



# WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

*Providing an empowering environment for life-long learning*



## Newsletter, 4 May 2022

It was wonderful to welcome the students back to school last week for the start of Term 2. I do hope you all enjoyed a lovely break with your family.

This term we are delighted that with the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, school operations are beginning to return to normal. Our first assembly for the year will be hosted by our Student Council on Friday, 27 May, with some of Miss Mazz's music students providing the entertainment. The [school calendar](#) has been updated.

On ANZAC day I was proud to see our school represented by Student Councillors at the Wagin ANZAC service. Teagan and Josh laid a wreath on behalf of the school, while Sara and Mitchell delivered well-rehearsed readings. During the week all students learnt about the significance of ANZAC Day and a small service was conducted at school. [Photos](#)

Next week, between 10 and 20 May some classes will be completing NAPLAN. NAPLAN is an annual assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It tests the types of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. The tests cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process and we ask that parents assure their children that trying their best is all that is required. NAPLAN is not a test that can be studied for and students are not expected to do so. A good night sleep and healthy breakfast each day is the best preparation for the testing week.

Our application for Sporting Schools funding was successful and this term we are excited that some of our classes will be participating in Golf Lessons with local coach, Megan Henry. We will also be hosting qualified and accredited coaches from Golf WA on Wednesday, 11 May. They will deliver their 'Crunch and Sip Regional Roadshow.' We hope to have some Golf enthusiasts in the school after their 5 coaching sessions! Hockey clinics will also be happening on Friday, 6 & 13 May with Rodney Johnson.

Over the last month, I know many families have been impacted by COVID-19 and anticipate that we will still have students away from school who test positive. We ask that you continue to inform the school if your child has Covid and reiterate that any child who is unwell should not attend school. We are pleased that there will no longer be need for students who are well to isolate and miss school and hope to see all students return to regular attendance.

I am looking forward to a wonderful term, and reconnecting with parents and carers at events over the coming months.

Kind regards

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### Book Fair

Book Fair is back so prepare to get "hooked on reading" with a variety of new titles to choose from. The fair will be open in the library on **Tue, Wed and Thurs May 17 – 19 and May 24 – 26** at recess, lunch and after school until 3.30pm. Come and see what's on offer and "dive into a good book!"



### Immunisations for Yrs 7 & 10

WA Country Health Service is offering the School Based Immunisation Program to us on **Wednesday, May 25**. These are for Year 7 -Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis and Human papillomavirus vaccines and Year 10 - Meningococcal vaccine. [More information here](#). Please return the permission forms ASAP.



## Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open fortnightly with the next open day on **Friday, 13 May**, from 8.30 - 10.00am.

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## NAPLAN

NAPLAN is on next week! The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy is being held between **10 and 20 May** for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Please ensure that your child is present for the testing period.

Students and parents wishing to familiarise themselves with NAPLAN online can visit the public demonstration site on the [NAP website](#). Some past NAPLAN papers are also available.

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## Birthday Cakes/Treats

Birthdays are special and many children love sharing their special day with their classmates. However, students are unable to bring class cakes or birthday treats to school for health and safety reasons. Teachers will ensure your child's birthday does not go unnoticed!

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## Chance to Dance

Last year WA Ballet hosted ballet lessons for 25 of our students together with other students from regional areas. They did a fantastic job creating a group dance that merged ballet moves. [Check out the video that was created by WA Ballet](#).

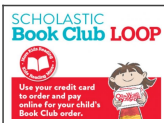
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## Triple P Parenting online program

Triple P gives you proven parenting strategies that will help you set up your child for life – so they will be happy, confident and successful. Now you can access it online! [See more here](#)

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## Book Club - ONLINE ORDERS ONLY

Issue 3 of the Scholastic Book Club catalogue is out and closes on **May 16**. If you would like to order a Book Club book you can do this online via LOOP. It is a great way to access some fantastic, well priced books. [Register](#) or [Login to order your books online!](#) (We do not accept cash.) 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. When your order arrives, it will be sent home with your child or, if you'd prefer, held at the office for your collection.

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## School Health Nurse

Our School Nurse has forwarded some information on Scoliosis and Colour Blindness.

### Scoliosis

Scoliosis is an abnormal sideways curvature of the spine. It can be detected by a simple examination of the back.

The normal spine has three curves – one in the neck, one in the upper back and one in the lower back. These curves can be seen from the side, but when you look from behind the spine should appear straight. If the spine has a sideways curve, this is scoliosis.

Please read through the [scoliosis](#) information provided by Raising Children Network and check your child for scoliosis as described.

If you have any concerns, please contact your General Practitioner or Community Health Nurse, at Southern Wheatbelt Primary Health Service on 9881 0385.

### Colour Blindness

Children who are colour blind can see as clearly as other people but can't tell the difference between some colours or see colours differently from other people. Very few people who are colour blind are 'blind' to all colours – most often they see red and green as very similar.

It's good to know if a child is colour blind because they may have difficulty at school with activities that use colours, such as drawing and sorting blocks, and with computers. Please read through information

on [colour blindness](#) provided by Raising Children Network.

If you have any concerns, colour vision testing can be performed by some General Practitioners (GP), eye specialists or optometrist. You can also contact your local Community Health Nurse, at Southern Wheatbelt Primary Health Service on 9881 0385.

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### Event Quick View

Tue 10th May to Fri 13th May  
[NAPLAN](#)

Tue 10th May  
[School Council Meeting](#)

Mon 16th May to Fri 20th May  
[NAPLAN](#)

Tue 17th May to Thu 19th May  
[Book Fair](#)

Tue 24th May to Thu 26th May  
[Book Fair](#)

Wed 25th May  
[Yr 7 & 10 Immunisations](#)

Fri 27th May  
[Assembly](#)

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