



# WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

*Providing an empowering environment for life-long learning*



Newsletter, 31 July 2019

Welcome to Wagin DHS's first Newsletter for Term 3. The students have settled very quickly into the new term, most with a desire to consolidate or improve on first semester and really prove to themselves what they are capable of.

## Staff Movement

We welcome Mrs Amber Ward as our Primary Deputy Principal. Mrs Ward is an experienced Deputy Principal who has joined us from Braeside PS. Having started on Monday, she has spent the past few days familiarising herself with the students and staff. Mrs Ward has in-depth knowledge of curriculum leadership and the Early Years Learning Framework and we look forward to her being part of the Wagin DHS team.

Mr Ben Rosenstreich joined us on Tuesday as the new Physical/Health Education Teacher. Mr Rosenstreich joins us from Northam having recently worked at Northam Senior High School and is looking forward to joining the Wagin community.

## Regional Executive Director's Visit.

Mr Neil Darby, the Regional Executive Director, visited the school last Tuesday, 23 July, to speak to staff and acknowledge their professionalism during the challenging last few weeks of Term 2. Neil spoke individually to every staff member who was able to attend which was appreciated by all.

Have a great fortnight

Tracy Pickering

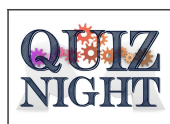
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## Assembly

The next whole school assembly will be held on **Friday, 2 August 2019, starting at 9am**. This assembly will be run by Mr Mullin's Year 5/6 class. We hope you can make it.



## Quiz Night

We are holding a **QUIZ NIGHT! Saturday, 10 August 2019** at the Rec. Centre Bar. Doors open at 5.30pm for a Hangi with the Quiz commencing at 7.00pm. Mrs Pickering will be Quiz Master so bring friends and family down for some laughs and healthy competition.

Before departing Ms Bennison co-ordinated the up-coming Quiz Night to raise funds for Country Week, Year 6 Camp and Leadership Camp. Mr Mullin and Mrs Pocock have graciously taken this on. We are fundraising for Country Week, Year 6 Camp and next year's Leadership Camp.

A Hangi will be available for **\$20** from **5:30pm**.

Tables for 6-8 people @ **\$80/table**.

Quiz starts at **7:00pm**.

[Quiz Night Flyer](#)

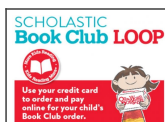
A huge thank you also to the P&C who have supported the school in this fundraising venture.



## 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.

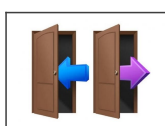


### Book Club

The Scholastic Book Club brochure for Term 3 is out and has been sent home with students.

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

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](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or you can even download the app.

A colorful advertisement for Book Club LOOP. At the top, it says 'Book Club LOOP' in large letters, with 'The EASIEST way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!' below it. A red circular logo on the right says 'More Kids Reading More'. The main text asks 'Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?' and explains that LOOP is the easiest way to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card. It also mentions that parents who are registered for LOOP receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out! A 'BONUS!' starburst graphic is next to this text. At the bottom, it says 'Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) and register today!' and features the Scholastic logo. There are also illustrations of two children reading books.

### Late students or early leavers

Just a reminder that any student (Primary or High School) who arrives late or leaves early must come to the front office to sign in before going to class or sign out before leaving the school.



### 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, Kindergarten 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.



### NAIDOC Celebrations

Last term saw our students participate in NAIDOC activities. The NAIDOC Theme for 2019 was - **Voice. Treaty. Truth. Let's work together for a shared future.** The week was a great



opportunity to participate in a range of activities supporting our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

NAIDOC stands for **National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee**.

During NAIDOC Week students participated in a range of activities including Dreamtime Storytelling by Ashton Hanson and damper tasting, which was made by Emmaline Winmar and Elizabeth Wallam.

The Kindergarten created a paper mache Aboriginal flag and also made necklaces.

PP – Year 4 joined in a range of activities including necklace making, boomerang painting, biscuit making and hand dot painting.

Years 5 and 6 decorated a large dreamtime snake which was used for our NAIDOC assembly.

Years 7-10 had a cooking workshop that was run by Aboriginal Health from Narrogin about healthy eating, where they made damper scrolls and fried rice.

To end such an amazing week, we had Tony Hanson come into the school and do welcome to country and the Aboriginal students performed a traditional dance at an assembly, which they had been practising for 4 weeks prior to NAIDOC week. This was put together by Alistair Williams and Ross Storey.

[Photos](#)



### 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, which is **navy blue**. If you wish to purchase new uniforms the uniform shop is open on Fridays between 8.30 – 10.00am.



### School Oval

You may have noticed the school oval looking quite green. Over the holidays, the Shire co-ordinated with local businesses to spray and fertilise the school oval. We can already see a pleasing difference. Thank you to all involved and to the Wagin DHS School Council for co-ordinating this venture.

### Event Quick View

Fri 2nd August <a href="#">Whole School Assembly</a>
Sat 10th August <a href="#">Quiz Night</a>
Mon 12th August to Fri 16th August <a href="#">National Science Week</a>
Fri 16th August <a href="#">Whole School Assembly</a>
Mon 19th August to Fri 23rd August <a href="#">Book Week</a>
Wed 21st August <a href="#">Dress Up Day</a>
Mon 26th August <a href="#">Staff Development Day</a>
Tue 27th August <a href="#">Super Starters</a>
Fri 30th August <a href="#">Whole School Assembly</a>

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