Congratulations to:
- To Sarah Zia (Yr 9) who has received a Principal’s Academic Award for her hard work in class.

Thanks to:
- Our hard working P&C members for running the BBQ for the Welcome to New Families BBQ last week. Despite the hot weather many new families came along to meet P&C members and staff, and go on a guided tour of the school. Thanks also to Claire Juncy (Yr 8), Sarah Zia (Yr 9), Haylee Burkinshaw (Yr 10), Isobel Cowell (Yr 11) and Tannelle Lambkin and Jonathan Bewick (Yr 12) who acted as tour guides.
- Parents and friends who came along to support our students at the Student Leaders Induction Assembly last week.

Moving up the levels
Congratulations to the following students who have moved up recently in our school honours system: Silver: Zara Hebels (Yr 8); Gold: Edward Gunter (Yr 8) and Scott James (Yr 11); Platinum: Matthew Fellows (Yr 10), Taylah Habel-Noack (Yr 11) and Ashleigh Stokes (Yr 12); and Honours: Alexandra Dennis (Yr 11) for the fourth time! Great work!

BYOD in 2015
BYOD stands for Bring Your Own Device. With the closure of the DER program schools are adopting a BYOD policy, which allows students to bring in an approved computing device to use in the classroom to aid and enhance their learning. Last year the school trialled this program with Year 9 in Term 4 and this year we are opening BYOD to all years.
To join the BYOD program you need to bring in a signed BYOD agreement to Mr Wright in the Mathematics staffroom. These notes are available from the school website, front office or from Mr Wright. The note also explains the minimum specifications for a device. This is to ensure the device is compatible with our network, and capable of running the software available.

Backup Your Computer Data
In the coming Easter holiday break, the school server will be replaced, with a new management system being installed. To make this process easier all students are being asked to backup any files they have on their home drives, or on any of the school computers, to an external source such as a USB, portable hard drive or cloud storage (Microsoft OneDrive in your portal). After the changeover, the home drives and students’ shares will be empty.

IMPORTANT MESSAGES TO PARENTS/CAREGIVERS
- SCHOOL BUS ZONE – WARNING!! Parking in a designated school bus zone is prohibited. If you do so you most certainly run the risk of a hefty fine. Double parking to ‘pick-up’ or ‘drop-off’ is also an offence. People have been fined recently.
- DROP OFF/PICK UP: Parents are able to drop off and pick up in the No Parking zone in Coleman Street at the front of the school. You must stop for no more than two minutes and if you exit your car you can be no more than three metres from the car. If you are displaying a Disabled Sticker you can stop for up to five minutes. Do not stop in the No Stopping zone as you may receive a hefty fine!

P&C News
Our next P&C meeting will be held in the Ted Drake Room in A Block at 7:30pm on Monday 16 February. All parents and caregivers are encouraged to come along and support our school.

Twilight Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to Hargreaves who were the winners of the annual swimming carnival last Thursday night. It was an amazing evening with high participation and colour. House spirit was huge as was the quality of times recorded on the night. There were seven records broken - three each to Ivy Seddon and Tristan Brown and another to Bodie Senior. Bodie’s record was the oldest record remaining in the program from 1963 and Tristan smashed the former record in the 100m freestyle by nearly 1.5sec! Ivy also set a new record previously held since 1979. The twilight carnival proves to be continually successful. Next Thursday sees the Combined Wagga High Schools swimming carnival also being held as a twilight event. Mrs Bourke will be in touch with our team this week. Congratulations to all swimmers, novelty participants and house ambassadors. Lauren Jolliffe and Tristan Brown were the winners of the prestigious WWHS gift. Below are the age champions for this year.

Champions:
Girls | Boys
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12yrs: Lauren Jolliffe | 12yrs: Jacob Collingridge
13yrs: Zelda Nugent | 13yrs: Edward Prescott
14yrs: Ivy Seddon | 14yrs: Bodie Senior
15yrs: Tayla Crevatin | 15yrs: Dylan Clayton
16yrs: Claudia Nugent | 16yrs: Tristan Brown
Open: Jessica Davies | Open: Jonathon Lally

Diving
The Diving Carnival was held last Thursday 12 February prior to the Swimming Carnival at the Oasis Diving pool. It was pleasing to see some new students (and the old ones too) getting involved and executing some quality dives from both the 1m and 3m Springboards.
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Congratulations go to the following champions:
Junior Girls: | Macy Trainor
Senior Girls: | Elise Toyer
Senior Boys: | Jonathon Bewick
2nd place: | Bryce McPherson, 3rd place: Carter Lovell
These students will now compete at the CWWHS Diving carnival to be held next Thursday 26 February at 1.30pm. We wish them the best of luck for the upcoming carnival.

School Contributions and Elective Fees Are Now Due
Have YOU paid YOUR 2015 GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS [$60 for Years 7-9 and $80 for Years 10-12]? Please do your bit for your school – we really appreciate your support!
Subject fees for practical elective courses are also due and cover the cost of consumable material used by students. These charges are compulsory and should be paid as soon as possible. If you are having difficulty making these payments please apply for Student Assistance. All applications are confidential.

Student Assistance Scheme
The Student Assistance Scheme provides support for students attending NSW Government schools. Student assistance funds can be used to provide financial support for items such as:
- Uniforms
- Books
- Excursions
- Elective contributions
Families who need assistance should collect an application form from Deputy Principal, Mr Hodges or the school office.
Reminders

- Parents are reminded that if they need to drop items off at school for their children they must do so through the school office. Students are not to be hanging around the school fences waiting for things to be dropped off.
- Parents are reminded that if they need to see a staff member they should make an appointment through the school office. Parents must not approach teachers in the playground, staffroom or classroom.
- Students who catch a bus must wait on the senior lawns for their bus where they are supervised. Students who walk home must go home straight after the final bell rings for the day.
- Students are reminded that they must obey all road rules when arriving at and leaving school. In particular this means crossing the road safely at the traffic lights.
- Mobile telephones are not to be used in class unless it is under the specific direction of your teacher. iPods and MP3 players should not be used in class at all as they interfere with learning. Students who flout these rules will have these items confiscated. Students bring these valuable items to school at their own risk. WWHS will not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage to these items.
- Important rules to remember
  - Hands off.
  - There is no such thing as mucking around at WWHS.
- Students who engage in aggressive behaviour run the risk of suspension.
- If you are caught bullying or harassing another student, or using abusive or offensive language to a student, staff or community member, expect to be dealt with severely! A number of students have been suspended in the past for these offences.

Careers News

- Any student looking to leave school to become a bricklayer please see Mrs Fellows for details
- Any Year 12 student interested in an apprenticeship as an Agricultural Mechanic at Hutcheon and Pearce please contact Mrs Fellows for more information.
- The ADF Gap Year program provides an opportunity for young Australians, who have finished year 12 (or equivalent) and are aged between 17 and 24, to experience military training and lifestyle whilst gaining new skills and pay over their Gap Year. Gap Year opportunities are available in the Navy, Army and Air Force.
- The life skills and job training that you will acquire during your Gap Year experience will be valuable regardless of what career you ultimately undertake. Navy Gap Year, Army Gap Year (Administration Clerk, Artilleryman, Driver, Rifleman, Unit Quartermaster) and Air Force Gap Year. After completing basic recruit training and your specific trade training, you'll be immersed in the Navy, Army or Air Force lifestyle while continuing to learn on the job. You'll learn valuable skills, meet new friends and may even receive recognised qualifications to help progress your future career. To find out more information about the ADF Gap Year program please visit www.defencejobs.gov.au/gapyear
- Macquarie Uni Campus tours – 13 April, 23 June, 3 July, 25 September and 19 November.
- Macquarie in a Day – Thursday 16 April - This is a chance for Year 11 and 12 students to taste what university will be like by experiencing a day in the life of a university student.
- Student and Parent Information Evening – 20 May
- Careers expos -
  - Northern Beaches Careers Expo – 14-15 May
  - Macarthur Area Careers Expo – 4 June
  - Western Sydney Careers Expo – 18-21 June
  - Central Coast Careers Expo – 23 June
  - Nepean Careers Market – 16-17 July

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 and 'dob in a doer'!

Community News

- North Wagga Junior Australian Football Club is currently registering players for the 2015 season. All returning & new football players can self-register online, & details can be found on our website www.nwjafc.com.au. There will be a registration & information day for football & netball all ages Sunday, 22nd February, between 2pm-4pm at the Palm & Pawn, North Wagga For further details please contact: Garry Crouch, President - 0458 263 524 or Brendan Nilsen, Vice President - 0439 829 805
- Wagga Wagga Crows Junior Rugby Union Registrations 2015. Information & Registration Days to be held on Saturday 28 March, 10am to 2pm at the Sportsman’s Warehouse, and Saturday 2 May, 10am to 2pm at the Farmers Home Hotel.
- Friday Night Rugby Weekly 10 round comp – all games in Wagga - Starts Friday 8 May.
- SIRU Fortnightly Sunday Gala Days – Various towns.
- Every 2nd Sunday from May to August – Starts 3 May in Cootamundra. For more information contact Tim Sides 0437 295 387 or www.waggajuniors.rugbynet.com.au
- Wagga Brothers Juniors Registration Day 2015. Welcoming all new & old players to our registration day for 2015. Come doon, have a kick of the footy & grab a free snag. All coaches will be there so you'll get to chat with them before the first training run. When: February 22, 11am – 2pm at Parramore Park.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

This term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

The survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form for parents/carers about the survey is attached to Highlights this week. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 27 February. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

Canteen News

Students are reminded that they can avoid lining up by placing a lunch order before school.

CAI NTEEN SPECIALS

Monday – Pizza - $5.00
Tuesday – Hamburger - $5.00
Wednesday – Chicken Chilli Wrap - $5.00
Friday – Hot Dog & Sauce – TBA

CALENDAR – Term 1, 2015

FEBRUARY

Thursday 26 - Combined Wagga High Schools Twilight Swimming Carnival
MARCH

Friday 13 – Immunisations – Years 7, 11 & 12
Thursday 19 - WWHS Athletics carnivals
APRIL

Thursday 2 - WWHS Cross Country

Bucket Hats

WWHS bucket hats are available from the school finance office for $10 (cash only).