



WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

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Newsletter, 23 June 2021

Week 10 brings the last newsletter of the Semester. A reminder that students finish school on Friday, 2 July, and return Monday, 19 July. Term 3's School Development day will be Friday, 20 August, (Week 5).

During the holidays, 4 – 11 July, Australia will acknowledge **NAIDOC Week**. As we will be on school holidays Wagin DHS will participate next week in a week of recognition and celebration. NAIDOC Week acknowledges the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Each year is a different theme and this year's theme is **Heal Country!** This recognises that Country and our cultural heritage are the essence of who we are.

NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

NAIDOC originally stood for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee'. This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself. Emmaline Winmar (AIEO) has put together a terrific week of experiences, activities and tastings for the whole school. Follow [this link](#) to see what will be on offer.

Reports. Semester One reports will be emailed home on Monday, 28 June, (Week 11). Students are awarded an A-E grade based on evidence of achievement of a particular skill or concept over time in a variety of mediums. Attributes, behaviour and effort will be indicated as well as comments outlining your child's strengths and areas for improvement. Please ensure you contact the school this week if your email address has changed since December 2020.

Events this fortnight have included the **Dockers Shield Football Carnival** and **Interschool Cross Country**. Whilst Wagin did not win either sporting event, the students who participated represented Wagin DHS well with some being individually successful. **Year 6's** are on **camp**. Their itinerary is full and exciting. Mrs Ward will keep us up to date with regular [Facebook posts](#).

Stage 5 Restrictions. The State Government has announced that Western Australia will be transitioning to Phase 5 of the COVID-19 Roadmap as of Wednesday, 23 June, which is positive news for all our school communities. Key impacts for schools is that of reduced cleaning requirements and increased parent participation. Wagin DHS will be implementing the following guidelines with the aim of maintaining staff and student safety whilst still welcoming parents/carers.

- Whilst the 2 metre rule between adults is removed, there is still a request to maintain 1.5m where possible.
- **Kindergarten** parents are welcome to enter the classroom for early morning activities and place themselves on roster for extended support.
- **Supporting student independence.** Given we are moving into Semester Two, we encourage parents to support their child to unpack their own bags and enter the class of their own accord.
- **Pre-Primary and up** will continue to encourage parents to place themselves on class roster. When on roster, teachers will guide parents to engage in activities that support student learning.
- **Student progress meetings.** Please note: teachers are happy to meet with parents to discuss their child's progress at any time throughout the term. Please use your child's diary, teacher Education Department email or ring the front office to schedule a meeting time.
- **Drink bottles.** Please ensure your child brings a drink bottle to school. We will continue to encourage students to fill bottles from the water fountains, not drink from them.
- **Hygiene.** Students will still be encouraged to wash their hands regularly throughout the day.
- Our playgrounds will be open during the school day as per normal. Please note: students will **not** be allowed on school grounds or equipment **after** school.
- Students who are **unwell** should not attend school.

Attendance. Attendance discrepancy advices will be coming out this week. Please ensure you complete a legitimate reason for each day your child is absent. The Department of Education advocates a minimum of 90% attendance in order for a student to achieve at the minimum standard. Please see attached information related to attendance. [When is it ok? Every day matters.](#)

Preparedness for school. As we approach the end of Semester One and the onset of winter, we would like to remind parents to:

- Check if your child needs additional resources moving into Semester Two.
- Ensure your child is in **full school uniform**, we appreciate it gets very cold in Wagin.
 - Long navy blue shirts can be worn under school shirts with school jumper over the top.

- Navy blue or black tracksuit pants. Tights are not appropriate for girls.
- School starts at 8.50am. Breakfast Club is open from 8.30am. Please note that the first 5-10 minutes of the lesson is instructional time. Students who miss this start their day behind the other students.

Road Safety. There have been a number of concerns from local residents in regards to some students not abiding by the road rules when crossing Tudhoe Street. This is a busy road with heavy traffic. If your child crosses this road to or from school please reinforce the following:

- Do not cross right on a corner, move down the street at least 5 metres.
- Stand one to two steps back from the road while waiting to cross (do not wait on the road).
- Look both ways before crossing.
- Take your headphones out whilst crossing the road. It is important to be able to hear the traffic.

Whilst students have regular road safety lessons as part of their education we would appreciate if parents can reinforce these messages.

Have a great Semester break!

Kind regards
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Interschool Cross Country

The Interschool Cross Country was held on **Friday, 18 June** in Kojonup. While it was a chilly start to the day, once we got there the conditions for running were perfect. All students conducted themselves with pride and gave it their all. [Photos](#)



Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Certificates at our last Whole School Assembly on **Friday, 18 June 2021**.

Merit Certificates

PP/1 - Jackson and Connor
Year 1/2 - Aria and Klaudia
Year 2/3 - John and David
Year 3 - Mason and Ruby
Year 4 - Indiana and Warren
Year 5 - Taine and Byron
Year 6 - Yorick and Isaiah
Year 8 - Gemma and Paige
Year 9 - Te Ariki, Rico and Hannah

Primary Sport - Violet, Darby and Whareki
Art - Lara and Harley



EMUS Awards

Congratulations to these students who have received a prize for their efforts to "Aim High". **ENGAGED** - Lachlan Piesse. **MANNERS** - Kobie Ward. **UNDERSTANDING** - Taylah Baxter. **STRIVE** - James Price.

The EMUS card count at the Whole School Assembly on **Friday, 18 June** was:

ENGAGED - 203
MANNERS - 106
UNDERSTANDING - 164
STRIVE - 205



Year 6 Camp

Our Year 6's headed off to camp nice and early on Tuesday to enjoy a raft of activities designed to expand the life experiences of our students that will hopefully delight and



Assembly

Our next whole school assembly will be a NAIDOC Assembly on **Friday, 2 July**, starting at **2pm**. We hope you can make it!



Dental Therapy Centre

The Dental Therapy Centre will be continuing dental treatment over the holidays. If you have any questions, please phone them direct on 0428 984 100.



Holiday Footy Clinic

If you are looking for something to do over the holidays and enjoy footy, there is this footy clinic in Narrogin.

[Flyer](#)



Back to School

We hope you enjoy your Term break! Term 3 commences for students on **Monday, 19 July**.

Event Quick View

Mon 28th Jun to Fri 2nd July
[NAIDOC Week](#)

Fri 2nd July
[Last Day of Term 2](#)

Mon 19th July
[First Day of Term 3](#)

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