes.

We will also welcome a new D&T and Art teacher.

Mrs Kellow will be returning 2 days per week, Ms Pense returning from long service leave and Mrs Abbott also returning from long service leave.

CLASS SPLITS FOR 2017

You should have received your child's teacher and classroom details in their report earlier in the week. Yesterday students spent some time with the students and where possible the classroom teacher and Education Assistant they will be working with in 2017. This went very well and the students were very excited to have this opportunity. The class splits for 2017 are:

Kindy with Ms Bennett and Mrs Quinn

Kindy with Mrs Spooner and Mrs Montgomery

Pre-Primary with Ms Child and Mrs Owen

Pre-Primary/Year 1 with Mrs Gannaway and Mrs Diver

Year 1 with Mrs Little and Mrs Johnson

Year 2 with Mrs Pangler and Mrs Reed

Year 3 with Mrs Moffatt and Mrs Hancock

Year 3/4 with Mr Moss and Mrs Montgomery (2 days)

Year 4/5 with Mr Mullin

Year 5 with Ms Roche

Year 6 with Ms Reder

Mrs Hall will work between the Arts Centre primary classrooms- Year 4/5, Year 5 and Year 6.

Year 7 with Ms Bickers being Year Group Co-Ordinator

Year 8 with Mrs King being Year Group Co-Ordinator

Year 9/10 with Ms Bennison being Year Group Co-Ordinator

2017

Planning for 2017 is already well under way with many events already on the calendar. Kindy students will continue to attend school three full days each week - Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Monday will continue to be our Early Close day.

Students are expected to be attending school on Wednesday February 1st next year. We look forward to seeing everyone then.

Lastly I would like to say thanks to everyone for your support, time, effort, care, concern, advice and laughter throughout the year. I wish everyone of you an enjoyable, relaxing and safe Christmas break and look forward to doing it all again next year.

Cass Harris-Moroney

Secondary News

With only one more day left of 2016, this becomes the final Secondary News for the school year. Congratulations to all of the outstanding high school students who received awards at yesterday's Presentation Day event. Every one of you was a truly worthy recipient of your respective awards, whether related to a specific learning area, citizenship attributes or ability to Aim High. The awards recognise your positive and engaged attitude, achievement and ability to strive towards your goals and development.

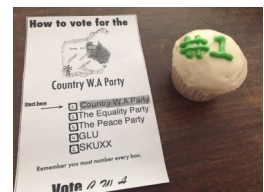
Congratulations to our awesome group of Year 10 Leavers; Rebecca, Billie, Bobbie, Madi, Tahnee, Bailey, Mike, Lloyd and Cambell for reaching your graduation milestone at the Presentation Day ceremony. On behalf of all of your teachers, good luck as you journey into life beyond Wagin DHS. We will all miss you and hope that all of your dreams and aspirations come true.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank every student that I have had the privilege of knowing and teaching throughout my ten years at Wagin DHS. I truly believe that Wagin DHS is an excellent school and I feel that I have been fortunate enough to have been given the opportunity to see so many students grow, learn and achieve the most amazing things. I feel honoured to have been part of the Wagin DHS community for the past ten years and I know I will miss it more than I can even imagine. I hope that I have inspired others to believe that life is about challenging yourself, stepping outside your comfort zone and to shooting for the stars. Thank you to all the Wagin students, staff and community that I have known for the most amazing ride of a lifetime.

In the words of the great Dr Seuss: "Don't cry because it's over... Smile because it happened" ☺
Happy Holidays and Good Luck for 2017.

Shaun vandenBerg

The Voting Process



This term, the Year 9 students have been learning about Australian political parties and the election process. To demonstrate their knowledge on this topic, the students were required to create their own political party and run for office. They needed to create their party's vision statement and party platform, as well as a 2 week election campaign. Once the students delivered their presentations, the audience asked them questions about how they were going to make their election promises work. Preferential voting and the concept of majority rule (50% of the votes +1) was then used to determine the winning party. It was a very close election, but in the end, the Equality Party (led by Sean, Brayden and Amber) was victorious! Rest assured, the future of democracy and the responsibility of voting is in safe hands (at least when it comes to our year 9 students!).



Happy Snaps

Year 6 Camp

*Thank
you
Mr
Mullin!*



*And
Mrs
Hall!*

*Cheers
Chappy!*

Good luck to all of our Year 6 students who move onto High School next year. Aim High and give things a go. You will be surprised at your achievements.

Congratulations to our final group of Super Readers: Carson Painter, Rayne Kapene, Luke Brockwell, Dylan Kellow, Samara Leary, Vincent Moffatt, Oscar Harrington, Rylan Atkins and Katie Manuel. I encourage you all to keep reading through the holidays.

Robyn Willey

Mark it on the CALENDAR

Term Dates for 2017

School Development Days & Public Holidays

Term 1: Wednesday February 1 - Friday, April 7

SDD Monday, January 30

SDD Tuesday, January 31

PH Monday March 6 Labour Day

SDD Friday, March 10 (Woolorama)

Term 2: Wednesday April 26 - Friday June 30

SDD Monday April 24

PH Tuesday April 25 ANZAC Day

PH Monday June 5 WA Day

Term 3: Monday July 17 - Friday Sept 22

SDD Monday August 21

Term 4: Monday October 9 - Thursday Dec 14

There is NO School Development Day

In Term 4

Canteen Roster

Please attend by 9am. Children are not allowed in the canteen, due to insurance requirements. Any queries; ring the canteen on 9861 1348.

Thankyou for your time and support.



Term 1 2017

Wednesday, February 1

Mandy Harrington

Thursday, February 2

Kate Becker

Friday, February 3

Terri Spooner

Monday, February 6

Bec West

Tuesday, February 7

Di Dohle

Wednesday, February 8

Melanie English

WAGIN STREET CARNIVAL
DECEMBER 16TH FROM 5.30
TUDHOE STREET.



To book a stall, call: Anthony 0437 480 312

LOTS OF FOOD **STREET PERFORMERS**
MARKETS **ICE CREAM VAN**
SLIPPERY POLE
ANIMAL FARM **CLIMBING WALL**
AND MUCH MORE

School Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open for sales and orders of uniforms, hats and bags on Monday, January 30th and Tuesday, February 1st from 10am until 12noon. The uniform shop is located in the Admin building next to the Reception area. A Uniform Order Form can be found on the school website - Parents & Citizens.

