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.

WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
10 Ranford Street Wagin WA 6315
Principal: Mrs Cassandra Harris-Moroney
Primary Deputy: Mrs Robyn Willey
Secondary Deputy: Mrs Jolene Abbott
Registrar: Mrs Ann Ward
Phone: 9861 1877 / Fax 9861 1835
Email: wagin.dhs@education.wa.edu.au
Website: www.wagindhs.wa.edu.au
Canteen: 9861 1348
From the Principal

Changing the Bell times for 2016
A survey has come home this week for you to give feedback on our proposal to modify our school day, please take the time to consider our proposal and return your families completed survey by Friday August 28.

Our proposed new bell times will be:
- 8:50 – 10:50: Period 1 and 2
- 10:50- 11:10: Recess
- 11:10-1:10: Period 3 and 4
- 1:10 -1:40: Lunch
- 1:40-1:50: Form
- 1:50-3:10: Period 5

Please do not hesitate to share any concerns or questions you have. It would be greatly appreciated if questions came through the school administration staff to ensure we are listening to our community and working together. Any one of the admin team can be contacted during school hours on 9861 1877.

NAPLAN
Overall we are continuing to make steady progress across Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 with our NAPLAN results. Our Year 5 results are particularly impressive, with our students outperforming like schools and in several assessments the state. Our whole school approach to guided reading and our whole school English and Mathematics plans have been key factors in improved results. Of course good teaching and family support are instrumental in student success. Teaching staff conducted a thorough analysis of our NAPLAN results during our development day on Monday; this information will be used to guide our planning for 2016 and beyond.

Student NAPLAN reports will be sent home today, with certificates of recognition being given to students achieving in the top 20% at an assembly this term. It is important to give the strongest emphasis to your child’s individual progress, comparisons to state, national and like school averages are not the only measure of a student’s academic success. A discussion with your child’s teacher will give you the best indication of their progress to date.

APEX
Mr V and the very talented APEX students are getting very excited to be showcasing their hard work on Friday. If you are free and would like to join us in celebrating their efforts please come to our regional heat on Friday August 28 at 7:00 in the Wool Pavilion.

THANK YOU
A huge thanks to our very dedicated P&C for the Spick Specktacular, we have received a lot of positive comments about the event. The funds raised will be an excellent boost to our Nature Playground.

Cass Harris-Moroney
Last week was National Science Week and Miss Bickers organised Science activities in the lab for students with the aim of making the event:

- fun for the participants
- focused on quality science outcomes
- supportive of the science curriculum
- encouraging the participants to want to try more science
- raise the general profile of science within the community

Many thanks to Miss Bickers and her volunteer secondary school students who assisted in making the activities engaging and fun for the students.

This week is also a week full of excitement in the secondary school as students prepare for the APEX regional heats. The heats are a culmination of all the hard work that the students have put in over the year. We wish participating students good luck for Friday night.

Some of the year 10 students are undertaking the Online Literacy and Numeracy Tests next week. To help students and parents/carers understand the purpose and importance of the new Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA), the Education Department School Curriculum and Standard Authority have developed a short video that can be viewed at: [http://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/internet/Senior_Schools/OLNA](http://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/internet/Senior_Schools/OLNA)

Students have been training for the Jumps and Athletics Carnival days in week 8. Don’t forget the uniform shop is only open Friday mornings.

**Vocational and Career News**

**Australian Veteran’s Children’s Trust Scholarships**
The scholarships are funded by direct donations to AVCAT and from the Australian Government, ex-service organisations, firms and private individuals sponsoring scholarships. Most of our scholarships are national but we have some region-specific scholarships as well.

The Scholarships share common features and general eligibility rules, with some variations. They are targeted at youth and initial employment. All are means tested and support full-time university study, with most supporting TAFE and vocational studies.

The **same application form is used for all scholarships**. Applicants will be considered for all scholarships for which they are eligible.

Applications for 2016 scholarships will open on **18 August 2015** and strictly close on **31 October 2015**. To receive an application form when the applications open in August, please register your interest by completing the [Contact Us form](http://www.avcat.org.au/Contactus.aspxform).

**Job Outlook Career Quiz**
The Job Outlook Career Quiz takes students’ answers to a small range of questions and provides them with detailed career profiles for jobs in fields that might suit them. The career profiles include future job prospects, skills needed for that job, vacancies, training opportunities and any relevant reports or links.


**Police Entry Information Session**
Thursday 10th September, 4:30pm @ WA Police Academy, Joondalup

Session includes a presentation from police recruiting about entry pathways followed by an opportunity to speak informally with presenters. Registration is essential.

T: (08) 9301 9607 or E: Police.recruiting@police.wa.gov.au


**School Holiday Write-a-Rama**
Tuesday 29th Sept, Wednesday 30th Sept & Thursday 1st Oct, 9.30am – 4pm @ Katherine Susannah Prichard Writers’ Centre, 11 Old York Rd, Greenmount.

Young writers between 10 - 17 years old are invited to the KSP Write-a-Rama. Meet writers your own age, go on an excursion, meet guest authors and develop your writing skills in a creative, safe and friendly setting.


Jo Abbott
Oral Narrative and Semantics Project
This year the Early Childhood team have been fortunate enough to be involved in an exciting literacy project being conducted by the North East Metro Language Development Centre (NEMLDC). Kathy Pangler and Pippa Bennett have participated in a number of professional learning sessions in Perth over the year and in conjunction with a team from the NEMLDC who have visited our school each term, have shared the project with other teachers from Kindergarten to Year 3.

The definition of a narrative is the ability to organise events and thoughts in a logical sequence. This includes telling and re-telling stories, as well as other genres using oral and/or written communication. Oral texts include stories, reports, procedures, explanations, recounts, expositions and news telling.

Why is story telling skills so important? We need these skills for everyday functional communication and increasing evidence shows that teaching the narrative structure will lead to significant improvements in vocabulary, grammar and comprehension.

In this program, students have been taught about the macrostructure of narratives using a series of icons and frameworks.
For example:
- the setting – who, where, when
- initiating event (take off) – the problem
- internal response – feelings / plan
- attempts to solve problem – actions
- resolution (the landing) – solving the problem
- ending (tie up) – how the story is resolved / morals

As we delve into the program further we are beginning to work on the microstructure of texts focusing on sentence structure and vocabulary development.

Since the introduction of this project in our classrooms, we have observed some amazing improvements in the quality of our students’ writing. We are looking forward to watching this continue to.

Super Readers

Congratulations to the following students who have reached milestones in their home reading: Yorick, Malachi, Katie, Blaze, Ruby C, Devon, Ethan B, Jax, Carter, Toby A, Simeon, Caleb, Emmerson, Ava, Brian and Maddison S. Fantastic effort!! It is wonderful to see you enjoying your reading so much.

Robyn Willey
Students across the school were treated to some amazing hands-on science activities recently, as we celebrated National Science Week. Held annually, National Science Week aims to highlight the diverse nature of science, and help students understand and appreciate the role of science in the world around them. With this year’s theme “Making Waves – the science of light”, students were encouraged to visit the secondary science lab to explore a range of illuminating activities. Students investigated mirrors and lenses, and created colourful shadows using different filters. They also explored natural phenomenon such as eclipses and rainbows, and got to pull apart a model of the human eye. I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Science Week activities, with special mention going to those Year 8 to 10 students who volunteered their lunch break to help out.

Miss Bickers – Science Teacher

Footy Colours day  
Next Week, Friday 4th September, is Footy Colours Day at school. Come dressed in your football Guernsey—whether you follow AFL, NRL, Soccer, Rugby Union or any other sport and support young Aussies living with cancer. Bring a gold coin donation and through Footy Colours Day you are helping thousands of young Aussies.

Faction Athletics Carnival  
The Athletics Carnival is fast approaching. Notes have been sent home asking for parents helpers on the day. Don’t forget Tuesday 8th September is Jumps day on our oval and the main Carnival is Friday 11th September, please come along to support your child/ren and enjoy a fun filled day of Athletics events. We look forward to seeing you there!!

Miss Pip Rayner - Physical Education Teacher
Please attend by 9am. Children are not allowed in the canteen, due to insurance requirements. Any queries; ring the canteen on 9861 1348.
Thank you for your time and support.

Thursday, August 27
Sarah Whiteford

Friday, August 28
Londa Finlayson

Monday, August 31
Sandra Moffatt

Tuesday, September 1
Sue Piesse

Wednesday, September 2
Anette Quartermaine

Thursday, September 3
Karen Thomson

Friday, September 4
Melanie English

Monday, September 7
Emily Holt

Tuesday, September 8
Kelly Edwards

Wednesday, September 9
Jane Kilpatrick

Whole School Assemblies 2015
Assemblies are held on Mondays starting at 1.50pm
Family & Friends Welcome!

Term 3
Week 3: August 3 - Yr 5M
Week 7: August 31 - Yr 1C
Week 9: September 14 - Kindy G
Thank you
The P&C Committee would like to thank all our families who made food or monetary donations towards the Football Dinner held last term. It was a very successful fundraiser for the P&C.
Also, thank you to those who prepared food and helped out on the night. A special mention to Zane and Amanda Smith for their generous meat donation towards the Lions Dinner which the P&C also catered for in July.

Spicks Specktacular
The Wagin District High School P&C held a Spicks Spektacular last Friday night. Over 100 people ventured out in their finest music attire. The night was filled with lots of fun and laughter with four rounds of music questions and games. Those who attended also enjoyed a magnificent six course gourmet meal created by Melanie English, who was assisted by the girls from the P&C Committee. A huge amount of effort went into the night and the P&C Committee would like to thank everyone for coming along, with over $5,000 raised to go towards the Nature Play area.

Calling all Nature Play Lovers!!
The P&C are very excited to have the opportunity to turn part of the Cluster Playground into a Nature Play area.
What is it exactly? Nature play is a concept to encourage children to spend more time playing outdoors using their imaginations in a natural setting. It inspires open-ended possibilities for self-designed play, creativity, learning and socialising.
We are hoping to form a Nature Play committee and are seeking any interested people that would like to get on board with the planning, design and building of this area. If you are interested to join us or have any queries at all please email Melanie on limelake@bigpond.com.

2015 Tennis Coaching
Wagin Tennis Club is pleased to announce that development tennis coaching will commence this term. Coaching will be in an enjoyable, fun style with accredited coach Mr Keith O'Brien. It will run for a period of 6 weeks for Pre-Primary to Year 10 students.

DATES: Term 3 - Wednesdays – 9th, 16th, 23rd September and Term 4 - Wednesdays - 14th, 21st, 28th October

For registration forms please email or text your email address to Nicole Kirk on 0427 807 153 or buradina01@email.com and an email registration will be forwarded to you.

Registrations close MONDAY, 7th September. Please call Nicole for any queries.
Welcome all to the 2015/16 Little Athletics Season.

Narrogin and Districts Little Athletics Club would like to invite all new and past members to our Information, Registration and Free Trial Days to be held as per below.

**Information Day:**  Saturday 29th August
9.00am to 1.00pm
Narrogin Recreation Centre
Come along and have all your queries answered about what and how we operate each week.

**Registration Day:**  Saturday 5th September
8.30am to 12.00pm
Thomas Hogg Oval
Come along for a FREE TRIAL of some of the activities Little Athletics has to offer. Any interested families will have the chance to register before the season starts.

**Season** starts Saturday 12th September at 8.30am on Thomas Hogg Oval. I hope to see all old and new faces, to what looks like a great new season of athletics.

For further information please contact Janna 0459 088 600 on or Jo on 0419 739 032.

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Fire awareness day for women

An information day with guest speakers for ladies of the Shires of Woodanilling and Wagin

Ladies, with the Fire Season drawing closer do you know what happens at a bushfire?
What information do you need when reporting a fire?
Are you confident in reading a weather map and understand how weather can affect a fire situation?
What types of injuries are likely to be the result of a fire?
What is the first aid treatment for smoke inhalation?
If you’re not sure of any of the above information, find a babysitter for the kids, flock up and come out for a ladies-only day on

**Wednesday 16th September 2015**
9am - 3pm
at the Woodanilling Sports Pavilion
Tickets $35 each including full catering and are available from Shire of Woodanilling, Shire of Wagin or Tracey Kippin
Please advise of dietary requirements when purchasing your ticket.
For more information contact Tracey Kippin 9823 1609
Presented by Wagin Baptist Church, Supported by the Shires of Woodanilling and Wagin
Wagin District High School P&C
Minutes of Meeting

Wagin District High School P&C meeting held on
Monday 3 August 2015 at 12.30 pm

1. Meeting Opened 12.35pm
2. In Attendance: Julie Mangalavite, Sonia Nalder, Cath Painter, Martina Pascoe, Melanie English,
Mandy Harrington, Amanda Howell, Karen Thomson, Kirstine Hamersley, Cass Harris-Moroney
3. Apologies: Nicole Kirk, Terri Spooner, Carolyn Tulley
4. Confirmation of previous minutes – 15 June 2015 Moved; Mandy Second: Karen
5. Business arising from previous minutes
   * Library Donation to be investigated – didn’t get done last year. Mandy moved motion to donate
     $3000 from Canteen to the library. Second: Cath Painter
   * Nature Play report in – to be discussed in General Business
   * Canteen – still problems with volunteers, discussed dropping a day per week. Canteen Committee
to discuss further.
6. Correspondence out: None
7. Correspondence in:
   • Letter from Shire: re budget submission for Nature Play – they will be reviewing their budgets
     and we can expect another letter in August to see if we are successful in gaining any funds to go
     towards our Nature Play
   • Kidsafe Report – Nature Play – to be discussed in General Business
8. Reports
   Principal – see attached
   President – nothing different from previous meeting. No report
   Treasurer – see attached, moved Mandy, Second: Cath
     ➢ Mr V was to get a recording of the National Anthem for School Assemblies
     ➢ Attendance Letters – won’t be changed, as they are generic, although since the
       School Council meeting some of the wording regarding the legal action that could
       be taken has been removed.
     ➢ School Closing Time: as said in Cass’s letter to parents, it won’t be going ahead
       this year. Cass has advised that in due course there will be a survey sent out to
       parents so everyone can give feedback regarding changing the school times in
       the future.
9. General Business
   • Wagin Spick Specktacular – Discussed that more tickets need to be sold and everyone to market
     them more. Martina to put a note in the Kindy children’s bags regarding what a Nature Play area
     is and how people can contribute by attending the Specktacular.
• Nature Play Update – Mandy and Melanie met with the Kidsafe Natureplay representative and she looked at our area and gave feedback and ideas. A report has since been received from Kidsafe. It was discussed that a committee should be formed to steer the designing and implementing of the Natureplay area. Melanie to put a note in the newsletter calling for expressions of interest to be on the committee.

• Shire Representative: Amanda Howell, Shire Councillor gave an update on issues pertaining to the school. The car parking on the northern side has been discussed and Shire is currently waiting on a couple of different options to be drawn up and presented. The main issue that needs resolving is how to increase the safety of children as they cross the street. Currently, the shrubs on the medium strip are too tall and not allowing a clear view. The Shire also has funding to be able to replace the kerbing around the entire school.

• The P&C has been asked to cater for the Athletics Carnival as they did last year, having rolls and salads available for the public to purchase. Agreed that we will go ahead and do this again.

6. Other Business: None
7. Date of next meeting – to be advised
8. Meeting Closed 1.45pm