



# WAGGA HIGHLIGHTS

The Home Newsletter of Wagga Wagga High School

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## Around the Traps

► **Essential Energy Electrical Trade Field Day excursion.** On Thursday 12th May Mr Elliott and Ms Bourke took 26 Electronics and Electro-Technology students to the Essential Energy Electrical Trade Field Day. The students were treated to an amazing display of actual electrical trade field activities being carried out by highly skilled and qualified tradespeople. Some of the highlights included a helicopter installation of a power pole, workers repairing live wires carrying up to 66 thousand volts, and a spectacular venomous snake show. We experienced finding our way through a smoke-filled completely dark confined space wearing gas masks, and fired just about every fire extinguisher type available at a demonstration fire. We watched dramatic and confronting live theatre on workplace bullying and harassment, and much, much more. A free morning tea and lunch were provided plus numerous giveaways to top it all off. We are very grateful for the fantastic way Essential Energy staff looked after us, and Mr Elliott and Ms Bourke were delighted with the behaviour and conduct of our students.



*Mr Elliott/Technology Teacher*

► Would you like to have *Highlights* emailed to you? Easy! Simply send your email address to [highlights@wwhs.com.au](mailto:highlights@wwhs.com.au) and we will add you to our list.

► Did you know that our P&C are supporting our school by allocating \$7000 to support our recognition and presentation programs?

► Charles Sturt University will be holding the next **Edversation, So Who's Teaching the Teachers?** at the Council Meeting Room, Wagga Wagga Civic Centre on Tuesday 24 May 2011 at 6.00pm. All with an interest in education are invited to attend and sample some CSU wine and cheese after the forum.

### Jazz Junction

► Well done to our music students **Jayne Leywood** (Yr10) and **Sarah Andrews** (Yr11) who performed as part of local band 'Blue Illusion' at Jazz Junction last weekend. The band entertained the audience at the RSL Club for over three hours and played a variety of music from Jazz and Blues to Pop and Rock.

### **Thanks to:**

→ The Wagga branch of the **Commonwealth Bank** who has donated surplus office furniture to our school. Much appreciated!

→ **Meaghan Lawlor** for giving up her valuable time to represent our parents on the Year 7 2012 Placement Panel last week.

## ***Congratulations to ...***

... all of our dance students who participated in the Eisteddfod last Friday.

### Results:

1<sup>st</sup> Senior Ensemble – *Zancudas Musketas*

2<sup>nd</sup> Yr11 Dance – *Desire for Red*

### Highly Commended:

Yr10 *Syncopated Strings*

Yr9 *Tribal Explosion*

Junior Ensemble-*See you in My Nightmare*

Well done to all involved!!

... our singers! 'Something to Sing About' was held at the Civic Theatre last weekend and featured many of our talented singers.

**Kaitlin Salzke, Sarah Andrews, Emily Azar, Steph Wall and Gemma-Lee Brogden** sang as part of the Riverina Conservatorium of Music choir at the performance and Sarah, Emily, Steph and Gemma-Lee all sang solo pieces, entertaining large crowds. Congratulations to parent and local singing teacher Heather Wall who was responsible for putting on this popular concert.

... **Lydia Walsh** (Yr11) who has received a Certificate of Excellence for Academic Effort and Achievement, and a Certificate of Excellence for Community Service. Well done Lydia.

... **Sarah Andrews, Emily Azar** (Yr11), **Stephanie Wall** (Yr10) and **Gemma-Lee Brogden** (Yr8) who have all made it to the next round of auditions for featured artists for **School Spectacular 2011**. The girls will head to Sydney in June and we wish them all the best. Sarah and Steph have also been selected to be involved in the prestigious Talent Development Program workshops in Sydney later this year. This program has had many singers involved in it over the years that it has been running, many of whom are now successful artists in the music industry. Congratulations and best wishes girls!

## **NSW HSC Online**

This site was conceived and initiated by Charles Sturt University a decade ago giving students access to virtually all the material they require as part of studying for their HSC, including practice exams, readings, tutorials and online tours. The website is also an invaluable source of information for teachers and parents. The proof of just how popular **NSW HSC Online** is as a reference website can be seen in the increase in pages viewed over the past 11 years. When the project began in 1997, around 857,000 pages were viewed on the site. Last year alone more than 15.6 million pages were delivered!

So log on to [www.hsc.csu.edu.au](http://www.hsc.csu.edu.au) today.

## **SPORTS NEWS**

❖ Last Friday our **Open Girls Soccer team** travelled to Albury for semi-final knockouts against Albury High School. Conditions were against us, as it was raining and wet the majority of the game. Although all the girls played well, unfortunately it wasn't enough as Albury are a very strong side and were the better side on the day. We went down 3-0. Best on ground were **Jayne Leywood, Courtney Sayer, Helena Dorczak and Steph Hawkins.** *Ange Fisher/Co-Captain*

❖ **Carroll Cup Report** - On Tuesday our Carroll Cup side took on competition favourites Mater Dei and although we were well beaten on the scoreboard there were plenty of positive signs to come out of the game. We were able to outscore the opposition 3 goals to 1 in the second quarter but found it difficult to maintain this level of pressure. There were many good players on the night including: **Jesse Margosis, Tyler Owens, Josh Campbell, Adam Castles, Tom Gaynor and Michael Mattingly.** We now play Kildare in a semi-final TOMORROW NIGHT, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, at 7:15pm. Let's get a big WWHS crowd there to help the boys make our first final in well over decade.

*Mr Willis/Coach*

❖ Congratulations to the **Under 15 Girls soccer team** for their impressive 13-2 win against Kildare Catholic School last Thursday. The girls worked well as team and look forward to Round 3 against Mater Dei. Players of the day were Natalie Creed (Yr8) and Vanessa Angel (Yr7).

*Miss C Walker / Coach*

## **RIVERINA DANCE FESTIVAL 2011 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June**



### **Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre**

Celebrating and showcasing the talents of Riverina public school students and teachers.

**Matinee** 12.30pm - \$15 for all tickets

**Evening** 7pm - \$20 Adults; \$15 Students (U15); \$55 Family (2 adults + 2 students)

Tickets ON SALE NOW. Phone 6926 9688.

## **CAPTAINS CORNER**

Year 12's time has come once again to receiving reports. We hope that they reflected your hard work and shed light on areas needing improvement. Take from each comment a positive outlook on the next six months, because that's all we've got left! Make the absolute most of it. As assessment time approaches, a shout out also goes to the junior years to stay focused and work hard. Follow this advice and the benefits will be yours! Once again, good luck to all in the coming weeks and months and keep your eyes on the goal.

*Ben and the Captains*

## SEMESTER ONE REPORTS

All Year 12 students received their Mid Course Reports last week. As part of the reporting process, Principal Mr Powell selects the students who have perfect personal profiles (or close to it) on each page of their reports. The reward for a perfect set of personal profiles is a Certificate of Excellence (and an invitation to the next Wagga High Fliers morning tea) with an Academic Merit Certificate for students who went very close to that. Congratulations to everyone who earned an award, your efforts were terrific! Students who received Certificates of Excellence were **Anneliese Abela, Taryn Gamble, Rena-May Hardwick, Claire Leske, Quishi Li** and **Andrew Stone**.

All students are reminded to carefully consider the advice given to them by their teachers in their reports. Most students are working hard and received excellent results for their efforts. However, a small number of students need to focus more in the classroom so they can receive the best possible results.

Year 12 students also received a letter in their reports highlighting important dates for the rest of the year and outlining expectations regarding effort, behaviour, attendance and uniform. The letter also outlines possible consequences for students who have a poor record in these areas. Students and parents/caregivers are urged to read this letter carefully.

## COMPLAINTS

Parents/caregivers are reminded that if you have a concern about anything to do with our school, you are encouraged to come to the school and tell someone so that your concern can be resolved. It is our aim to work with all of our school community to ensure that we do the very best we can to ensure a productive, safe and enjoyable experience for our students. However, should you feel that you must raise a concern formally, the NSW Department of Education and Training has procedures for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. A brochure which provides information about how to lodge a complaint and a Complaint Form are available from the WWHS office. Further information is also available in the Department's Complaints Handling Guidelines which includes a guide to Lodging a Complaint. These documents can be accessed on the Department's internet website at <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/>

## Vaccinate against winter bugs

With the cold weather upon us and winter on the way, now is the time to vaccinate for this year's flu. NSW Health recommends the 2011 flu vaccine for people over six-months old. The 2011 seasonal influenza vaccine contains (swine flu) pandemic A(H1N1), seasonal A(H3N2) and B strains. While these are the same strains used in the 2010 influenza vaccine, people are still encouraged to receive this year's vaccine as immunity lasts only one year. For more information including Q&As go to [www.immunise.health.gov.au/](http://www.immunise.health.gov.au/) or call the hotline on 1800 671 811.

## MINI UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY

Problems of the world were solved as teams from 5 high schools came together for the Mini United Nations Assembly at WWHS on Saturday. The assembly was sponsored by the Wagga and Wollundry Rotary Clubs. Many students dressed up in the national costume of the countries they represented and organiser Mrs Flockton was most impressed with the effort each team put into their preparations to debate resolutions for the assembly. Students from WWHS were: James Atkinson and Laura Byrne representing Egypt; Sam Wemyss and Fatima Zia representing Sudan; Adam White and Charlotte Cochrane representing Libya; Rimsha John and Mawi Than representing India and Kaysie du Plessis and Zareen Qayyum representing Pakistan. Kaysie and Zareen won the cultural presentation award. Thanks also to WWHS teachers Mrs Anderson, Mr Curry, Mr Hillam and Ms Lockwood who were counsellors for our teams.



## CAREERS NEWS

► **Jobs!!!** First Year Apprentice Butcher – Lake Albert Butchery. Drop your resume in to the store to Lisa or Nathan.

### ► **Build a Bridge – FREE 3 DAY CAMP**

15th Aug-17th Aug at Borambola Sport & Recreation Centre for interested Year 10 – 12 students. Places are limited to 20 students in our area. Complete a questionnaire by 1st July; send, fax or email to: **COMPACT** PO Box 51, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650 Phone: (02) 6931 9300 Fax: (02) 6931 9301 Email: [erin@compact.org.au](mailto:erin@compact.org.au) See Mrs Fellows for application forms.

► **WHERE ON EARTH Spatial Data Camp** – 15<sup>th</sup> August Year 10 Work Experience Paperwork is due by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

► **AICM Conservatorium of Music Open Day** Sat 28<sup>th</sup> May performances, workshops, course info and Auditions.

► **CSU My Day Business, IT and Computing** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June; notes from Mrs Fellows

► **Invitation to Schools Agricultural Events** – Free Events.

**Rural Careers Expo** – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> June (hands on Ag activities, very practical day)

**Ag Enrichment Day** – Fri 10<sup>th</sup> June hands on sessions with Ag Scientists from TAFE and CSU. See Mr McMillan if you are keen to attend.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### TERM 2

#### MAY

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Finance Committee

#### JUNE

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> – Athletics Carnival

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> - School Photos

## SCHOOL COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

### 'GUIDE FOR PARENTS'

The following are excerpts from clinical psychologist Andrew Fuller's book – *Help Your Child Succeed at School*

♦ You are your child's first teacher and remain the most powerful influence over their attitudes towards school and their ability to succeed.

♦ Success is not just about school marks; it is about your child's attitude to and interest in learning.

♦ Children spend only 15% of their time at school. They spend more time asleep (33%) than they do at school. Most of their time (52%) is at home, awake, mucking around, playing and learning about life and it's what they do with that time that is important.

♦ Most of their future learning won't occur in school. It is estimated that 50 years ago a high school graduate left school knowing about 75% of what they would need to know in their working life – today's high school graduate will leave knowing about 2%.

♦ You can help your child to become a resilient learner who does not give up at the first sign of difficulty. Encourage them to have a go.

♦ Everyone is good at something. Help your child find what he /she is good at and support him/her. This will boost self esteem and build confidence to learn in other areas.

♦ Some children find learning easy and may be described as "gifted and talented". If you have one of these children it is important to realise that emotional development may not always match intellectual development. Sometimes there are expectations for them to be 'perfect adults'. They need opportunities to enjoy being 'just kids'.

♦ Remember, happiness and learning are linked. Notice what learning activities give your child a sense of 'flow' (moments when they are engaged in a learning task that captivates them, that absorbs them, that captures their interest so much they become immersed into the experience and they forget about all their worries) and encourage them to spend more time on these to further develop their passion for learning.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

► **Wear it Purple** is hosting an event on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate and support rainbow youth as part of the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (IDAHO). For more information, see [www.wearitpurple.org](http://www.wearitpurple.org).

### Hip Hop & RnB Koori Dance Night

**FREE** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 5-7pm at Glenfield Neighbourhood Community Centre for 15-25 year old Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders. Contact 6923 3119.

**Family snow fun** - It's never too early to book your winter holidays, especially if you'd like to take your kids to the snow. The NSW Department of Education and Communities has weekend family camps on offer, including Christmas in July and snow holiday packages with accommodation in Jindabyne. There are also great kids' winter camps for children aged 7-17. [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/) or 1313 02. Note most bookings close during June.