



WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Providing an empowering environment for life-long learning



Newsletter, 22 June 2022

Good afternoon Parents, Carers and Community

NAIDOC Week provides us with an opportunity to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We commenced our NAIDOC week celebrations with a visit from Wesley College's Moorditj Mob. They entertained us with several dances, performed with the accompaniment of a didgeridoo. The performance also provided our students with the opportunity to learn a dance and then perform for their peers. This visit was incredibly interactive and had our entire school population engaged for the duration of the performance. Over the course of this week students have also had the opportunity to participate in a netball workshop with a representative from Shooting Stars, Indigenous games with the Stephen Michael Foundation, cooking coordinated by our AIEOs Emmaline Winmar and Makisha Edgill and football with the Clontarf Academy. All of these activities, in addition to NAIDOC themed classroom activities, have enabled us to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. [NAIDOC photos](#)

Our library has recently undergone a welcomed and highly anticipated refurbishment. Phase 1 of the upgrade is finished, complete with new bookshelves, furniture including desks and chairs for students and a sassy twist seating configuration, circulation desk and some minor renovations to the internal configuration of the space. Our ever supportive P & C and our local WAGS members are to be thanked and acknowledged for their contribution which aided in this upgrade. Although the space is not yet complete, our students and staff are enjoying spending time using our new look library.



We were recently fortunate to receive a generous donation of culturally appropriate books to add to our school library collection, through the Books for All Program which is an initiative of FISH (Foundation for Sustainable Indigenous Health). FISH is a charity which believes in the importance of lifting literacy levels in Indigenous communities and the importance of celebrating language and culture. Daryl Sercombe, of Enscope, enabled this donation and nominated Wagin DHS as one of the recipients. We thank Daryl for this nomination and were thrilled to take delivery of the books.



A group of Year 4 - 8 students have been participating in a fortnightly STEAM session with Mr Richardson where they have been studying Rube Goldberg machines. A Rube Goldberg machine, named after American cartoonist Rube Goldberg, is a chain reaction type machine or contraption intentionally designed

to perform a simple task in an indirect and overly complicated way. Once familiar with new scientific concepts, students have attempted to build their own Rube Goldberg contraption. Although some finished projects were videoed at home, we did have some students transport their contraption to school for demonstration purposes. All students ought to be proud of their achievements this semester in STEAM.



We are currently seeking parent representatives to join our School Council. We have three meetings remaining for the rest of the year and encourage parents to become involved in this rewarding opportunity. Please contact the school if you are interested in nominating.

Over the course of the next two weeks we have teams of students representing our school at the Interschool Cross Country in Kojonup and the Katanning Dockers Shield Football Carnival. We wish students all the very best in their endeavours and know that you will represent our school with pride.

As Term Two draws to a close we would like to thank and acknowledge teaching staff who are completing their contracts with us and moving on to be closer to family in Perth. We appreciate the efforts of David Richardson and Pav Kumaran whilst they have been members of the team at Wagin DHS and wish them all the very best in their future endeavours. We are currently running recruitment processes to fill these positions.

This term has presented us with many challenges, with COVID-19 impacting our school community in many ways. We thank you for your continued support as we have worked hard to navigate and ensure continuity of our teaching and learning programs. We wish you a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break and look forward to seeing you refreshed and revitalised ready for Term Three!

Kind regards
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Interschool Cross Country

The Interschool Cross Country is being held on **Friday, 24 June** in Kojonup. With the bus departing at 7:40am it will be an early start for the students that are attending. We wish them all the best for a fun, competitive and sportsmanlike day!



Kindergarten Enrolments

Is your child four years old by 30 June 2023? You can apply to enrol them in Kindergarten for 2023. Apply by **26 July 2022**.
For more information visit education.wa.edu.au.

You can either collect an Enrolment Pack from our front office or complete the online version ([Enrolment Form & Student Health Care Summary](#)) and hand it to the front office by **29 July 2022**.



Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open fortnightly with the next open day on **Friday, 24 June, from 8.30 - 10.00am**. They are currently experiencing some supply issues with some items: windcheaters should be in stock shortly with polos hopefully being back in stock at the beginning of July.



Canteen volunteering

Our updated [canteen roster](#) is out. If you are available to cover half a day this term please contact Jasmine on 0437 131 191.

Event Quick View

Fri 24th June

[Interschool Cross Country](#)

Wed 29th June

[Outdoor Ed Excursion](#)

Thu 30th June

[Dockers Shield Footy Carnival - Katanning](#)

Fri 1st July

[Last Day of Term 2](#)

Mon 18th July

[First day of Term 3](#)

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