



WAGGA HIGHLIGHTS

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Term 2 Week 2

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PARENT-TEACHER EVENING TUESDAY 3RD MAY .. 4-6PM WWHS GYM & LIBRARY

This is the first of our parent-teacher evenings for 2011. It will be a good opportunity for parents/caregivers to see how their children are settling in to work this year. Many subjects have major tests and assignments to be completed over the next few weeks and so this is also an opportunity to clarify those expectations with class teachers. Booking sheets went out last Term to students and it is their responsibility to book you in. Please note that due to our hall being out of action, all interviews scheduled for the hall will now be held in the library. To ensure the evening runs smoothly please be aware of the following:

▶▶ Five minutes only are allocated for each interview - please stick to this! Be aware also that in the allocated five minutes, you will simply not have enough time to do more than meet your child's teachers and get an idea of how they are settling in to their work in 2011. You will also be able to arrange with teachers another time to discuss your child's progress in greater depth, should either you or the teacher feel that it is necessary.

▶▶ If you are unable to make a booking, or if a teacher you wish to speak to is unavailable on Tuesday [illness, excursion, etc], please leave your details on the interview request sheet at the front of the hall and the teachers will get back to you in the coming week to either speak to you on the phone or to arrange a time for a more in-depth interview.

▶▶ Principal Mick Powell will be 'floating' during the evening if you wish to discuss anything with him about the progress or welfare of your children.

STAFF COMINGS AND GOINGS

Farewell to Mr Crain who has accepted a transfer to Tumut HS. We thank him for the great job he has done at WWHS over the last 10 years. Mr Merritt will be replacing him in the TAS faculty. Welcome to Ms Brown who has been permanently appointed as a PDHPE/Dance teacher and to Ms Elliott who will be job sharing with Mrs Shumack in the PDHPE faculty. Deputy Principal Mr Brown will continue as Relieving Principal at Junee HS for at least Term 2. This means that Ms Atkinson will continue as Relieving Deputy Principal and Mrs Smith will continue as relieving History Head Teacher.

Around the Traps

■ Mr Willis picked up ten new Malvern Star mountain bikes during the holidays. The bikes are in addition to the 16 Mongoose bikes which are used in the PE department to run Recreation and Physical Activity and Sports Studies programs. Thanks to Kris and the team at Kidsons Cycles for their advice and assistance in ensuring we acquired the most suitable product.



■ **WANTED** - If anyone has some dumbbells, barbells, weight plates, or even a home gym set up which is not getting much use at the moment Mr Willis would love to borrow them during Term 2 to help with a **Year 12 Recreation Unit**. If you can help please contact Mr Willis [PE Faculty] on 6925 3611.

■ Thanks to all students/staff for their donations to the **recycled mobile phone program in Term 1**. Your continued support to this program is appreciated.

■ Did you know that our **P&C** are supporting our school by allocating \$2000 to support the Athletics program?

■ Mission Australia is currently surveying all young Australians as part of the **2011 National Survey of Young Australians**. If you would like to be involved, go to www.MAYouthSurvey.com.au

ANZAC DAY MARCH

Thanks to **Sarah Andrews, Casey Mallon, Lydia Walsh, Luke Rogers, James Atkinson and Katie Fellows** who proudly represented WWHS at the Anzac Day March as banner bearers. Thanks also to Vice-Captain, Emma White and Captain Ben Wallace who laid a wreath on behalf of all students and staff from WWHS.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Age Champions:

12 Tristan Brown & Bronty Hull
13 Harrison Burkinshaw & Shania Feeney
14 Hayden Heritage & Claudia Barton
15 Tom Fowler & Rebeka Lally
16 Juma Abbas & Jayne Leywood
17+ Foday Massaquoi & Hilary Measday

Champion House:

MACARTHUR 798 points followed by Hargreaves 695, Farrer 643 and Sturt 643.

Well done to all participants in the Cross Country held last term which was a very successful afternoon.

RIVERINA DANCE FESTIVAL

Last term all elective dance classes and dance ensembles auditioned for the Riverina Dance Festival. Congratulations to Year 10 & 11 elective dance and the junior and senior ensembles! We look forward to seeing you perform on Friday 24th June at the Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre.

Congratulations to ...

... **Claire Leske, Amelia Appleby and Stephanie Wall** who have been selected to be a part of the NSW State Regional Dance Ensemble. The girls will be performing at the State Dance Festival and School Spectacular later on in the year. Well done girls!

... **junior and senior dance ensembles who performed last week at the Wagga Wagga Takes Two.**

The students worked hard to polish their dance items during the holidays and performed beautifully amongst our Wagga celebrities. A thank you to our school captains who also helped out on the night. Well done to all involved.

... **Maise Cunningham** (Yr 11) who received Certificates of Excellence for Academic Effort and Achievement, Community Service and School Service.

... **Reg Wintle, Jonathon Lally and Kate Gallaher** who have been selected to take part in the Talented Athlete Program with NSW Water Polo later this month at Narrabeen.

... **Skye Warren** (Yr10) and **Campbell Lovell** (Yr9) who received Certificates of Excellence for Academic Effort and Achievement. Well done both of you!

... **Ryan Stephenson** (Yr11) who received \$300 Scholarship to support his studies for 2011 after attending the Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School.

Moving Up the Levels

Congratulations to Vice-Captain, Emma White who recently achieved **Honours Level** in our school honours system. Emma has also achieved a **Principal's Academic Award** by receiving 5 Academic Certificates of Excellence. Great work!

Psst, did you hear that ...

... **Hayden McLachlan** and **Tom Gaynor** [Yr10] were both selected in the Riverina U16 AFL team and participated in the zone championships at St Ignatius College Riverview during the holidays.



NAPLAN testing

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy testing will take place on Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May. Every year, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are assessed on the same days using national tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The results help determine if students are reaching important educational outcomes. More information: www.nap.edu.au All students in Year 7 and 9 should have received a note outlining testing at WWHS. Spare copies are available from the school office.

Applications for the 2012 National Youth Science Forum are now open! Students can register to attend one of three 12-day sessions held in Canberra and Perth each January. Successful applicants will visit leading laboratories and participate in cutting edge science. They will speak to researchers and engineers, and learn about career paths through university and beyond. All Year 11 students with an interest in science, engineering and technology are encouraged to apply online at www.nysf.edu.au/applying. **Applications close May 31st 2011.** If you need more details see Mr Curry in Science.

WINTER UNIFORM



Parents/caregivers, are you starting to think about buying warm clothes for your children? If so, you should be aware that the rule for **jumpers and jackets** is quite clear: the colour is **navy blue**. This doesn't include blue jumpers or jackets with large obvious brand names on them or stripes or different colours. We go to Wagga High, not Nike HS, Billabong HS or Adidas HS! Hard-wearing school jumpers and spray jackets are available from Lowes at very reasonable prices. Please don't run the risk of your child being consistently out of uniform and therefore on the uniform list, simply because you didn't think carefully before you bought winter clothes!

ABSENCE EXPLANATION

➔ **if your child is absent from school** and you have not notified the school, you will receive a text message. Please hit the 'reply' button and send a message back stating the reason for the absence. If you do this there is no need to follow-up with a note on their return.



If you believe that your child is present, please contact the school office (6925 3611) or send a reply stating this.

Please do not text or phone your child Please also ensure the school has your up-to-date mobile contact.

➔ **Students requesting a leave pass** must bring a note to the office before roll call clearly stating the reason why they need to leave school for part of the day.

LOGO DESIGN COMP - WIN \$500!

Entries can be submitted in: Sketch or electronic format (email, CD or USB) via suicideprevention@live.com.au or mail to WWRSPN, PO Box 5693 Wagga Wagga. Competition closes 5pm **Friday 6th May.**

SCIENCE COMPS - entry fee \$7 for the International Science Comp and \$6 for the National Chemistry Comp are due by 6th May.

MATHEMATICS COMPS - Australian Maths Comp entry fee \$5 and ICAS Maths Comp \$7 both due by 6th May.

CAREERS NEWS

➔ **Year 10** - start thinking about Work Experience [20th-24th June]. See Mrs Fellows if you are having difficulties in deciding / planning what you would like to do!

➔ **Need to complete a First Aid Certificate?** Contact Allens Training at www.allenstraining.com.au

➔ **Emails** - Can all Year 12 please email their personal emails so that a **careers newsletter** can be sent each week! Parents can also access this newsletter if they send me their email !!... *My email is anne.fellows@det.nsw.edu.au*

➔ **Apprenticeships Available: 1st Year** Printer (ATEL), Heavy Vehicle Mechanic (ATEL), Fitter Machinist (GTES), Electrician, Apprentice Chef.

➔ **Defence Forces Expo** - Thurs 26th May. Put names on list outside careers room.

➔ **OH&S White card** - Year 10-12 students interested in work experience on a building and construction site. T2/Week 5. Cost \$20. Names to Mr Elliott in TAS Dept.

➔ **CSU MY DAY** - Sports Science Albury, 19th May.

➔ **UTS are offering IT & Engineering Discovery days** - 16th June & 22 Nov and info evenings. Visit:

➔ www.it.uts.edu.au & www.eng.uts.edu.au

➔ **UMAT** - are you applying for Medicine or Health sciences? Do you need to register for the Undergraduate Medicine and health Sciences Admission Test? You need to register before 3/6/11 to complete the test on 27/7/11.

➔ **ACU** are having several Open Days. North Sydney campus - 3/9/11 & Strathfield campus 10/9/11. Look at www.acu.edu.au for more details.

➔ **La Trobe Uni** - Experience La Trobe on 17th June and Open Day on 21st August.

➔ **JMC - Creative Industries** (Sydney) - workshops available in animation, audio engineering, music performance, film and TV.

DEFENCE MENTOR NEWS

➔ **The Defence Community** has a 'Buddy in the Suburbs' program. If you would like to make new friends from a Defence background, please phone the Defence Community Organisation (DCO) on 69 310 001 for details.

COMMUNITY NEWS

➔ **Making Step Families Work** is a short course for parents thinking about or living in a step family. Course starts Monday 9th May. Phone Centacare on 6923 3888 for more information or bookings.

➔ **Become a WEP Host Family** World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to one of our international students arriving in July 2011. **Find out more!** Contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family. Phone 1300 884 733, email wep@wep.org.au or visit www.wep.org.au.

➔ **Share Your Australia!** Would you like to host an international student? Open your heart and home to wonderful students with **Education First** and experience the joys of hosting! If you can offer meals, a bed and a loving home - call us today on 1800 251 877.

➔ **Are you supervising a learner driver?**



Find out more by booking a **FREE two-hour workshop** for parents and supervisors at the Wagga Wagga Council Chambers on Monday 23rd May from 6-8pm. Phone 1300 292 442. *Bookings Essential.*

Five ways to help your child manage Facebook

1. Sign up for your own Facebook account, work out how to make a few friends and spend a couple of hours navigating your way around.
2. Find the privacy settings in the drop down menu by clicking on 'Account' in the top right hand corner on the page. Facebook organises privacy settings into 'Everyone', 'Friends of friends', 'Friends only' and 'Customise', which can restrict access to an individual or small group.
3. Search for your child online yourself. You may find that their profile information including their name, photo, and a list of names and photos of all their friends can be accessed by anyone with a computer.
4. Then, ask your child to show you how their privacy settings are configured and find out whether they understand them.
5. Also ask them to show you how to block someone, how to refuse a friend request from a stranger and how to untag themselves from other people's photos; that is, take their searchable name off an image.

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 2

MAY

Tues 3rd - Parent/Teacher Evening
Mon 16th - P&C Meeting
Fri 20th - Athletics Carnival

DOB in a DOER!! It's great to hear news of our students doing well in sporting, cultural and service activities outside school, but .. I'm sure we don't really hear about all of them! How about letting us know of our students' successes? Just give the school a ring on 6925 3611 or email highlights@wwhs.com.au