



WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Providing an empowering environment for life-long learning



Newsletter, 23 September 2020

Welcome Parents/Carers

Transition to Secondary School

Wagin DHS Year 6's and a couple of students from Darkan PS are currently experiencing what it is like to be a high schooler at Wagin DHS. Students have explored what a pathway to TAFE and University look like, and enjoyed some team building activities. The two days have been filled with a variety of experiences including meeting the English, Maths, Science and HASS teachers, making a wooden boat in Design & Technology, cooking pikelets in Home Economics, robots in STEM and some creative Art.

Fire Evacuation

Wagin District High School students got to put their fire evacuation skills into action last Tuesday, September 15, after a fire started in the Manual Arts hopper. The cause is, as of yet, unclear.

Thankfully, no one was injured. While there was no damage to the internal building, there was some damage to the external system. Plans for repair or replacement are underway.

I commend our staff and students, who followed the school evacuation plan, calmly moved to the oval and awaited the all clear to return to class.

We would like to thank the Wagin firefighters and local police for their very prompt response to the fire.

Our staff and students knew exactly what to do as we had conducted an evacuation drill in Term 2. With summer just around the corner, it is a timely reminder for households to talk about and practise their home fire safety procedures.

Term 4 Specialist Options

With our up and coming End of Year Concert, Term 4 will see Music and Drama take centre stage. We would like to thank Mrs Julius for supporting the Primary Phys Ed program this term. Next term Mrs Marion Witham will host Music class for Year's 1 - 4.

Attendance

Some parents would have received notification of unexplained absences. It is an Education Department requirement that all absences are explained. If you do receive a discrepancy form could you please indicate the reason on every individual date, sign it and return it to the front office. Please follow the link to see the impact absenteeism has on a child's education over time. [Every-school-day matters](#)

Uniform

The majority of students at Wagin DHS are representing their school proudly in full school uniform on a daily basis. Just a reminder that the uniform shop is open on Fridays. It would be appreciated if over the school holidays parents can ensure that their children have the appropriate navy blue pants/shorts/skirts.

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

Kind regards

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Athletics Carnival

What a great day we had at our Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to all competitors and to Cancanning who took out the win! With 21 records broken it really was a day to remember! We will acknowledge the 1500m Winners and Runner-ups as well as the Record Breakers at our Week 2 Assembly next term.

[Results](#)

[Record Breakers](#)

[Photo Gallery](#)



School Photos

School Photos will be taken on **Wednesday, 21 October**. ALL students will have their photo taken, whether they are purchasing photos or not.

Your child has been given an online ordering instruction slip and a unique student shootkey.

- Log onto www.msp.com.au and follow the prompts to place your order.
- If you lose your shootkey the school reception will have a copy to quote back to you.
- The expiry date for online ordering is **Tuesday, 27 October**. Any orders received after this date will incur a \$30.00 archive fee. You can email your order request through to reorders.perth@msp.com.au or call our office on 08 9240 8000

Family Photos:

- Envelopes can be obtained from the school reception.
- Family photos are taken in the morning **before school**.
- Please ensure that your family envelope and payment are handed to the Photographers on photo day.
- If you do not have the correct money we will provide any change needed when photos are delivered to school.
- Family photos cannot be ordered online.
- Once school has received photos, family photos will remain at reception for parents to collect.

Please Note: Individuals and Family Photos are not available to view online



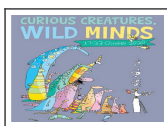
Country Week

23 energetic and enthusiastic students from Yr's 7 to 10 are currently representing Wagin DHS at Country Week this week. After 3 days our students are doing extremely well in their competitions and enjoying the social aspect of speaking to students from other schools.

If you would like to keep a track of fixtures and/or results you can download the SSWA app or check out their website.

Scroll to the bottom of www.schoolsportwa.com.au/.../country-w.../district-high-schools/

[Photo Gallery](#)



Dress Up Day

Start your planning! To celebrate Book Week, we are having a Dress Up Day on **Thursday, 22 October**. This year's theme is "Curious Creatures, Wild Minds". We can't wait to see how creative you all get.



Volunteers Afternoon Tea

We will be holding a Volunteer Appreciation Afternoon Tea on **Monday, 12 October**, from 2.30 - 4.00pm. RSVP to the school office by 3pm, Thursday, 24 September if you have volunteered and would like to come along.

Even with the strangeness that has been 2020, throughout the year we still had over

100 people volunteer across the school:

- In classrooms;
- In the canteen;
- In the uniform shop;
- At whole school events;
- With fundraising;
- In Breakfast Club;
- To mentor students;
- On P & C; and
- On School Council.

We are very lucky and immensely appreciative of everything our community gives to our school. Ultimately it sends a very strong message to students of Wagin DHS that they are valued and supported. It is another important life-long learning experience you are showing your children and young people. **THANK YOU!**



Join Us

The School Council and P & C will be calling on new members for 2021. Both committees are very proactive and have made a significant difference to educational provision of the students at Wagin DHS.

If you would like to be involved and be the voice of the parent body, nominations for the School Council will open in Week 2 of Term 4 with the process due to be concluded by Week 6.



PEAC Assessment

Primary Extension and Challenge (PEAC) testing for Year 4 students will be conducted on Thursday, 15 October.



Trash Free Tuesday

The Wagin DHS Leadership team have formed a 'Green Team' who are trying to make an impact on the waste made by students at Wagin DHS. Our first project is to have a 'Trash-Free Tuesday' in Week 2 of Term 4. Our aim is to raise awareness of how each person can help make a difference by reducing the amount of non-biodegradable packaging around our school and the community, which will help make our environment healthier.



Staff Development Day

Please note that the school will be closed to students on Monday, 12 October due to a Staff Development Day. Term 4 starts for students on **Tuesday, 13 October**.

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