



WAGGA HIGHLIGHTS

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Term 3 Week 1

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Around the Traps

► **Year 11 Community and Family Studies** completed an interesting lesson on children and gender. Two toddlers visited the class but all was not as it seemed. Students made assumptions about the gender of the little boy and girl based on the way they were dressed. This exercise was a real eye-opener for all involved.

► **Year 9 Child Studies** classes are running **playgroup sessions on a Monday and Friday 10-11am in the WWHS Currie Hall**. Parents and carers of young children are invited to attend. This starts Monday 1st August. To confirm your place, please ring 6925 3611.

► Did you know that our P&C are supporting our school by allocating \$500 to purchase prizes for our Science Fair?

► You can find the **2010 WWHS Annual School Report** on our website.

STUDENT LEADERS 2012

The search begins!!

❖ Nominations are now called for the 2012 student leadership team [captains and vice-captains].

❖ There is an **information sheet** available for Year 11 students who are thinking about nominating – see Mr Powell or your Student Adviser Mrs Woolnough.

❖ The rigorous **selection process** involves: initial nomination; culling of unsuitable candidates; a written application; shortlisting; speeches; voting; further shortlisting; interviews. It will be completed by the end of Week 7 this term.

❖ The **selection panel** [Mr Powell, Mrs Woolnough, and reps from the SRC and the P&C] will be looking at students who have consistently demonstrated that they are responsible members of our school community and will be considering the following: attendance; work ethic; uniform; school reports; behaviour; school and community service; school representation; public speaking; personal qualities; leadership skills.

❖ **Interested?** Get the information sheet and start getting your application together.

❖ **Nominations** close with Mr Powell or Mrs Woolnough by 3:30 pm on the Monday of Week 3. Written applications will then be due the following Monday.

DANCE NIGHT

Congratulations to all students who were involved in the 2011 Dance Night last term. We had over 1200 primary school students from surrounding schools who viewed our matinee performances along with a fantastic audience that evening. A big thank you to all parents who helped out with costumes and music editing as well as the many staff members who helped on the night. A very *successful event – well done to all involved!!*
Mrs Fisher/Miss Brown/Co-ordinators

DEBATING CHALLENGE

Last term, all Year 7 to Year 10 debating teams competed in the NSW Premier's Debating challenge. In the final week of term the Wagga High teams had to compete against each other for a chance to go on to the next level. Year 9 debated Year 10 first, which made for a sophisticated and enjoyable debate. The topic was *'that we should ban all political advertising'*.

YEAR 10 TEAM: Sarah Boorer, Connor Carey, Fatima Zia and Raequel Brogen.

YEAR 9 TEAM: Shannon McKnight, Kiran Qayyum, Madeleine Le Cerf and Sarah Levett.

Both teams have excelled at different times of the competition and should be very proud of their efforts. The Year 9 team won the debate and will be going on to the next level. Year 7 debated Year 8 over the topic; *'that professional sportspeople found guilty of cheating should be banned for life'*. The Year 8 team performed very well with **Reg Wintle, Zainab Zia, Chloe Harpley and Clare Lawlor**. The Year 8 team won the debate but the big surprise of the day was the improvement of the Year 7 team. **Chloe Patten, Brad Yeomans, Mariam Rehman, and Charlotte Manning** (who was the only one to reach the double bell out of everyone who spoke on the day!) made up the Year 7 team on the day. The improvement of all teams is amazing and Wagga High can be proud of the amount of effort and respect these students have for debating and their school. Congratulations to all teams and best of luck to those teams that have advanced in the challenge.

Miss Heinjus / Co-Ordinator

Farewell Mrs Walter

After many years of supporting students in schools across the Riverina, our **District Guidance Officer, Marilyn Walter**, retired on the last day of Term 2. All at WWHS wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement.

We are holding a retirement dinner for Marilyn at the Garden Court Restaurant in Wagga Wagga on July 22nd commencing at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$50 per head which includes a 3 course meal and a contribution towards a gift. Payment may be made at the school office by Wednesday.

Congratulations to...

... **Bronty Hull** [Yr7] who was in the Wagga Rep Netball Team competing in the State Age Championships in Sydney. The team won the overall Tournament. Well done!

SEMESTER ONE REPORTS

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 in Semester 1 were terrific! Names of students who received Certificates of Excellence in Years 7-11 are published below (Year 12 recipients were published last term):

YEAR 7: Holly Cochrane, Alexandra Dennis, Charis Guilfoyle, Jessica Liang, Clare Mattingly, Hinal Patel, Elise Toyer, Tom Willis

YEAR 8: Mikayla Argus-Anderson, Emily Cox

YEAR 9: Alyza Brown, Gemma Flynn, Nathan Hawkins, Christina Perri, Kiran Qayyum, Thomas Cox, Emily Brown

YEAR 10: Rimsha John, Aime Shimirwa, Stephanie Wall

YEAR 11: Rebecca Anning, Ziqi Deng, William Fisher, Chantelle Flynn, Zoe Hadler, Caitlin Harris, Caitlin Jackson, Jack Salzke, Karli Shaw, Lincoln Shaw, Danyel Shepherd, Xanthe Sini, Liam Stephenson, Megan Stokes, Emma Taylor, Tara Taylor

All students are reminded to carefully consider the advice given to them by their teachers in their Semester One Reports. Most students are working hard and received excellent results for their efforts over the semester. However, a small number of students need to focus more in the classroom so they can receive the best possible results. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to attend the parent/teacher evening on August 23 to discuss these reports.

Students in Years 10 and 12 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.

Congratulations to...

... **Cody Moore** [Yr11] who was runner-up in the Headspace *Design a Logo Competition* and WON \$500! Well done Cody – very exciting for you.

Congratulations to...

... **Reg Wintle, Courtney Sayer and Kate Gallaher** who represented NSW in water polo during the school holidays. They certainly enjoyed the Brisbane weather.



... **Tom Cox** (Yr9) who received a Certificate of Excellence for Academic Effort and Achievement. Well done Tom!

... **Sarah Richards and Laura Hogan** (Yr10) who worked with students from Willans Hill School to produce an item for the Riverina Dance Festival. The school contacted us to let us know what a great job they did organising, choreographing and training the group. Well done!

Changes to our Mobile Phone Policy

The following extract from our revised *Mobile Telephones and other Electronic Devices Policy* outlines some changes from the previous policy.

WWHS acknowledges that students may need to be in possession of a mobile telephone at school for reasons relating to their safety in travelling to and from school. If students bring a mobile telephone or other electronic device to school ...

- ◆ The student must take full responsibility for these devices. The school or staff will not be responsible for their loss, theft or damage. Students who bring them to school do so at their own risk.

- ◆ Students will use these devices in a way which reflects the core values being taught at Wagga Wagga High School, including the values of respect, responsibility, care and fairness.

- ◆ Students must not use these devices to disrupt the learning environment or interfere with the operation of the school. Such activities will incur disciplinary action including suspension.

- ◆ Students must not use mobile telephones or other electronic devices to threaten, bully, intimidate or otherwise harass other people through any text message, photographic, video or other data transfer system available on the telephone or for any illegal activity.

At WWHS these devices are not to be used in class, unless it is for educational purposes and only then under the direct instruction of the teacher. They are not to be used between classes. During these times they must be turned off and out of sight. This includes sport and other classes held outdoors. Students will be deemed to be using a mobile telephone or other electronic device if it is seen by a teacher or it makes a noise. Students are only able to use these devices at recess and lunch times, and before and after school. This means that these devices must not be used once the bell rings to signal the start of the school day or the end of recess or lunch. They are not to be used in the school library at any time.

This policy can be found in full on our website.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is for young adults from 14 to 25 years of age. It seeks to encourage a sense of adventure and challenge within a flexible framework. Participants are encouraged to actively engage in a physical activity, a skill, community service and an adventurous journey. Within these areas students are able to pursue any interest they so choose. To gain the award students must show real perseverance. The award requires an hour in each area per week over a period of 6 to 18 months. The award is punctuated by the adventurous journeys which they gain instruction in survival skills, teamwork and leadership. The journeys consolidate these skills and test the students' leadership and teamwork abilities.



There will be a parent information night on Monday 25th July at 6.30pm in the Ted Drake room. Come along and accept the challenge.

Youth Parliament Consultative Group

At the end of last term our SRC participated in a consultation with the NSW Youth Advisory Council (YAC). The chairperson of this group is former WWHS vice-captain, Emma Byrne. The YAC are a group of young people from around NSW aged 12 to 25 years. The YAC advises the New South Wales Government, through the Minister responsible for Youth Affairs, on matters of concern to young people and Government policies and programs concerning young people. They also provide a channel of communication between the community and the Government in relation to matters concerning young people. Input from our SRC ensured that the NSW Government is aware of the current issues of importance to young people in regional areas, and provided a great opportunity for our students to have an input into public policy.

INAUGURAL SCIENCE FAIR WEDNESDAY 17th AUGUST

Overall 1st place: \$100

Prizes for each Year Group

1st - \$75 2nd - \$25

Entry is *FREE* and open to all current students from Years 7-10. Entries are to be displayed on cardboard. Registration forms can be picked up from Mr Anschuetz in the Science staffroom.

CAREERS NEWS

◆ **KENVALE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION – EVENT MANAGEMENT & HOSPITALITY.** The annual Get Real: Events Experience program is open for 2011. Year 11 students are invited to apply. 15 will be selected for one week of work experience in events/hospitality. Possible placements include ACER Arena, Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre and Shangri-La Hotel. Two of those 15 students will go on to receive a scholarship to study at Kenvale College after their HSC. One of those scholarships is reserved for a regional student. Applications close July 27. For information, please contact Bernie McFarlane on 9314 6213 or mcfarlaneb@kenvale.edu.au

◆ **EXPLORE CAREERS IN PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ADVERTISING** - Get a realistic up-to-date overview of these industries, and the employment opportunities by attending careers days at RMIT. Students who are interested in pursuing careers in either of these areas are encouraged to attend. **When: Advertising:** 10am-3pm, Sat 27 August; **Public Relations:** 10am-3pm, Sat 10 Sept; **Cost:** \$55 (incl lunch); Building 108, level 9, lecture theatre 16, 239 Bourke St. Contact 9925 8111 / businessevents@rmit.edu.au or visit www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au.

Kids Travel Cheap

CountryLink currently offers a \$1 kids' fare, for children aged four to fifteen, to help make your holiday, short break or visit to friends or relatives more affordable.

Up to four children from the one household can travel to any destination on the CountryLink network for just \$1 each (subject to certain conditions). All passengers must be members of the one household and must travel together for the duration of the journey. More info or online bookings go to:

www.countrylink.info/promotions#dollar or call 13 2232

COMMUNITY NEWS

► **Learn Self Defence** with all the Family:



respect, honesty, discipline, courtesy, integrity. Mt Austin Public School Mon & Wed 6-7pm. Phone 1300 552 122 or visit www.shimjang.com. [Paid Advertisement]

► **Medicare teen dental plan** - For more information or eligibility visit your local Medicare office, call 13 2011 or go to www.medicareaustralia.gov.au

**WWHS Music Department presents
A NIGHT OF MUSIC TRIVIA
Friday 5th August
[see attached flyer]**

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 3

JULY

Tues 19th – HSC Trial Exams begin
Mon 25th – Duke of Ed Info Night

AUGUST

Fri 5th – A Night of Music Trivia