



WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

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Newsletter, 17 November 2022

Year 9/10 Careers Camp

Most of our Year 9 and 10 students went to Perth last week and stayed at the School of Isolated and Distance Education (SIDE). This is a part of their SIDE Careers Education course which Mrs Ward has been facilitating, along with some students involved in Work Experience. Thanks to Mrs Kirk and Miss Webb for overseeing this great experience for our students.

Coming up on Thursday 1 December is another Careers Expo for our Secondary students in Bridgetown. Details will be given to students soon.

Good Standing

It is good to see most of our students involved in their Good Standing reward activities. The Primary groups had their activities last week and the Secondary have theirs this Friday. As we look forward to the last four weeks unfolding, it is particularly important that all students remain well behaved and engaged in their class activities so we finish the year well.

Cultural Experience

On Friday of next week, 25 November, twenty or so of our students will be travelling to Perth to be involved in Indigenous Cultural activities. Thanks to Emmaline for organising this.

Staffing

Mrs Kellow, Deputy Principal, is going on leave from today until the end of the term. We wish her well and thank her for her tireless efforts in managing the learning environment and student well-being at the school. In her place, Mr Bourke will be commencing next Monday. We welcome Mr Bourke back to Wagin for the remainder of the year.

Interschool Athletics Carnival

The Interschool Athletics Carnival was on Friday, 28 October. Our students represented the school well. We congratulate Boddington DHS on their win. [Click here for all the results.](#)

School Council

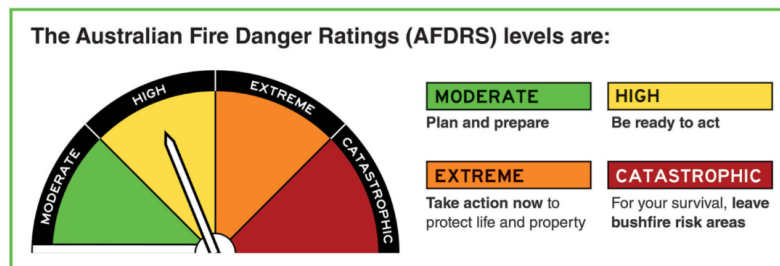
Calling on parents of students in Years 3 and 4: you may also want to consider joining the School Council. Council meets four times per year to consider the direction of the school and provide advice to the school. Please let me know if this role interests you.

Bushfire Season

The bushfire season has now commenced. As the weather warms, vegetation dries and harvest begins, the likelihood of fire increases.

The school has a Bushfire Response Plan which outlines how the school responds to the threat of bushfire. If required, the school has a rehearsed procedure for keeping all students safe on school site. Parents are requested to remain calm and not to attempt to collect their child while the school is managing this risk. The school will send clear communication to you about how the situation is being managed.

If the fire rating is Catastrophic, the school may be informed to close as a pre-emptive measure. You will be notified of this by 5pm for the following day.



Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs)

RATs are available from the school office as 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.

Save the dates

The end of the year is a busy time for all, particularly those involved in harvest activities. The school's Awards Day is Thursday, 8 December. This will be a formal assembly in the covered assembly area near the canteen. Class awards as well as other special awards will be announced. Parents are invited to attend. This will be followed by morning tea in the school library.

Year 10 graduation will occur on Friday, 9 December, with more details to follow.

The main extravaganza is the school's End of Year Concert on Tuesday, 13 December, commencing at 6pm. All classes will present an item. I look forward to seeing you there.

Good Standing activities will occur on the last Wednesday or Thursday, with Thursday, 15 December being the final student day of the year.

Kind regards

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Principal

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'Within Your Wallet' Card Project

Our Year 5-7 students recently participated in a competition to design new Primary School & Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander wallet cards as part of the 'Within Your Wallet' Youth Early Intervention Project being run by Holyoake & funded by the Alcohol & Drug Foundation.

Jo Woodruff (Alcohol & Other Drug Prevention Officer) came to Wagin DHS this week to present the finalists & winners with their certificates & Prizes. The Winner of the Primary School design for Wagin DHS was Nate Rowell & Jazeliyah Dorante was the Winner of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander design competition.

These new wallet cards provide information about age-appropriate & culturally safe websites, chatlines, helplines & crisis lines that young people can access online or on the phone if they ever have questions or concerns about alcohol, drugs, mental health & wellbeing for themselves, their family or friends. These services include 24/7 free crisis lines.

The cards also provide free entry to pools in Wagin & surrounding towns, as well as use of the basketball courts, gym & fitness classes in Narrogin, when presented to staff at these facilities. We encourage young people to keep their card handy as they can be used over & over for multiple entries. We also accept screen shots of both the front & back of the card on a phone for entry. Primary School cards are available for young people aged 10-12 years, with our original orange card also available for 12-18 years. The Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander cards will be available for 10-18 years.

Thank you to the students & staff for their participation & the Wheatbelt Suicide Prevention Project for providing the winning prizes.





Assembly

Our next Whole School Assembly will be held on **Friday, 18 November at 9am** and will be run by our Year 5 class. We would love to see you there!



No Hat, No Play

Reminder that all students are required to wear a hat while playing outside during recess, lunch and PE classes.



Presentation Day

Our Annual Awards Presentation Assembly is going to be held on **Thursday, 8 December, commencing at 9.15am.**



Save the Date!

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Christmas Hamper

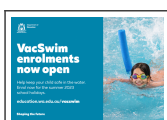
The P & C are kindly requesting donations of items to make up Christmas hampers for a raffle to be drawn at the End of Year Concert. Raffle ticket sales will go towards our school's 2023 Chaplaincy Fund.

Suggestions include:

- ☐ Christmas treats + novelties
- ☐ Bath + Beauty Products
- ☐ Books
- ☐ Kids crafts, puzzles, games
- ☐ Small homewares

Please keep an eye out for these collection boxes located at the Co-op and the school's front office from now until Thursday, 1 December.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations and support! ☐



January 2023 VacSwim- Places available for Wagin

Places are still available for the Wagin 2023 January VacSwim intake.

VacSwim offers fun lessons at beach or pool locations during the summer school break. It's a great school holiday activity that teaches valuable safety skills to help keep your child safe in the water.

Your children can start as young as five years old.
Places are limited, so get in early. Enrol your children in VacSwim now at education.wa.edu.au/vacswim

Event Quick View
Fri 18th November Assembly - Year 5
Tue 22nd November School Council Meeting
Fri 2nd December Assembly - Year 2
Thu 8th December Presentation Assembly
Fri 9th December Year 10 Celebration
Tue 13th December End of Year concert
Thu 15th December Last day of 2022 for students

[Click here to go to our Events Calendar](#)