Well done to all classes for your outstanding exhibits at the 2016 Woolorama. Students and teachers put a lot of time and effort into their individual class displays and these were well received by all who visited the school display area.

This year, six Apex Fashion students were invited to model their creations on the catwalk. Wagin DHS Students have a very successful history at the Apex Teenage Fashion Awards and this was a wonderful opportunity to showcase some of our amazing talent.

A big thank you to Mr vandenBerg for coordinating this.
From the Principal

STUDENT PROGRESS
Recently I received an email from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) informing me our school has demonstrated **substantially above average gain in NAPLAN results** since 2013.

*"On behalf of ACARA, I would like to extend my congratulations to you and your school community on this achievement. Gains of this magnitude are significant and worthy of highlighting and acknowledgement." Robert Randall CEO ACARA*

We are extremely proud of our efforts, above all it indicates our teaching staff are ensuring your children and young people are receiving a teaching and learning program that gives them an opportunity to make progress each year. It is not about having students in the top bands of NAPLAN or all achieving a particular score it is far more important that we do everything we can to ensure our students can make progress. Our whole school approaches to English and Maths, guided reading, literacy and numeracy blocks in Primary, Unit Outlines in Secondary and being ruthless in our pursuit to continually improve is how this has occurred.

**Congratulations to our staff, students and families for this awesome achievement.**

WOOLORAMA
Thank you to our staff and students for creating an informative and engaging display for Woolorama. 2026 may feel like it will never arrive but before we know it we may be living with some of the creative ideas our students put forward.

It was also wonderful to showcase our APEX, Art, Home Economics and Wood Work student’s skills.

BEHAVIOUR
Student behaviour is an area that gains a lot of attention in the community, in media, in homes and at school. Behaviour management in today’s world is very different to when we as the adults were students. There has been media coverage about children’s behaviour in society in general and experts claiming that younger children are demonstrating more violent behaviours, which is alarming in itself. Schools are a reflection of society; we are governed by legislation, the Education Act, and Department policies about what we can and cannot do when student’s behaviour is not acceptable.

Sadly for Wagin District High when one or two students misbehave our community believes all student behaviour is unacceptable or that teachers are doing nothing. This is not the truth, many hours of time, support, programming and implementing whole school programs is given to improving social outcomes for all students. Please be reassured that we always do something about unacceptable behaviour; however, it may not occur in a public forum. We work with students, families and teachers to ensure desired behaviours are demonstrated more often than not. Our Positive Behaviour Support EMUS are a major driver in this change. We put a huge emphasis on positives and supporting all students to achieve them, this is done largely by ensuring adults change our behaviour when dealing with children and young people. We are also working with Jenny Mackay a behaviour management specialist to continually improve how we manage behaviour.

A copy of our whole school Pastoral Care and Behaviour Management in Schools Policy is available at page 37 of the Parent Booklet, under the Information tab on our school website. An important point to consider:

- If a child doesn’t know how to read we teach
- If a child doesn’t know how to spell we teach
- If a child doesn’t know how to count we teach
- If a child doesn’t know how to behave we…teach? punish?

*Cass Harris-Moroney*
Congratulations to all the students who won prizes at the 2016 Woolorama. It was pleasing to see so many students enter the categories and support our community event.

Some of the year 10 students have been completing their OLNA assessments. Students are exempt from sitting their OLNA if they have achieved band 8 or higher on their NAPLAN tests in year 9. There is another opportunity for student sit their OLNA tests in September this year.

This term the year 9 students participated in a seminar presented by Youth Focus. This information session was designed to increase awareness around common mental health issues young people face, focusing on depression and anxiety. The session was aimed at young people to help them understand more about mental health and mental illness and provides participants with the confidence to seek help if they are struggling with mental health issues. We offered this seminar for parents as well.

The seminar from Youth Focus is also to be supported by the Hawaiian Bike ride which is scheduled to arrive in Wagin on Thursday April 7. It is held annually over 5 days and the bike riders travel from Albany to Perth covering over 700kms to raise money for Youth Focus. The riders visit high schools to engage the students in the issues of youth suicide, depression and self harm and the services that Youth Focus provide. Their program is endorsed by the Education Department.

The safety of our students is of paramount importance to us all. We have become increasingly concerned by the number of students leaving the school grounds after school and riding their bikes and scooters dangerously on the roads and footpaths. Please ensure your child stays safe and follows the school and road safety rules.

There is a social on March 23 and the theme is masquerade.

Good luck to our Interschool Swimming Team on Wednesday March 30. Go Wagin!

Career Development News

ATO Tax File Number Applications
A tax file number is a unique nine-digit number issued to individuals and organisations to help administer tax and other Australian Government systems. Students need a TFN before they can start any type of paid work. For information on how to apply visit: https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Tax-file-number/

Career Bullseye Posters
The Bullseye posters reflect possible career options and training requirements for 32 learning areas. The occupational titles are in line with Job Guide’s profile titles. Check them out now: http://bullseye.myfuture.edu.au/

Certificate II in Creative Industries (Media)
Year 11 and 12 students interested in game design and 3D animation can enrol in evening or school holiday courses run by the Academy of Interactive Entertainment at Perth Modern School. For enrolment visit, http://www.aie.edu.au/cert2-3d

Smartphone Apps to Help with Studying
This article features some smartphone apps that can help students to improve their study habits. http://blog.aias.com.au/index.php/study/making-technology-work-for-you-effective-apps-for-smart-study/

Heywire Competition
The Heywire Competition is for people aged 16 – 22 who live in regional areas to tell a story about their life, in text, video, photo or audio form. Entries close 16th September. http://www.abc.net.au/heywire/
**Primary News**

**Year 4/5 Assembly**
Congratulations to the Year 4/5 class for their innovative assembly item where they presented two Dreamtime stories. The students wrote the scripts, designed and made the masks and acted out the stories.

**Woolorama**
It was wonderful to see the number of students who entered the various sections at Woolorama. It certainly showcases the work of our very talented students.

**Hats**
Please ensure that your child has a hat to wear at school as students are not permitted to play outside if they don’t have a hat.

**Uniforms**
It is wonderful to see so many students wearing uniform to school each day. Please encourage your children to wear their uniforms as it builds a pride in our school.

**Super Readers** for this week are William and Gabby. It is great to see them reading regularly at home.

*Robyn Willey - Primary Deputy*

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**Author and illustrator workshop**

Six, selected, Year 6 students travelled to Katanning to meet author Deb Fitzpatrick and illustrator Frane Lessac. There were many other Year 6 students there from several other schools. Students were then split into 2 groups that had about 30 students in each. Our group did the writing in the morning and the illustrating in the afternoon. In the writing group we did a warm up where we had to describe how we got comfortable or what our favourite time of day is and why, then we wrote a draft for the main piece which was about our favourite place, it could have been in your grandparent’s house a tree anything you wanted. We had morning tea and then we edited and did our good copy, followed by lunch. After lunch groups swapped over so we were doing illustrating where we had to draw a picture to go with our piece writing. Just like the writing, we had to do our draft also known as a sloppy copy. Doing our good copy we used water colour pencils and black fine liners.

Our work will be displayed in Fremantle Park on Celebrate WA Day. On behalf of everybody we would like to thank all the organisers and helpers.  *Olivia Whiteford & Ashley Brummelman*
Congratulations to Harley Te Hau who was awarded Aussie of the Month at the assembly held Monday, March 14, 2016.

Harley was nominated for always considering the needs of other in class and also in the playground. “Harley is a kind, caring and considerate student and is an absolute delight to have in our class.”

Merit Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Certificates on Monday, March 14.

PP – Lara Painter & Luke Brockwell
Yr 1L – Sara Ward & Ethan Julius
Yr 2P – Devon Barlow, Selina Neretlis & Penny Scott
Yr 2/3M - Millie Horne & Natalia Meredith
Yr 3/4R - Zoe Smith & Chloe Behlau
Yr 4/5H – Maddison Kelly
Yr 5M – Ethan Johnson & Holly Elms
Science - Madison Wallam, Taleah Conway & Cambell Lawton Armstrong
P.E. - Jamie Spooner, Maverick Bairstow, Taleah Conway, Bobbie-Jo Swayn & Matthew Price

EMUS AWARDS

Congratulations to these students who have received Canteen Vouchers for their efforts to
“Aim High”

ENGAGED: Vincent Brummelman & La’Trell Hayward
MANNERS: Vincent Brummelman & Abby Nottle
UNDERSTANDING: Marcus Nalder & Matthew Price
STRIVE: Marcus Nalder & Matthew Price
Parent Information

Parents/carers are reminded that the school boundary gates are locked daily following the siren at 8.50am. They are unlocked and opened again at around 2.20pm on Mondays and 3.10pm Tuesday to Friday. If you have need to stay on school grounds after the 8.50am siren, please exit through the school front office.

Issues and concerns can only be addressed when brought to our attention. We are always happy to speak with you.

Talking Drugs – an Information Session for Parents

Parents have an important role to play in preventing and reducing their children’s risk of harm from drug use.

As part of the national and state strategy to address methamphetamine and other drug use behaviour, the Department of Education and SDERA are offering Talking Drugs information sessions for parents. A Talking Drugs session will be held for parents on Tuesday 21st June 2016 at Hilltop Café, Trade Training Centre, Narrogin SHS with welcome tea and coffee available from 6pm. (Presentation 6.30pm to 8pm.)


Meetings

The first P&C Meeting for the year will be held in Room 3 (Secondary verandah) on Tuesday, 5th April at 2pm. Agenda items and apologies to Melanie at limelake@bigpond.com.

School council meeting - March 22, 3.30pm in Room 3.

Masquerade Social

WEDNESDAY 23/03/2016
5.30-7.30PM
$5.00 ENTRY
PRIZES, SNACKS AND DRINKS AVAILABLE
WEAR A MASK AND SUPPORT SCHOOL CAMP FUNDRAISING
Term One Diary

WEEK 8
Friday, March 25 - Good Friday

WEEK 9
Monday, March 28 - Easter Monday
Wednesday, March 30 - Interschool Swimming Carnival

WEEK 10
Monday, April 4 - Whole School Assembly Year 3/4R
Thursday, April 7 - Hawaiian Bike Ride

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 Dates for 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 7 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

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

Term 1
Week 10: April 4 - Year 3/4 Rayner

Term 1
Thursday, March 17
  Karen Thomson
Friday, March 18
  Melanie English
Monday, March 21
  Emily Holt
Tuesday, March 22
  Kelly Edwards
Wednesday, March 23
  Jane Kilpatrick
Thursday, March 24
  Lea Storer
Friday, March 25
  Good Friday
Monday, March 28
  Easter Monday
COMMUNITY NOTES

There will be a combined churches sunrise service on Easter Sunday at 6.15am at Norring Lake. All other Easter services are listed below:

**Anglican:**  
St Georges Church  
9am Good Friday  
Easter Sunday Eucharist 9am

**Baptist:**  
Easter Sunday 10.30am

**Catholic:**  
Good Friday - 12.00am and 12.30pm  
Easter Vigil – 5.00pm  
Easter Sunday 9.30am in Narrogin

**Uniting Church:**  
Palm Sunday – 10.15am  
Maundy Thursday - 6.30pm  
Good Friday – 9.00am  
Easter Sunday – 10.15am

**Jehovah’s Witnesses - Memorial 2016**  
Wednesday March 23rd -  
7pm at Narrogin Town Hall

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**Broomehill Primary School P&C MONSTER AUCTION & Market Day 2 April 2016 at Broomehill Primary School**

Registration / lunch from 11am, auction start 1pm  
Listing of items available at www.facebook.com/broomehillmonsterauction  
Plant, Machinery, Sundries, Household items and much more, most items with no reserve!  
Pony Rides  
Croc Train  
Car Washing  
Health & Pampering Stall  
Face Painting  
Hair styling  
Fresh Juice  
Ice Creams  
Books toys & DVD stalls  
Recycled Clothing stall  
Fresh Produce  
Hamburgers, Hot Chips & more as well as the auction!!  
Fun & bargains for the whole family!

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**Junior Football**

Wagin Football Club is seeking coaches for C & D Grade.  
If interested please contact Dane Tulley on 0417 058 865