

# WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

# Providing an empowering environment for life-long learning



#### Newsletter, 14 August 2019

The past two weeks has been very productive at Wagin DHS.

#### New Staff

Last week we welcomed Ms Marni Smith as the Year 3/4 Teacher. If you are a parent with a child in Ms Smith's class please pop in and introduce yourself. We thank Mrs Jane Kilpatrick who has worked in the class for the past 5 weeks and did an amazing job.

#### **Director General Visit**

On Friday, 9 August Wagin DHS hosted a visit from Ms Lisa Rodgers, the Director General of the WA Education Department, and Mr Neil Darby, Regional Executive Director. Mr Peter Rundell, MLA, staff and representatives from the School Council, P & C and Shire were in attendance. The purpose of the visit was to discuss student outcomes, school based initiatives and resourcing. The opportunity for staff to converse with members at the highest levels of Education was exciting and warmly received.

#### PEAC

On Monday, 19 August the Year 4's will have the opportunity to sit PEAC (Primary Extension and Challenge). Notes have gone home to parents of Year 4's. For successful students, PEAC provides an opportunity for those students gifted in a variety of areas to engage in an alternate extension program.

I look forward to sharing next fortnight's successes with you all.

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#### Assembly

The next whole school assembly will be held on **Friday**, **16 August**, **starting at 9am**. This assembly will be run by Mrs Pangler's Year 3/4 class. We hope you can make it.



# Dress Up Day

Start your planning! To celebrate Book Week (Week 5), we are having a Dress Up Day on **Wednesday, 21 August**. This year's theme is "Reading is my Secret Power". We can't wait to see how creative you all get.

Parents are invited to a parade which will take place at 9am in the Quadrangle, after the role is taken in class. Following the parade please come and check out the fabulous work displays in the library.





#### **Book Week Display**

Book Week is next week! Each class has been reading a story & completing learning around the themes in their book. These will be displayed in the Library where students will explore the amazing work during their Library time. We'd love you to come and check it out too after the Dress Up Day parade!



# Quiz Night

On Saturday, 10 August the school conducted a Quiz Night in support of various camps. The evening was entertaining with Mr Mullin showcasing his auctioneer skills during the live auction.

A very big thank you to our generous <u>donors</u> and to all the amazing people that made our Quiz Night and Hangi a success!

Elsie. Mike and E-Rua:

Huia, Johnine, Deizel and Devon;

Jess and Frict

Jess:

Lyn and Zoe:

Tracy;

Claire;

Lindsay, Chelsea, Clare, Ethan, Ryan and Taylor;

Reid;

Fee;

Rachel;

Emily and Caris;

Bec;

Kelly; and

Amanda.

Your assistance and support was very much appreciated!



#### National Science Week

National Science Week has had a focus on space exploration and the moon with classes also exploring various other aspects of innovation, exploration and creativity. Thank you to Ms Bickers, Mrs Nicole Ward and Mrs Amber Ward who have supported lunchtime activities in the Science Room this week.



### Staff Development Day

Please note that the school will be closed to students on **Monday**, **26 August** due to a Staff Development Day.



#### **Book Club**

Scholastic Book Club LOOP is a great way to access some fantastic, well priced books. **Order** your books online!

When you order via LOOP, you do not need to return anything to school. Your order will be electronically linked to the rest of the school's order. Visit <a href="https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP">www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP</a> or

you can even download the app.



# SCHOOL UNIFORMS

#### Uniform Shop

With the colder weather we appreciate that students want to wear layers to help keep warm. We would ask that these are in appropriate uniform colours, **navy blue**. If you wish to purchase uniforms, the Uniform Shop is open Fridays between 8.30–10.00am. **There are even some fantastic \$5 bargains!** 



#### Super Starters

Parents along with their children who are due to be starting Kindy in 2020 are invited to 'Super Starters'. A 4 week program that works with families to help them prepare for Kindy and the years beyond.

Where: Wagin District High School, Kindergartern Room

When: 9:00 - 11:00am.

Dates: Tuesdays: 27 August, 3 September, 10 September and 17 September.

Parents are requested to contact reception at the **Southern Wheatbelt Primary Health Service on 9881 0385** if they are interested in registering their child for the program.

Super Starters provides an opportunity to:

- · Get used to the school setting.
- Enhance development of fine, gross, language, social and attention skills needed for Kindy.
- Learn strategies and activities that can be used at home to prepare your child for starting school.
- Have fun and learn with your child.



# Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Certificates at our last Whole School Assembly on **Friday, 2 August**.

#### **Merit Certificates**

PP - Aria and Darcy

PP/Yr 1 - Isaac and Cooper

Year 1/2 - Ria and Llian

Year 2 - Nathan and Avril

Year 3/4P - Ash and Dylan Year 3/4S - Rylan and Harry

Year 5/6P - Tamzin and Paige

Year 7 - Francine

Year 8 - Shanalee

Year 9 - Teegan



# **EMUS Awards**

Congratulations to these students who have received a prize for their efforts to "Aim High".

ENGAGED - Toby. MANNERS - Sara. UNDERSTANDING - Bert. STRIVE - Alexander.

The EMUS card count at the Whole School Assembly on Friday, 2 August 2019 was:

ENGAGED - 459;

MANNERS - 448;

UNDERSTANDING - 360; and

**STRIVE - 272.** 

Making a total of 1539 EMUS cards awarded so far this year.

# **Event Quick View**

Fri 16th August

Whole School Assembly

Mon 19th Augustto Fri 23rd August Book Week

Wed 21st August

Dress Up Day

Mon 26th August

Staff Development Day

Tue 27th August

Super Starters

Fri 30th August
Whole School Assembly

Tue 3rd September
Super Starters

Tue 10th September
Super Starters

Thu 12th September
R U OK? Day

Fri 13th September
Whole School Assembly

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