



# WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

*Providing an empowering environment for life-long learning*



**Newsletter, 8 September 2022**

## **Covid Continues**

From Friday 9 September, public health measures will ease. The isolation period for COVID-19 positive cases and close contacts will reduce from 7 days to 5 days, provided they are free of symptoms at the time they leave isolation. Mask requirements for public and passenger transport have also changed.

People who test positive for COVID-19 must isolate for a minimum of 5 days and can leave isolation if they no longer have symptoms. People who are still symptomatic must remain in isolation until symptoms clear.

Close contacts with no symptoms can continue to attend school and do not have to isolate for the 5 days if they:

- undertake a daily Rapid Antigen Test (RAT)
- wear a mask outside the home (Year 7 and above).

Testing for COVID-19 for students who are symptomatic or as a close contact, remains an effective way to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our schools. If you need additional RATs, please contact us.

Please let the school know if your child tests positive for COVID-19 or is a close contact.

Masks will no longer be required to be worn on public or passenger transport. Masks are an important measure to reduce transmission and are still encouraged to be worn in crowded indoor settings when people are unable to physically distance. Students and staff can choose to wear a mask at school, at any time.

Please contact the school if you have any queries about COVID-19 safe measures in our school. Thank you for your continued support of the school community in keeping our school COVID-19 safe.

## **Rapid Antigen Tests (RATS)**

RATS are available from the school office if required. Both oral and nasal (mouth and nose) test kits are available. Requests can be made for RATS to be sent home via a student in Secondary School or parents may collect from the school office. The school will also have RATS available at the school athletics carnival, the first Friday of next term.

## **School Council**

Calling on parents of students in Kindergarten or Primary: 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**

A fantastic camp has concluded with our Year 6 students having a great time and benefitting from many exciting activities. Thank you Mrs Ball and Jill (Chappy) for attending.

## **Staffing**

Like so many other schools, Wagin continues to be affected by not being fully staffed. To help us achieve the best for our students, Mr Nicholls will be joining us as a short term teacher. He will commence today in the Secondary school and be available to us until the end of the term. He will be a very welcome asset to the team for this time.

Mrs Johnson is currently on leave and will be out of the office for the remainder of the term. Mrs Kirk and Mrs Reed are committing more time to this valuable role in the school with the assistance of Mrs Enright.

## **Assembly**

The next assembly is hosted by Miss Sim's class, Friday 16 September. The assembly is our first activity of the day and will commence at 9am.

## **Attendance**

Well done to the families who have achieved better attendance at school in the last fortnight. We appreciate this as each student has the opportunity to make more progress in their daily learning. 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.

## **NAPLAN Reports**

For students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9, NAPLAN reports have arrived. These reports will be available from next week. For students in Years 3 and 5, reports will be given to students to deliver to you. For students in Years 7 and 9, you may pick them up from the school office. Any reports not collected by mid-next week, will be mailed home.

### Warmer Weather

Please remind your child to bring their hat to school. Students are required to wear a hat when outside for play or activities. If you require a replacement hat, please see our Uniform Shop to place an order.

Kind regards

Andrew Newhouse

Principal

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### Year 6 Camp

#### Year 6 Camp to Dare Adventures

During Week 7 our Year 6 students attended a four day camp at the newly renovated Dwellingup bush camp. Here they participated in many fabulous activities such as kayaking, obstacle courses, building their own water rafts and even orienteering. There was something for everyone as the group worked on their leadership and team skills while enjoying delicious meals. Mrs Ball and Mrs Pilkington had the pleasure of accompanying the Year 6 students to camp with Mr Newhouse joining them for a night also.

Well done to the students and parents on the amazing fundraising for the camp, and a big thanks to the students for their fabulous energy and participation.











### Pre-Primary Chickens

Our Pre-Primary students have been studiously observing their classroom chickens over the past four weeks. From hatching to growing, the chicks have definitely increased in size and volume this week!





### OLNA Testing for Year 9 students

Year 9 parents will receive a letter home this afternoon with information regarding OLNA testing for Year 9 students. Please check your emails or contact the school office if you would like further clarification. [OLNA update](#)

### Event Quick View

Fri 16th September  
Assembly - Year 1

Sat 24th September to Sun 9th October  
Term Break



