



# WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

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Newsletter: 27 February 2019

Hi Subscribers Name



School Captain - Taleah  
Vice Captain - Clare  
Acting Principal - Mr Brian Lee

We are now well and truly into Term 1 and we are aiming to have the school enhance its processes, operations and learning program. As a newcomer to the school, it is taking me a bit of time to get to know everyone. To me, knowing the students and working with them is a very important part of my role. At this point in time I have no understanding of how long I am going to be here in very sunny Wagin but, while I'm here, this is "my school" as well as yours and I will endeavour to work diligently to make sure we have a positive, safe learning environment where parents are welcome and students and staff have harmonious relationships. Please be assured that I am always willing to meet with you to discuss school or individual student matters. Open two-way communication is so important in a school. I look forward to meeting with you as the term unfolds.

### Staffing Matters

The school has been understaffed in the secondary division since the start of the term. Currently there is no Secondary Deputy or Design & Technology teacher. As from today we have been able to employ John Parker in D & T for the next two weeks. Currently we are working with Alison Ramm, the former Regional Executive Director (RED), and Neil Darby, the current RED, to employ a Secondary Deputy. I have informed them that this is an urgent priority. As we have been understaffed in the Secondary this has had quite an impact on other staff who have taken up extra duties. I would like this cleared up as soon as possible.

### School Times and the Structure of the School Day

There has been a lot of feedback from parents, students and staff regarding the current structure of the school day with several issues being raised that would indicate that it's not working as well as we would like. Therefore it will need reviewing and ultimately changing.

**While changes are debated and ultimately put in place primary staff have been asked to open their classroom doors at 8:30 am to enable students access to their rooms so that they can prepare for the day and meet and greet their class mates and teacher.**

At both the P & C meeting and staff meeting on Monday, 25 February I presented a structure for the school day that many schools have been using successfully for quite some time. I believe it is worth us discussing this and, unless we find serious problems, implement it in the school after due consultation. Please have a close look at the structure below and give feedback to the school via email, letter, phoning or personal contact.

### Proposed School Day Structure

8:47 am	Warning siren to ensure students know that they need to go to the toilet and get a drink for the start of the day.
8:50 am	Instruction Session 1 commences. All students follow their timetable. In the Secondary this should enable 2 blocks of teaching/learning time to be timetabled.
10:30 am	Recess commences
10:50 am	Recess finishes and Learning Session 2 starts. In the Secondary this should enable 2 blocks of teaching/learning time to be timetabled.
12:30 pm	Lunch break which includes 10 minutes eating time and 20 minutes play.
1:00 pm	End of lunch and start of Learning Session 3. This enables two hours of teaching/learning time.
3:00 pm	School concludes for the day.

### Notes:

- This is in draft and subject to change as we discuss the possibilities.

- **Implementing this or a similar time structure will mean that we do not have early close on Mondays.**
- **Moving to this structure will mean a change in the student timetables.**
- **Others affected by the changes, including bus contractors, the canteen and others that conduct programs in the school need to be consulted.**
- **The final decision will be made with the approval of School Council.**

#### Student Behavioural Requirements

Without parent support, making our school a safe, positive environment is difficult. I ask you all to support the staff in our endeavours by letting your child know that you expect them to:

1. Follow staff instructions at all times.
2. Do not leave the classroom without permission and/or agreement.
3. Not walk away when a staff member wishes to talk to them.
4. Speak with genuine respect to all others which includes not shouting, swearing or abusive comments.
5. Resolve conflicts without fighting and shouting at each other.

At this point in time I am, unfortunately, hearing too much rudeness and abuse and seeing disobedience, particularly from some Secondary students. All of these students are actually really good people who have fallen into behavioural habits that are causing a lot of problems and heartache in the school.

Every parent I have met so far, and there have been considerable numbers, have been pleasant, supportive and prepared to assist. By working together we can make our school "great". I thank you for your efforts and trust you will continue to support us.

#### Assembly

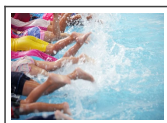
Thanks to the Student Councillors and Claire Bennison for conducting our assembly and organising its structure. Our next assembly is scheduled for Monday, 18 March. **Please note it will be conducted in the morning immediately after the students go to class at 9am.**

#### Conclusion

We continue to have a busy term with a number of activities happening that I hope the students will enjoy. Remember, you're welcome to come and see me to discuss your child's education and behaviour as well discuss matters of concern. It is best to make an appointment through the office so that you know I will be available.

Acting Principal

[Brian.Lee@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Brian.Lee@education.wa.edu.au)



#### Swimming Carnival

This year's Swimming Carnival was a hot one but a good one. Cancanning took the honours with Puntapin and Norring coming equal second.

A very big **THANK YOU** to:

- Ms Bennison and Mrs Kellow for their efforts in putting the carnival together;
- Mrs Gillespie for all the work behind the scenes;
- the amazing parent helpers;
- P & C for running the cake stall and providing every hot and bothered student and helper with an icy pole.
- Wagin Swim Club for allowing us to use their equipment; and
- of course our fantastic competitors!

[Click here to have a look at some of the events of the day.](#)



#### GymBus

GymBus is back and will be at school on **Thursday, 28 February 2019** running through some Gymnastics with the Kindergarten - Year 2's.

Even though it is not a Kindy day, parents are invited to bring their children in to participate from 9 - 9.45am.



#### Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our Whole School Assembly on **Monday, 25 February 2019**.

##### Merit Certificates

**PP** - Robbie and Christina

**PP/Yr 1** - Hunter and Evan

**Year 1/2** - Spencer

**Year 3/4P** - Rayne and Imogen  
**Year 3/4M** - Sara and Latika  
**Year 5/6P** - Taylor and Michael  
**Year 7** - Narridy and Francine  
**Year 8** - Ethan and Tom  
**Year 9** - Leah, Alysha and Chloe  
**Year 10** - Taleah and Jack

#### Writers of the Week

Lara and Ruby



### EMUS Awards

Congratulations to these students who have received a prize for their efforts to "Aim High". **ENGAGED** - Dylan and Mia. **MANNERS** - Jack and Bert. **UNDERSTANDING** - Imogen and Mico. **STRIVE** - Paige and Cruze.

The EMUS card count at the Whole School Assembly on Monday, 25 February 2019 was:

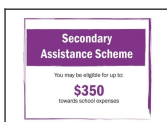
**ENGAGED** - 233;

**MANNERS** - 172;

**UNDERSTANDING** - 142; and

**STRIVE** - 147.

Making a total of 694 EMUS cards awarded so far this year.



### 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.



### P & C

The first P & C meeting for 2019 was held on Monday, 25 February. Click [here](#) for meeting minutes.



### 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](http://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](mailto:paulnicole@activ8.net.au)

### Event Quick View

Thu 28th February

[GymBus](#)

Mon 4th March

[Labour Day](#)

Mon 18th March

[Whole School Assembly](#)

Fri 22nd March

[Interschool Swimming Carnival](#)

Thu 28th March

[Hawaiian Bike Riders](#)

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