Congratulations to:

Domenic Hort and Ryan O’Connor (Yr 9) for their great singing with our Ska band during our education week assembly.

A huge congratulations to the Year 12 Dance Class for completing their HSC practical dance exams last week! Students include Riley Ashcroft, Madeleine Moon, Jacinta Curry, Clare Mattingly, Kyarah Gaffey, Mikayla Gregory, Lydia Grigg, Emily Russell and Taylor Rutland-Grierson. We would also like to acknowledge the wonderful students in younger years who performed for the students composition exams! These students have worked tirelessly with the Year 12 students and have given up a lot of their time to rehearse. Thank you to Angelika Temponeras, Willow Essex, Marc Tagalog, Madeleine Bradley, Sarah Meiklejohn, Emma Meiklejohn, Alicia Rynehart, Molly Lennon, Ella Fitzpatrick.

Open Girls Rugby – State Champions!

NSWCHS State Champions 2015 – an outstanding result by an outstanding group of girls. This was an extremely hard day at the office for the team against high quality opposition with 3 out of the 4 games being decided by 7 points or less. They were in the toughest pool and needed to finish on top of their pool to feature in the final. After being 15-0 down at half time in their first game against Hills Sports High, the girls shrugged off the lacklustre start to play a tough, attractive style of rugby in the second half to overcome a quality Hills Sports High team 19-15. The second game against Warialda was a dour affair. In reality, this was an ordinary performance by the girls’ standards with the final score a 12 all draw.

They defeated Mulwaree High 34-0 in the final pool game and had an anxious wait to see the result of the Hills Sports High vs. Warialda game to determine who finished top of the pool. In what can only be described as a crazy day where anything could and probably did happen, there was still a final twist to come.

The scenario was this:

1. If Hills Sports High defeated Warialda and scored 4 tries to gain a bonus point (which based on what we had seen - they were unbackable favourites to do so), they would be in the final.
2. If Warialda won the game, they were in the final
3. If Hills Sports High defeated Warialda but scored less than 4 tries, Wagga High were in the final.

By fulltime in that game I had no fingernails left on either hand and twice as much grey hair than I had at the start of the day but had just witnessed Hills Sports High defeat Warialda 10-5 in one of the most bizarre games of 7s rugby I have ever seen – which put the girls into the State Final against last years’ Champions in Hunter Sports High school.

The girls seemed determined to make the most of the opportunity in the final. It was a tense game with Hunter scoring early to lead 5-0. The girls replied with a converted try to take the lead 7-5. Another unconverted try to the girls made the score 12-5 at half time. Hunter scored a runaway try midway through the second half to narrow the gap to 12-10 however the girls mustered one final effort to score a length of the field try right on fulltime to finish 17-10 victors and the worthy title of State Champions.

Congratulations girls on a fantastic result! This is thoroughly deserved after all the hard work you have put in.

In a team of absolute champions, Sarah Hogan was outstanding all day – confirming why she is regarded as one of the premier Women’s players in our region. Our Captain – Holly Stephens again proved to be an inspirational leader both on and off the field and was well supported by Amy Fowler, Emily Cox, Tahlih Footman, Tegan Podmore and Jess Taylor. Spare a thought for Bronty Hull, Jess Taylor, Jess Wilson and Tara Winbank who are members of both the U16’s and Open teams and played an incredible nine games of rugby in one day. A phenomenal effort.

The team consisted of: Holly Stephens ©, Sarah Hogan, Emily Cox, Natalie Creed, Tegan Podmore, Madeline Podmore, Tahlih Footman, Clare Cooper, Amy Fowler, Bronty Hull, Jess Taylor, Jess Wilson, Sarah Lloyd and Tara Winbank.

Around The Traps

Year 12 students are reminded this term is the deadline! The end of Week 7

Captains’ Leadership Day

Our adventure started off with a 6:25am flight; Wagga to Sydney. Once arriving in Sydney, Abbey, myself and the Kooringal and Junee High School captains all caught a maxi taxi into the city, it was a lovely clear day. We then strolled through the Botanic Gardens up to Parliament House where our first conference began. There were many other school captains and school representatives around and we got ushered into the theatrette inside the building. A handful of politicians came in and told us about their roles and how they ended up with them.

After the conference all of us went and sat in the chamber and listened to two discussions; funding for a national park and age discrimination; both were very interesting.

Next thing was morning tea, then we walked to the governor’s house. Back through the Botanic Gardens we all strolled and eventually approached a massive castle like house! We were broken into three separate groups and one at a time a group got a tour of some of the house. Then the Governor; David Hurley spoke to us about his job and what he does, all of which was very interesting.
He then asked if we had any questions and one girl asked “What is the best advice you’ve ever been given?” and David replied, “That when you are in a leadership role, you are on display twenty-four-seven”. And I thought this was wise advice because it is so true, as soon as you put on a uniform you are on display, as soon as you take it off people still look at you and see you as if you are still wearing that uniform.

Abbey and I then went and lined up behind all the other schools and shook hands with David and his wife, had a quick chat and it turned out his wife did her teaching course here in Wagga! We then got a photo with him and his wife.

Now was a tiring plane trip home, after which we found ourselves getting soaked in the rain at the Wagga airport at around 8:30pm. Overall it was an excellent day; Abbey and I had a wonderful experience! A huge thank you goes to our P&C who paid for our flights.

Dooley Whitton – School Captain 2015

Moving up the levels

Congratulations to the following students who have moved up recently in our school honours system: Gold: Alice Egan (Yr 12); Platinum: Carter Lovell (Yr 11) and Lakna Gunawardena (Yr 12) and Honours: Nari Crevatin (Yr 12) for an amazing 3rd time! Great work!

Sports News

Riverina Athletics
On Friday 31 July, 31 students participated in the Riverina Athletics Carnival in Albury. Congratulations to the following students who have made it to the State Athletics; Jonathan Bewick, Will Bingham, Jacob Collingridge, Damien Hay, Nicholas Hay, Damon Hurst, Lauren Jolliffe, Tex Lindsay, Hannah Mison, Madeleine Moon, Sophie Thomson, Ruby Vonarx, and members of the 13 Girls and 14 Girls relay teams. Also congratulations to Nicholas Hay for breaking the 17 year boys Discus record. We commend all students who participated in the carnival and wish those participating at state level all the best.

Boys Hockey

Congratulations to the Boys Hockey Team winning the combined Wagga Wagga High School after-school competition. The boys won against Kooringal 3-1 to make it 3 wins in 3 years and 8 wins in the past 9 years. Well done boys and good luck in the state knockout against Lithgow.

Wagga High qualifies for final eight in State CHS Netball comp

The Wagga Wagga High School Girls Open Netball team has qualified for the final eight in the State CHS Netball Knockout competition after defeating Billabong High School, 23-15. Spearheaded by a brilliant display from circle defender, Rhiannon Podmore, the Wagga team extended a one goal quarter time lead to two at half time, and then, after allowing Billabong to take the lead briefly in the third term, finished strongly to outpoint the home side by eight goals. Rhiannon was given top support from fellow defenders, Emily Rennick, Kadison Hofert and Sarah Crackanthorp and shooters, Sarah O’Leary and Lily Wild, well fed by centre-courters, Abbey Fellows, Hannah Egan and Jess Davies found the target repeatedly with a second half conversion rate of 88%. The team, coached by teacher, Mrs Lawson, will now travel to Wollongong to contest the final eight in the second week of September.

Under 16’s Girls Rugby

Congratulations to the U16’s girls’ rugby team who competed in the NSWCHS Finals in Sydney last week. This team had a mixture of youth and experience with girls ranging from Yr 7 through to Year 11. The girls defeated Narara Valley 20-5, lost to Yanco Ag 20-15 and defeated Hunter Sports High 15-10 to finish second in their pool.

They were defeated by the eventual champions Wailalda 25-5 in the semi-finals which put them in the play-off for third position. After scoring two quick tries in the first half against Wauchope, the girls went in to half time with a 10–0 lead. Wauchope clawed their way back in the second half to level the scores by fulltime, leaving the end result as a 10 all draw. As Wagga High scored first, the girls claimed 3rd place in the State. A fantastic achievement. Well done girls.

Bronty Hull was superb and was well supported by Jess Taylor, Kirra Hubbard, Tara Winbank and Sarah Deane.

The team consisted of: Bronty Hull ©, Jess Taylor, Jess Wilson, Kirra Hubbard, Kadison Hofert, Abbey Mellen, Tara Winbank, Lauren Harris, Ellie Bennett, Krystal Jessup, Claire Junck and Sarah Deane.

Thanks to

• School captains, Abbey Fellows and Dooley Whitton for taking part in the Town and Gown Procession last week, despite the freezing conditions.

Parent Teacher Evening

The next Parent/Teacher interview to allow you to consult with your child’s teachers will be held on Tuesday 18 August. 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.

• If you wish to see any of your child’s teachers, you need to secure an appointment time using our online booking 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 7 August, through to 12:00pm on Tuesday 18 August. No interview requests will be accepted outside of these times.

• In your web browser type in the school website www.waggawagga-h.schools.nsw.edu.au and when this appears click the link for ‘Parent Teacher Interviews’.

Something to Sing About 2015

Our Wagga Wagga High School Dancers and some of our talented singing students will be performing in Something to Sing About at the Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre in September. Proceeds to Variety - The Children’s Charity & The Riverina Conservatorium of Music. Come along and support our students!

When: Sat 19th September - 7:30pm and Sun 20th September - 2:00pm

Where: Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre

Tickets: 6926 9688

Adults $33, Concession, Students & Pensioners $23, Children $13

Casual Staff Required

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified people who would like to be added to our list of casual Administrative and Support Staff.

Required Criteria:
- Applicants must be well presented
- Previous office administrative experience a distinct advantage
- A qualification in Office Administration/IT/Word Processing would be highly regarded
- Be prepared to obtain a Working With Children Check number
- Be prepared to undergo a Police Record Check

Interested persons should forward their current resume and a brief letter of introduction to the School Administrative Manager, Wagga Wagga High School. If further information is required, please phone the office on 69253611.
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

Careers News
2016 Apprenticeships and Traineeships - John Deer: the closing date for our 12 Agricultural Mechanical Apprenticeships and 4 Spare Part Interpreter Traineeships is next Friday 14 August. See the Careers room for more information.
Automotive Modern Apprenticeships 2016 Applications Open - Brochures available from the Careers room or visit http://www.vantageautomotive.com or Ph: 02 80148990 for further information and application details.
Harvest Positions are now open - details on the jobs board outside the Careers room or on GrainCorp website.
Post School Expo for Students with Disabilities
Discover the pathway that’s right for you at the post school options expo for students with a disability.
Who should attend: Students, parents, guardians, advocates, teachers and support staff. We encourage all students and families to attend even if the young person will not be leaving school for several years as the information distributed at this event will enable you to make informed choices for the future. Join us at the EXPO to discover all you need to know about Transition to Work; Community Participation; Supported Employment; Open Employment Apprenticeships & Traineeships; Further Education and much more!
Date: Tuesday 25 August 2015 TIME: 5pm – 7pm
Cost: Free
Location: Wagga RSL Club, Mirage Room-Dobbs St Wagga Wagga. For wheel chair access use lift in front foyer
For more information contact Lisa Parnell on 69251076 or lisa.parnell2@det.nsw.edu.au
Free Graduated Licensing Scheme Information Session for Parents of Learner Drivers in Wagga
Young drivers are three times more likely to be involved in casualty crashes. That’s why the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) has introduced a new licensing scheme, with more supervised driving practice for learner drivers.
To help parents in supervising learner drivers, the RMS has set up a FREE two hour workshop for parents, that offers practical advice on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.
The session will be conducted by David Riches on Monday 14 September at the Wagga RSL from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.
Early bookings are advisable, so phone David on 04349 64764 now to reserve your place, or email saferlearnerdrivers@gmail.com

Accidents at School
If an accident occurs at School which is not caused by negligence of the Department then parents are required to have their own insurance.
From time to time there are media stories about the issue of whether children are insured for injuries while at school. The Department of Education does not provide, nor has ever provided, accident or medical insurance for students enrolled in government schools. The department is, however, insured to cover the financial impact of any legal liabilities that it faces arising from its activities. If the department or one of its staff is negligent and this causes a student to be injured, then the student will be able to legally recover damages from the department (and the department’s insurance will cover the cost). However, if an accident occurs at a school which is not caused by any wrongdoing or omission by the department, then the department is not legally liable. Should parents wish to cover their children, there are various forms of insurance available, irrespective of whether fault can be assessable. These include:
Student Accident Insurance – available through the Federation of Parents and Citizens’ Associations of NSW and from commercial insurance suppliers;
Sporting Injuries Insurance Scheme – covering catastrophic injuries; The Supplementary Sporting Injuries Benefits Scheme; and private health funds.
Ambulance Cover – The Dept of Education holds ambulance cover for accidents and/or illness which occur during school time requiring an ambulance. If an ambulance is called for your child and you received an invoice for this service, please forward this account to the school office for processing.

WWHS Aerobics Raffle 2015
Tickets $1.00
1st Prize – 3.4 Kg bar of Toblerone Chocolate
2nd Prize – 7 inch, 8GB, Laser Tablet
3rd Prize – 4 x Movie Tickets (adult or student)
Tickets must be handed in and paid for by the 16/08/15
Prizes will be drawn on 19/08/2015 during regular school assembly
Tickets can be purchased at the Mathematics staffroom of from a member of the Aerobics team.

$5.00 Canteen Specials
Monday Pizza
Tuesday Hamburger
Wednesday Chicken Chili Wrap
Friday Hot Dog & Sauce

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TVET Parents & Students Information Evening
TAFE NSW Riverina Institute in conjunction with National Skills Week is holding a parent and student information session on Wednesday 26 August at the Wagga Wagga Campus Library from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.