For the Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner the year 7’s and 8’s joined together to prepare for the marvellous celebration. We spent several weeks preparing food. Many students cooked chocolate and plain shortbread biscuits and Broccoli and Bacon Bake. We had 27 students take time out of their regular learning to set the tables and prepare the food and drinks. We would like to thank Mrs Abbott, Mrs Kirk, Mr vandenBerg, Mrs Harris-Moroney and Mrs Willey for the transportation and supervision of students at the Golf Club.

By Belinda and Madison

The Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner was held at the Wagin Golf Club and decorated beautifully by everyone who volunteered to help. The last term Mrs Abbott’s option class cooked for the special occasion. On the successful night everyone was talking, laughing and having fun. All the students did their jobs properly and used their manners. We would like to thank everyone who came to the event.

By Nikita
From the Principal

Good Afternoon Readers

2014
We have had a busy, rewarding, exciting year. Our school has offered many educational, sporting, social and emotional opportunities to our students over the year. We have had:

• Swimming, Athletics & Interschool Carnivals
• Cross Country
• Cricket, Basketball, Football & Self-Defence Clinics
• Country Week- where our Netball team won the Sportsmanship award & came 1st in their division
• Active After School
• Designer of the Year, Category winner & runner up in National APEX Fashion finals
• Year 10 Careers Camp, Year 6 Camp, Year 7 Camp
• Careers Road-show for Year 7-10
• Guest Speakers from RAC, Olympic Athletes, Dance Groups, Excursions
• Whole School events such as CHAT; Drug Awareness Day & NAIDOC
• Increased our Kitchen Garden project to include a Bush Tucker Garden
• Breakfast Club, Lunch Club and Organised lunchtime activities (set up by secondary students)
• 16 students achieve in the top 20% on NAPLAN testing
• Started our 3 Year Old Kindy and worked with the Wagin Early Years Network to improve opportunities for families with 0-8 year olds
• Whole school fundraising events such as socials, cake stalls, market stalls & raffles
• Kept working really hard to give all of our students the best education we can deliver

We can all be very proud of our schools achievements over the year; they have only been possible because our staff are dedicated, our families are committed and our students are fantastic. If we keep working hard, stay focused on improving our children’s and young people’s lives and stay positive we will make a huge difference and continue to be an excellent school.

THANK YOU
Thank you never seems enough for all the time, effort, donations and commitment families, community members, staff and students give our school. We simply would not be able to provide the many and varied opportunities for our children and young people without the support given by you.

PARENTS & FRIENDS MUSIC CONCERT
Congratulations to the students who performed at the Parents and Friends concert last week. It was great to share in our children and young peoples musical talents. A special thanks to the students who helped set up sound equipment and chairs, we appreciate your effort. Lastly thanks to Mr vandenBerg, Mrs Hamersley, Mr Fauser and Mrs Gillespie for the dedication you give to our students for this event.

SENIOR CITIZENS DINNER
Another special thankyou to Mrs Abbott and the numerous staff and students who assisted with the Senior Citizens Dinner last Tuesday. We received a lot of positive feedback from the night. It is another opportunity for the Wagin community to interact with our wonderful young people. We would also like to thank the community groups and individuals who gave donations towards the event.
FAREWELL
This year we are lucky enough to retain almost all of our fantastic teaching staff, with the exception of:

Kate Ahrens, Kate will be going to Koorana Primary School for 2015. I would like to thank Kate for her commitment to our school; especially her willingness to take on new ICT challenges. Congratulations on your appointment Kate, we wish you all the best.

Julie Stott will be taking 12 months leave. We greatly appreciate the care and dedication Julie shows towards our students. I would like to thank Julie for the support she has given our school and hope she enjoys her leave.

Jane Kilpatrick will not be returning as a regular classroom teacher next year. I would like to thank Jane for teaching our Year 7 S&E program this year and for ‘jumping’ in when we have asked her to take on T&E. Hopefully Jane will be available to do relief in 2015; so you may see her around quiet a lot.

Our wonderful P.E. teacher Jodie Sercombe will be taking 12 months leave. I would like to thank Jodie for her efforts and dedication to our students over the year and hope she enjoys her leave.

Our amazing Year 10 students are also saying farewell to Wagin DHS, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with them over the year; indeed their three years of high school. Their dedication to learning, humour, passion for Wagin DHS and bubbly personalities will be missed. I am confident they will all go on to have amazing futures and look forward to hearing of their pursuits.

REPORTS
Reports will be given out by class and form teachers to parents or carers on Monday December 15. Primary reports will be given out in your child’s classroom. Secondary reports will be given out in the library. Reports not collected by a parent or carer will be sent home with students.

2015 & CLASS PLACEMENTS
Planning for next year is well under way, and while everyone is ready for their well-earned Christmas break we are also very excited about next year. The key to everyone having a great year is communication; please do not hesitate to come in and talk to someone here - we can only help solve problems we know exist.

2015 Class placements will be available at the front office from 2:30 p.m. on Monday, December 15.

Have a fantastic Christmas and Safe New Year

Cass Harris-Moroney

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2015
Our school development days for 2015 have been selected in consultation with teaching staff, comply with Department of Education gazetted dates and are approved by the School Council. The dates for 2015 are:

- Thursday, January 29th - Term 1
- Friday, January 30th - Term 1
- Friday, March 6th (Woolorama) - Term 1
- Monday, August 24th - Term 3
- Monday, October 12th - Term 4

Please note that our January dates are compulsory and that August 24th is not the start of term. There will be no school development day during Term 2 as we have two public holidays during that term; ANZAC Day-April 25th and WA Day June 1st.
Our students admirably represented our school at the annual Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner held at the Wagin Golf Club. The students from the hospitality option have been working conscientiously over the past few weeks to cater for the 3-course meal. They made such delights as shortbreads, broccoli and bacon potato bake, as well as chocolate Christmas cheesecakes. The students have been cooking up a storm in the Home Economics room often assisted by Mrs Kirk. Many thanks to Sue Piese and Paul Powell for the entertainment. The senior citizens of Wagin thoroughly enjoyed the event and all commented on how the students interacted maturely with the guests.

Our music students should be proud of their performances at the 2014 Family and Friends concert. The unfortunate thunderstorm on the original date allocated for the concert did not reappear and the concert went ahead full swing. Many thanks to all those involved. We definitely have some talented students at our school.

This week the year 6 students have been involved in their transition into the high school in readiness for next year. To get the overall experience of high school students have been following a typical high school timetable. Please contact Mrs Abbott if you have questions that may have arisen after the transition days.

The year 7 students are currently having a ball on camp, visiting such places as AQUA, Bounce and Adventure World. Their year 7 celebration will take place at the Wesley Hall at 12.30pm on Friday 12\textsuperscript{th} December. All high school students will have a fun afternoon at the pool after lunch this Friday. Students must return their notes to attend this excursion. Students will return to school prior to the end of the day. Students will need to attend school in uniform and can get changed at the pool. We advise students to bring a water bottle and sunscreen.

Year 6-9 students must also return their elective selection form for 2015 by Monday 15\textsuperscript{th} December.

The Secondary reports will be given out to parents in the library after school on Monday 15\textsuperscript{th} at 2.30pm. It is a good opportunity for parents to discuss any issues or ask questions of teachers during this time. The reports that are not collected by parents will be given to students to take home during the last week of school. Please read the reports with your child to further support them with their academic achievements. The reports will inform you of your child’s progress but also suggest areas for improvement. Interview requests can be arranged through the front office and can be made before the end of the school year or early in the year once school holidays have finished.

As this is the last Newsletter of the year I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a safe and merry festive season. Thank you to the staff and parents that support our school in so many ways. A special thought to the year 10 students who will leave us at the end of year. We wish you well in your endeavours beyond Wagin DHS and encourage you to take every opportunity to succeed in your life.

Merry Christmas to all.

\textbf{Jo Abbott}
PRIMARY NEWS

I would like to thank you all for your support during the year and wish you a very happy and safe holiday season.

Our last Super Readers for 2014.
Congratulations to all of our students who have read regularly at home throughout the year. One student has read for over two hundred nights. This means that she has read every school night and at weekends. What a fantastic effort.

Well done to the following students who achieved milestones in their home reading over the past fortnight; Mitchell, Taylor, Ethan, Oscar, Georgia, Paige, Olivia, Giana, Michael, J-Jay, Mikaylah, Bronte, Charlie, Angus, Sarah, Cole, Riley, Chloé, E-Rua, Ella, Claire, Tabitha, Luke, Kalynda, Jye, Elaine, Katrina and Issaiah.

Front Office Display
Please come and view our cultural Front Office Display. This has been prepared by the Year 4 and Year 6 to 10 students. The Year 4 display was created to showcase their learning of Japanese culture and early environments. Tasks within this display were collaboratively planned and undertaking in Technology and Enterprise using the T&E process and in Art. The students have enjoyed an Asian themed learning experience and are proud to showcase their work. The Year 6 to 10 completed the Aboriginal seasons cycle as part of the NAIDOC celebration day activities.

On 26th November the whole school joined together in a series of activities to celebrate Aboriginal Culture. Students were grouped together in multi age groups to participate in activities such as traditional painting, making signage for the bush tucker garden, bush tucker food tasting, indigenous past-time games and dreamtime stories. The students and staff enjoyed the opportunity to experience the different activities and work co-operatively.
OLYMPIANS VISIT OUR SCHOOL

On Friday, 28th November Wagin DHS got the chance to meet four Olympians, swimming freestyler Kenrick Monk, para athlete Blake Cochrane, Olympic water polo gold medallist Kate Hooper and water polo player Ed Slade. They talked to us about what they have been through, how they train and what they have achieved as elite sports people. We also got the opportunity to have a look at some of their medals they have received in their careers. They then went on to hold a clinic at the pool the next day where kids got a chance to play water polo and learn new swimming strategies as well.

By Kyle Hamersley

Student of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who were nominated by their teachers for this award in Week 9:

Year 2H – Bailey & Renee
Year 2/3P – Xaviar, Kandra, Josephine & Cadyn
Year 3M - Ruby, Olivia & Leila

Uniform Shop

The School Uniform Shop will be open on Thursday, January 29 and Friday, January 30, 2015, 9am to 12noon, prior to the start of the new school year.

Term Four Diary

WEEK 9
8/12/14 - 11/12/14: Year 7 Camp, Bickley
Friday, December 12 - Year 7 Celebration Lunch
Friday, December 12 - Year 7-10 Excursion to the Pool

WEEK 10
Tuesday, December 16 - Presentation Day, Town Hall
Tuesday, December 16 - Last day for Kindy Students
Wednesday, December 17 - Year 6 Celebration Morning Tea
Wednesday, December 17 - Year 10 Celebration Dinner

FINAL DAY FOR STUDENTS TERM 4:
Thursday, December 18

STUDENTS RETURN 2015:
Monday, February 2
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.

Thursday, December 11
Narelle Gibbs

Friday, December 12
Shelley Hamersley

Monday, December 15
Lyn Lucas

Tuesday, December 16
Sarah Whiteford

Wednesday, December 17
Catherine Ward (2hrs)

Thursday, December 18
Mandy Harrington

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Canteen News

Thank you to all the Mums, Dads, Grandparents and volunteers for making my job a lot easier. Merry Christmas, see you next year. Christine

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2015 Term Dates

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Safe car trips at Christmas

Wheatbelt families will travel a lot in cars over the upcoming weeks. So, before you head off on holidays – don’t just check that your vehicle has been serviced, but also that your children are safely restrained.

Remember that kids need to be in an appropriate car restraint until they are 7 years old. It is unsafe for young children to sit in the front seat, or use a lap-sash seat belt.

**The law says children:**

From birth to 6 months are to be restrained in a rearward facing child restraint.

From 6 months up to four years to be restrained in either a rearward or forward facing child car restraint with inbuilt harness.

From 4 years up to 7 years child to be restrained in either a forward facing child car restraint with inbuilt harness or booster seat restrained by correctly adjusted and fastened seat belt or child harness.

Under 4 years must be in the rear seats of a vehicle if the vehicle has at least 2 rows of seats.

Between 4 years and up to their 7th birthday are not permitted in the front seats of a vehicle, unless all rear seats are occupied by children less than 7 years of age.

If you have further queries about your children’s car seats, contact the Child Car Restraint Information Line 1300 780 713 (Mon 9-12, Tue 1-4, Wed 9-12, Thursday 1-4). You can also visit [http://www.roadwise.asn.au/child-car-restraints.aspx](http://www.roadwise.asn.au/child-car-restraints.aspx)
LAKE GRACE JUNIOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Saturday 13th December 2014

Singles and Doubles:
11 Years and Under
13 Years and Under
16 Years and Under

$6 per event per player

Lunches for sale – please nominate either ham & salad or chicken & salad roll. Additional lunches can be ordered for parents and spectators. Please order with your nominations. Drinks and ice creams available for purchase on the day.

Starts 8.00am

Please email or text name, DOB, lunch order and event/s to: Kristie Stanton on 0427 973206 or kristiehobley@hotmail.com.

(You will receive confirmation of your nomination via sms or email.)

Nominations Close Wednesday 10th December at 5pm