Special Print Edition

This week we are printing a copy of Highlights for all students as it appears that we don’t have the email addresses of all parents. If you have not been receiving Highlights by email please send your email address to wag wagga h school@det.nsw.edu.au and don’t forget to tell us who you are. Highlights is emailed to all students and you can also download it from our website www.waggawagga.h.schools.nsw.edu.au.

Sports News

Last Thursday saw the Wagga All Schools Water Polo day produce fantastic results for Wagga High School. Both the boys and girls teams had many wins throughout the day over Mt Austin, TRAC and Mater Dei. We had a few students new to the sport, even Swedish exchange student Kat Janzon. Unfortunately the boys were defeated in the final by TRAC 5-2, after scores being tied at half time. The girls were victorious however, defeating Mater Dei 10-1. Claudia Nugent was named player of the final. Well done to all players and thanks to those students who refereed and scored throughout the day.

Youth Parliament

In the September holidays Sarah Zia (Yr9) was selected to attend the 2015 Junior Parliament. Junior Parliament is a non-profit organization run by the YMCA which gives the youth of NSW a voice and say on a range of issues. The camp took place in Sydney for five days with Sarah learning about leadership, organization and related political tasks such as writing and presenting a bill. Sarah along with the other 106 delegates from across NSW spent the week learning skills about advocating certain issues within our local community and writing a bill on it. Later on in the week delegates were given the benefit of presenting our bills in NSW state parliament house in front of real NSW MP’s. They even had the honour of meeting some such as former Premier, Barry O’Farrell. Overall this opportunity gave Sarah an insight and perspective of issues she had never even considered. She described it as a very worthwhile experience from which she developed confidence, leadership skills and the opportunity to meet many other students who share the same passion. This program runs every year; if other students are interested in this opportunity please visit http://www.ymcansw.org.au/centres/youth-government.

Year 12 Formal

Where: RSL Club, Monday 16 November 6:30pm – 10:30pm
Cost: $50.00 per person: tickets may be purchased from school office when students complete the HSC and sign-out.

Year 12 Sign Out Day is Friday 6 November 2015.

HSC Exams Continue

The 2015 HSC exams finish this week with History Extension, Design and Technology, Geography, Drama, and Visual Arts.

Year 12 students are advised to carefully read their examination timetable. All exams take place in Currie Hall and students are reminded to stay away from this area at recess and lunch time, and after school. Good luck to our Year 12 students.

Senior Study Reminder for Senior Students

Have you applied for study leave? See Mr Lamb for an application form. Remember you must not leave the school during the day unless your study leave has been approved.

Special Principal’s Awards

Students who have earned five Certificates of Excellence in one area of school life (academic, cultural, sport, school service, community service) are eligible for a special Principal’s Award. If you qualify for an award, bring your Certificates of Excellence along to Mr Powell to apply. As with the applications for Honours System Awards, you must get them in by the end of Week 6.

Uniform Shop Update

Did you know that you can order school uniforms online? The online ordering system is quick and easy. Simply create an account profile, place your order, pay and select ‘walk in’ to pick up your order from the School Uniform Shop on the next open day. (Tuesday 8:00am -12:00pm, Thursday 2:00pm – 6:00pm). For further details please go to daylightsportswear.com/wagga.

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 want the awards presented this year!

Sick Bay

Students who are feeling unwell must come to the office with a note from their teacher. Our office staff will care for sick students and contact parents. Students must not text or ring parents.

Medication

Students who are required to regularly take medication at school must arrange this through the school office.
The Validation of Assessment 4 Learning and Individual Development (VALID)

VALID test for Year 8 students will be held between Monday 9 November and Tuesday 17 November 2015. The test takes approximately 80 minutes. The VALID Science 8 test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer.

VALID Science 8 contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasks that are grouped around real-world issues, including scientific investigations. This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 4 outcomes and essential content in the NSW Science Years K–10 Syllabus. If your child has a disability that needs special consideration or has been educated in English for less than one year, please contact your child’s school to discuss special provisions or possible exemption from the test. If you are unsure whether your child should participate in the test, or do not want them to participate the test please contact the principal or VALID administrator at the school on (02) 69253611 during school hours.

Around the Traps

- At the 2015 Wagga Wagga Operational Directorate SRC Conference at Murrumbateman last term Molly Jenkins (Yr9) was elected, by the students at the conference, onto the Conference Organising Team for 2016. It’s a great achievement to be one of 16 students selected from the 100 that attended. Well done Molly!
- 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 prescwm@bigpond.com
- Important dates for parents of Year 7, 2016 students: Parent Information Evening; Wednesday 2 December in the Ted Drake Room at 6:00pm and Orientation Day for Year 7, 2016 students, Wednesday 2 December from 9:20am to 3:00pm. Year 7 Student Adviser for 2016, Mrs Fisher will be visiting Year 6 students who are coming to WWHS next year in their primary schools this term.

Mobile Phones and iPods

It has always been school policy that mobile telephones are not to be used in class unless it is under the specific direction of your teacher. iPods and MP3 players should never be used in class at all as they interfere with learning. Our definition of usage is a simple one. If a teacher sees or hears one of these devices then the student is deemed to be using it. No excuses! Lately some students have been flouting these rules and not accepting that they have a responsibility to follow school rules and the directions of their teachers. Students who fail to follow this simple rule with be sent to one of our deputies or the principal and their device will be confiscated for the day. Repeat offenders will have their phone/iPod/MP3 player confiscated until their parent picks it up. Students who refuse to follow this process will be given an automatic after school detention and possibly be suspended. Be warned!

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 a doer’!

Reminder

Parents and caregivers are reminded that if they wish to see any of our staff they must first come to the school office. Parents must not go straight to staffrooms or classrooms.

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 student responsibilities

**Students have a responsibility to:**
- behave appropriately, respecting individual differences and diversity
- follow the school Anti-Bullying Policy
- respond to incidents of bullying according to their school Anti-Bullying Policy

**All students must:**
- refuse to be involved in any bullying situation:
- take some form of preventative action if they are present when bullying occurs
- report incidents of bullying when it occurs and help break down the code of secrecy

Getting to Sport Rules

- Make sure you are in proper sports uniform and that you obey all school and traffic rules on the way to sport – remember that you are on show and so is our school – do the right thing at all times!
- Go to sport by the safest, most direct route – no loitering!
- Do not walk or ride on your own – always go with a group of other students.
- Get there before 1:30pm and report immediately to your supervising sports teacher.

$5.00 Canteen Specials

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