

Wagin District High School Newsletter



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Aboriginal Survival Technology

The Incursion was very informative and engaging for all of our students. Phillip, through his 90 minute show, provided students with a visual and tactile experience of the skills and resources Aboriginal people used to survive in a harsh environment.

PHILIP GREEN
WildMan



From the Principal

TERM 1

We have had an extremely busy term, which seems to have passed in a flash. We have had a great start to the school year, our new teachers, students and families are settling in and becoming part of the Wagin District High community. Our students have participated in many extra curricula activities including:

- Swimming carnivals
- In-Term swimming lessons
- Whole School assemblies
- Youth Focus Hawaiian Bike Ride
- Black Dog guest speaker
- Leadership Camp for student councillors and faction captains
- Aboriginal Technologies incursion
- Parliament incursion
- Woolorama

Staff have also attended a variety of professional learning sessions to ensure our Wagin children and young people are receiving an excellent education. This has included:

- Attending Network Mathematics hub
- Literacy sessions with the North East Metro Language Development Centre
- Graduate modules
- Finance sessions
- Network briefing days

I would also like to thank families and community members for their continued support of our staff and students. When we all work together and look for solutions to problems that arise we achieve excellent outcomes for your children and young people. We have had some fantastic support, which we greatly appreciate and look forward to continuing throughout the year.

NAPLAN

A reminder that NAPLAN testing will be conducted for all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students from Tuesday, May 9 to Thursday, May 11.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council is formed with the fundamental purpose of enabling parents and members of the community to engage in activities that are in the best interests of students and will enhance the education provided by school. While School Council doesn't set the direction of the school they work in collaboration with the Principal to ensure student needs are being met. If you feel you would like to work with school to keep seeking solutions and ensuring our students are given the best possible opportunities please complete the attached nomination form and return to the office by Friday, May 5th 2017. If you have completed a submission last year there is no need to re-do this.

Cass Harris-Moroney

Digital Newsletter

Parents/Carers please be advised that, in an effort to reduce paper consumption, from Term 2 this year we will NOT be producing paper copies of the newsletter for all families, instead the newsletter will be available to view online on the school webpage. If you choose to subscribe on the webpage, an email with the newsletter link will be sent to you as a reminder on the day of publication. Why not go to our website and have a look at this week's edition in digital colour! www.wagindhs.wa.edu.au/

Families who do not have access to the internet can request a paper copy to be printed for them at the front office.

Secondary News

The High School has recently had the great opportunity of hosting the riders of the Hawaiian Bike Ride and also be involved in Harmony Day. We organised these activities for students to be aware of the importance of having good mental health and to also celebrate Australia's cultural diversity. 'Wildman' Philip Green presented a very engaging and informative session about Aboriginal Technology to our students.

Some of our Year 10 students have completed the March round of the OLNA assessments. The Online Numeracy and Literacy Assessment is designed to enable students to successfully meet the Western Australian Certificate of Education or (WACE) requirement of demonstrating the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy.

As well as all the normal school activity, students have been working hard completing required expectations in all learning areas. Students should be finishing any class work that is incomplete as homework. Every student has additional homework that is expected to be completed each night and hand it in on the due date. This homework is given to the students in class by the teacher to assist with learning opportunities and to expand knowledge of topics. The course outlines for each year group and learning area have been given to all students and will assist parents in knowing when homework is due.

Interim reports will be provided for all Secondary students. These reports will be sent home at the end of the week. If you wish to discuss your child's progress please arrange a meeting with the relevant teacher early next term.

There will be a Careers themed social this Thursday, April 6 from 5.30-7.30pm. The social is fund-raising for the Year 10 careers camp.

This being the last newsletter of the term, all secondary staff would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday. Happy Easter!

Jolene Abbott



Secondary Assistance Scheme

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR
UP TO: **\$350**
towards school expenses

DO YOU HOLD A: CENTRELINK FAMILY
HEALTHCARE CARD; CENTRELINK PENSIONER
CARD; VETERANS' AFFAIRS PENSIONER CARD?

Applications Close **Friday 7th April 2017**. More information is available from the front office.

Primary News

Super Readers

Congratulations to the following students who have reached milestones in their Home Reading: Mia Forrest, Ash Rose Hope, Luke Brockwell, Halle Painter, Imogen McInnes, Charlotte Rowell, Isla Stavelly, Jax Moffatt, Ava Ward, Gigi Francisco, Katie Manuel, Samuel Nalder, Ruby Clifton, Kaaliha Aird and Vinnie Moffatt.

Holidays

We have had a great start to 2017 with a very busy term and everyone is ready for a break. Enjoy your holidays and keep safe!

Help kids change their perspective when things go wrong

By Michael Grose

Parents can help catastrophisers learn to change their perspective when things go wrong.

If your child is a serial catastrophiser, always seeing the worst case in a negative situation, try to change their thinking so they learn to keep things in perspective. Ask them the following questions to challenge your child's catastrophic thinking:

‘What’s the most likely scenario?’ Sometimes it’s useful to introduce a dose of old-fashioned rational thinking for those kids who always assume the worst will happen to them. ‘Yep, you could break your leg if you go skiing. But the odds are that you won’t.’

‘You may be right, but does it really matter?’ One way to help hard-core catastrophisers is to admit that they could be right, but then ask them to imagine that the worst possible scenario actually happens. Then challenge them to understand that even the worst possible scenario is not so bad after all. This is the type of reality check many kids need.

‘Where does this fit on the disaster meter?’ Catastrophisers tie themselves in a knot about relatively insignificant things. Okay, making a fool out of themselves when they give a talk at school may not be insignificant to kids, but there are plenty of worse things that could happen. Help them get some perspective by giving their worry a score out of ten on how important the issue really is.

‘Is that helpful thinking?’ Sometimes kids’ thinking is so out of whack with reality that they become anxious about minor things. Thinking things such as, ‘Everyone must like me,’ ‘I must never make a mistake’ and ‘Bad things always happen to me’ are extreme and need to be replaced by more moderate, realistic thoughts, such as, ‘It would be nice if everyone liked me but not everyone will. It’s important to have some good friends.’

Robyn Willey



TAGS

Our wonderful TAG (talented and gifted) students were recently given the task of creating a robot and programming it to avoid obstacles and other robots. The students were very engaged throughout the task and loved using the new equipment.

Our picture show students using the Edison robots and Lego.

Awards

Merit Certificates

**Congratulations to the following students
who received Merit Certificates on
Monday, April 3.**

PP C - Miranda Kelly, Luca Stoney
Year 1L – Chelsea Storer, Cooper Tulley
Year 2P - Hunter Finlayson,
Mackirra Williams, Ruby Clifton
Year 3M - Trey Roche, Preston Dobbs
Year 5R – Charlie Ritchie
Year 6R - Ethan Johnson
HASS - Cruiz Roberts, Emma Gillespie,
Takayla Pense
Science - Claire Smith, Byron Painter

Student of the Week

Congratulations to:

Yorick Gibb & Lacy Horne

*Who were nominated by their teacher,
Mrs Pangler, and received this award in Week 9.*

EMUS AWARDS

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 assembly this week was:

Engaged 392

Manners 313

Understanding 311

Strive 278



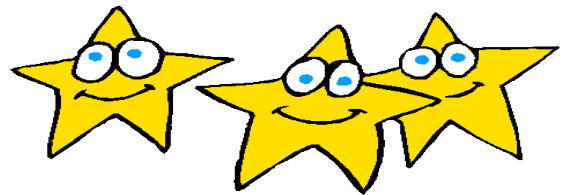
**Congratulations to these students who have
received USB wristbands for their efforts to
“Aim High”**

ENGAGED: Tylah Gardner & Spencer Hansen

MANNERS: Zoe Smith & Claire Smith

UNDERSTANDING: Jamie Spooner & Liam Clavey

STRIVE: Ash-Rose Hope & Seb Mangalavite



School Social

The first social for 2017 will be held in the **Brenda O’Neil Courtyard** on **Thursday, April 6, 5.30 - 7.30pm.**

The theme for this social is ‘Future Employment’. Please dress up as yourself in your future work attire and support the Year 10 Careers Camp.

Entry fee is \$5.00, drinks and snacks will be available for sale.

Picnic in the Park

On Friday, 24th March, the students in Year 2 were treated to an afternoon of fun in the Ram Park. This excursion was a reward for their fundraising efforts to support our Pool Manager, Jen Bannerman, with the Leukaemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave.

Initially the reward afternoon was planned to take place at the Wagin Swimming Pool, but with Jen being in a motorcycle accident earlier in the week, we thought the whole event may need to be called off. However, Jen would not have a bar of that and with a change of venue, the afternoon of fun went ahead.

Students enjoyed a lovely picnic lunch in the park. This was followed up with an Easter Egg hunt and some active fun in the playground. Finally, before it was time to head back to school, Jen treated the students with a cupcake treat, which was beautifully decorated with The World's Greatest Shave message.

The Year 2 class would like to sincerely thank Jen for this wonderful afternoon of fun and for supporting such a worthy cause.



Prejudice in Parksville

Classes were read a story about a group of new residents who come to live in Parksville. They look and sound different and this creates a problem of prejudice. Students enjoyed working through and resolving these problems with the use of puppets.





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RIDEFORYOUTH

VISIT WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL



The Hawaiian Ride for Youth is one of Australia's premier charity events. Held annually over 4.5 days, riders travel from Albany or Geraldton to Perth covering over 700kms to raise money for Youth Focus. While cycling through towns in WA's South-West, Great Southern, Wheatbelt and Mid-West the riders visit high schools to engage and inform students on issues of youth suicide, depression and self-harm, as well as the services that Youth Focus provides.

The Hawaiian Ride for Youth is Youth Focus' largest fundraising event. Since its inception in 2003 the Ride has raised over \$15 million for Youth Focus. In 2009 the Ride won the Special Events' category of the Fundraising Institute of Australia's (FIA) National Awards for Excellence in Fundraising and in 2012 and 2015 the Ride won the Best Charity Event at the Australian Event Awards.

Year 6 Camp



Ladies



7pm Thursday Night, 27th April 2017

Betty Terry Community Theatre, Wagin

Tickets \$30

Includes Movie Ticket and Refreshments

Movie: Manchester by the Sea

All proceeds go direct to Year 6 Camp.

For more information and ticket purchases please contact:

*Karen Thomson
0428 231 041*

*Melanie English
0429 426 352*



Term Dates for 2017

School Development Days & Public Holidays

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 is NO School Development Day
In Term 4**

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, April 6

Sonia Nalder

Friday, April 7

Mandy Harrington

TERM 2

Wednesday, April 26

Mandy Harrington

Thursday, April 27

Kate Becker

Friday, April 28

Jenny Cumming

Monday, May 1

Bec West

Tuesday, May 2

Di Dohle

Wednesday, May 3

Melanie English

*Wishing everyone
a safe and
happy holiday*



COMMUNITY NOTES

**HOOKIN2
HOCKEY**

Junior Hockey Information

The Wagin Hockey Club will be running their Hookin2Hockey program in Term 2. Registrations are open to children in Years 1 - 3. Sessions will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 3:45pm to 4:30pm.

Please note that this year parents are to register their children at www.hookintohockey.com.au by selecting their location. A fee of \$85 is payable and delivery of the participant packs will come directly to you. The Wagin Hockey Club is offering \$40 cash-back per child registered, keeping the cost down for our participants.

**KATANNING
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**SATURDAY 8
APRIL 2017
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or call 9821 9999

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Canteen: 9861 1348

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



Department of
Education

Unincorporated Councils Information Package

Nomination Form – Parent Representative

Wagin District High School

**Nomination of a candidate for
Parent Representative on the School Council**

I wish to nominate myself as a candidate for election to the School Council.

Full name: _____

Candidate Profile

Declaration of candidate

I nominate myself as a candidate and if elected will accept the responsibility of being a parent representative.

Signature of candidate: _____ Date: / /