Congratulations to:

- **Jonathan Bewick** (Yr 12) has been selected as a member of the Carers Advisory Council of NSW reporting to the Minister for Aging Disability & Home Care, Mr. John Ajaka. Jonathan will be representing young carers for the next 4 years.
- **Jessica Toyer** (Yr 9) who volunteers every Saturday for Riding for the Disabled.

Thanks to:

- A massive thank you to the 9HEA students who attended the Combined Small Schools Swimming Carnival on Monday 16th February. Kirrie Post, the coordinator of the Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival contacted WWHS to let us know what a great job our Year 9 students did assisting with the running of the carnival. She said “our students were an absolute pleasure to work with. They were encouraging to all the students particularly those who are just starting to participate in swimming the whole length of the pool. I appreciated that they joined in to help run the novelties. Please pass on my thanks and gratitude to these wonderful citizens from your school”. Great work Year 9!
- Our captains, **Dooley Whiton and Abbey Fellows** for their great speech at the Rotary Peace Awards on Sunday.

**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 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.

**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.

**Reminder to Year 8 students**

Please remember to bring your Borambola excursion permission note to Miss Heinjus and money to the front office by Friday. If you need a new note or have any questions, please see Miss Heinjus.

**P&C News**

Our next P&C meeting, the AGM will be held in the Ted Drake Room in A Block at 7:30pm on Monday March 16. If you would like to nominate for an executive position please contact P&C secretary, Anne Egan on anne.egan@det.nsw.edu.au or pick up a nomination form from the school office. All parents and caregivers are encouraged to come along and support our school.

**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.
- 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

**Australian and International Academic Competitions 2015**

The table below summarises academic competitions for 2015. We’d love to see as many students as possible take the opportunity to test themselves against students from around Australia and beyond. Payment can be made at the office, with one or more competitions per transaction.

**COMPETITION** | **COMP DATE** | **COST** | **ENTRIES CLOSE**
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Digital | May 19 | $8 | April 2
Technologies | June 3 | $8 | May 4
Science | June 18 | $5 | May 1
Chemistry | Jul 28 | $8 | June 26
English | Aug 11 | $8 | Jul 31
Mathematics

**The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey**


If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 27 February. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

**Satisfaction Surveys**

Our online 2014 Satisfaction Survey and Mathematics Survey for parents/caregivers will close on next week. Thanks for the many responses we have already received. If you did not receive the link, send us your email address and we will send the link by return email. The information gathered will guide our planning for the future.
Bucket Hats
WWHS bucket hats are available from the school finance office for $10 (cash only).

School Sponsorship Program
Wagga Wagga High School has a partnership with The Leprechaun’s Bean located at 180 Forsyth Street, to raise much needed funds for the school. For every coffee purchase made, $0.50 is returned to the school. This partnership is one of the easiest fundraisers available to Wagga High, and it has been endorsed by the P&C.

It’s simple! Just nominate Wagga High when placing your order and it will be recorded at the register. These will then be tallied and a cheque presented to the school for the equivalent amount of money.

The Leprechaun’s Bean is becoming renowned for having the most consistently great coffee in town. They have their own free App available from the App Store for Apple and Android phones to ensure timeliness and accessibility of their coffee.

For further information please contact The Leprechaun’s Bean on 6971 0990 or visit their website at www.leprechaunsbean.com.au

All about apostrophes
Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here’s an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now.


When older kids struggle with reading
Should you let your reluctant teen reader choose magazines over books? If your child is still struggling to read and write, and they're heading into high school, there are ways to get them on the right page.


Solving equations
Struggling to remember what algebra was all about and need to help your kids with their homework? Take a look at this study sheet for examples:

Avoiding injuries
Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain? Experts discuss and give tips on what to watch out for.


A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child’s health
We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

Community News
• Free Graduated Licensing Scheme Information Session for Parents of Learner Drivers in Wagga
Young drivers are three times more likely to be involved in casualty crashes. That’s why the Roads and Maritime Services have introduced a new licensing scheme, with more supervised driving practice for learner drivers.

To help parents in supervising learner drivers, the Roads and Maritime Services has set up a FREE 2 hour workshop for parents that offers practical advice on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.

The session will be conducted by David Riches on Wednesday March 18th at the Rules Club (cnr. Fernleigh and Glenfield Roads) from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

Early bookings are advisable, so phone David on 0434 964 764 now to reserve your place, or email saferlearnerdrivers@gmail.com

• Wagga Wagga Crow’s 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 new and old players. Registration day Sunday 22nd 11am – 2pm at Parramore Park for ages 6-15 for boys, and Girls League Tag ages 10s, 13s and 16s

• Wagga United Soccer
Registrations now open for all age groups (5yrs – all age) including women. For more information please contact: Robyn Harrington email: robyn.harrington@bigpond.com

• Kangaroos Junior Rugby League Football Club
Registration Day Saturday 28 February at the plane, Bolton Park 10am –1pm. All players Under 6 to Under 15 and girlsLeaguetag.

CANTEEN 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

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’!