



WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Providing an empowering environment for life-long learning



Newsletter, 3 July 2019

Welcome to the final Newsletter of Term 2. It is hard to believe we are half way through the schooling year already. The past two weeks has seen Wagin DHS experience some highs and lows. From the sudden loss of Mrs Moffatt to the excitement of the Sports Carnivals, the success of the Open Classroom Evening, the Year 2's Class Assembly and this week's NAIDOC activities.

Staffing

Mrs Jenni Moffatt

Since hearing of the loss of Mrs Moffatt the students and staff have both commiserated her passing and celebrated her time as a Teacher. Whilst I only knew Mrs Moffatt for a short time it is obvious that she was a well-respected member of not only Wagin DHS, but also of the Wagin community.

Mrs Moffatt was first appointed to Wagin DHS in 1996. During her 20 plus years here she taught many of the parents as well as the current students. Her input into school practices is evident with her most recent role being that of Numeracy Leader in which she passed on her knowledge and skills to staff. This will continue to have a positive impact on student outcomes in the years to come. A teacher's passion is to bring out the best in their students and Mrs Moffatt was very skilful at doing so. She will be dearly missed.

Claire Bennison

Ms Bennison has taken up a 12 month fixed term position at John Wollaston Anglican Community School starting Week 2 of next Term. Ms Bennison has been an integral member of the Wagin DHS staff for 3 ½ years during which she has co-ordinated numerous sporting events, camps and lead the Student Council. Ms Bennison is a much admired and respected teacher and will be missed by both staff and students. We wish her all the best on her exciting new adventure.

Tara Ward

Ms Ward joined us from Leinster Community School at the beginning of the year. During her short time here Ms Ward quickly established solid relationships with staff, students and the local community. She brought with her a wealth of ideas and expertise, especially in the Early Childhood area, all attributes which have been greatly received and will be dearly missed. Ms Ward has demonstrated exceptional leadership over the semester and has been the foundation of the Leadership Team this year to date. It is hoped that Ms Ward can remain with us until the end of Week 1 next Term after which we wish her all the best in her next leadership role. The selection process is currently being finalised and the new Deputy Principal will be introduced in our first newsletter next Term.

Open Classroom Evening

On Wednesday, 26 June, parents, grandparents, community members and students braved the chilly and wet winter weather to attend the Open Classroom Evening. I had the opportunity to move to each of the open areas, meet members of our students' families and enjoy the diverse showcase of student work. As Principal, I was very proud and in awe of the amazing effort staff and students had put into displaying the wide range of activities that highlight the curriculum covered.

Community Support

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank local community members for their support of Wagin DHS. Having come in late in Term 2 a lot of ground work has been done to ensure certain projects get off the ground. I'd like to thank the members of the Wagin DHS School Council for the co-ordination of fertilising the school oval. Thank you to Mr Longmuir, Elders Wagin and CSBP Wagin for arranging the fertiliser and to the Wagin Shire for providing the means to spread the fertiliser over such a large area. We plan to spray for weeds early next week so the timing of the fertiliser means we should start to see some healthy lawn by the end of next term. The school is enthusiastic about continued collaboration with the Shire and local business in the provision of quality resources and experiences for the Wagin DHS students.

I'd also like to thank local members of the Indigenous community for assisting with NAIDOC week including Ross Storey and Alistair Williams who have assisted with the Aboriginal dance and didgeridoo as well as members from WA Country Health Services, Narrogin, who assisted with the Healthy Tucker cooking lessons yesterday. Your involvement has been highly valued by staff and students.

Term 3 Dates

Just a reminder that students return to school on Monday, 22 July. The Staff Development Day will be held on Monday, 26 August, Week 6 (Students do not attend on this day).

Term 3 sees some exciting events occur such as Science Week, Book Week, Literacy & Numeracy week and Country Week.

I'd like to finish by thanking the staff of Wagin DHS. They have stood side by side in a stoic act of support and leadership over these past few weeks. Their guidance and compassion has assisted both students and

their families all whilst maintaining normal class routines. The students are also to be commended on rising to the occasion and regularly displaying the EMUS values that are core to Wagin DHS's motto to Aim High.

On behalf of the staff at Wagin DHS we wish all our students and their families a safe and relaxing school holiday.

Tracy Pickering
Principal
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School Social

Let's celebrate the end of Semester 1! We will be holding a school social on **Thursday, 4 July 2019**. It will be running from 5.30 - 7.30pm with a \$5 entry fee. All proceeds will go towards this year's Country Week team.



Arcade Games Fundraiser

Bring 20c to school on Friday for some Arcade fun! The Year 5/6 students from Mrs Pocock's class have been participating in a STEM based project. They had to design and build a working arcade game to showcase at the school open night.

As part of the project, students now need to refine their design and make amendments to improve their games. They have decided to open the amended arcade games again this **Friday, 5 July** at recess and lunch. It will provide them with the opportunity to reflect on their designs and amendments. It will again be a fundraiser going towards Year 6 camp.



Assembly

The next whole school assembly will be held on **Friday, 5 July 2019, starting at 9 am**, and will be celebrating NAIDOC with some special performances planned. We hope you can make it.



Interschool Cross Country

The Interschool Cross Country was held on Friday, 21 June 2019 in Kojonup. A number of Wagin DHS students won places for their age division, and Wagin came first overall for the day. Well done to everyone involved.

10 year old girls	2nd Ruby
10 year old boys	2nd Taylor
11 year old girls	2nd Beatrice, 3rd Tamzin
11 year old boys	3rd Angus
12 year old boys	2nd Max, 3rd Ryan
13 year old girls	1st Gaige, 2nd Stephanie, 3rd Payten,
14 year old boys	3rd Ethan
15 year old girls	1st Chloe, 2nd Clare
15 year old boys	3rd Taaj

[Photos](#)

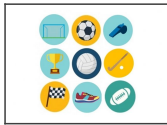


NAIDOC Celebrations

This week has seen our students participate in various NAIDOC activities which will be showcased this Friday at our whole school assembly. Students cooked damper, made necklaces, listened to some dreamtime stories, painted shirts and decorated a snake to celebrate the history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

peoples.

[Photos](#)



Winter Carnival

Winter Carnival was held in Katanning on Friday, 28 June 2019. Students from Years 3 - 6 participated against other schools in hockey, netball, football and soccer. A big thank you to the parents and high school students that came down to help out with both coaching and umpiring.

[Photos](#)



Open Classrooms

Despite the inclement weather, it was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and friends attend our Open Classroom evening. Students loved showing off all their hardwork from the Semester. Thanks so much to everyone for coming in to show your support for our school. **Thoughts from Kindy - Year 2**

students

Isabelle - I loved Mum and Dad coming in. Dad hasn't come in before.

Lizzy - I liked showing my Three Bears work. I did a good job on it and I showed my whole family.

Rohan - I liked showing my mum and dad the pictures that I have been doing.

Christina - I liked showing Mum my work and getting to eat hotdogs.

Evan - I loved showing Mum and Dad the work we have done on weather during Science.

Sophie - I enjoyed showing Mum and Dad the robots we made out of different shapes.

Ariah - When we came to school at night I loved coming into the class and then walking in the rain, it rained lots.

Jagger - I loved looking at all the artwork in the Brenda O'Neill room, it was amazing.

Imogen - I liked the games, the food and I loved that my whole family got to come into my classroom and look at my work, it was so much fun.

Year 2

The Year 2 students from Room 15 loved having their parents, siblings and grandparents visit their classroom. Their favourite thing to share was the huge handmade rainbow they made after Mrs Moffatt died, which has a 'We will be okay' message to remind them that although we are sad now, together, we will be okay. Other favourite things to show was the progress in writing since the beginning of the year and all of the great work in their files.

Year 3/4

Despite being a really tough week for our classrooms, it was so lovely to see all the families come in to share the wonderful work the students have been working on this semester. All of the children completed a Learning Journey template that outlined five special activities that they wanted to share with their families. They also shared all of their workbooks, file work and special work samples on display around the classroom. They even shared special videos of their Indonesian projects - Mystery Pet and Puppet Shows - which demonstrated the improvements they have made with their pronunciation skills.

Year 5/6

In both Year 5/6 classes, students were given the opportunity to select three pieces of work they were most proud of. There were book reviews, posters, pieces of art and a huge range of narrative stories on show. There were also Arcade Games in the wet area that the students had made themselves. They were a huge success raising \$104 for Year 6 Camp!

Art

Over the course of this Term the students partaking in 2D Art at Wagin District High School have been hard at work developing stunning and intricate Murals to display around their school. The overall theme of the works was Humans and Nature. The theme was left purposefully broad so that students could express their own interpretation of the theme and their own relationship with nature.

Students worked in groups of five to brainstorm, design and execute their work. This enabled the students to exercise their teamwork and leadership skills in order to produce the highest quality of work possible.

At the end of the term, the students still have some more work to do on their murals. However, the final products will be well worth the effort.

Space Whale: E-Rua, Tyson, Ethan and Jared

Spider Worlds: Billie, Chloe, Kalan and Adia

Farmer Jeff on Mars: Caris, Narridy, Teegan, Ryan and Layta

Dragons of Day and Night: Zoe, Trinity, Ebony and Clare

[Photos](#)



Kindergarten Enrolments

Is your child four years old by 30 June 2020? You can apply to enrol them in Kindergarten for 2020. Apply by **26 July 2019**. For more information visit education.wa.edu.au.

Download our [Enrolment Form](#) and hand it to the front office by **26 July 2019**.



APPLY NOW TO ENROL YOUR CHILD IN KINDERGARTEN

If your child is four years old by 30 June 2020 you can apply to enrol them in Kindergarten for 2020. Places are limited so apply at your public school or community kindergarten by 26 July.

For more information and to find a public school in your area visit education.wa.edu.au.



Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Certificates at our last Whole School Assembly on **Monday, 1 July 2019**.

Merit Certificates

PP - Rohan and Xavier

PP/Yr 1 - Whareki and Jayden

Year 1/2 - Max and Ruby

Year 2 - Flinn and Indiana

Year 3/4P - Vinnie and Tom

Year 3/4M - Jack, Yorick, Gabrielle and Joaquin

Year 7 - Ryan

Year 8 - Adia



Work Place Learning

Our Year 10's have had a stimulating and rewarding term out in their respective workplaces. A big thank you to the host employers: Wagin Shire, Galts Hardware, Wagin Jeweller, Magic Touch Hair Studio, McIntosh and Son, Katanning, Braeside Primary School, Katanning and Community Resource Centre.

The students and the school have received some excellent feedback and most students – having logged 55 work hours or more – have earned points toward their WACE achievement on completing year twelve. Students have also learned and refined a myriad of skills that will hugely contribute to a positive future work-wise. Most importantly, students have come to understand some key employability skills that potential employers value greatly – being on time, personal presentation, reliability, demonstrating initiative, using different forms of communication and working with a team – just to name a few.

Most students will begin a new placement next semester – two employers, however, are very happy to offer a second placement to the student they are currently hosting.

Next term we will feature individual students in their respective workplaces in our newsletters to celebrate their success and allow younger students to appreciate future opportunities they can expect in coming years.

Ms Marlin – ADWPL Coordinator

Wed 3rd July NAIDOC Activities
Thu 4th July School Social
Fri 5th July Whole School Assembly
Fri 5th July Last day of Term 2
Sat 6th Julyto Sun 21st July School Holidays
Mon 22nd July First day of Term 3
Fri 2nd August Whole School Assembly

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