HSC Exams Start

Good luck to all our students sitting HSC exams over the next four weeks. All students begin with both their English exams this week. Other exams this week include Japanese Beginners, Music, Dance, Information Processes and Technology, Financial Services, Primary Industries, Society and Culture, Ancient History, PDHPE and Japanese Background Speakers. Year 12 students are advised to carefully read their examination timetable. All exams take place in the Currie Hall and all students, other than Year 12, are reminded to stay away from this area at recess and lunch time, and after school.

MERIT SYSTEM – APPLY NOW!

It is really important that students who are eligible for awards [from Silver to Gold, Platinum, Diamond and Honours] apply for them very soon, because it takes a lot of organisation to get them all printed in time for the Presentation Day [Week 10] and Presentation Night [Week 11] assemblies. See Mr Powell or your Student Adviser for information, advice and application forms. All applications close at the end of Week 6, so get moving if you would like the awards to be presented this year!

Careers

Wagga Compact will be holding a Careers Expo on Thursday 15 October. Workshops including skills for the workplace, industry personnel to discuss employment opportunities and further study. Please collect a note from the Careers Room.

Actrol Wagga is a leading supplier of refrigeration products and is offering a School Based Traineeship in Warehousing, Certificate II. If any current Year 10 students are interested for 2016 please come to the Careers Room for further information.

School Leavers Program: Any students looking at leaving school please see Mrs Fellows to put your name down for the school leavers program.

UNSW are running a Mining Summer School. Any students in Yr 10/11 interested in attending this three day, residential mining school will be held in SYDNEY and LITHGOW in the January holidays. Cost is $200. Further details have been sent in student emails. Applications close at the end of October.

Music News

A big congratulations goes to Year 12 student, Christina Perri for receiving an Encore nomination for her HSC Music performances on piano. Christina also recently sat for her AMusA (Associate Diploma in Music) exam for piano and received an award with distinction which is given only for exceptional performances. Well done, Christina!

P&C News

Our next P&C meeting will be held in the Ted Drake Room on Monday 26 October at 7:30pm. All parents and caregivers are encouraged to come along and support our school.
Policy against Harassment and Bullying

Over the coming weeks we will publish extracts from our Policy against Harassment and Bullying. The full policy can be found on our website. This week we look at different types of bullying. Bullying can take a number of different forms:

1) **Physical bullying** - hitting, poking, tripping, pushing, spitting on others or throwing objects
   - This is when a person (or group of people) uses physical actions to bully
   - Repeatedly and intentionally damaging someone’s belongings is also physical bullying
   - Forcing others to act against their will

2) **Verbal bullying** - name calling, teasing, abuse, putdowns, sarcasm, insults, threats:
   - Using negative words repeatedly and intentionally, which causes distress, is also a form of bullying
   - Using offensive names, teasing or spreading rumours about others or their families
   - Ridiculing another’s appearance and body shape
   - Using put-downs and belittling others’ abilities and achievements
   - Making suggestive comments or other forms of sexual abuse
   - Verbal bullying also include remarks or comments about others’ race, culture, religion, sexuality or social background that are degrading

3) **Social bullying** - ignoring, excluding, ostracising, alienating, making inappropriate gestures:
   - Lying, spreading rumours, playing a nasty joke are all examples of social bullying
   - Repeatedly mimicking someone and deliberately excluding someone is also social bullying behaviour
   - Hurthfully excluding others from a group
   - Forcing others to buy food for them at the canteen

   **Psychological bullying** - is when someone (or a group of people) repeatedly and intentionally use words or actions which cause a person psychological harm
   - Intimidating someone, manipulating people and stalking a person are all examples of psychological bullying
   - Interfering with another’s property by stealing, hiding, damaging or destroying it
   - Writing offensive notes or graffiti about others

5) **Cyber bullying** - The emergence of new technologies has led to covert and cyber bullying becoming an issue for many schools.
   - Cyber bullying is when someone (or a group of people) uses technology to verbally, socially or psychologically bully
   - Cyber bullying can happen in chat rooms, through social networking sites, emails or mobile phones
   - Sending hurtful emails or text messages, inappropriate use of chatrooms or using a website to humiliate another student.

Farm News

**For Sale:**
- *Isa Brown chickens* - three weeks old, well feathered for their age, $7.50 each and
- *Silkie chickens* - 10 weeks old multi coloured $6.00 each.

Orders taken at the school farm, please phone 6925 3260.

**SRC Suggestion Box**

The Wagga High SRC work very hard to represent the school body but we need your help! We are working on many great projects to benefit you and also the community. If you have any suggestions for charities, events or things that you would like to see done within the school community, please get a slip of paper from under the SRC suggestion box at the office (student payment window) and fill it out. We can’t help you if you don’t help us! Thank you.

**Around the Traps**

If you would like to help at South Wagga Wagga Public School Fete on Friday 6 November from 5-8pm please contact Cathy Prescott at prescocm@bigpond.com

A group of our students are involved in fund raising for the Sharp family. Since 2009, Cathy Sharp has suffered breast and stomach cancer and has beaten them both but Cathy has now been diagnosed with breast cancer again, and this time it has spread to her lymphatic system. If you would like to help raise funds for further treatment please go to the gofundme website at www.gofundme.com/cathyscancerappeal

**Set Sail Aboard the Tall Ship Young Endeavour!**

Applications are now open for the 2016 Young Endeavour Youth Development Program. Young Australians aged 16 to 23 can apply for voyages at www.youngendeavour.gov.au. Youth Crew are selected by ballot, and no sailing experience is required. First round applications close on 10 October 2015. In 2016 Young Endeavour will sail in Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria, Tasmania, New South Wales and Queensland. 24 youth will join each eleven or twelve day voyage, and will learn the skills to sail a square-rigged tall ship. They will keep watch and take the helm, cook in the galley, navigate using the ship’s charts, and climb the 30 metre mast to set and furl the sails. Young Endeavour is operated by a professional Royal Australian Navy crew who ensure the highest standards of safety and care, and teach the youth crew the skills they need to sail the ship. For more information, including voyage dates and fees, please visit www.youngendeavour.gov.au or telephone 1800 020 444.

**NSW Public School Terms and Holidays**


**$5.00 Canteen Specials**

**Monday** Pizza
**Tuesday** Hamburger
**Wednesday** Chicken Chilli Wrap
**Friday** Hot Dog & Sauce

DOB in a DOER!

It’s great to hear news of our students doing well in sporting and cultural activities outside of school, but we don’t hear about all of them! How about letting us know of our students’ successes? Just give the school a call on 6925 3611 or email us at waggawagga-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au and ‘dob in
**Calendar**

**OCTOBER**

12  Monday  HSC Commences
23  Friday  Year 7 Immunisation
26  Monday  Year 7-10 Assessment Week 1
      Monday  P&C Meeting

**NOVEMBER**

2   Monday  SSS Parent meeting 6:00pm
2-6 Monday  Year 7-10 Assessment Week 2
6   Friday  Year 12 Sign out day
11  Wednesday  Sports Assembly
16  Monday  Year 12 Formal Year 10 Work Experience Week
16-20 Monday  Year 7-10 Assessment Week 2
23  Monday  P&C Meeting
30  Monday  School Production Week

**DECEMBER**

2   Wednesday  Year 7 2016 Orientation Day and Parent Information Evening
8   Tuesday  Year 9, 10, 11 Assembly
9   Wednesday  Year 7 & 8 Assembly
15  Tuesday  Presentation Night 7:30pm
16  Wednesday  Last Day Term 4 HSC Results released

**Community News**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

The “Burrumbuttock to Bourka Hay Runners” are looking for hay or money donations to help the Queensland farmers going through drought. 1, 2, 3 rolls or a semi load won’t be knocked back!!! (Must be in good knock to make the 2 day journey).

A 100 truck convoy (approx. 3000 bales) will be leaving Burrumbuttock on 9th January 2016 for Windsor QLD. A SUNRISE WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT!!!

Like our facebook page: Burrumbuttock to Bourka Hay Run & also Drought Angels facebook page to see how they have been helping out.

Money donations can be made to the Rotary Club of Sydney. D/B: 092 418 Acz: 10211156 Description: Drought Appeal. ALL MONEY GOES TO THE DROUGHT EFFORT!!! For hay donations or dog food, cat food, etc please call:

John Taylor - 0429 295 293
Terry Taylor - 0428 811 660
Wee Taylor - 0427 311 668

SPREAD THE WORD AROUND PLEASE!