Wagga Highlights
The Home Newsletter of Wagga Wagga High School

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Term 2 Week 1 – Tuesday 21 April 2015

Staff Changes
Deputy Principal, Greg Hodges, will be relieving as principal at Batlow Technology School for the rest of the year. We will announce his replacement at WWHS in Highlights next week.

Congratulations to:
• Kaitlin Staines (Yr 10) on her selection in the NSW All Schools Tennis Team. What an achievement!
• Hannah Mison (Yr 8) who has been selected in the NSW Little Athletics Team to compete in the Australian Championships in Perth later this month. Great work.

Sports News
• 2015 Cross Country Report
The last day of term 1 culminated with our annual Cross Country carnival, which starts and finishes at our school oval. Although it is far from an easy course, there were many fantastic performances across all age groups. It was also an incredibly close carnival with only 11 points separating all four houses. Congratulations to Sturt who were the winners, followed in order by Hargreaves, McCarter and Farrer.

AGE CHAMPIONS
17yrs+ Carter Lovell
Sarah Hogan
16yrs Steven Senior
(Tied) Sarah Crakanthorp / Emma Meiklejohn
15yrs Josh Staines
Kaitlin Staines
14yrs Lewis Read
Hannah Mison
13yrs Kein Creavitin
Leila Miles
12yrs Damon Hurst
Lauren Jolliffe

Well done to all participants including staff members who completed the cross country.

Year 8 Welfare Day
Last term, on Friday 27 March, Year 8 students went on an excursion to Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre. They were split into three groups and participated in two activities on the day. The students got involved in activities like kayaking, archery and initiatives (problem solving), as well as being served a beautiful lunch. The kayaking was fun and it involved a lot of coordination and support from each other. Archery was enjoyable too, where students got to show off their skills and encourage each other to achieve success. Initiatives was challenging as each team had to complete problem-solving activities, so lots of team work and confidence was necessary to succeed in that one. Overall, it was a very enjoyable day, and the teachers attending were so proud of the students representing our school. Well done on your behaviour and involvement on the day Year 8. Miss Heinjus

P&C News
Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 11 May at 7:30pm in the Ted Drake Room. All parents and caregivers are encouraged to come along and support our school.

Around the Traps
• Wagga Wagga High School Football Socks: are available from the uniform shop for $10. These socks should be worn when representing Wagga Wagga High School in sports such as hockey, soccer, league, union, AFL, etc. The socks can be purchased on Tuesday mornings (8.00am to 12.00pm) and Thursday afternoons (2.00pm – 6.00pm)
• The Salvation Army Red Shield appeal will be held on the weekend of May 30-31. If you would like to help contact the Salvos on 6921 7895 or call into the Salvation Army at 188 Edward Street, next to McDonalds.

Parent Teacher Evening
Our first Parent/Teacher interviews to allow you to consult with your child’s teachers will be held on Tuesday 28 April. Teachers will be available for interview by appointment from 4:00pm until 6:30pm. Interviews will be conducted in Currie Hall and the Gym and are of seven minutes duration. To co-ordinate the interviews we are using an online booking system to assist parents in securing their preferred interview times. The procedure is as follows:
• If you wish to see any of your child’s teachers, you need to secure an appointment time using this system. If you do not have access to the internet your local library may be able to help, or alternatively you can call the school office.
• The booking system will only be accessible from Thursday 2 April through to 12.00pm on Tuesday 28 April. No interview requests will be accepted outside of these times.
• In your web browser type in the school website www.wwhs.com.au and when this appears click the link for “Parent Teacher interviews” and follow the instructions.

School Photos
School photos will be on Tuesday April 28. Students must be in full school uniform and should bring the envelopes they received in rollocall. Family photos will be taken during recess and lunch so students should organise a time with their siblings. For students who will be away on the day there will be a catch-up session on Friday May 1.

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 the school is on show!
► 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.

Travel Grant Opportunity
Students in regional and rural areas often miss out on educational opportunities that are accessed by their counterparts in the larger city areas. The Drs Kenneth and Cheryl Cheung Travel Grant/Scholarship Foundation has been set up to bridge the distance, by providing financial assistance to high school students enabling them to attend study workshops, school-sanctioned educational activities, agricultural shows, or even attend a performing arts workshop.

The Travel Grant/Scholarship Program is administered by three members of the community, independent of the fund sponsors. To obtain more information, please go to http://bit.ly/1bbbJkw
Complaints

Parents and caregivers are reminded that if you have a concern about anything to do with our school, you are encouraged to come to the school and tell someone so that your concern can be resolved. It is our aim to work with all of our school community to ensure that we do the very best we can to ensure a productive, safe and enjoyable experience for our students. However, should you feel that you must raise a concern formally, the NSW Department of Education and Communities has procedures for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. A brochure which provides information about how to lodge a complaint and a Complaint Form are available from the WWHS office. Further information is also available in the Department’s Complaints Handling Guidelines which includes a guide to Lodging a Complaint. These documents can be accessed on the Department’s internet website at https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/

Reminders

• 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.

• 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 this year for these offences – don’t be the next one!
• Our Uniform Code states that the only acceptable footwear is black leather, fully enclosed shoes which cover the whole foot.

Parents!!!!

Please do not turn up to school unannounced without an appointment and expect to speak to the principal, one of the deputy principals, a student adviser, the careers adviser, our counsellor or one of your child’s teachers - there is absolutely no guarantee that they will be available. What you need to do is ring the school first to arrange an appropriate time.

School Contributions and Elective Fees Are Now Overdue

Have YOU paid YOUR 2015 GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS [$60 for Years 7-9 and $80 for Years 10-12]? Did you know that if every family paid their general contributions, we would raise over $72000? Please do your bit for your school – we really appreciate your support!

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, 50c 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

Community News

• Junior Hockey Umpiring Clinic

A hockey umpiring clinic for junior umpires will be held at the hockey fields at Jubilee Oval on Monday April 27 from 4:30pm. Please bring your own whistle. For more information, please contact Brydie Wellham on 0411 749 189. Other clinics will run later in the year.

• Northcott Literary Light Luncheon with Beth McRae

You are again very welcome to join us on May 12 at 12:00pm at the Riverine Club, Wagga for a light luncheon with author Beth McRae. She will be sharing her heart-warming memoir, Outback Midwife, the story of McRae’s 40 years as a midwife. With her ability to bond with people from all walks of life Beth’s career of “catching babies” takes her from the city to the bush as she shares with them one of the most important moments in life.

• Wagga Waqqa Cycling Club “Try the Road”

Register now for 2015 road season. New adult and junior members welcome. All ages welcome 3 years and up. Helmet (AS2063) required. Contact James Vickers 0427 448 566

• Turvey Park Junior Rugby League

Vacancies are available for all teams. Registrations will take place every Wednesday at training from 4.30 – 6.30pm, until start the start of the season. For more information contact Ally 0404 687 138 or Steve 0424 626 080.

Calendar

Term 2 2015

APRIL

Tuesday 21 Students return
Friday 24 ANZAC Ceremony
Tuesday 28 School Photos

MAY

Monday 11 Parent/Teacher Evening
Tuesday 12 – Thu 14 Catch-up Photo Day
Friday 22 P&C Meeting – 7.30pm

NAPLAN Testing
Immunisations Yrs 7, 11 & 12