New Highlights

Most of you will have noticed our new look Highlights. We will now be emailing Highlights to all students each week and hope to have a new WWHS smartphone app for easy access to school information in the near future. Would you like to have Highlights emailed to you? Easy! Simply send your email address to highlights@wwhs.com.au and we will add you to our list.

Around the Traps

WWHS students James Knott Yr 8, Michael Pope Yr 9 and Monir Karmach Yr8, marched in the Anzac parade as part of their Cadet Unit. Well done.

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.

Thanks to ...the many parents who attended our parent/teacher evening last week.

Congratulations

During the last holidays Bronty Hull and Sarah Crakanthorp competed in the Regional Touch Football Championships in Sydney. They played in the Southern Suns U16’s team and were runners up at the carnival. Bronty and Sarah were then named in a state merit side that was selected at the completion of the carnival.

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.

Moving up the levels

Congratulations to Clare Cooper (Yr 12) who has achieved Honours and to Alexandra Dennis (Yr 11) who has achieved Honours for an amazing 5 times! Great work!

Chickens for Sale

The school farm has Isa Brown chickens for sale. Four weeks old, well feathered $7.00 this week. Contact the farm on 6925 3260.

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 and elective contributions.

Families who need assistance should collect an application form from Deputy Principal, Mr Gunter or the school office.

Sports News

Congratulations to the Junior and Senior Dance Ensembles, as well as the Year 8 and Year 9 Elective Dance classes for gaining a performance spot in the Riverina Dance Festival. The Festival will be held in Albury on June 5. All groups auditioned late last term and were very professional and polished. Well done all!

Save the Date

The WWHS Dance Spectacular for 2015 is fast approaching. The dance students of the school, as well as the Drama Ensemble and singers are working very hard to produce an excellent show. The show will be held on Tuesday 23 June 2015. Ticket information is soon to be released.

Year 10, 11 and 12 Elective Sport

On Wednesday 29 April our Year 10, 11 and 12 elective sport classes were given the opportunity to learn the new game Quidditch! Two members from UWS in Sydney came to Wagga High to teach the students how to play the famous “Harry Potter” game. One of the instructors is even a world champion Quidditch player! The students were very behaved and had a great time running around on their broom sticks. They are very keen to put a team into the upcoming competitions so watch this space!

Surf Camp

In week 10 of Term 1, some students from Years 10 and 11 were lucky enough to attend the 2015 Surf Camp. Lots of laughs were had, as well as surfing and Go Karting and the level of skill from each student should be commended! The students represented the school well and had an excellent time whilst in Gerringong.

Country Rugby League Player Visit

On Wednesday 29 April, some of the Country Representatives from the City vs Country game played in Wagga on Sunday 3 May came to speak to our Year 9 PDHPE classes. They spoke about their goals and achievements and the students were given the opportunity to ask questions and take photos.

Congratulations Mr Willis

One of our PE teachers, Mr Willis, completed his second Ironman Challenge on the weekend, beating his PB by 25 minutes on 3 May in Port Macquarie. This is a massive achievement and is the result of two years of hard work and training.
WWHS Hip Hop Ensemble

For the 2015 WWHS Dance Spectacular we will be selecting a number of students to be a part of our Hip Hop Dance Ensemble. We invite any boys and girls that have had some Hip Hop Dance training to audition with a short 30-45 second dance routine (bring music) on Monday 11 May at lunch time in the Hall. We are very excited to invite guest choreographer Callie McDonald from Street Slammin Hip Hop Dance Studio to instruct the ensemble. Please see Mrs Fisher or Miss Brown in the PE staffroom for further information.

Family Court Orders and AVOs

Sadly sometimes relationships break down and the court makes orders that change the contact parents can have with their children or the role they play in making decisions about their children’s education. These can be Family Court Orders or Apprehended Violence Orders. If this happens it is important that you provide the school with a copy of any court orders that could impact on your child’s education. In the absence of any notification to the contrary, the school will assume that both parents continue to retain a shared and equal parental responsibility for their children and should be involved in making any decisions regarding their children’s education. This means that the school will recognise that each parent has equal duties, obligations, responsibilities and opportunities in relation to matters involving the school.

If any changes occur in your family relationships which have the potential to impact on the relationship between the school and your family, please advise the school immediately and provide a copy of any court orders that may be obtained.

These orders will be stored securely and only accessed by staff who need to see them in order to plan for your children’s learning and support and related issues.

Managing Depression

One in four children over 12 has symptoms of depression. Would you know what to look for and how to help? Don’t be afraid, ask your child how they are feeling and keep communicating with them. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/managing-depression-in-children

Financial Literacy


NAPLAN

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 a 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

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).

Community News

Wagga Wagga Crows Junior Rugby Union - will be holding its final “Try Rugby” training session on Wednesday 29 April between 5.00pm and 6.00pm at Conolly Rugby Complex, Jubilee Park.

The Wagga Wagga Friday Night competition starts on Friday 8 May. Registrations are now open and links can be found on our website at www.waggajuniors.rugbynet.com.au and on our Facebook page, with lots of other information about playing Rugby.

International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOT)

Wagga Wagga PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) has received a grant to hold an event in support of International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia. PFLAG is hosting a fun afternoon of activities (trampolining, table tennis, pool, mini golf, karaoke and board games) at Jump’n’Putt in Nagle St Wagga Wagga from 4.30pm to 6.30pm on the 17 May 2015. This event is free and snacks, drinks and education packs will be provided.

All children must arrive with a parent/carer and have a signed waiver to participate. Parents and Carers are welcome to stay and mingle with other adults. This event is open to all youth with our focus supporting Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgender, Intersex and Questioning (LBGTIQ) youth as well as any young person who would like to participate regardless of race, religion or sexual orientation. If you would like more information on this day, pick up a flyer and waiver from our school office.

$5.00 Canteen Specials

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