Moving Up the Levels

Congratulations to the following students who have moved up recently in our school honours system: Silver: Tuba Mohammad Sharif (Yr 9) Platinum: Ned Prescott (Yr 8), Carlie Sheather and Isabella Stephens (Yr 9) and Katarina Janzon (Yr 12). Great work!

Thanks to:

Our captains, Claudia Jenkins and Will Standley for their great speech at the Rotary Peace Awards on Sunday.

Congratulations to:

Congratulations to Callan Ashcroft in Year 7 who recently travelled to New Zealand to compete in the Aussie Kiwi Challenge for Water Skiing. Callan placed 4th in the under 14 boys, tied 5th in Slalom, 5th in Trick and 5th in Jump. The Australian team won the competition!! Well done Callan!

Around The Traps

If you receive a text message regarding a student absence, please hit the reply button and send us a reason. If you do this there is no need to send in a note.

P&C News

Our next P&C meeting, the AGM will be held in the Ted Drake Room in A Block at 7:30pm on Monday 14 March. If you would like to nominate for an executive position, please contact P&C secretary Tristan Russell on tristan.russell@internode.on.net or pick up a nomination form from the school office. All parents and caregivers are encouraged to come along and support our school.

Welcome Morning Tea for ATSI Students

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in all year groups gathered last week for an enjoyable morning tea on the School Grounds terrace. A range of activities and opportunities are planned for ATSI students this year, including the formation of a Leadership Group which will be organising ATSI contributions to different school and community events. Miss Cox has more information about the Leadership Group so students who have not yet approached her are still welcome to step up and challenge themselves by taking part.

Immunisation Reminder

Immunisations for Year 7 students, and any Year 8 students who need to catch up, will be held on Friday 4 March. Please ensure you have breakfast and are hydrated on the day. Please return your consent form if you have not already done so.

9ACE History Excursion to Riverina Environmental Education Centre

9ACE visited the Riverina Environmental Education Centre to undertake hands-on traditional Aboriginal cultural learning and launch the roll-out of the new ibook, Black Anzacs, on Monday 15 February. After a briefing and overview of some traditional Wiradjuri uses of resources to be found on country, students walked to the campsite, which needed to be refreshed, with some shelters dismantled and others rebuilt. Students are now better equipped to appreciate the contrast of this view of country, of only taking what is needed and “walking quietly and respectfully”, to the intensive exploitation of resources by western industrialisation that descended with the European colonisation of Australia. After lunch, students were introduced to the Black Anzacs iBook, researched and compiled by Paul Greenwood (Principal, Riverina Environmental Education Centre) with Alison Johnstone, exploring the experience of her great grandfather, William Williams, as a Black Anzac. The ibook is now available at the iTunes store and is free to download.

9ACE History will now return to class to finish their study of Movement of Peoples (Impact of the Industrial Revolution) and prepare the Year 9 presentation for the WWHS Anzac Assembly on Friday 8 April, where they will share their findings on the experiences of Black Anzacs.

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
- Elective contributions

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

Bucket Hats

WWHS bucket hats are available from the P&C and may be purchased at the school finance office for $10.00 (cash only).
Joe Williams: “The Enemy Within”

Accepting the invitation of Year 11 Adviser Miss Cox, Joe Williams presented his seminar, “The Enemy Within”, to all year groups at Wagga Wagga High School last week. Following a Welcome to Country provided by Aunty Gayle Manderson, Joe talked about poor choices he made in the past as a young NRL player, regarding drugs and alcohol, disrespectful treatment of others and relationship breakdowns, leading to his making an attempt to end his own life. While accepting responsibility for his own actions, Joe said that, like many others, he has had a daily battle with depression and bipolar disorder that he has sought help to overcome; with support, he has then stuck to his action plan in order to “rise above”. Turning negatives into positives, helping others, living cleanly and being in charge of your own thoughts, not allowing anyone to impact on your own mental space and wellbeing, were the significant strategies that Joe continues to use to battle “the enemy within”.

Graduates of Aboriginal Language (Wiradjuri)
2015 Share knowledge with 2016 Students

Year 9 students Shanae Pope and Claire Junck returned to the Year 8 Aboriginal Language (Wiradjuri) class this week, this time as teachers. Shanae and Claire shared knowledge and taught students including Kali Main, Connor Parkin and Wade Thompson to learn how to count in Wiradjuri. Miss Cox and Miss Atkinson were highly impressed with the professionalism of the Year 9 teachers and adept learning of the Year 8 students.

Help Cambodia

The Help Cambodia Ball is on again this year on Saturday 5 March and as usual will be a wonderful night. You can buy tickets by visiting the website www.helpcambodia.com.au. To see what this wonderful group have been doing over the last few years go to https://youtu.be/faqiBEufgs.

Careers

UOW website – look up where their Graduates end up
HSC Stress Less App for ideas on how to best deal with the pressures of your HSC
University Early Admissions open 1 August 2016.
For information on:
Student Exchange go to: www.uow.edu.au/student/exchange
Uow Scholarships go to: www.uow.edu.au/scholarships
HSC Study Days visit: www.uow.edu.au/future/events
WEP Student Exchange Brochures available or visit www.wep.org.au
ANU scholarship Roadshow: Online Thursday 3 March. Email student.recruitment@anu.edu.au for more details.
Tafe Riverina: Short Course information on the noticeboard outside the Careers Office.

A Reminder To Parents To Notify The School About Your Child’s Health

We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.
We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

School Contributions and Elective Fees Are Now Due

Voluntary Contributions are set at $60.00 for Years 7-9 and $80.00 for Years 10-12. Although these contributions are not compulsory, we appreciate payment, to assist us in further supporting students through the purchase of resources, which are not included in our regular funding.

Subject Fees are compulsory, as they allow specific resources to be purchased in order to conduct practical subjects (ie ingredients for Food Tech). These fees are due and payable immediately. Students who do not pay their subject fees may not be eligible to attend non-compulsory excursions and may be offered alternative work during practical lessons.
Payments may be made by cash, EFTPOS or cheque. We do not yet have the facility to accept direct deposits; however this should be available in the not too distant future.

All about Apostrophes

Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here’s an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now.
Australian and International Academic Competitions 2016

The table below summarises academic competitions for 2016. We’d love to see as many students as possible take the opportunity to test themselves against students from around Australia and beyond. Payment can be made at the office, with one or more competitions per transaction.

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Markets on the Hill

The Wagga Wagga High School P&C Association Markets on the Hill will be held on Saturday 12 March 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.

Travel Grant Opportunity

Students in regional and rural areas often miss out on educational opportunities that are accessed by their counterparts in the larger city areas. The Drs Kenneth and Cheryl Cheung Travel Grant/Scholarship Foundation has been set up to bridge the distance, by providing financial assistance to high school students enabling them to attend study workshops, school-sanctioned educational activities, agricultural shows, or even attend a performing arts workshop.

The Travel Grant/Scholarship Program is administered by three members of the community, independent of the fund sponsors. To obtain more information, please go to http://bit.ly/1bbbJxw

NSW Ambulance Group Cover Scheme – Schools

Students enrolled at NSW Department of Education Schools are covered under the Ambulance Service of NSW Ambulance Group Cover Scheme – Schools.

The Ambulance Cover Scheme provides assurance that if a student has an accident of falls ill whilst at school or on an organised school excursion or activity, and requires the ambulance service, the cost will be met through the scheme.

If you receive an account from the NSW Ambulance Service, due to your child requiring an ambulance to be called for him or her, whilst at school or on a school activity, please forward it to the school to enable us to organise settlement of this account.

Shields Are Due Back In

If you won a shield at Presentation Night, please return it to school so it can go back up on the wall in its allotted spot, with a difference this time – your name will be on it! Bring the shield to Mr Gillard or Mrs Dennis in the Technology staffroom or you can just take it to the office. Many thanks!

Canteen News

Students are reminded that they can avoid lining up by placing a lunch order before school.

$5.00 Canteen Specials

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Calendar – Term 1 2016

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EXPERIENCE A NEW CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE AT HOME

In June-July 2016 students from over 25 countries around the world, will be arriving in Australia to study at local high schools for 3-10 months. Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia Call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student

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’!