Moving up the Levels

Year 12 students have been busily collating their awards and handing them in to Mr Powell so they can achieve higher levels prior to the end of term. Congratulations to the following students:


Platinum: Abbey Thompson, Mackenzie Hurst, Addison Laidlay, Tegan Podmore, Emily Rennick, Lawrence Tsui, Colin Finemore, Jade Bekker, Angus Cox, Breanna Morden and Ainsley Weir.

Diamond: Josephine Molloy, Paige Garner and Troy McKenzie.

Honours (the numbers in brackets indicate multiple Honours winners): Emily Cox (x3), Tahlia Canty, James Meiklejohn, Madeleine Moon (x2), Mikaela Schofield, Elliott Inglis, Daria Hogg, Clare Lawlor (x2), Jonathan Bewick (x5), Clara Bate, Nari Crevatin (x5), Abbey Fellows (x8), Montee Bonnefin (x4). Jonathan Lally, Zainab Zia (x2), Jessica Tinning, Natalia Creed, Jessica McGill, Hannah Egan and Charlotte Egan-Schultz.

Congratulations also to Carter Lovell (Yr 11) who has achieved Diamond Level. Great work!

Congratulations to the following Year 12 students who will receive Principal’s Awards - Academic: Tahlia Canty, Clare Lawlor, Jonathan Bewick, Christina Perri, Emily Rennick, Nari Crevatin, Abbey Fellows, Montee Bonnefin, Jack Weeden, Alice Ma and Madeleine Podmore; Sport: Abbey Fellows, Madeline Podmore, Jonathan Bewick and Riley Nichols-Ashcroft; School Service: Nari Crevatin, Abbey Fellows and Jonathan Bewick; Community Service: Nari Crevatin, Abbey Fellows and Montee Bonnefin and Culture: Jonathan Bewick, Christina Perri, Nari Crevatin, Abbey Fellows and Montee Bonnefin. Well done to all of you!

Congratulations to:

Domenic Hort (Yr 9) and Montanna Purtill-Wright (Yr 10) who have been selected to perform in the State Choir and the Schools Spectacular Choir.

Cleveland Ryan (Yr 9) who has been selected to attend the University of Newcastle’s LIVE IT program in December.

Sarah Zia (Yr 9) and Aurora Bellany (Yr 10) who successfully applied to be members of the NSW Youth Parliament. What an achievement!

Lucy Angel (Yr 9) who has been awarded the Wagga Wagga Hockey Association Division 1 Best and Fairest and to Madison Baker (Yr 9) who won the Division 2 Best and Fairest. Great work girls!

2016 Junior Subject Information Evening

Year 7 and 8 students and their parents/caregivers are invited to attend subject information evenings on Wednesday 2 September in Currie Hall. Students and parents/caregivers will receive:

- Subject information booklets
- Subject selection forms
- Information relating to the elective selection process

When:
The Year 8 2016 (for current Year 7 students) session will begin at 6:00pm.
The Year 9 2016 (for current Year 8 students) session will begin at 7:00pm.

Work Placement

Year 11 VET students completed their first week of mandatory work placements last week with outstanding success. The positive comments about their skill level and their ability to fit into a work environment, was outstanding. Many of the students have been offered apprenticeships and part time work. One employer, who has had three students over the past two weeks, was very impressed with the skill level of our students, commenting that our VET teachers are producing students who are ready for the world of work. Many of the employers thanked teachers for giving them the opportunity to help our school.

Jessica G completed her placement with Craig Absolum of Crave Stainless Designs and worked on some great water features and stylish homewares.

Altina Wildlife Park

Last Friday a large number of Year 8 students attended an excursion to Altina Wildlife Park at Darlington Point, as part of their studies in Geography on Threatened Habitats. The students were treated to a tour of the mini zoo where they were able to investigate endangered species such as the Tasmanian Devil and Saltwater Crocodiles. They then boarded the Clydesdale drawn carriages for a tour of the 1500 acre property. There was an abundance of domestic and exotic animals and the students had the opportunity to experience unique and personal encounters with a variety of animal species, as they roam amongst the river red gums.

Animals such as the giraffes, lions and hyenas were content to feed near the carts as we stopped for a closer look. Miss Eldridge, Miss Cox, Mrs Donoghue, Mrs Yeomans, Mr Popple and Mrs Arentz were very impressed with the respectful and responsible manner demonstrated by the students, resulting in a fantastic day had by all.
News from the Social Science Faculty

Year 12 Business and Geography - students visited Casella Winery as a part of their mandatory HSC studies to include a business with a global ink. Casella Wines export 50 shipping containers a day. All of our students carried themselves in an exemplary manner and in so doing picked up a huge amount of fresh and relevant data and information for their upcoming final assessments. The scale and technological sophistication of the operation was impressive when you consider that Casella Wines process 11% of the Australian wine grape harvest, ferment it and store it on site until required by their customers around the world.

Year 11 Geography - students visited CSU South Campus, the showground and Emblem Park as part of an intensive field work study on urban salinity within our city.

Year 9 and 10 Commerce classes have recently embarked on playing the Sharemarket game that involves students forming into syndicates and being given $50,000 to buy shares on the ASX. The winning syndicate will be the team that has made the most money over a two month period.

Year 7/8EEE Geography participated in the Basin champions challenge which involved students taking and analysing water samples from various water ways around the city and reporting on their results. They are making a video for submission to the Murray Darling Basin authority.

Year 10 Commerce had a guest speaker from Cummins Hendricks Solicitors to speak to them about contemporary areas concerning the law within our community and law as a career.

Around The Traps

There are still several Year 12 students who have not yet paid all their subject fees for 2015. Remember that you will not be given a school reference or sold a ticket for the formal if fees have not been paid! If there are financial difficulties which have prevented you from making these payments, please see Mr Powell this week.

Late students must sign in before going to class even if the line is long. If you want to avoid waiting, get to school on time!

Contacting Students

Two reminders for parents

- Please, do not under any circumstances ring or SMS your child’s mobile during the school day - you will only get them into trouble and their mobile will be confiscated.
- All personal parent contact with students during the school day must be through the office and will generally only be in an emergency. If you do need to contact your child at school, please ring the school and the office will pass on the message for you.

P&C News

Our next P&C meeting will be held in the Ted Drake Room tonight, Monday 31 August at 7:30pm. All parents and caregivers are encouraged to come along and support our school.

Markets on the Hill

The Wagga Wagga High School P&C Association Markets on the Hill will be held on Saturday 12 September from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Venue: Wagga Wagga High School top car park and gymnasium (parking and access off Macleay St).

Sites: Outdoor sites are $20 and indoor sites are $30.

This is a great opportunity for you to make some extra cash by selling those unwanted items from home and at the same time raise funds for our P&C.

For information about booking a site please contact P&C President, Stuart Meiklejohn at stuart.meiklejohn@det.nsw.edu.au

Careers News

WARRIAHS Health Expo to be held on 15 September at CSU-Stands for Wagga Area Rural, Remote and Indigenous Allied Health Services. There will be a number of stalls promoting health based courses such as Radiography, Oral Health, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Health and Rehabilitation, and Medical Science.

You will be able to explore a variety of career paths within health, gain access to relevant health information and increase their awareness of university life and expectations as a university student. Please come to the Careers Room for a note.

Teaching Scholarship - Year 12 have a look if teaching is in your university application – visit: https://teach.nsw.edu.au/getpaidtostudy

Exams coming up!

Year 11 have their final Preliminary HSC course exams in Weeks 9-10.

Read-In 2015!

What better way to spend a few hours at the end of a very wet week in Wagga than curling up in a corner of the library and immersing ourselves in our books?! 26 WWHS students did just that last Friday while participating in the annual READ-IN; a lovely way to celebrate Book Week and our love of reading for pleasure! Students shared their love of reading over muffins and hot chocolate and raised over $315 for charity – a wonderful effort! A big thank you to Gateway Bookshop and Collins for their kind donations of book vouchers, which were received with great excitement by our raffle winners, Abigail, Alana, Ned, Imogen and Mackenzie. Congratulations to all involved and we look forward to doing it again next year!

Welfare Discipline and Effective Learning

Over the coming weeks we will publish extracts from our Welfare Discipline and Effective Learning Policy. This week we look at our expectations of all students. At Wagga High we expect certain things of all our students. All students have rights, but you also have responsibilities – to yourself, your classmates, your teachers and your school. If you make the right choices about your behaviour and your work, the results for you will be positive. If you make poor choices, you will suffer the consequences. To help you make the right choices, we have a code of conduct and a set of classroom rules. The following extract from our student Code of Conduct gives some tips on how you can be a team player.

- Speak politely and show respect for others
- Bullying or harassment is not for us!
- Be honest and responsible
- Wear our uniform to school every day
- Represent our school with pride
- Speak positively about our school
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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