



# WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

*Providing an empowering environment for life-long learning*



Newsletter: 28 November 2018

## CHANGES IN THE SECONDARY

This week our secondary students and staff have been busy moving classrooms to begin our new and innovative approach to delivering Year 7 - 10 curriculum. Students will remain in the same classroom for English, Maths, HASS and Health - the teachers will move to them. Students will continue to go to Science, Art, Technologies and P.E. following our current structure. This innovation has been undertaken to support an empowering environment; including student academic progress and behaviour.

## EARLY ARRIVALS and STAYING AFTER SCHOOL

A little reminder that school does not start until 8.50am. We encourage all students to arrive at school from **8:30am**, this is when breakfast club is open and classroom teachers are present in class for students to get ready for the day. Students are also asked to be off school grounds unless with a parent in the afternoon.

## SEMESTER TWO REPORTS

Reports will be emailed to families in the last week of Term 4 on **Monday, 10 December**. Please ensure we have your most current email address or let the office staff know if you require a paper copy.

Have a great fortnight.

Cass Harris-Moroney  
Principal

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## Presentation Day

Our Presentation Day will be held on **Tuesday, 11 December** in the Town Hall starting at **9.30am**. We will also have a whole school transition after recess on the same day. This gives students an opportunity to know which classroom and hopefully, which teacher they will have in 2019.



## Thank you

Over the year we have had members of the community come in and volunteer their time to run weekly programs with our students. A big thank you to **Dave Long, Anne Patterson, Robyn Webster** and **Gary Pilkington** for giving up their time to speak into our students' lives.

**Dave Long** (pictured below) volunteered his time in the High School Design and Technology Options class. He taught the students how to strip, fix and then rebuild small engines. All students involved thoroughly enjoyed the hands on learning and expertise gifted to them.

**Anne Patterson and Robyn Webster** have each been mentoring a student all year, with Anne continuing on from the last 3 years. Mentoring involves coming in one hour a week spending time with a student who has been allocated to them in consultation with the Chaplain and teachers. The time is spent teaching cooking, sewing, reading, colouring-in or playing games all while speaking into the student's life both practically and emotionally.

**Gary Pilkington** has run workshops on Social Dynamics with the High School students and has continued this term running a small group with the Year 9/10 boys on Social and Emotional well being.

A very big **THANK YOU** for giving up so much of your time for the betterment of our students!



### Canteen Volunteers

The school canteen is looking for volunteers for 2019! Can you spare a few hours one or two days a term? Arrive between 9 - 9.30am and finish by 1.30pm. You also get a free lunch! Please send Mandy Harrington a message on 0409 572 962 if you can help out.



### EMUS Awards

The EMUS card count at the Whole School Assembly on **Monday, 26 November 2018** was **ENGAGED** - 373, **MANNERS** - 61, **UNDERSTANDING** - 113, **STRIVE** - 123. Making a total of 670 EMUS cards awarded last week.

Congratulations to these students who have received a prize for their efforts to "Aim High".

**ENGAGED** - Ella

**MANNERS** - Deonte

**UNDERSTANDING** - Byron

**STRIVE** - Stanley



### Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our Assembly on **Monday, 26 November 2018**.

#### Student of the Week

**PP** - Henare, Sophie, Imogen and Arian

**Year 2** - Hudson and Ash-Rose

**Year 3/4** - Riley, Gigi and Zane

**Year 7** - Ethan, E-Rua, Thomas, Adia, Bryce, Shaun, Tepora, Jared, Tyson and Zac.

**Year 8** - The whole Maths class, Ella, and Teegan.

**Year 9** - Khesara, Jack, Jared, Marcus, Taleah, Isabel and Byron

**D & T** - Jared, Marcus, Taaj, Kayden, Byron, Shaun and Clare

#### Writers of the Week

Vincent and Ava



### P & C

Thank you to all P & C members who attended the AGM on Monday. Your support is very much appreciated. The outgoing executive committee wish to thank all parents and citizens who have assisted P & C throughout the year.

The new 2019 executive committee consists of:

President: Cath Painter

Vice President: Londa Finlayson

Secretary: Nicole Ward

Treasurer: Mandy Harrington

[Click here for meeting minutes](#)



### 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.



### Christmas in Wagin

You can get into the festive spirit in Wagin with [Carols by Candlelight](#) on **Sunday, 9 December** starting at 6pm in the Ram Park.

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.

### Event Quick View

Thu 29th November
<a href="#">School Council</a>
Tue 4th December
<a href="#">Senior Citizens Lunch</a>
Tue 4th December
<a href="#">Kindy Transition</a>
Tue 11th December
<a href="#">Presentation Day</a>
Thu 13th December
<a href="#">Last day of Term 4</a>
Fri 14th Decemberto Fri 1st February
<a href="#">School Holidays</a>

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