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.
Friday, 25 November was White Ribbon Day and as a White Ribbon school, each class from Kindergarten to Year 6 participated in conversations and activities that aimed to have children think about the impacts of violence and the ineffectiveness of just saying sorry after a violent event. Children variously watched White Ribbon video clips, made ‘Not Silent, Not Violent’ cause bands and considered the impact of violence on the victim.

This is a challenging problem and a huge issue nationally. Exposure to violence against women has a clear and negative impact on children and young people’s behaviour, mental health, and social development, and educating our young people is part of a process of creating generational change to stop violence against women in Australia. Lots of conversations were had around this important topic; if your child hasn’t already discussed it with you, ask them what they learned.
PRESENTATION DAY
Our Presentation Day will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, December 13 from 9:30 a.m., we hope to finish around 12:00 p.m. We will have items from the following groups:
- Kindy, Kindy/Pre-Primary and Pre-Primary
- Year 1 and Year 2
- Year 2/3 and Year 3/4
- Year 4
- Year 5
- Year 6
We look forward to families renewed and continued support of our students and celebrating their achievements throughout the year.

WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION DAY
Following on from Presentation Day, after the students return to school, the Kindy to Year 9 students will participate in a transition program. The students will be placed in their 2017 classes and where possible will spend some time with their 2017 teacher. This worked very well last year and alleviated many of the concerns students and parents had about the new school year.

SEMESTER TWO REPORTS
Primary reports may be collected by parents from class teachers after school on Monday December 12. Secondary reports may be collected by parents from form teachers in the library after school on Monday December 12.

2017
Many families have been asking what our class structures will be in 2017 and who will be teaching what. This is being worked on ‘as we speak’. I can confirm the following:

- Mr vandenBerg will be on leave for 2017, he will be replaced by Ms Jancey Rae
- Mr Parker will be on leave for 2017, he will be replaced by Mr Steven Harris
- Mr Malins has won a position at a Perth school, he will be replaced by Ms Dayna Reder
- Ms Vowels has also won a position in Perth for 2017
- Mrs Little, Ms Roche and Ms Bennison are staying with us for 2017
- Mrs Abbott and Mrs Pense will return from leave in 2017

We will inform all families of which class your children will be in on Monday December 12. *This information will be in your child’s report folder, we will not be placing class lists publicly.*

If you have a specific request or information you would like brought to my attention about your child’s placement next year, please refer to our Class Placement policy available on the website. The slight change to our policy is we will inform you of your child’s placement before the 2016 school year ends, not at the start of next year.
Please be aware that you may not receive a response to your request as currently staffing arrangements are still being finalised. Rest assured your request will be given consideration, within the constraints of our budget allocation.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
Thank you to the families who attended the information session for Year 3-6 parents on November 16. This was an opportunity to gain information about what Wagin DHS can offer students in secondary school. We will continue this in 2017.
BEHAVIOUR TIPS FROM JENNY MACKAY
You may have read in previous newsletters about our work with Jenny Mackay to continually improve our knowledge, skills and abilities to successfully manage student behaviour. During her last visit; during term three Jenny also presented a parent session. Below are some additional strategies to try when managing your children’s behaviour at home:

- UNDERSTAND their AGE/STAGE and related LIFE TASKS
- Establish simple GROUND RULES which guide & teach acceptable behaviour
- Always remember BEHAVIOUR IS A MESSAGE... conveying how a child/person is feeling and how they are coping with their world.
- TUNE into your CHILDREN – LISTEN!
- Teach them SELF CONTROL … model behaviour … enable self-discipline …
- TEACH your children INTERACTIVE SKILLS …… model manage & teach them ……
- Allow your children to OWN THEIR PROBLEMS & FIND their own SOLUTIONS
- TEACH children RESPONSIBILITY… every action has a consequence
- CATCH THEM “DOING IT RIGHT”

Further explanations of these can be found in the newsletter link on our website:
http://www.wagindhs.wa.edu.au/

10. Plan for FAMILY DISCUSSIONS / MEETINGS
With opportunities for children to learn: to discuss e.g. home responsibilities, plan family outings/holidays etc., to consider e.g. choices & consequences – What if you/we did this? / did that? etc., to make decisions, to find solutions e.g. problem solving and to learn to practice reparation etc.

11. BELIEVE IN YOURSELVES …
In bringing up your children be kind to yourselves and your children, trust your own judgement even though you will never have all the answers: and that’s okay as long as you take time to consider and respond asking “What am I teaching by what I say and do?” Every child is an individual with different talents, but all require teaching and guidance … be firm but flexible. Home is a safe place where they can learn about themselves, their behaviour and relating to others. Home along with school prepares them to face the world and they learn how to manage themselves, care for others, cope with life’s vicissitudes and appreciate successes.

Remember:
Your children are not your children.
They are the sons and daughters of life's longing for itself.
They come through you but not from you,
And though they are with you yet they belong not to you.
You may give them your love but not your thoughts,
For they have their own thoughts.
You may house their bodies but not their souls,
For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow,
which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.
You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you.
For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday.  

Kahlil Gibran
We are well and truly into the busiest and most exciting part of the term. Secondary staff have all been completing their final assessments and grading before preparing end of year reports due for collection on the Monday of the final week of school. The end of year report is the final formal document of your child’s progress and will give insightful feedback for continued development and achievement in all of the subject areas. As much as the report is to inform parents, students can use the feedback for goal setting relating to their learning, engagement and behaviour for when they return to school next year.

The Year 7s have commenced their swimming lessons which will continue until Friday the 9th December. Whilst the Year 7s are away we have some modifications to the Secondary timetable. Period one has been extended by 20 minutes with period two starting when the year 7s return to school. Thank you to the Secondary staff and all Year 8, 9 & 10 students for their ability to be flexible and accept the extended period class.

The Secondary transition for the 2017 Year 7’s, commenced on Friday 25th November, with the current year 6 cohort participating in 3 sessions in the high school. The 1st session, with Mrs Harris-Moroney and myself explained secondary expectations, timetables, routines and opportunities available to high school students at Wagin DHS. The Year 6 students then participated in a 1 hour period of Mathematics, with Mr Cervoj, followed by a session of Science with Ms Bickers, who will also be the Year 7 Co-ordinator next year. During these sessions, the Year 6 class engaged with some activities relating to the subject areas and completed a survey which will be used by secondary staff to further understand the needs of the students in the future. Yesterday two more transition sessions occurred, with the students engaging in secondary English with Mrs Pieterse and Society & Environment with Mrs King. The final transition session will occur after the Presentation Day event and will be an introduction to high school Health & Physical Education with Miss Bennison.

With the end of the year rapidly approaching, students are being reminded to stay focused and continue displaying engagement in learning and interacting appropriately with others. Learning opportunities will continue in all classes until the final day of the term when we will be holding our secondary celebrations, which will include a shared lunch and some fun activities before staff and students head off for a well-deserved break.

Shaun vandenBerg

SCHOOL SORES (IMPETIGO)
It has come to our attention some students may have contracted school sores. We would appreciate you monitoring your child’s health.
Impetigo (school sores) is a bacterial skin infection caused by either the Staphylococcus or Streptococcus organism, or both. Staphylococcus or Streptococcus bacteria can live harmlessly on the skin surface and also in the nose of people.
Lesions will appear 1-3 days after the person is infected and will be infectious as long as there is fluid weeping from the sores. Symptoms include skin itches and reddens, a collection of blisters (commonly around the nose and mouth), blisters will pop and weep a yellow sticky fluid, the area develops a raised and wet-looking crust. Severe cases may also include fever, swollen lymph glands and a general feeling of unwellness. If your child has contracted school sores you should seek medical advice from your doctor.

Super Readers
Congratulations to the following students who have reached milestones in their home Reading: Simeon Stoney, Kaaliha Aird, Lucas Ball, Ava Ward, Jack Scott, Imogen McInnes, Anjewel Soanes, Isla Stavely, Miller Thompson, Gigi Francisco, Malachai Gibb, Cooper Tulley, Muana Orlowski and Ash Rose Hope.

Interm Swimming
Interm swimming for 2017 is being organised for Weeks 2 and 3 in Term 1. If you are a trained AUSWIM teacher and would like to teach during these weeks, please submit your application online: https://apps.det.wa.edu.au/sws/registration/instructor.
THE LONG WALK FOR LEUKODYSTROPHY

The Walker - John Olsen

John Olsen, a 30+ year member of Lions and a member for the past 5 years of the Lions Club of Geelong Corio Bay, has embarked on a monumental Trans-Australian walk. John is currently walking diagonally across Australia from Cape York to Cape Leeuwin. He anticipates that it will take him a little over five months. If all goes according to plan John will be the first to complete the diagonal crossing of Australia on foot.

This walk is about John setting personal goals but the primary purpose of this walk is to raise funds for Leukodystrophy Australia (previously the Australian Leukodystrophy Support Group). John’s partner, Vida, died of the condition early in 2014. There are a range of Leukodystrophies and more detailed information on the condition can be found via any internet search engine.

As part of his journey, John will pass through Wagin and will be calling in to hand over letters he has brought with him from students at Grove Dale Primary School, Geelong, Victoria and will take back letters written by Ms Roche’s Year 4/5 class to those students. Ms Roche says her class are very excited to meet John and already have lots of questions for him about his adventure, they are also keen to hear from the students at Grove Dale Primary. We expect John to be in Wagin by Tuesday next week.

Kindergarten Orientation 2016

When a child first goes to school, there is great change for that child and for his or her family. We believe that you, the child’s parents/carers are the most important link in the educational chain and that together parents and teachers can make your child’s experience at school an excellent and enjoyable one.

Wagin District High Kindergarten Orientation will operate in Term 4 every two weeks on a Tuesday. Our first session commences in Week 1, we look forward to seeing you all there!

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Congratulations to Sara Ward who was awarded Aussie of the Month at the assembly held Monday, November 21, 2016.

Sara was nominated for demonstrating a total commitment to all aspects of school life. She is a fantastic role model for our school, kind and caring, always willing to help others and consistently demonstrates EMUS.

**Student of the Week**

*Congratulations to the following students who were nominated by their teachers and received this award in Week 8:*  
Year 2P - Joshua Martin & RJ Weir

**Merry Christmas!**

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**Merit Certificates**

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Certificates on Monday, November 21.

Year 1L – Chad Howell, Zane Baxter  
Year 2P - Devon Barlow, Taylor Johnson  
Year 2/3M - Hayley Goodwin  
Year 3/4V - Memphis Bairstow, Guy Thomson, Sarah Quatermaine  
Year 4/5R – Claire Spooner, Shaun Garlett, Hayley Wilson  
Year 5M – Zac Tulley  
S&E - Layta Kapene, Cassy Cooper, Tahnee Montgomery  
Science - Kezia Pederick, Layta Kapene, Bryn Hamersley, Rebecca Ritchie

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**EMUS AWARDS**

Congratulations to these students who have received USB wristbands for their efforts to “Aim High”:

**ENGAGED:** Hunter Finlayson & Ruby Clifton  
**MANNERS:** Ruby Clifton & Payten Della  
**UNDERSTANDING:** Leah Home & Scott Lindridge  
**STRIVE:** Emmerson Nottle & Jared Spooner

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**EMUS at WDHS**

At Wagin DHS we use a positive behaviour matrix known as the EMUS – Engaged, Manners, Understanding and Strive. These positive behaviours are a guide for us to know how we can Aim High. Students receive EMUS cards when showing these behaviours and then put these cards in for the prize draw at Assemblies.

The EMUS card count at the last assembly in Week 5 of Term 4 was:

Engaged 415  
Manners 353  
Understanding 266  
Strive 341

**EMUS Focus**

Every fortnight staff and students will pay extra attention to teaching and learning one of the EMUS. Don’t worry, that does not mean that the other three EMUS will not be recognised. We will still hand out EMUS cards for those behaviours. For weeks 7 and 8 of Term 4, we will focus on **Strive**!

The times and places we show how we **Strive** are “Whole School: All the time” and also in our “Learning Areas”. So we:

- Wear the correct school uniform
- Do our best  
- Attend everyday

We also:

- Complete homework
- Stay on task
- Aim to improve

*Which of these **Strive** behaviours are also used at home?*
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 4

Thursday, December 1
Lea Storer

Friday, December 2
Cath Painter

Monday, December 5
Rachel Pederick

Tuesday, December 6
Wendy Abbott

Wednesday, December 7
Calista Van Schalkwyk

Thursday, December 8
Nicole Kirk

Friday, December 9
Sonia Nalder

Monday, December 12
Caz Tulley

Tuesday, December 13
Jane Kilpatrick

Wednesday, December 14
Karen Thomson

Thursday, December 15
Mandy Harrington

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 are NO School Development Days in Term 4

P&C News

At the recent P&C AGM the new office-bearers were nominated and elected, they are:

- President: Terri Spooner
- Vice President: Londa Finlayson
- Secretary: Nicole Ward
- Treasurer: Anna Scott

Thankyou to all out-going office-bearers for the time and commitment given to Wagin DHS P&C.

Canteen News

Our school canteen is looking for volunteers for 2017. All you are required to do is help Christine prepare the food for the day, you can start anytime between 9 and 11 and finish just after 1pm. You will also receive complimentary lunch. Please if you can spare one day a term/year let either Christine in the Canteen know 98611348, or email Mandy – harrington.bros@bigpond.com. The roster for Term 1, 2017 will be done before the end of Term 4, 2016.

We have also attached a new price list which comes into effect from Term 1, 2017.

Thank you
WDHS P&C Canteen Committee
YMCA Narrogin Regional Leisure Centre
Term 1 (2017) enrolments open Monday, 12th December

- Infant & Preschool Aquatics
- Swim & Survive
- Squads
- Junior Lifeguard
- Adult Learn to Swim & Squads
- Aquanauts – Inclusive Learn to Swim
- Private Lessons

To find your family’s fit or for more info chat to Sam Kempton
Nrlc.Swimschool@ymcawa.org.au

WAGIN HUGGLE BEARS
Day Care
"From Little Things Big Things Grow"

IS EXTENDING THEIR INVITATION TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY
TO THEIR CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

8TH DECEMBER
5PM TO 7PM
- Bouncy Castle
- Sausage Sizzle
- Face Painting
- Santa Visit

RSVP required for catering call the staff on 9861 1609
Please drop off a book as a gift for your child prior to the 8th for Santa to give out

BALLIDU PRIMARY SCHOOL
CLOSING CELEBRATION

SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER 2016

All past and present students, teachers, staff and community members along with their families, are invited to attend the closing celebrations of Ballidu Primary School. After a wonderful 90 years, Ballidu Primary School will be closing its doors for the last time.

2pm - Classrooms Open
3pm - Official proceedings followed by afternoon tea
5pm - The school bell is rung for the last time
Classrooms Close

Tea/Coffee and Water available throughout the afternoon

For all enquiries and to RSVP, please contact Liz Heavey at the school on 08 9874 1247
You can also email Liz at Elizabeth.Heavey@education.wa.edu.au

Accommodation is available in town and surrounding towns, please let Liz know when you RSVP if you would like more information.

Once the school closes there will be entertainment at Alpha Park thanks to Ballidu Progres Group. Why not have a look around town and pop into the Tavern for a cold drink and catch up some more in between. The Lodge/Art Gallery will be open from 5pm if you would like to look some work by our talented local artists.

*Boo Alcohol after 5pm
Tavern will be open from 3pm, Dinner from 6pm

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JANUARY PREPARATION PROGRAM
OLNA - Study Skills – Essay Writing – Subject Revision & Preparation
For all students entering Year 7 – 12 in 2017

The January Preparation Program aims to prepare students for Term 1 (2017) before the academic year begins. The classes will revise those important components from the 2016 syllabus that are vital for success in the new year. The program will also preview what students can expect in their courses in 2017.

Courses will be conducted at:
Christ Church Grammar School, Hale School and Leeming Senior High School
Wednesday 18th to Wednesday 25th of January, 2017

Students receive a 50% discount per subject.

Dr. Robert Hallam at Master Mind Australia on 9486 1377
www.mastermindaustralia.com.au
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Canteen: 9861 1348

Carols By Candlelight

Sunday 18th December 2016
Wagin Ram Park
A Family Friendly Evening
6.45pm to 7.30pm
Free Sausage sizzle,
drinks for sale
Carols start 7.30pm

Come along & join the fun

WAGIN STREET CARNIVAL
December 16th from 5.30
Tudhoe Street.

To book a stall, call: Anthony 0437 480 312

Lots of Food
Street Performers
Ice Cream Van
Markets
Slippery Pole
Animal Farm
Climbing Wall
AND MUCH MORE