



WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Providing an empowering environment for life-long learning



Newsletter, 21 October 2020

Welcome Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Term 4.

We have a busy couple of weeks ahead with School Photos happening today, Book Week Dress up Day Thursday and Assembly Friday. Next week will see the Interschool Athletics Carnival at Boddington DHS. Please refer to our term planner for the end of year functions.

Public School Review

This week Wagin DHS undertook our Public School Review. We are pleased to say that we have been deemed effective. This is a validation from the Department of Education WA that our processes support our new strategic direction. The full report, which will include our own recommendations for improvement, will be placed on our website when it becomes available.

Vi Barham Award for Excellence

The Vi Barham Award for Excellence is a regional award for students in Year 6 that recognises excellence in learning and achievements. We would like to congratulate Halle Painter and Caden Ward for being selected to participate in the final round of Vi Barham. The students will sit a formal interview on Friday, 30 October. We wish them the best of luck.

Renewal of the Behaviour Management Policy and Procedures

Wagin DHS has introduced to students the updated Good Standing Policy which sits within our school Behaviour Plan. Our Behaviour Management Policy is based on the principles of restorative practice:

- Positive interpersonal relationships are a major influence on behaviour.
- A culture of care supports all individuals in the school community.
- Cultural receptiveness and responsiveness is key to creating learning communities to mutual respect and inclusion.
- A restorative approach leads to individuals taking responsibility for their behaviour.

Our aim at Wagin DHS is to empower students with knowledge about their emotional state and their ability to self-regulate. This has been introduced through our Positive Behaviour Schools (PBS) program in the guise of Zones of Regulation. Positive behaviours are recognised using our EMUS (recognition that students display our values of being Engaged, showing Manners, Understanding and Striving to achieve. [Good Standing Policy](#)).

This term we will have a 2 weekly focus for expected good behaviours that will ensure a student maintains their Good Standing (A Good Standing reward will be run Weeks 6 & 9).

Week 1 & 2 – Attendance

Week 3 & 4 – Punctuality

Week 5 & 6 – Behaviour (includes mobile phone use)

Week 7 & 8 – Dress code

We would ask that parents please support the school by having conversations with your children about expectations at school.

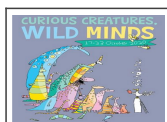
I look forward to sharing next fortnight's successes with you all.

Kind regards

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Dress Up Day

To celebrate Book Week, we are having a Dress Up Day tomorrow, **Thursday, 22 October**, with a parade at **9.00am** in the quadrangle if you would like to come along. This year's theme is "Curious Creatures, Wild Minds". We can't wait to see how creative you all get!



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 was yesterday with a 'Trash-Free Tuesday'. Thank you to everyone who sent as little plastic in as possible! 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.



Book Fair - Take 2!

Scholastic Book Fair is going to take us on an Arctic Adventure – there is going to be “snow much to read.” The fair will be held in the library from **Tues, 3 November - Thurs, 12 November** (Tues, Wed & Thurs only) and will be open before school 8.30-8.50am, lunchtimes and after school until 3.45pm.

This book extravaganza will have more new release titles on offer so why not pop in and pick up some amazing books for all your loved ones and sort your Christmas shopping out early. The ever popular posters and novelty items will also be making an appearance. Book Fair pamphlets will be sent home in week 3, so look out for those in your children’s folders. Online payments can be made using the information on the pamphlets, just follow the instructions. Otherwise, cash, cheque or EFTPOS will also be accepted on the day. Hope to see you there, it’s going to be snow much fun!!



Walk-and-Talk-athon

October is Mental Health Awareness month, and as such, the Student Councillors organised a Walk-and-talk-athon. This was designed to highlight the importance of talking with others as a way of connecting to strengthen a sense of belonging, empathy and understanding.

Students were encouraged to walk the set route with a person they do not normally talk to. The students really enjoyed the structured opportunity and particularly enjoyed the sausage sizzle and music to top off the event. We look forward to hosting something similar next year.

[Photo Gallery](#)



Women in STEM

On Tuesday, Yr’s 5–10 girls had the opportunity to talk to Caitlin Sweeney who was representing Murdoch University’s WISE Women Program (Women in STEM and Entrepreneurial careers).

The students discussed various career paths, what is required to study at university, living away from home and the opportunities for women in varying career paths.



Country Week

23 energetic and enthusiastic students from Yr’s 7 to 10 represented Wagin DHS at Country Week last term. All students participated well and showcased their EMUS admirably.

Results

Mixed Basketball Division A came Runners Up after losing the grandfinal by 1 point to Bethel Christian School from Albany.

Volleyball Division B also came Runners Up and won the Sportsmanship Award.

Netball were moved from Division C up to Division A after the grading round. Our girls did not make it to the finals but also won the Sportsmanship Award.

Well done to all students and a big thank you to our staff - Leah Kellow, Nicole Kirk and Erin Kickett!

[Photo Gallery](#)



Volunteers Afternoon Tea

On 12 October we held a Volunteers Afternoon Tea. Whilst we’ve been unable to host as many Volunteers as usual due



to COVID restrictions, it was nice to acknowledge those who've assisted with Breakfast Club, in classrooms and at carnivals. Thank you to YouthCare who supported by hosting the event.



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!**



School Photos

School Photos were taken today. You can still order your child's individual photos online until Tuesday, 27 October. Your child was 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.
- Any orders received after the above date will incur a \$30.00 archive fee. You can email your order request through to reorders.perth@msp.com.au or call their office on 08 9240 8000



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.

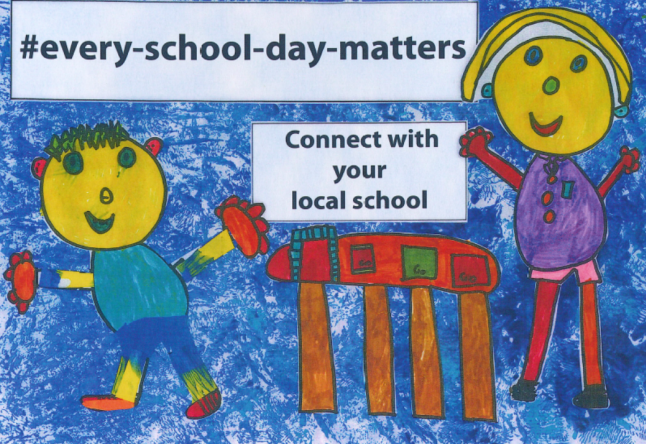


Attendance

Let's set a school goal of 95% attendance for Term 4! Last Term the school attained an 82% attendance. The Department of Education recommends a minimum of 90% in order to ensure continuity of curriculum to support student learning.

Please ensure you notify the school or the classroom teacher of the reason for your child's absence. Please follow the link to see the impact absenteeism has on a child's education over time.

#every-school-day-matters



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1 or 2 days a week may not seem like a lot but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is...
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 Weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years!	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 50px; height: 10px; background-color: red; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="width: 50px; height: 10px; background-color: green; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="width: 50px; height: 10px; background-color: black; margin-right: 5px;"></div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 50px; height: 10px; background-color: red; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="width: 50px; height: 10px; background-color: green; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="width: 50px; height: 10px; background-color: black; margin-right: 5px;"></div> </div> <p>Equivalent to finishing in Year 10</p>
1 day per week	40 Days per year	8 Weeks per year	Over 2.5 years!	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 50px; height: 10px; background-color: red; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="width: 50px; height: 10px; background-color: green; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="width: 50px; height: 10px; background-color: black; margin-right: 5px;"></div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 50px; height: 10px; background-color: red; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="width: 50px; height: 10px; background-color: green; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="width: 50px; height: 10px; background-color: black; margin-right: 5px;"></div> </div> <p>Equivalent to finishing in Year 9</p>
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years!	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 50px; height: 10px; background-color: red; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="width: 50px; height: 10px; background-color: green; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="width: 50px; height: 10px; background-color: black; margin-right: 5px;"></div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 50px; height: 10px; background-color: red; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="width: 50px; height: 10px; background-color: green; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="width: 50px; height: 10px; background-color: black; margin-right: 5px;"></div> </div> <p>Equivalent to finishing in Year 7</p>
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years!	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 50px; height: 10px; background-color: red; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="width: 50px; height: 10px; background-color: green; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="width: 50px; height: 10px; background-color: black; margin-right: 5px;"></div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 50px; height: 10px; background-color: red; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="width: 50px; height: 10px; background-color: green; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="width: 50px; height: 10px; background-color: black; margin-right: 5px;"></div> </div> <p>Equivalent to finishing in Year 6</p>



Uniform Shop

The majority of students 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 parents can ensure that their children have the appropriate school shirt and navy blue pants/shorts/skirts.

Event Quick View

Wed 21st October

[School Photos](#)

Thu 22nd October

[Dress Up Day](#)

Fri 23rd October

[Assembly - High School](#)

Fri 30th October

[Interschool Athletics Carnival](#)

Tue 3rd Novemberto Thu 5th November

[Book Fair](#)

Tue 10th Novemberto Thu 12th November

[Book Fair](#)

Tue 10th November

[Kindy Transition](#)

Fri 13th November

[Assembly - Kindergarten](#)

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