



WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Providing an empowering environment for life-long learning



23 October 2019

Welcome to our first newsletter of Term 4.

Over the past two weeks students have been involved in a variety of activities.

NAPLAN

Staff analysed the NAPLAN data at our last PD and we are pleased to report that overall student Progress was very pleasing. Staff are currently working on the 2020-2022 Strategic Plan which will provide a clear direction and allow us to align our resources with our targets. Once finalised a copy will be made available to parents.

Athletics Carnival

On Friday, 18 October the Wagin DHS students participated in the Faction Athletics Carnival. It was a terrific day with most students participating in some form. Congratulations to all who participated and to those parents who came to assist as helpers and watch. A reminder that the Interschool Athletics carnival will be held next **Friday, 1 November** at Lake Grace town oval.

Nature Play

On Sunday, 20 October the P&C Playground sub-committee hosted an Open Evening to celebrate and acknowledge the hard work of all those who were involved in the planning, building and construction of the playground. The school has committed to refurbishing the AstroTurf and refreshing the concrete area outside classrooms to finish the space. Thank you to all involved in the running of the event and, on behalf of the staff and students, thank you to all the volunteers who supported in the design and construction of the playground environment.

Uniforms

Just a reminder the uniform shop is open on Friday mornings from 8.30 - 10.00am. It is important that students show pride in the school and wearing full school uniform helps to achieve that. Parents have the option of buying new or second hand for as little as \$5 an item. If you have any good quality second hand items please feel free to bring them in.

Kind regards

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Principal

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Assembly

The next whole school assembly will be held on **Friday, 25 October, starting at 9am**. We hope you can make it.



Country Week

27 energetic and enthusiastic students from Yr 7 to 10 attended this year's annual Country Week event. They all upheld the reputation of Wagin DHS with their conduct throughout the entire six days – both during their respective sporting activities and the various evening events.

Teams consisted of netball, badminton and 2 mixed basketball teams with all teams making it to grandfinals. Badminton took out the Sportsmanship award!

Students visibly enjoyed their evening walks to Hillary's (ice cream!); beach BBQ, shopping, the movies, 3D Mini Golf, Lazer Tag and dining out where they met and listened to the story of a very successful Paralympian from Wagin, Brad Ness.

Mr Mullin, Mrs Kirk, Mrs Johnson and Mr Rosenstreich all put in an amazing week – their enthusiasm, energy and commitment to supporting the students with every facet of the week was commendable.

A further highlight was feedback received from our bus driver. At the end of the six days of our utilising the bus constantly, the level of cleanliness of the bus was acknowledged as 'the most impressive ever'. Well done everyone!

A big thank you to the staff who attended and our parents for enabling their children to access such a valuable and enjoyable sporting opportunity. Looking forward to 2020.

Ms Marlin
Country Week Supervisor

Basketball

At last we were at Country Week and the games had begun. The opposition looked good but we had trained hard and were ready to play hard. Some we won, some we didn't, but we played our best and had fun. It was interesting to note that Wagin showed how a team plays together. Whilst other teams relied on 1 or 2 key players we didn't. We made friends and cheered their games and they watched us. Both teams made it to the finals in their respective divisions but didn't win. A week of sport and recreation, making and renewing friendships - it was a great end to Term 3.

Netball

The netball girls were dominant from the first whistle on Monday morning. They played hard and cruised to victory. The girls worked together very well as a team and adapted superbly to playing out of their normal playing positions. The sportsmanship showed by the girls was amazing, making strong friendships across the different teams and gaining a lot of respect over the week. The girls should be extremely proud of the way they played during the week, even if the grandfinal result wasn't what we wanted.

Badminton

Our two teams very quietly went about competing against some solid competition – one particularly strong team. The boys lost very few matches and the girls went down in a few more but only ever by the smallest of margins. Lily, the supervisor (pictured) was amazing – so organised, encouraging of all students and willing to 'coach' and support individuals and teams along their journey. All umpires and support staff were amazing and students from other schools were extremely friendly and sportsmanlike. Our team won the Sportsmanship Award for the week – well done Cruiz, E-Rua, Layta, Vicky and Elaine!



[Photo Gallery](#)



Athletics Carnival

What an amazing day we had at the Athletics carnival on Friday. Well done to all students who participated in events and hats off to Cancanning on taking out the overall honours.

A huge congratulations to students who won events and also to students that received Champion and Runner Up.

Thank you once again to all the parent helpers, we can't run these carnivals without you and thank you to all students that helped, carrying out a variety of jobs throughout the day.



Road Incident Awareness

On Monday, 21 October the secondary students walked to the St John sub-centre where various emergency services hosted a mock road accident.

On arrival our students saw that a vehicle had spun out of control into a tree.

Students later learned it was due to the driver taking a photo on a mobile phone

whilst driving. Two of our students, Ebony and Chloe, acted as first responders and called police for assistance. The next hour was a real time demonstration of how the local Police, Fire & Rescue and St Johns Ambulance services react in such a road incident. The students witnessed how the services ensure the vehicle is rendered safe, how they prioritise the injured and how they remove injured from the vehicle, including using the Jaws of Life.

After the scenario students were provided information around debriefing procedures and Injury Matters representatives discussed how to access counselling and ongoing support.

It was an enlightening and valuable experience about the importance of not being distracted when driving a vehicle.

Thank you to all the services that were involved and to the actors who played a very realistic role.



School Photos

Our School Photos will be taken on **Wednesday, 30 October**. Every student will have their photo taken, whether they are purchasing photos or not. Please ensure your child wears their **full school uniform**.

Class Photos/Portraits:

Your child has been given a personalised pre-paid envelope by the class teacher.

- If you wish to purchase photos, please ensure that your child returns the pre-paid envelope with enclosed payment to school on photo day.
- If you have ordered online with your students unique shootkey you do not need to bring the envelope into school.
- If you lose your shootkey the school reception will have a copy to quote back to you.
- If you do not have the correct money we will provide any change needed when photos are delivered to school.
- The expiry date for online ordering is the 05/11/2019. 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 Administration.
- Family photos are taken each 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.
- Special/Sports Group Photos:
 - If your child is in a Special/Sports photo you will receive a link and password to the online gallery after photo day. You can then view and order if required. Photos will be delivered with the school's bulk order.

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



Book Fair - Take 2!

Coming off the back of a very successful Book Fair in Term 2, we are having another crack at it! This term's Scholastic Book Fair is going to be "Dino-mite."

The fair will be held in the library from Tuesday, November 5 until Thursday, November 14 (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 even more new release titles, completely different from the last fair on offer. 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.

We look forward to you coming and supporting our "Dino-mite" fair - each sale goes towards the school receiving more books for our students to continue their love of reading. So please make sure you come along and sink your teeth into a great book. Stomp, Chomp and read!!



Vacswim

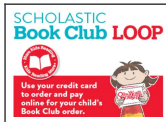
Enrol now in VacSwim summer holiday swimming lessons!

All children should know how to be safe when swimming at the beach, pool, water holes or rivers.

There are over 180 VacSwim locations around Western Australia. If you are travelling during the summer school holidays, there may be VacSwim programs available.

VacSwim is for all children - from beginners through to advanced survival, rescue and resuscitation. Your children can start as young as five years old.

Enrol your children in VacSwim now at education.wa.edu.au/swimming.



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

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or you can even download the app.

Event Quick View

Wed 23rd October

[Tennis Coaching](#)

Wed 30th October

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Fri 1st November

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Thu 7th November

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