Welcome to our new Kindy students and families, we hope you enjoy your education journey. Welcome also to new students and families, we hope you enjoy your time at Wagin DHS and become part of our school community.

Cass Harris-Moroney
(Principal)

The 2016 Early Childhood Centre (Kindy) class with Teacher Ms Bennett (Francisco)

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

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From the Principal

Welcome back students, parents and community members to a new and exciting school year. We have had a smooth start to the 2016 school year, with 95% of our students back to school on time, ready to learn. This is a fantastic improvement on previous years where we have had many absences at the start of the school year. Students were very well prepared, dressed in uniform and fired up to start the year on Monday. The atmosphere around the school is very welcoming and everyone is keen to get on with learning and settling in.

We greatly appreciate the involvement of families and community members in your children’s education and look forward to continuing to foster strong, positive relationships with all families throughout the year.

Our student enrolment is hovering around 300, over the next two weeks this number will fluctuate as students enrol or transfer to new schools.

Our class structures for 2016 are:

- Kindy with Ms Bennett
- Kindy/Pre-Primary with Mrs Spooner
- Pre-Primary with Mrs Gannaway
- Year 1 with Mrs Little
- Year 2 with Mrs Pangler
- Year 2/3 with Mrs Moffatt
- Year 3/4 with Ms Rayner
- Year 4/5 with Ms Hogg
- Year 5 with Mr Malins
- Year 6 with Mr Mullin
- Year 7
- Year 8/9
- Year 10

Welcome to our new teachers:

Mrs Sheena Little - Mrs Little will be teaching our Year 1 class this year. Some of you may already know her as she has had connections to Wagin in the past. Mrs Little has come to us from Port Headland and is looking forward to working with the Wagin District High School community. We warmly welcome her to our school and community.

Mr Peter Malins - Mr Malins is joining us from Karratha with his wife and young family. Mr Malins has also taught in Newman and has been a proactive teacher in both of these schools. We look forward to working with him and also warmly welcome him and his family to our school and community.

Your child or young person’s journey through school has a greater chance of being successful if there is a positive relationship between school and home. Please do not hesitate to come and talk to teaching or admin staff if you have any concerns or questions. The school office can be contacted on 9861 1877.

We are looking forward to the 2016 school year and achieving the best possible outcomes for our students in partnership with parents, carers and the community.

Cass Harris-Moroney
Welcome to 2016!
I warmly welcome the return of the staff and students to the school and look forward to a happy and rewarding 2016 at Wagin DHS. Staff have been preparing for the new year with time last week spent in professional development to enhance our Teaching and Learning Programs. We would like to welcome back Mrs Jodie Sercombe to the Secondary school.

There was much laughter and chatter as the students returned from holidays and reconnected with one another. Timetables have been given out and Form classes arranged. We have had a smooth start to the school year. This term will be very busy with student council speeches, swimming carnivals, Wooloroma, OLNA (Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment) testing, Leadership camps, the Hawaiian Bike Ride, Youth Focus and other incursions. Our pastoral care focus is to create a nurturing and positive environment where each student is valued. Part of our 2016 curriculum will focus on meeting challenges, empowering lifelong learning and achieving goals.

We have four Form classes in the Secondary School. If a parent or carer has any issues regarding their child please contact the child’s Form teacher.

Griffin  Miss Jen Bickers
Unicorn  Mrs Vanessa Pieterse
Phoenix  Mr Shaun vandenBerg
Sphinx  Mrs Jodie Sercombe

Acknowledging Excellence in Student Achievement
The acknowledgement of excellence in student achievement has always been a very high priority at Wagin. In 2015, we continued with our tradition of book awards and scholarships for our award winners at Presentation Day. Congratulations to the recipients of those awards.

Uniform Standards
I look forward to seeing the students setting the highest possible standard in the wearing of their school uniforms. The expected standard has been clearly established in meetings held with the Secondary School students and these standards have been printed in the Wagin DHS Uniform Policy. Secondary students should be wearing a Wagin DHS school cap when required.

Student Councillors for 2016
All students who are interested in being a student councillor for 2016 will be required to prepare a speech and present it to the rest of the student body for voting. All students who are considering a leadership roll will be given assistance and advice to write, prepare and deliver their speeches. Speeches and voting will take place next week.

I look forward to continuing to be part of your child’s journey at Wagin DHS. If there is anything I can do to assist you or your child, please be sure to contact me.

Joelene Abbott
Career Development News

Mining Oil and Gas Jobs – Year 10 Career Planning Guide
Outlines the career options for students considering entering the mining, oil and gas industries. The guide provides information about the careers that are trade based as well as those that require tertiary qualifications.
A list of Australian Universities and Mining Schools are also displayed. Students can learn a lot about the industry just by navigating their way through the site.

Holland Code Personality Test
Widely used in career guidance, the Holland Theory centres on the theory that people are most likely to enjoy, develop and grow in careers that match their personality. You can take the Holland Code test now: http://personality-testing.info/tests/RIASEC.php

My Health Career: Hiring Secrets from Richard Branson and Naomi Simpson

Studentbox
Powered by Curtin University, Studentbox is an online community for students in years 10, 11 and 12 that provides useful tools such as study tips, past WACE exams and cheat sheets. http://www.studentbox.com.au/

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS & INFORMATION
All students from years 5 - 10 who are interested in becoming part of the 2016 Student Council have been briefed in regard to the upcoming speeches and elections. This year our Student Leadership camp will be occurring on the 21st - 23rd February. Wagin DHS anticipates that the leadership group will be comprised of Student Council members from years 5-10 and expanded to include Sport Captains and Vice captains. The student speeches will be presented during Week 2 and announced at the commencement of Week 3. Interested students have been asked to prepare a speech which addresses some of the following:
Who they are?
What are their interests?
What makes them a suitable candidate for a leadership position?
What are their strengths?
What ideas do they have that could enhance our school or assist with fundraising?
Student Council is a fantastic opportunity for students to engage with leadership opportunities and develop socially with a wider age of student attending Wagin DHS.
I am happy to address any parent/ carer queries.
Regards
Shaun vandenBerg

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Welcome back. I hope that you have all had a wonderful holiday.

Over the next two weeks the Primary teachers will be holding parent meetings to provide you with information regarding your child or children’s classes. Please come along if you are able, and don’t hesitate to ask for clarification if you are unsure of anything.

If you have any concerns regarding Primary issues, please don’t hesitate to come and speak with me.

We look forward to a wonderful year of learning, excitement and many new experiences.

INTERM SWIMMING
Interm swimming lessons will start this Friday, 5th February and run through to 18th February for students in Years 2 to 6. Students will walk to and from the pool for their lessons.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, PP and Year 1 students will not be able to do Interm Swimming in Term 1 this year. We have not been able to find enough trained swimming instructors to fill the required positions. Every effort will be made to reschedule these into Term 4.

If you or you know of anyone who would like to train as a Swimming Instructor please talk to me.

Robyn Willey - Primary Deputy

School Uniform Shop
Donations of second-hand uniforms, to be sold by the P&C in the Uniform Shop, would be greatly appreciated.

Backpacks will hopefully arrive by this Friday.

The Uniform Shop is run by volunteers and is open (near the school front office) each Friday 8.30 to 10.30am.

Class Book Club
Parent/Carers are reminded that cash or cheque ONLY are accepted when ordering through Book Club

SCHOOL DENTAL VAN
The school dental van will commence appointments with Wagin District High School students in Week 4. It is now the policy of Dental Health Services to try and have parents present when we do your child’s dental examination. This enables a current medical form and consent to treatment form to be completed prior to any treatment being carried out. It is also a great time to answer any of your questions about your child’s dental health.

All students enrolled in the service will receive a recall appointment through the mail or via phone call. If you feel you should have received an appointment but do not get one please contact staff on 0428984100. We may not have an up to date address or phone No.

If you need to change the appointment time please contact us so we can arrange a more suitable one for you.

Thanks
Your Dental team - Belinda and Kate
Physical Education @ WDHS

**Primary**
Students will have 60min of Physical Education once per week from PP-Yr 6. Please find out which day your child has PE and have them wear appropriate closed in shoes on that day. It makes life a lot easier for each child to participate as the surfaces vary from the basketball court, to the canteen area to the oval. Hats are necessary and a water bottle is always a positive things to promote hydration and self-management skills. If your child has any concerns preventing full participation, please let the class teacher or myself know.

**Secondary**
Year 7 and Year 10 have PE on Fridays and Year 8/9 have their class on Thursdays. For hygiene reasons, students are asked to bring an extra shirt on the day, their faction shirt is a good idea. They can then change back into the normal school uniform at recess or lunch (please note they MUST change into the regular school uniform). Water bottles and hats are essential for the smooth running of the class as well as the appropriate shoes. A note must be provided by a parent/guardian/carer if a student will be missing out on sport that day for a legitimate reason. Please contact me if you have any concerns.

*Mrs Jodie Sercombe*

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**Wagin DHS Presents...**

The Faction Swimming Carnival

FRIDAY 19th FEB

Week 3

**PP-Yr 3: Active Water Carnival 9-10:45am**

**9yr-16yrs: Swimming Carnival 11-3:30pm**

Wagin Memorial Pool

Any and all assistance will be greatly appreciated. If you are able to assist in any possible way, please contact Jodie Sercombe or put your contact details on the permission note.

The Wagin P&C will be selling delicious healthy snack options on the day as well as tea and coffee. Please support them in their efforts to raise funds for our fantastic School.

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**Nothing is impossible.**

With so many people saying it couldn’t be done, all it takes is an imagination.

- Michael Phelps

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Term One Diary

WEEK 1
Friday, February 5 - In-Term Swimming begins

WEEK 2
Monday - Friday In-Term Swimming

WEEK 3
Monday - Thursday In-Term Swimming
Monday, Feb 15 - Whole School Assembly Student Council
Friday, Feb 19 - Faction Swimming Carnival
Sunday, Feb 21 - Leadership Campers leave from school

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

Thursday, February 4
Kate Becker

Friday, February 5
Sarah Whiteford

Monday, February 8
Jenny Cumming

Tuesday, February 9
Di Dohle

Wednesday, February 10
Noelene Marley

Thursday, February 11
Wendy Abbott

Friday, February 12
Melanie English

Monday, February 15
Emily Holt

Tuesday, February 16
Mandy Harrington

Term Dates for Semester 1, 2016
School Development Days & Public Holidays

Term 1: Monday February 1 - Friday April 8
SDD Thursday January 28
SDD Friday January 29
PH - Monday March 3 Labour Day
SDD - Friday March 11 Woolorama
PH Friday March 25 Good Friday
PH Monday March 28 Easter Monday

Term 2: Wednesday April 27 - Friday July 1
PH Monday April 25 ANZAC Day
SDD Tuesday April 26
SDD Friday June 3
PH Monday June 6 WA Day

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

Term 1
Week 3: February 15 - Student Council
Week 7: March 14 - Year 4/5 Hogg
Week 10: April 4 - Year 3/4 Rayner

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Wagin Basketball

Basketball re-commences on Tuesday the 9th February at the Recreation centre.

Cost is $2 entry fee.