Kaitlyn Staines wins CHS Tennis Championship

Congratulations to Kaitlyn Staines who recently travelled to Sydney to compete in the NSWCHS Tennis Championships. She competed in the Open singles, doubles and mixed events. In the singles she defeated the number 12, 4 and 7 seeds leading to the final. She won the final 9-4 against the number 2 seed. She had similar results in the doubles defeating the number 3 and 2 seeds, and easily winning the final 9-3. Kaitlin and her mixed partner only dropped 1 game in the whole knockout, defeating the number 1 seeds 6-1 in the final. Kaitlin had some great matches and won all 3 events. This is a great achievement, considering she is only 15 years old and in Year 10. The NSW State tennis convenor said he couldn’t remember the last person to win all 3 events and being such a young age. From this event, Kaitlin has now been selected to represent NSWCHS. She travels to Bathurst in late March to compete against the Independent and Catholic schools. If selected, she will represent NSW All Schools in Tasmania in May.

Good luck Kaitlin!

Sports News

Congratulations to Claudia Nugent who represented NSW CHS Firsts at the All Schools Carnival in Sydney last week. She performed admirably and has further developed her skills to assist our school team at the Riverina Finals of the Knock Out being held in Albury tomorrow. Open Water Polo - the girls and boys teams will be competing in Albury - Tuesday, 10th March, good luck to both teams in this state wide competition.

Boys Cricket

Good luck to our open boys’ cricket team who play off for third place in the Byrnes Shield competition after strong wins against Mt Austin and Kildare, and a very close loss to Mater Dai. The boys are playing against TRAC at Robertson Oval starting at 3:30pm today. Our first round in the State KO was against Gundagai last Monday and after restricting them to 90 runs, our opening pair Dylan Martin (52) and Henry Standley (35) chased down the target without trouble.

Sports Uniform - it is a requirement that all students change for practical lessons (PE, Recreation, PASS and Dance). Those without uniform or a note will be placed on a lunchtime detention.

- If a student is unable to participate in a practical PE lesson because of illness or injury they MUST have a NOTE explaining the circumstances from a parent or caregiver. Alternate theory work will be set for the student in lieu of the missed practical experience.

- If a student cannot wear the correct uniform for a lesson- an alternative outfit similar to the PE/Sports uniform should be worn with a NOTE explaining the circumstances from a parent or caregiver.

* All NOTES must be given to the class teacher at the beginning of the lesson.

Deodorant can be used if it is pump action or roll on. Aerosol cans are a banned item so please do not bring these to school.

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.

Bucket Hats

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

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.

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 elective practical 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.
Library News
WORLD BOOK WEB NEWS FROM THE WWHS LIBRARY
Our World Book subscription allows us to give you and your family access to this valuable reference source at your home computers 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. We are providing this service to you at no charge!
We hope that your whole family will use the World Book sites often to help with homework, special projects, at-home learning and information seeking.
To access the World Book Web, follow these simple steps:
1. Go to the World Book web site: http://www.worldbookonline.com
2. Type in the following user Login ID: wwhs1
3. Password: library

Please remember that login and password information is for students and their families only, and extending this information to people who do not live within the school district could result in loss of at-home access for our students.

Maths Competition
Maths competition is on again. All students are invited to enter and test their skills. A reminder to students of Maths advanced classes and EEE program, you are expected to enter. The cost is $8 and payment is due by the end of term (2nd April). The Maths staff are looking forward to seeing everyone testing their skills

Australian and International Academic Competitions 2015
This 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.

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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.

Help Raise Funds for WWHS through Quickbeds
Next time you are booking accommodation, go to www.quickbeds.com and enter the WWHS Grassroots ID: 1280. Every time you book accommodation through Quickbeds you raise $10 for our P&C.

Reminder
• Students who are late to school must report to the school office and provide a note explaining why they are late. If students have an appointment, the nature of the appointment must be indicated on the note.
• Two important safety rules to remember at school: hands off! and no throwing!
• SCOOTERS and SKATEBOARDS are banned from WWHS and indeed, all government high schools in NSW. Do not bring a scooter or skateboard to school – it will be confiscated and will have to be collected by a parent. This rule applies every day of the school week.
• Parents are reminded that family holidays should be taken during school holidays. Research clearly shows that absences from school have an impact on academic outcomes.

Senior Students’ Study Leave
Senior students are reminded that they are not to leave the school during the school day unless they have applied for study leave. See Mr Gunter for an application form. Students should be aware that if they breach the conditions of study leave, this privilege will be revoked. It is disappointing to see that a small number of seniors continue to flout this rule. Repeated offenders run the risk of suspension. Be warned! Students in Years 7-10 must not leave the school at any time during the school day unless they have a Leave Pass or are part of a school excursion.

Community News
• Turvey Park Football & Netball Club – Players required for the 2015 season for Under 17’s. For further information please call Vinnie Carroll 0429 311 680 or Grant Carroll – 0419 613 677.
• Narrandera’s John O’Brien Festival Busking Competition – Saturday March 14 East Street 10am – 11.30am. $10 entry fee - earn $5 from your audience!
• Kangaroos Junior Rugby League Football Club – still have vacancies for registration in the following age groups - Under 6’s, 7’s, 10’s, 12’s and Under 10’s Girls League Tag. For further information please contact Anna Keough at pakeough@bigpond.net.au

Participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge in 2015!
Students from NSW schools in Years 7-9 are eligible to participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge from now. The aim of the Challenge is to encourage a love of reading for pleasure by giving students the opportunity to read more quality literature and to read widely. Wagga High is actively encouraging students to participate in the 2015 challenge by reading 20 books from the list before the 21st of August. All students who successfully complete the challenge receive a challenge certificate, signed by the Premier. Parents and students should be aware that participating students will also appear on the Honour Roll, consequently any parent who has concerns about their child participating in the Challenge should contact library staff. Wagga High Library and the Riverina Regional Library hold many of the titles on the Challenge list including a range of graphics, fiction and non-fiction, and library staff are always happy to assist students with their selections.

More information on the Challenge can be found at: https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html. Note that there is also a PRC App available. Feel free to direct any questions to Wagga High Library staff. We hope to see many of you taking up the reading challenge this year!

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

CALENDAR – Term 1, 2015
MARCH
Wednesday 11 – Year 11 RYDA Program
Friday 13 – Immunisations – Years 7, 11 & 12
Monday 16 – P & C Meeting 7.30pm
Tuesday 17 – Year 9 Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 18 – Year 7 2016 Information Evening 6pm Currie Hall
Thursday 19 - WWHS Athletics Carnival
Friday 20 – World’s Greatest Shave for a Cure Sausage Sizzle
Wednesday 25 - World’s Greatest Shave for a Cure Cake Stall
Tuesday 30 – April 1 – Surf Trip

APRIL
Thursday 2 - WWHS Cross Country
Last Day Term 2 – Thursday 2 April

Term 2 2015 - Monday 20 April - Staff
Tuesday 21 – Students return

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’!