

# Wagin District High School Newsletter

Issue 6 - 9 May 2018



## ANZAC DAY CEREMONY



*They gave their tomorrow,  
so we could have our today.*



This year ANZAC Day fell during the school break and we therefore chose to honour the ANZAC tradition with a whole school service on Monday, May 1. The secondary members of Student Council conducted the service at our War Memorial. The service was attended by the whole school and welcomed guests. A wreath was laid in remembrance and honour of those who gave their service to defend our country so gallantly. A very special thank you to Mr Greg Brockway, Vietnam veteran and RSL representative, who gave his time to attend.



### WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

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Canteen: 0459 064 160

### 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

# From the Principal

Welcome to Term 2, I hope everyone had a safe, relaxing break. We have started the term with a positive attitude and an action packed schedule. Please keep checking the website regularly as there are many events this term.

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance is a major factor in student achievement, it is very important that we work together to ensure students have 90% or greater attendance. We understand children get sick and families have emergencies that cause absences from school which impact on attendance.

The summary below gives you a snap shot of how attendance impacts on student learning. Please give this careful thought if you are planning family holidays, or any activities that may cause your child's attendance to drop. If they attend 80% for their entire school life they will graduate with 3 years less learning than their peers who attend more than 90%; is this fair?

If a child attends 80% of the time they are in the lowest risk category, but they will miss:

- 1 day a week
- 2 weeks a term
- 8 weeks a year
- 1 year by the end of Year 4
- 2 years by the end of Year 8
- 3 years by the end of Year 12

We will continue to work with families to ensure attendance remains a priority.

## INTERIM REPORTS YEAR 7 - 10

Families should have received your child's interim report. The purpose of these is to inform you of your child's progress and the grade they are on track to receive on their semester report later this term. If classroom teachers have requested an interview please make an appointment at your earliest convenience.

## NAPLAN

All students in Year's 3, 5, 7 & 9 across Australia are participating in NAPLAN testing from Tuesday, May 15 to Thursday, May 17. The results from these assessments along with the data teachers collect over the year is used to continually improve our teaching and learning programs. Assessment results will be sent home later this year.

## END OF SEMESTER REPORTS

All students Kindy – Year 10 will receive an official Department of Education report on Monday, June 25. This year we are using the department template for Kindy reports, which our Kindy teachers will explain to parents. We will also be delivering reports electronically, if you have not already done so please contact the office on 9861 1877, or when you are at school next, to up date your email address.

## HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

Happy Mothers Day to all our wonderful Mums, we hope you have a relaxing day with your family.

*Cass Harris-Moroney*

Principal

Cassandra.HarrisMoroney@education.wa.edu.au

# Primary News

Welcome to Term 2. I hope you and your family had a restful two week break. Wasn't it much needed after an 11 week term? This term is only 9 weeks and with everything organised to happen so far, it will be over before we know it!

## Literacy Pro Quizzes

As part of our whole school Reading focus, last term saw us revive the Literacy Pro Program in Year 3 – 6 classes. Teachers received professional development from the regional coordinator as to how to maximise use of the Literacy Pro program for progress and achievement and time has been spent guiding students how to use it independently and effectively.

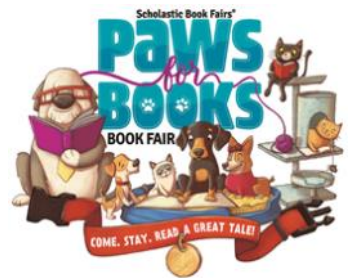
Over the course of the term, we monitored the number of quizzes each class completed (which is done once students have finished reading a book). I'm excited to share that the winning class was Ms Roche's Year 5/6 with a whopping 422 quizzes. Across the 4 classrooms involved, 970 books were read in Term 1. I can't wait to see what our results are for the end of Term 2.

## NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy)

Next week will see our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students sit Spelling, Grammar, Writing, Reading and Numeracy NAPLAN tests. If your child is in one of these year levels, we encourage you to treat the testing days as any other. Academic performance is enriched when students have plenty of sleep, a healthy diet and a known support network. Lately, there has been much discussion on radio and the news about NAPLAN that can often cause undue stress and worry. If you notice your child feeling this way, please talk with your class teacher and assure them that them doing their best is all we ask.

## Book Fair

From Tuesday, May 22 until Thursday, May 31, we are celebrating Book Fair. The library will be open for parents, students and community members to browse and purchase books before school 8.30 - 8.50am, lunchtimes and after school until 4.00pm. Primary students will be encouraged to partake in a colouring competition where they may win one of many \$5 Book Fair vouchers. All entrants will be displayed in the library over the two week period. We look forward to you coming and supporting the Book Fair. Each sale goes towards the school receiving more books for our students to enjoy.



## National Simultaneous Storytime - NSS

On Wednesday, May 23, (the second day of Book Fair), we will be partaking in the National Simultaneous Storytime where each class will read the same book as other schools across Australia. The book chosen this year is Hickory, Dickory, Dash. To incorporate this with Book Fair, students are encouraged to DRESS UP AS THEIR FAVOURITE ANIMAL for the day.

We will also have the pleasure of hosting the Wagin Early Years Network NSS event, whereby all parents and community members with children younger than school age are invited to come to listen to a special reading of the story in our school library at 11am. We have a fun morning planned. After the reading, children will enjoy a craft activity, fun animal movement games and morning tea. We look forward to you joining us.

## Other dates for your calendars

Mon, May 14	Year 5/6 Roche assembly
Tue, May 15 – Thur, May 17	NAPLAN testing for Year 3,5,7 and 9 students
Fri, May 25	Cross Country
Mon, June 4	WA Day – no school

Regards,

*Emma Kirk*

Deputy Principal

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## Secondary News

Term 2 is already shaping up to be a busy one. Teachers and students in Years 7 and 9 have been working hard in preparation for NAPLAN testing which begins on Tuesday, May 15 and runs for 3 days, concluding on Thursday, May 17. It is particularly important for Year 9 students to do their best in the hope of pre-qualifying for the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessments (OLNA) that begins in Year 10. All Year 9 students who pre-qualify are exempt from sitting OLNA tests in Year 10, so it's well worth putting in a big effort in Year 9 NAPLAN!



*Trish Hewitt*

Deputy Principal

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### Combined Sport & Home Economics

The Sport and Home Economics options were combined this week. Students enjoyed preparing (and then eating) Tomato and Bacon Breakfast Quiches as well as smoothies. Smiles all 'round!



# What's Happening

Week 2	6/5	7/5	8/5	9/5	10/5	11/5	12/5
					Bendigo Bank Netball Carnival		
Week 3	13/5	14/5	15/5	16/5	17/5	18/5	19/5
		Assembly Year 5/6 Roche  <a href="#">P &amp; C Meeting 12.30pm</a>	NAPLAN  Country Week Trials 3:30 - 4:30pm		→		
Week 4	20/5	21/5	22/5	23/5	24/5	25/5	26/5
			Book Fair	Book Fair National Simultaneous Storytime	Book Fair	Wagin Cross Country	
Week 5	27/5	28/5	29/5	30/5	31/5	1/6	2/6
		Book Fair	Book Fair	Book Fair	Book Fair		

## Canteen Roster

Please attend by 9am.

Please note that children are not allowed in the canteen due to insurance requirements.

Any queries, please ring the canteen on 0459 064 160.

**Thursday, 10 May**

Narelle Gibbs

**Friday, 11 May**

Cath Painter

**Monday, 14 May**

Martina Pascoe

**Tuesday, 15 May**

Sandra Moffatt

**Wednesday, 16 May**

Londa Finlayson

**Thursday, 17 May**

Jerri Lee Dickson

**Friday, 18 May**

Emily Holt

**Monday, 21 May**

Coral Piesse

**Tuesday, 22 May**

Anette Quartermaine

**Wednesday, 23 May**

Sandra English

# PYJAMA DAY

Much fun was had on the last day of Term 1 with staff and students attending school in their PJ's. All who participated donated a gold coin to go towards the Wagin YouthCare District Council. These funds are used directly by our wonderful Chaplain Jill Pilkington.

The amount raised was **\$242.40.**

Great effort everyone!



# P & C MEETING

Our next P & C General Meeting will take place on Monday, 14 May at 12.30pm in the Meeting Room. Please forward any agenda items and apologies to [paulnicole@activ8.net.au](mailto:paulnicole@activ8.net.au)

# LOST PROPERTY

The lost property cupboard was full to the brim at the end of last term. It is frustrating for parents and students when their belongings go missing. To stop that from happening, please ensure that your child/ren have their names clearly labelled on their clothing as well as containers and water bottles.

Why not support our P & C while you're at it with labels from [stuckonyou](http://stuckonyou.com). Just add their fundraising code "**WAGINDHSPC**" when you make a purchase and you can help to raise funds for our amazing P & C.



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations go to the following students who were nominated by their teacher and received an award on 7 May 2018:

**Year 2 M** - Samara Leary

**Year 3/4 P** - Douglas Banks, Riley Mangalavite and Vincent Brummelman



## WRITER OF THE WEEK

Congratulations go to the following students who have had their literacy efforts displayed in the front foyer.

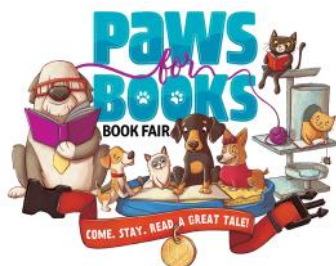
**Charlie Turner, Mason Cook, Olivia Sodsai, Imogen Becker, Laykhar Patuwai, Oscar Walker, Ella Piesse and Alissa Sodsai**



## BOOK FAIR

This year's Book Fair will run for two weeks from

**Tuesday 22 May - Thursday 24 May & Monday 28 May - Thursday 31 May.**



The theme this year is "Paws for Books" and the fair will coincide with National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday 23 May.

As usual, there will be a huge variety of books, novelty items and posters available for purchase. Mark the dates on your calendar and stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks!

## NEVER STOP READING!

Reading is a fundamental skill your child will use for the rest of their life – so why stop when they're just getting started? Sharing stories and reading aloud with your child strengthens their skills in reading, writing and comprehension. It builds their confidence and sense of security. It creates those special moments with your child that you cherish.

**That's why you should Never Stop Reading!**

<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/neverstopreading>



## BORN TO MOVE

This is a 30 minute class in which a parent or caregiver also takes part. The music is written for the class with lyrics that act as sung instructions, leading children through simple moves that build body awareness and balance. The class draws on the latest research, but your child won't notice - they'll be too busy having fun!

**For children aged 2 - 4 years**

**9.30am - 10:00am, Friday mornings at the Katanning Leisure Centre**

**\$3.30 or free for gold members**

For any further information, please contact the KLC on 9821 4399.

# CYBERBULLYING

## *Tips for Parents*

- Talk to your child about cyberbullying now. Work with your child to develop strategies for dealing with cyberbullying if it happens.
- Identify one or two other trusted adults your child feels comfortable to talk to about cyberbullying.
- Know what your children are doing online. Set filters so they can be safe online.
- Communicate openly with your child. Help your child learn how to interact safely and respectfully online.
- Put the computer in a shared or visible place in the home.
- Talk with your child about which sites are okay to visit. Have clear rules about their online activity.
- Help your child to block anyone who sends offensive content.

## *If you think your child is being cyberbullied...*

- Talk to them about changes in their mood or behaviour. Help them to stay connected with people they trust.
- Contact the police if you have serious concerns for your child's safety.
- Work to save evidence of the cyberbullying behaviour. It may be needed by the child's school or Internet Service Provider, or by the police.
- Ask the school to explain their processes around cyberbullying.
- Don't ignore the situation. Listen to your child and offer support.

## *Cyberbullying - useful links*

- Australian ESafety Commission provides online safety education for Australian children and young people; a complaints service for young Australians who experience cyberbullying; and addresses illegal online content through the Online Content Scheme. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>
- WA laws on cyberbullying and advice can be found at [http://www.lawstuff.org.au/wa\\_law/topics/bullying/cyber-bullying](http://www.lawstuff.org.au/wa_law/topics/bullying/cyber-bullying)
- StaySmart Online is an Australian Government site that provides cyber safety information. <https://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/>
- Think U Know is an internet safety program developed by the Australian Federal Police (AFP). <https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/>
- For parents looking for information on bullying and cyberbullying visit the Raising Children Network at <http://raisingchildren.net.au/>





# Mother's Day

## High Tea

You are invited to Wagin's High Tea  
to celebrate Mother's Day with your loved ones.



2.00pm—4.00pm  
Saturday 12th May  
At Wagin CWA  
Entry \$5

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For more information please contact:

Robyn Willey 0417924823

Wendy McDougall: 9862204

TO CELEBRATE BOOK FAIR AND  
NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME  
WE ARE HAVING A

# DRESS UP DAY

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 23**

COME DRESSED UP AS YOUR

**FAVOURITE ANIMAL**

**NO COIN DONATION REQUIRED**



**National Simultaneous Storytime**  
WEDNESDAY 23 MAY 2018

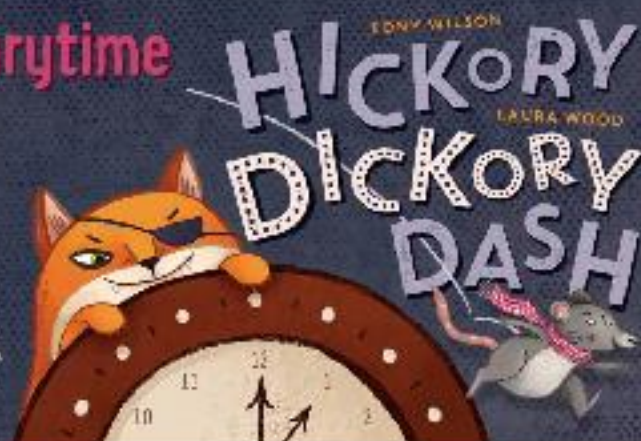
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To help parents manage difficult behaviour in 2 - 12 year olds

Facilitated by Brad Williams who will provide a **humorous** look at parenting and a **serious** look at discipline!

### DADS, STEPS DADS, GRANDADS & CARERS ONLY COURSE

NORTHAM, Lesser Hall, Wellington St.

Presented over 2 Tuesday evenings of 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018  
6.15pm - 8.30pm

To register or for further information, please contact Jeni Pages  
(Coordinator, Parenting Connection Wheatbelt).  
JPages@wanslea.asn.au p: 0447 622 736

#### You will learn:

- The two approaches to parenting.
- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- How to handle kids testing behaviour
- How to teach and encourage positive behaviour, social skills and independence.
- How to control obnoxious behaviour.
- How to show empathy while developing emotional intelligence in your child.
- How to strengthen the relationship with your child.

#### What people are saying...

- "An end to the yelling and arguing!"
- "It saved our lives"
- "Simple, sane, effective"
- "What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember at those times when memory is the first thing to go."





**Wagin District High School P&C Association Inc.**

Minutes of the general meeting held on Monday 8th April 2018 at 12:30pm in the meeting room.

**1. Welcome**

*In attendance*

T Spooner (chairperson), N Ward, A Scott, J Mangalavite, J Pilkington, A Ward, Amber Ward, J Fawkes, A Howell, A Longmuir, E Kirk, L Johnson, J Clifton, C Harris - Moroney,

*Apologies*

M Pascoe, M Harrington, K Hamersley, C Painter, N Kirk, S Nalder, E Holt, A Quartermaine

**2. Confirmation of previous minutes**

Resolution: That the minutes of the meeting of Wagin District High School P&C Association held on 13th February 2018 at 2pm be taken as read and confirmed as true and accurate. **Carried**

**3. Business arising from previous minutes:**

3.1 Security Deterrents – have been installed.

3.3 'War on Waste' – A Ward reported that recycling is happening at school, the system just needs modifications. E Kirk reported that some recycling will be happening through the Kitchen Garden program.

3.4 Canteen – T Spooner reported that the price rise is in effect and have had no negative comments regarding this. The canteen committee will be holding a meeting at the end of term. J Mangalavite suggested an advertising strategy and J Clifton proposed a special menu style day.

3.5 Fundraising Ideas – A Scott provided information on a tea towel fundraiser, it was decided that although this fundraiser would be worthwhile it is quite similar to our current picture plate fundraiser so we will not proceed. L Finlayson reported another community group is planning a quiz night so we will not proceed. Easter Egg raffle was not held as another community group was organising one.

3.6 Swimming Carnival Sportsmanship Award - Organised and presented at the recent swimming carnival.

**4. Correspondence**

4.1 Correspondence In: BAS Statement, fundraising directory, SDERA news, P&C Voice, WACSSO P&C handbook, correspondence from C Tulley.

Resolution: That correspondence be received as per above list. **Carried**

4.2 Correspondence out: NIL

Resolution: That correspondence be received as per above list. **Carried**

**5. Treasurers Report (attached)**

Resolution: That the Treasurers Report be adopted. **Carried**

**6. Reports**

- 6.1 President's Report: T Spooner thanked parents who provided morning tea at the swimming carnival and A Scott for assisting on the day. Thanks also to the nature play committee for their ongoing contributions to the playspace and to C Tulley for her years of contribution to P&C.  
Resolution: That the President's report be adopted. Carried
- 6.2 Principal's Report: Attached.  
Resolution: That the Principal's report be adopted. Carried
- 6.3 School Council Report - N Ward reported that the meeting scheduled for the 20th March was postponed until 10th April. If there are any concerns that you would like raised at this meeting, please contact N Ward prior to this date.  
Resolution: That the School Council report be adopted. Carried

## 7. General Business

- 7.1 Wishlist Requests – Given our current bank account balance, it was decided \$5500 to be the amount we invest back into school. E Kirk presented a prioritised wishlist from staff. After discussing the wishlist it was decided to donate \$1000 towards the Literacy Pro program and \$1000 towards outdoor games for the older students. Money will also be donated towards a cooling system for the Brenda O'Neil Courtyard, with this amount to be decided following further quotes to be presented by the admin team at the next meeting. A shade structure for the adventure playground was also requested, this will be something we will contribute towards over several years.  
Action by: A Ward, E Kirk Carried
- 7.2 Nature Play Update - N Ward provided a nature play update. A padlock has been installed on the tank.
- 7.3 Picture Plate Fundraiser – A Scott will finalise orders this week. Thanks to everyone who has supported this fundraiser.
- 7.4 Entertainment Book Fundraiser - N Ward suggested an entertainment book fundraiser. N Ward to investigate most suitable options for advertising and commence fundraiser.  
Action by: N Ward Carried
- 7.5 Uniform Shop Opening Hours - K Hamersley proposed reducing hours to 8:30 - 10:00 due to limited parents visiting in the last half of the hours.  
Carried
- 7.6 Staff Shirts through our uniform shop - N Ward suggested making available staff polo shirts for staff members to purchase. N Ward to research design options.  
Action by: N Ward Carried

## 8. Other Business

- 8.2 Student toilets - Amber Ward expressed concerns regarding the condition of the student toilets. A Ward reported that toilets have been reviewed as part of a maintenance report.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next general meeting will be Monday 14th May at 12:30pm.

**10. Closure**

The meeting was closed at 1:45pm.