WWHS Remembers

The annual whole school Anzac Assembly on Friday 24 April, organised by the History department, made connections between individuals and the enormous historical forces that come into play in our lives, by presenting the stories of many ex-Wagga High students and teachers, whose names are on the World War 1 honour board in B Block. Students and staff read out a brief summary of the war records of each of these men, a number of whom were a similar age to our senior students. Student leaders Dooley Whiton, Abbey Fellows, Madeline Podmore and Matthew Hort conducted the Ceremony of Remembrance for a respectful audience, with the Official Party witnessing the wreath being laid on the Honour Board in B Block. On Anzac Day our captains Abbey Fellows and Dooley Whiton read the Legacy Inspiration at the Dawn Service, while vice-captains, Matthew Hort and Madeline Podmore gave an excellent speech at the ceremony of remembrance at the war cemetery. Later in the morning Peter Baker, Samuel Jenkins, Isabelle Cowell, Sabella Hebels, Claudia Jenkins and Carter Lovell proudly carried the 1st AIF banner in the march, while captains, Madeline Podmore, Matthew Hort, Dooley Whiton and Abbey Fellows, laid a wreath on behalf of all students and staff from WWHS at the cenotaph.

Staff Changes

Head Teacher Administration, Nathan Gunter will be our relieving Deputy Principal for the rest of the year, replacing Greg Hodges who is acting Principal of Batlow Technology School.

Thanks to:

Our students who supported the local RSL by selling poppies and badges to the public last Thursday.

Congratulations to:

The Lawn Bowls Team – winning against Temora 26-20 on Wednesday. They are now in the Riverina finals and we wish the team the best of luck!

Moving up the Levels

Congratulations to the following students who have moved up recently in our school honours system: India Becroft (Yr 8) Gold and Kawan Desai (Yr 8) Platinum. Great work!

School Photos - Tomorrow

School photos will be on Tuesday 28 April. Students must be in full school uniform and should bring the envelopes they received in roll call. 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 1 May.

Carroll Cup

On Wednesday night the Carroll Cup competition started with WWHS taking on Mt Austin in Round 1. On the back of an outstanding first quarter, which yielded 13 straight goals, the boys amassed a huge total of 27-24-186 to 0-1-1. Bryce McPherson (5), Rhyce Doneley (4), Sean Keith (4) and Matthew Hort (4) were the major goal scorers. Matthew Hort and Carter Lovell represented the school and team well at the media launch on Wednesday morning. We have a bye this week and take on Kooringal in Week 3 at Robertson Oval.

Around the Traps

Ever played Quiddich? An excellent opportunity at WWHS this week with the Year 10 & 11 REC classes will be participating in a game of Quiddich with some members of the University of Western Sydney on Wednesday 29 April.

WWHS 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 (8am to 12 noon) and Thursday afternoons.

The Salvation Army Red Shield appeal will be held on the weekend on 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.

Bangarra Dance Group

Aboriginal students from local schools were invited to participate in a workshop run by the Bangarra Dance group, held at the school gymnasium on Friday. Students were taught a contemporary Indigenous dance repertoire by a leading artist. Wagga Wagga High School students, Tammy Vaugh, Molly Lenon, Nicole Fretwell and Michael Payne enjoyed the experience and gained valuable skills. Tammy, Molly and Nicole were successful in gaining a place in the next round with the possibility of joining the 2015 NSW Public Schools Aboriginal Dance Company and the Schools Spectacular Aboriginal Dance Ensemble.

Sports News

PDHPE – ensure you have the correct uniform for practical lessons in PE, Recreation and Dance. Detentions for out of uniform will continue on Wednesday lunch times.

Virtual Parenting – our new “babies” require capsules. If you have a baby capsule that you could donate to this program, it would be greatly appreciated.
P&C News

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

Careers News

The UMAT Simple Steps to Success - A three hour seminar on how to approach the Undergraduate Medical Admissions Test (UMAT) will be held on Saturday 9 May 8.50am – 12.30pm at the UNSW Rural Clinical School, Harvey House Docker Street, Wagga Wagga. Register at springboardtutoring@gmail.com RSVP Thursday 7 May, $10 per person

Macquarie’s Global Leadership Entry Program (GLEP) 2016 intake applications are now open. Designed for the best and brightest students, it will develop and inspire them to be the global leaders of tomorrow. GLEP is suited to students that are all-rounders. The program lights the path to a range of exciting Macquarie degrees and career options for students. Learn more about the program and application process at http://macquarieuniversity-recruitment.cm ail2.com/t/r-i-quivoskujuyjdhk-y/

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.

Stewart House

Each year 1,800 public school children in need, are cared for by Stewart House, after being nominated by their own schools because they are in need of a break from their current circumstance. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical assessment and urgent treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem, develop social skills and to promote a healthier lifestyle. Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for nine days of their 12-day stay. The NSW Department of Education provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school and an annual grant to Stewart House. All other costs associated with the children’s stay are met from charitable contributions. Stewart House needs your help. Attached to Highlights this week is a donation envelope which gives you the chance to win a holiday. Please give generously to Stewart House.

Student Refunds

The policy at WWHS is for student refunds to be credited to your child’s account. This will enable this amount to be applied to fees or other activities, as they arise. If a cash refund is required, this must be applied for by parents through the office. Thank you.

K Richards – Administrative Manager

NAPLAN 2015

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008. On Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 May, students will take the 2015 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/all-about-naplan

Save the Date

The WWHS Annual Dance Night is on this term – Tuesday 23 June 2015. More information to come.

$5.00 Canteen Specials

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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’!