

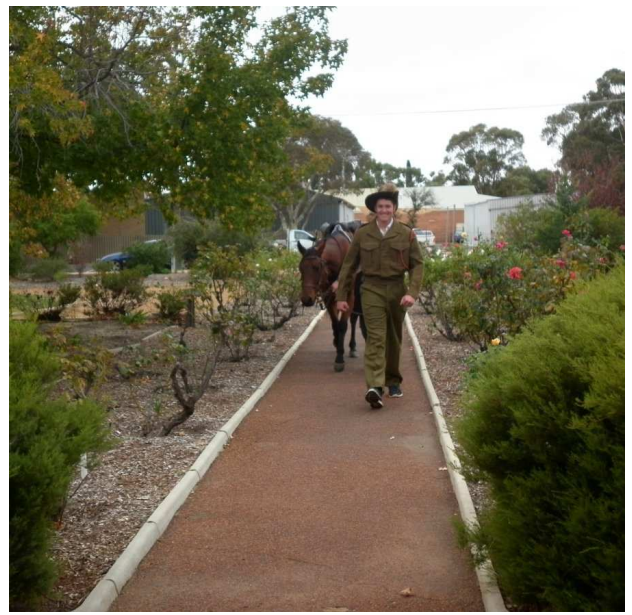


# Newsletter

Wagin District High School



*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We shall remember them"*



## ANZAC Ceremony at Wagin

Our secondary members of the Student Council conducted a fitting ANZAC service at our War Memorial last Friday. The service was attended by the whole school and welcomed guests. The ceremony, presented by Zali Spencer, included Jay Montgomery wearing a uniform belonging to Rebecca Pense's Father. Mrs Pense also brought in her horse dressed in full regalia. Wreaths were laid in remembrance and honour of those who gave their service to defend our country so gallantly. Thankyou to Mr Greg Brockway, Vietnam veteran and RSL representative, who gave his time to attend.

### 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

### WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

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Primary Deputy: Mrs Robyn Willey  
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Canteen: 9861 1348

# From the Principal

Welcome back to Term Two, I hope everyone had a safe, relaxing Easter break. We have started the term with a positive attitude and an action packed schedule. Please keep your newsletter handy or check the website regularly as there are many events this term.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Term 1 attendance for the whole school was 89.1%. Primary attendance was 90.55% and Secondary was 82.4%. Our Year 3 students had the best attendance rate during Term 1, 94%, a fantastic effort. This was closely followed by the Year 5s with 93.3%.

Focus 2015, Directions for Schools reiterates the importance of student attendance at school. It is critical for students to attend school regularly to be able to achieve their academic potential. Less than 90% attendance (more than 5 days during a term) puts a student at educational risk. Last term attendance letters were sent to all parents of students who had less than 90% attendance.

## **POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT (PBS)**

Supporting students to demonstrate positive behaviour continues to be a focus. As parents you are aware that children and young people need direction, support, clear boundaries, respect and good role modeling to behave in a way that is acceptable. At Wagin District High School we are continuing with PBS, many of you know this as EMUS. The purpose of PBS is to support our school to develop an approach based on the underlying principles of decision making guided by data, the establishment of effective school wide routines and consistent responding to behaviour, both positive and negative.

We all need to remember that when a child can't learn we teach, but when a child can't behave do we teach or punish? If we only punish are we supporting that child to learn expected behaviour?

It takes time, a consistent approach and a relentless focus on being positive, supportive role models to every child or young person we have contact with. If we all work together to do this our children and young people will thrive.

## **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 3, 5, 7 & 9 across Australia are participating in NAPLAN testing from Tuesday May 12 to Thursday May 14. 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.

## **YEAR 10 CAMP**

Our Year 10 students will spend a week in Perth from Tuesday May 12 to Friday May 15, the purpose of this camp is to give them opportunities to explore future career options. They will visit Universities, TAFE campuses and attend the Careers Expo.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

To Zali Spencer on being accepted into NSR Australia program. This amazing opportunity will enable Zali to attend a US College to play full time hockey and study a course of her choice. Well done Zali you will be an excellent ambassador for Wagin District High and the Wagin community, we look forward to sharing your continued success.

Cass Harris-Moroney

# Secondary News

## **Uniforms**

As this is the first newsletter for Term 2 and the cold weather is approaching, it is a timely reminder that students need to be wearing school jackets. It is not appropriate for students to be wearing coloured jumpers or hoodies displaying branding. There are school scarves available for purchase through the uniform shop eliminating the need for brightly coloured scarves. All winter uniforms are in stock at the Uniform Shop which is open each Friday between 8.30 and 10.30am.

## **NAPLAN**

NAPLAN testing for Year 7 and 9 students will take place between 12 and 15 May. Students have had the opportunity to complete practice questions in English and Mathematics classes to increase their awareness of the test format. The NAPLAN testing provides a valuable snapshot of student achievement/progress and all students are encouraged to simply do their best.

## **Career Development News**

### **Google Science Fair 2015**

The Google Science Fair is an online science competition that invites people aged 13-18 to submit and conduct their own experiments. Prizes include overseas trips, scholarships and more. Submission deadline is Tuesday 19th May.

<https://www.google-science-fair.com/en/>

### **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/>

### **10 Step Plan to your First Job**

The ACTU website offers a good reference list to help students organize themselves for their first job.

<http://worksite.actu.org.au/10-step-plan-to-your-first-job-plus-one-extra-step/> **Campus Quest Online Game**

Curtin University's Addressing Higher Educational Access Disadvantage (AHEAD) program has launched Campus Quest, an online game that gives prospective students a virtual glimpse of life at university. Gamers juggle their allocated time, money, assignments and social life while trying to achieve good marks and have fun.

Play online: <https://www.campusquest.com.au/>

### **Hobsons Course Finder: How Facebook Can Help (or Hurt) A Student's Job Prospects:**

<http://www.mycareermatch.com.au.cmail20.com/t/ViewEmail/y/AB8E37E9197582C4/C682680BFFCCCB7C4415EB25BE999822>

### **West Australian Aviation College Open Day**

Sunday 24th May @ West Australian Aviation College

Registrations are now open for the 2015, "become a pilot" Open Day. To register visit: <http://www.becomeapilot.com.au/content/page/learn-to-fly.html>

**Murdoch University : Creative Industries Careers Evening** is being hosted at Murdoch University's South Street Campus on Wednesday 29th April at 6pm. This evening will be of interest to any Year 10-12 student who is passionate about creativity, art, games, photography or storytelling.

Students will have the opportunity to explore a range of undergraduate courses, meet academics and learn about careers in the creative industries. To register and for more information, visit <http://www.experience.murdoch.edu.au/event/creativeindustries/>

### **Rural Career Guide**

The Rural Skills Australia website has a Rural Career Guide for students, job seekers, parents, educators, careers advisers and employers to find out about job, education and training opportunities in rural industries.

<http://www.ruralcareers.net.au/>

*Jo Abbott*

# Term One Diary



## WEEK 2

Thursday, April 30 - *Bendigo Bank Netball Carnival*

## WEEK 3

Wednesday, May 6 - *'Winter' Social*

## WEEK 4

Monday, May 11 - *Whole School Assembly*

Tuesday-Thursday, May 12-14 - *NAPLAN*

Tuesday-Friday, May 12-15 - *Year 10 Careers' Camp*

## WEEK 5

## WEEK 6

Monday, May 25 - *Whole School Assembly*

## WEEK 7

Monday, June 1 - *WA Day Public Holiday*

## WEEK 8

## WEEK 9

Monday, June 15 - *Whole School Assembly*

## WEEK 10

## WEEK 11

Monday, June 29 - *Whole School Assembly*

**FINAL DAY FOR STUDENTS TERM 2 -  
Friday July 3**

**STUDENTS RETURN TERM 3 -  
Monday July 20**

**School Development Days - Students do not attend**  
**Term 3: Monday, August 24**  
**Term 4: Monday, October 12**

## Whole School Assemblies 2015

Assemblies are held on Mondays  
starting at 1.50pm

Family & Friends Welcome!



## Term 2

Week 4: May 11 - Year 4 Mullin  
Week 6: May 25 - PP/Yr1 Spooner  
Week 9: June 15 - Year 2/3 Pangler  
Week 11: June 29 - Year 2/3 Hamer

## 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, April 30**

*Rowena Pugh*

**Friday, May 1**

*Londa Finlayson*

**Monday, May 4**

*Emily Holt*

**Tuesday, May 5**

*Karen Thomson*

**Wednesday, May 6**

*Wendy Farrow*

**Thursday, May 7**

*Catherine Ward*

**Friday, May 8**

*Rachel Pederick*

**Monday, May 11**

*Julie Mangalavite*

**Tuesday, May 12**

*Bronwyn Hegarty*

**Wednesday, May 13**

*Mandy Harrington*

## Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open between 8.30 and 10.30am each Friday. The shop, run by our wonderful volunteers, is located next to the Front Office.

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# Fundraising Updates



## PRODUCE STALL - Year 6 Camp

This **Saturday ,2 May**, between **8am and 11am** in front of the **Newsagency**. Pickles, preserves, jam, eggs, autumn fruit and veg, baked goods and much more wonderful fresh, homemade produce available for sale. All proceeds to the Year 6 Camp fundraising effort.



DOWN TO  
\$13.00  
PER TUB  
A LOW

Wagin DHS P&C

Raising Funds for the 2015 Canberra Camp

The response to the Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser has been great so far! Parents/carers are encouraged to continue to make this offer available to as many people as possible.

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR BROCHURE & MONEY BY FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY TO YOUR CLASS TEACHER OR THE WAGIN DHS FRONT OFFICE**

The product should be ready for pick up in early June, and we will confirm the exact date in due course.

- The Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser is a great opportunity to bake up some very moorish, tasty cookies for the family and now you can also treat your favorite furry friends to freshly baked Doggie Biscuits!
- Don't forget every child that sells one or more tubs can select a prize from the prize program on offer. The more tubs you sell, the better the prize!

If you require another Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser order form, please contact Jenine Bickers at Wagin DHS, or call 98611877.

Thanking you in advance for your support  
Ms Jenine Bickers



Well done to Mr Mullin for getting closest to guessing the correct number of Easter eggs in the jar. Mr Mullin won a grand total of 541 Easter eggs, just in time to share them with his class!

An outstanding total amount of \$1076.80 was raised from the cake stall and Easter egg competition and will go toward Canberra Camp fundraising. Thank you to all involved in these two projects and to those who supported them.

## WINTER *themed* SOCIAL

Dress up in your frostiest outfit

**PROCEEDS GOING TOWARD 2015 SECONDARY TOUR OF CANBERRA**

Date: Wednesday, May 6

Time: 5.30 - 7.30pm

Entry Cost: \$5

Refreshments available for sale





# COMMUNITY NOTES

## Wagin Netball Club Inc. **Net Set Go - 5 to 10 year olds**

Wednesday, 3.30pm for half an hour.

Starts next week 29th April until the end of term. Cost: \$20 for 10 weeks plus \$1 entry fee

Registration forms will be available at the first session.

Further information contact Mandy Harrington 0409 572 962



## SCOUTS IS BACK IN WAGIN

CUBS: 7.5—11 years old  
Tuesday's 4—6pm

SCOUTS: 10.5—15 years old  
Thursday 4-6pm

VENTURERS: 10.5—18 years old  
Thursday 4-6pm

Boys and Girls are Welcome.

We will be holding an information session on:

**TUESDAY 6TH MAY**  
**4PM AT THE SCOUT HALL**  
**(CWA HALL)**



Donna Meredith  
Group Leader  
1st Wagin Scout Group  
Trent Street  
Wagin  
9861 2002  
gl.wagin@scoutswa.com.au

We will run through scouting in general. What your child can achieve and gain from scouting. At the moment we have small numbers and are hoping for our numbers to increase to continue scouting in Wagin. Both parents and kids welcome to attend. We will be running a few games



### Kidsport helps kids join community clubs

KidSport is a program that reduces financial barriers and gets young people participating in community sport. If your child is excited to join the local football or netball club this year, but you just don't know how you can afford it, why not check if your family is eligible for KidSport assistance?

#### Is my child eligible?

Applicants must be aged 5-18 years and have a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card or be referred by a recognised referral agent.

Children should live in the shire that they apply for KidSport funding; and preferably register for clubs in the community they live.

Eligible children may access a maximum of \$200 per calendar year, and fees are paid directly to the sporting club by the local government. More than one child per family may apply for the KidSport program if the eligibility criteria are met.

Parents can find more information about the KidSport program and eligibility on the Department of Sport and Recreation website here:

<http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/funding/individuals/kidsport/information-for-parents>

Schools may be involved in the KidSport program as a referral agent and identifying suitable clubs. More information can be found here: <http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/funding/individuals/kidsport/information-for-referral-agents-schools>

For more about how to apply contact your local government office.