



WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Providing an empowering environment for life-long learning



Newsletter, 1 July 2020

Welcome Parents and Carers

Celebrating our Successes

What an unprecedented semester we have had. Whilst there have been moments of angst and uncertainty there have also been incredible displays of independence, resilience, cooperation and compassion, not only internally between staff and staff as well as staff and students, but also between the community and the school. As a school we have felt very supported by the community and for that we are ever appreciative as we move into what is hopefully a more consistent new normal.

Staff changes for Term Three

Ms Marlin: After a celebrating 25 years in education (14.5 years in WA and 10.5 years in Victoria), Ms Lee Marlin is hanging up her whiteboard marker. With the travel restrictions slowly being lifted, Ms Marlin is looking to travel and catch up with family and friends before settling on her farm. We thank Ms Marlin for her dedication to ensuring every child has a voice and their individual needs are met. Ms Marlin's calm demeanour and wit will be dearly missed. [Secondary Report](#).

Mrs Kellow: Mrs Leah Kellow will be take on the Deputy Principal's role for Term 3. Mrs Kellow has held a number of leadership roles in the past including Students at Educational Risk Coordinator, Curriculum Leader and Deputy Principal. With strengths in curriculum and student engagement Mrs Kellow will work well with our staff to provide support for the Year 5 – 10 students.

Mrs Ball: With Mrs Kellow moving into the Deputy Principal's role and Mrs Little's Kindergarten students moving to 3 days a week next semester, we would like to welcome back Mrs Kristy Ball to the roles of PP and Year 5/6 Teacher. Mrs Ball is well known to the students and will be a terrific asset to our staff.

Ms Julius: Ms Emma Julius will be overseeing the Physical Education.

Rugby Clinic: Primary and some Secondary classes have been able to access a 5 week rugby program courtesy of Sporting Schools Funding. Students have enjoyed improving their general skills and learning the rules of rugby in a game situation. Thank you to Mrs Ward for organising the variety of Sporting Schools activities over the semester.

Community Acknowledgement

I'd like to acknowledge the members of the Wagin DHS School Council, P & C, Youthcare, Wagin Shire, Wagin Rotary, Wagin Police and Wagin Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service who have supported the school during this semester. Despite volunteers being unable to assist within the school, a lot has gone on behind the scenes to ensure learning opportunities and resources are in place for the students at Wagin DHS. For this we thank you.

Student Leaders

A big thank you to our Student Leaders who have really stepped up this Term to take on a number of leadership roles that are often covered by parent helpers. The lunchtime games were enjoyed by the students and your efforts have been appreciated by staff.

Phase 4 and 5, Term 3 Changes

With the Phase 4 currently in place, Term 3 will start with the following guidelines: A review will occur once Phase 5 is implemented.

- **Parents/carers on site:** we are excited that our parents can now join us on site. There are some guidelines to ensure health and hygiene is observed during the winter months.
 - **Kiss & drop** is still encouraged to foster independence.
 - **Parent/Teacher meetings are welcomed.** Please arrange a meeting with the classroom teacher via email or phoning the front office. This allows uninterrupted time to discuss individual child needs.
 - **Parent rosters** will be set up in those classes that require the extra individualised guidance. Parents on roster will be asked to sign in at the front office as a Visitor.
 - **Assemblies will recommence.** The class schedule will be posted early next term. Adult social distancing of 2 square metres should be applied where possible.
 - At this stage we will be asking **parents not to enter classes** in the morning unless you are on roster or specifically requested by the teacher. Teaching & Learning opportunities often starts before 8.50am.
- **Cleaning regime will continue** in Term 3. The Education Department has funded for ongoing additional cleaning throughout Term 3. Benches, chairs, doorhandles and playground equipment will be cleaned multiple times a day.

- **Incursions and excursions can occur.**
- **Interschool sports can occur.** Parents should maintain physical distancing of two square metres.

Reports

Semester One Reports will be emailed home on **Thursday, 2 July**. A reminder that due to a break in traditional schooling as a result of COVID, the reporting structure will not be as comprehensive as normal. Please note, A-E grades will only be shown for Year 10 students. Attributes, behaviour and effort will be indicated as well as comments outlining your child's strengths and areas for improvement. This applies to all public schools in WA.

Please ensure you contact the school immediately if your email address has changed. A reminder that electronic reports will only be available for 1 month. Please be sure to download and save for further reference.

Parent Opinion Survey

Please note that a **hard copy** of the Parent Opinion Survey will be given to **every child Thursday, 2 July**. It would be appreciated if the survey(s) could be completed and returned (via student to teacher or front office) by **Friday, 24 July at the latest**. A raffle ticket will be provided to every respondent. There are two \$50 Canteen vouchers on offer, one for Primary one for Secondary.

Results will be presented to staff and the School Council, and will inform our future planning. We encourage all families to complete the survey so that we may have a true indication of parent satisfaction across K-10.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Kind regards
Tracy Pickering
Principal

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Mt Trio Excursion

On Tuesday, 30 June, some of our High School students were treated to a reward trip to Mt Trio in the Stirling Range National Park. The trip saw 25 students embark on the journey, accompanied by Ms Marlin, Mrs King and Miss Berman. [Photo Gallery](#)

"We left school bright and early and headed on the two hour bus ride to Mt. Trio. It was pretty rainy the whole way there and we were worried that we would be hiking in the rain, but just as we arrived the skies opened up for us. We gave ourselves about a 1.5 hour window to do what we could and headed on up. The climb rose in altitude very very quickly and soon we were all feeling a bit dizzy. The wind was very strong and as we climbed higher, we were getting blown around a fair bit! A special well done to Jared, Chloe, Ruana, Tyson Z, Toby, Max, Tyson, Willey-Errol and Romany who made it to the top with (very sore) Miss Berman in about 1 hour 15 minutes, faster than the website suggests it can be done! We thought the climb was hard and steep, but the descent was even harder on the muscles and with the windy and slippery conditions, we really had to concentrate, and are definitely sore in the legs now! On the way home we took a quick stop in Katanning for a brief toilet break and a run around on the new all ages playground. We arrived back at school in good spirits and happy for having a great day out!"

Miss Berman



Enrolments

KINDY ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN FOR 2021! Is your child excited to start their first day of school? Now's the time to get your child school ready and enrol them in Kindy for 2021! If your child is four years old by 30 June 2021, you can enrol them in our school.

We have enrolment packs available from our front office or you can download an [enrolment form](#) from our website.

You will need to return it to us together with a copy of your child's **birth certificate** and an **up to date AIR immunisation history statement**.



Rugby WA

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Parents on School Grounds



Please remember that while you are able to drop off & pick up your children at the classroom door for the start and end of the school day, we would ask that parents use the office for any messages or deliveries **during the school day** to minimise class disruption.



Certificate Recipients

Whilst we are currently not able to hold assemblies, it is important that we continue to celebrate the success of our students. As such, classrooms will be holding their own presentations. Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Certificates.

Merit Certificates

PP - Jackson and Connor

Yr 1 - Xavier and Robbie

Year 1/2 - Lateesha and Laykhar

Year 2/3 - Indiana, Mia and Maxwell

Year 3/4 - Chelsea and Jaggar

Year 4 - Lara

Year 5/6S - Luke and Cole

Year 5/6KW - Ava, Kalynda and Chad

Year 7 - Talegan, Shawnnese and Jaylene

Year 8 - Ruana, Te Ariki and Zoe

Year 9 - E-Rua, Tepora, Eden and Thomas

Year 10 - Jahmol, Romany and Billie



Holiday fun with the Wagin CRC

Are you up for some holiday fun with the Wagin Community Resource Centre?

Wednesday, 8 July they have some fun [Science Experiments](#). Tuesday, 14 July there is a free [Movie](#).

Event Quick View

Fri 3rd July

[Last Day of Term 2](#)

Sun 5th July to Sat 11th July

[NAIDOC Week](#)

Mon 20th July

[Staff Development Day](#)

Tue 21st July

[First Day of Term 3](#)

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