



WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Providing an empowering environment for life-long learning



Newsletter, 24 August 2022

Our P & C meeting is tonight at 6pm. I am looking forward to meeting you there. This is your opportunity to be connected and show your support for your child's school. The meeting will be in the School Library.

Whilst mentioning involvement, you may also want to consider joining the School Council. Council meets four times per year to consider the direction of the school and provide advice to the school. Please let me know if this role interests you.

Year 6 Camp

Not long to go now! The Year 6 camp is next week and they are off to Dwellingup. Students will be staying at Camp Dare and will have lots to do as the camp staff put our students through their paces. It will be very cold, particularly at night – so let's hope for effective sleeping bags!

Secondary Science

The School of Isolated and Distance Education (SIDE) has commenced in providing our Science lessons for Years 7 – 10. Each week, students have two lessons delivered by a Science teacher in Perth and received by our students via Webex. The other two Science lessons are on-line learning set by the Perth teacher and monitored by our staff. Mrs Pieterse and Mrs Mangalavite are overseeing this program.

Book Week

I hope that all students really enjoy some time reading a book – every day like vegetables would be good. Students learn that reading can be a fun and engaging activity – not just at school but at home as well. The theme for Book Week 2022 is **Dreaming with Eyes Open**... Book Week 2022 runs all this week. We will be having a Book Week dress-up day tomorrow (Thursday, 25 August). Students (from Pre-primary to Year 10) are invited to have some fun by dressing up inspired by either a favourite character from a book read at some stage or the Book Week theme. Students who are dressed up will be invited to a Book Week parade, commencing at 9am, to showcase their efforts. Parents are very welcome to attend.

Assembly

This fortnight's assembly is hosted by Mrs Spooner's class. The playing of ukuleles is sure to be entertaining. The assembly is our first activity of the day, commencing by 9am.

Luke S. Kennedy is coming to Wagin

Who is Luke? Luke uses his "Breathtaking" story to inspire deep, lasting change, and self-awareness, for a wide range of audiences, including primary school and high schools. For eight years of his life, Luke was not on-track and not making good life decisions. On the outside, he looked strong and confident, even happy at times, but on the inside, his thoughts would haunt him. He was incredibly scared, depressed, anxious, paranoid and obsessed with what others thought about him.

The school has been fortunate in securing a visit by Luke to talk with our students. Luke will be here next Wednesday 31 August. The Secondary students will have a 10am session and the upper primary will have an 11:40am session. If you would like to come along to either of these sessions, please let me know.

As our Year 6 students will be on camp, the session will be recorded for them to view in the following week.

Attendance

I have looked at the attendance data from this year and have noticed that COVID significantly affected the amount of days students were not at school. Now that COVID is not rampant in the Wagin community, I am looking forward to more students attending more days of school. Of course, if your child is unwell, please let us know and keep them at home. When your child has recovered, please send them back to school.

Kind regards

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Principal

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Dress Up Day

Book Week dress-up day, **Thursday, 25 August**. Students are invited to have some fun by dressing up inspired by either a favourite character from a book or the Book Week theme. Students who are dressed up will be parading at 9am, to showcase their efforts. Parents are very welcome to attend.



Assembly

Our next Whole School Assembly will be held on **Friday, 26 August at 9am** and will be run by Mrs Spooner's Pre-Primary/Year 1 class. We would love to see you there!



Dental Van

The Dental Van has arrived. Please keep an eye out in your child's school bags for forms and appointment letters. Please ensure these are returned **as soon as possible**. It's important to note a lot of the forms are now 2 sided.

To allow for social distancing in the dental van we highly encourage you to limit accompanying family members. We will have a strict limit on numbers in the dental van at your child's dental appointments. Only 1 parent/guardian will be allowed in the van at your child's dental appointment. Sibling and additional family members will be asked to wait outside.

Staff are more than happy to collect your child from class for their dental appointments so parents do not need to attend with them. So please utilise this option where your child is comfortable coming on their own.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Dental Van - 0428 984 100



Make Your Own Story Book Competition winners!

Jack and Tom have won the Year 5/6 'Make Your Own Story Book Competition', run by the WA Branch of the Children's Book Council. Thousands of school children from around WA entered the competition. Jack and Tom wrote a story book on 'the Kraken's Cave'. Well done boys!

As part of the prize, the MYOSB winners attended a special workshop presented by Cristy Burne who captured their imaginations and thrilled them with entertaining writing and drawing exercises and crazy science experiments. Their levels of concentration and engagement were a leting to see and they really enjoyed the experience!



Home Economics

Thanks to the expertise of Mrs Abbott and Mrs Kirk, our Year 7's knocked out some SUPER pillow cases. We think they look amazing!



Event Quick View

Thu 25th August
[Shearing & Wool Handling Course](#)

Thu 25th August
[Book Week dress-up day](#)

Fri 26th August
[Assembly - Pre Primary](#)

Fri 26th August
[High School Good Standing Reward event](#)

Tue 30th August to Fri 2nd September
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