Education Week at Wagga Wagga High School

Education Week will be officially launched at the Marketplace today at midday. Our Junior Dance Ensemble along with Year 12 student, Liam Krebs, will be performing at the opening and our Stage Band and Ska band will be performing at the Marketplace on Tuesday afternoon from 2:00pm. See if you can catch this performance during lunchtime. A reminder to performers, all black clothing is to be worn.

On Wednesday our Education Week Assembly will feature NAIDOC week activities.

Support Unit Education Week annual concert will be held this Thursday in the Music Rooms. The concert starts at 1:30pm and will be followed with an afternoon tea in the Support classrooms. The theme this year is “Aussie, Aussie, Aussie, Oi, Oi, Oi”? Family and friends are welcome to attend.

2015 HSC Dance Showcase

Come along and support our current Year 12 dance students, who will be performing their performance items for the very last time before their HSC. The items will include their Core Performance Solos, Core Composition works, Major Study Performance pieces and Major Study Composition works.

When: Thursday 30 July 2015
Where: WWHS Currie Hall
Time: 6:00pm
Supper will be provided after the performance.

Production Vocal Auditions

Vocal auditions for the production will be held this week and next. Students should check the notice board outside the Art staff room as well as listen to notices for further information.

Leadership Opportunity for Girls in Years 10 & 11

Country to Canberra is a youth-led non-profit organisation that is empowering rural girls to reach their leadership potential and connects young women from rural areas with powerful women and motivational mentors to break down gender and geographical barriers to success. This year they are running a nationwide essay competition that awards winners with an all-expenses paid ‘Power Trip’ to Canberra to meet high-profile politicians and executives and Skype mentoring sessions. For more information, go to http://countrytocanberra.com.au/enter-the-competition/ or talk to Mrs Murray in the Japanese staffroom.

Library News

Those students who’ve entered into the Premier’s Reading Challenge have only a few more weeks to go to finish reading 20 books to qualify for their certificate. All books should be registered on your reading log by 21 August. If you’re having trouble getting through enough books come and see the friendly library staff who can direct you to some quick reads so you get it completed. We’d love to see you all get finished!

A reminder that all WWHS students, staff and their families have free access to the digital encyclopedia The World Book - great for school assignments and general interest! Simply go to: www.worldbookonline.com , u/name: wwhs1, p/word: library.

Robocup

Last Wednesday, six WWHS students from Year 8 competed in the RoboCup Junior competition, held at Charles Sturt University. The event attracted multiple teams from schools across the Riverina and surrounds. The focus of RoboCup Junior is the development of teamwork skills as well as technical skills in an environment of participation, fun and excitement. Students were required to complete various circuits in secondary rescue, where the objective was to knock the tin can off of the circuit. This required the students to design a program that would allow their robot to stay on the track and recognise the tin can. The six boys were able to put some smart thinking and programming into place to receive some valuable points on the day and achieve some personal goals. Congratulations to all the participants involved from Wagga High for the many hours given up to compete in this competition.

Work Experience

In Week 9 of Term 2, I had work experience at Ashmont Auto Port. I did a lot of work like fixing engines, scanning cars to find problems and other repairs. This work experience helped me find what I am good at and what I can do in the future. My supervisor was proud of my work and he has invited me back for more work.

I am thankful that Mrs Fellows and Mr Bax gave me the chance for work experience.

Mohammad Yasin Ahmadi
**Student Leaders 2016**

Nominations close with Mr Powell or Mrs Henderson at 3:30pm today! Written applications will then be due next Monday 3 August, Week 4.

**Around the Traps**

Year 12 students are reminded that they must submit their awards to Mr Powell by the end of Week 7 if they wish to progress in the Honours System and have these awards presented at their Graduation Assembly.

Have you checked out the Wagga Wagga High School Official Facebook page?

**Staff Information**

Congratulations to Chris Delaney who has been permanently appointed as our Head Teacher Social Science after a merit selection process.

**National Scoliosis Self-Detection Program**

**WHAT IS SCOLIOSIS?**
Scoliosis is a lateral or sideways curve of the spine. The spine also rotates on its long axis as it curves. It usually develops during early adolescence (age 10-13 years) when growth is most rapid.

**WHAT IS THE CAUSE OF SCOLIOSIS?**
The cause is unknown, but 80-90% of cases occur in otherwise healthy adolescents. This is called idiopathic (cause unknown) scoliosis. Scoliosis is NOT contagious and NOT caused by bad posture, a soft mattress, carrying a heavy school bag or junk food.

**WHY IS EARLY DETECTION IMPORTANT?**

While very small curves are common and of no significance, about 2% of girls have a curve which warrants medical observation during the growth period. Three girls per 1,000 will require treatment during the growth phase. If treatment is required, the earlier it is undertaken, the better the long-term result. This is the basis for screening since in the early stages scoliosis produces no symptoms. The way to detect scoliosis is to look for it!

**SELF DETECTION**

A brochure that outlines a simple self-detection process can be downloaded from [http://www.scoliosis-australia.org](http://www.scoliosis-australia.org).

**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. WWHS will not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage to these items.

**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.

**Agriculture Department**

Our Ag department are in need of any unwanted egg cartons and plant pots. Please send into Mr Gillard in the TAS staff room.

**Disability Dance Group**

Hilary Measday, an ex-student of WWHS, is running a disability dance group after school. It is on every Wednesday at 5:30pm-6:15pm at 194 Morgan Street. Cost is $10 per person.

**P & C News**

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 3 August at 7:30pm in the Ted Drake Room. All parents and caregivers are encouraged to come along and support our school.

**Family and Community Service Youth Scholarships**

Applications for a Family and Community Services Youth Scholarship are now open. The Youth Scholarship Program assists eligible young people living in social housing or on the NSW Housing Register to complete their HSC or TAFE equivalent. Two hundred and sixty-six scholarships are on offer, each one consists of a one-off payment of $1,500 which is administered by the school or TAFE College on behalf of the student.

Applicants must be:

- Living in social housing in NSW (public housing, Aboriginal housing, community housing), living in crisis accommodation or on the NSW Housing Register
- Studying in Year 11 or 12 at a NSW high school or TAFE college for the HSC or TAFE equivalent in 2016
- Aged 25 years or under on 1 December 2016
- An Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Not earning an income higher than the NSW social housing eligibility limits (if earning an income)

A student who has previously been awarded a Family and Community Services Youth Scholarship cannot apply again.

**Applications close at 5:00pm, 31 July 2015.**

For more information and to download the application form and guidelines please go to: [http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Living+in+Public+Housing/Youth+Scholarships+2016.htm](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Living+in+Public+Housing/Youth+Scholarships+2016.htm)

**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’!

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