



WAGGA HIGHLIGHTS

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Term 3 Week 10

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Thanks to everyone who has contributed to such a successful Term 3. Your efforts and support have been appreciated

Year 12 Notes

► The Creative Arts Faculty had some exciting news last week with 4 students nominated for Onstage, a showcase of the HSC Drama performance held in Sydney in February. The students Rebecca Heckenberg, Jesse Howard, Claire Leske and Raegan Shoemark are the first students to be nominated from Wagga High in ten years. Jesse Howard was in fact nominated twice, for his individual and group performances, a rare and impressive achievement. We wish the students well as they proceed through the short listing process.

► **Year 12 Farewell Assembly** Friday September 23: Year 12 students need to be at Currie Hall by 8:55 am this Friday, in full school uniform ready to move to their allocated seats. The formalities will get underway at 9:30 am, so parents, family members and friends will need to be seated before then.

► This is an exciting time for Year 12 as they begin their final week of school. Students are reminded that the main focus for the week is what happens in the classroom. We certainly would not want to see any of our Year 12 students taking part in activities that could put their HSC and attendance at the graduation assembly and formal in jeopardy. The following activities are certainly not endorsed by WWHS and students should not be involved – scavenger hunts, mystery bus tours, trespassing, borrowing or damaging others property or creating a public disturbance. While this is not an exhaustive list it is an indication of the sorts of activities that our Year 12s should steer well clear of.

► There are still several Year 12 students who have not yet paid all their subject fees for 2011. 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 the payments, please see Mr Powell.

Year 12 Report Awards

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. Congratulations to the award winners from Year 12 who will receive their Trial HSC reports on Friday:

Outstanding Personal Profiles: Annelise Abela, Audrey Chan, Matthew Cullen, Tarryn Gamble, Rebecca Heckenberg, Claire Leske, Chelsea Oakman, Kaitlin Salzke.

Excellent Personal Profiles: Samantha Birse, Darko Bogdanovich, Emmaline Bridger, Briahn Burgess, Stephanie Hawkins, Cody Judd, Sonya Klimsch, Laura Leary, Quishi Li, Cameron Mavor, Maddison Mullavey, Georgia Mullins, Ashliegh Neil, Bernice Owusu-Afranie, Annika Powderly, Penny Pragnell, Andrew Stone, Katelyn Vearing, Benjamin Wallace, Benjamin White, Tayla Wooden, Anthony Woodward

Around the Traps

► **Wanted:** Canteen volunteers. If you can help, please ring Sue on 6925 2338.

► Students not returning to WWHS in Term 4 must let the school office know by bringing a note from home.

► 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!

Make Up Workshop

WWHS Year 10 Textile students experienced an amazing special effects make-up workshop last week. Vardit Lahav, (head of special effects make-up department at the Sydney Opera House) taught the girls many new skills which they will use in our school production in December. She showed the girls how to create the effect of a burn, bruise and even a cut. A big thanks to Mrs Dennis who organized the workshop.



Staff News: Ms Henderson will be on Maternity Leave during term 4 and term 1 next year. Ms Vanessa Heinjus will be Year 7 Student Advisor during her absence. All Staff and Students wish Trish and her family well.

Under 15s Basketball

After defeating Mt Austin and June High School, the under 15's basketball team travelled to Tumut to take on a team that were firm favourites. To make the task more difficult we had one of our star players injured before the game.

We started the game very physically which took Tumut by surprise. By quarter time we

were ahead by 4 points. The strong crowd from Tumut were very quiet and shocked by what was happening. Half time saw us still ahead by 1 point and everything was going well except for the large amount of fouls that we were getting called against us.

Leading into the last quarter we were barely hanging on and in the end we were beaten by 10 points. A solid effort from Daniel, Chung, Cameron, Ben, James, Zual, Michael, Mitchell and Hayden.

Well done on a fine effort.

State Athletics

Last week 14 students competed in the State Athletics at Olympic Park in Sydney.

Over the three days the students competed against the best students in the state in their chosen events. To make it more challenging the students had to brave rain, wind and the occasional glimpse of sunshine. All students achieved fantastic results representing Wagga High and the Riverina with fine honours. Some of the outstanding results were:

* Kyle Farrugia claimed a Bronze Medal.
* 17Yrs Girls 4x100m relay team 5th in the final.

* James Hay 4th Discus

* Nick Hay 6th Discus

* Adam White 4th 4x400m relay

* Stephanie Hawkins 9th Discus

Congratulations to all students that attended the carnival.

THANKS TO: Parents and students who attended the Friending Facebook Parent Forum last week. We have received lots of positive feedback about the forum; if you have any ideas for future forums, please contact Head Teacher Welfare, Ms Lockwood.

Congratulations to:

Audrey Chan (Yr 12) who was the guest speaker at the Lions Club dinner last week where she gave a report on the NSW Youth Parliament. The Lion Club contacted WWHS to say she was most impressive and articulate in her delivery and content and an absolute credit to herself and WWHS. Great work Audrey!

The following students who have received Certificates of Excellence for their efforts; Fatima Zia (Yr 10) Community Service and Alex Dennis (Yr 7) Academic Effort and Achievement. A top effort!

Psst, did you hear that

State Dance Festival. Congratulations to the senior Dance Ensemble and Year 11 Elective Dance class who performed in the State Dance Festival last week. It was a huge achievement just to be selected, well done girls. We also had three students – Claire Leske, Amelia Appleby and Stephanie Wall who performed in the State Ensemble!

SCHOOL SWIMMING COSTUMES: Our water polo and representative swim team have the opportunity to order school swimmers. If you would like the school design, please contact paula.shumack@det.nsw.edu.au for more details. An order will be placed on Wednesday.

Cheque Your Wellbeing

It is Mental Health month this October and Riverina headspace is getting on board with the theme 'Wellbeing: Invest in your life'. We are designing a "cheque your wellbeing" chequebook that provides you with lots of fun activities that you can participate in to 'invest in life'. The more time you invest, the better the prizes you can win! Events start on October 1st 2011 so keep your eyes open for locations where you can grab a "cheque your wellbeing" book. For more information please call Leonie or Alice at Riverina headspace on 6923 3170.

REMINDERS

• Students are not allowed into the canteen at any time. The only exception is SRC volunteers when they are working in the canteen.

• Don't forget, if you shop at Coles, collect your vouchers and bring them into school.
• Water Polo Players & Swimmers: Goalathon money is now due in.

SPORTS NEWS

Hockey News – After School Boys Final After a frustrating first half scores were locked at nil all at half time. The ball began to fall our way in the second and Josh O'Donnell scored two goals in the last 10 minutes giving WWHS the trophy for the fifth consecutive year. All rep players played well and were well supported by Bryce Jenkins, Keiran Gregory and Adam White. This year we will lose three year 12 players and are looking for new players to join the squad in 2012. Thanks to Brett Manning who was a great help with training and helping out the team whilst he has been injured. Scott Griffiths/ Larry Richt

COMMUNITY NEWS

► Coaching: Active After Schools are offering a Flippa Ball Workshop for coaches, if you are interested call Emily Paul on 69310581.

Water Polo: town competition begins with scratch matches in Week 1 Term 4. Monday – women, Tuesday – men, Wednesday is U14's & U16's. Get to this deep end adventure!

►Koorringal Softball Club has places available for girls of all ages and boys up to Year 8, who are interested in playing softball on Saturdays. Contact on 0438909054.

►Young Endeavour Program - Australia's national sail training ship *Young Endeavour* is now accepting applications for youth to join eleven day voyages departing between January and June 2012. Young Australians aged 16 to 23 can apply for the ballot at www.youngendeavour.gov.au until 30 September 2011.

►Wagga Wagga City Council is holding a 'Welcome to Wagga Wagga' event for new residents to the City on Wednesday 23rd November 6 – 7.30pm at Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre (upstairs foyer).
RSVP: Vanessa Stanley Ph: 6926 9627 or email Stanley.vanessa@wagga.nsw.gov.au

►Wagga Wagga Swimming Club Summer Season commencing Monday 10th October. Registration and Assessment Day for new swimmers Saturday 8 October 2011(9-12) at the Oasis. Existing swimmers to re-register online then book with Barb. Check out our website: www.waggaswimming.com.au
►Wagga Wagga City Library is hosting a HSC Lock In Wednesday, 28 September from 7pm-9pm.

CAREERS NEWS

The Dept of Education and Communities are offering a **free careers advisory service** from the 15th Dec 2011 - 6th Jan 2012 for Year 12 students.

Horticulture Traineeship with The Haven.

To apply please visit website - www.gtes.com.au<<http://www.gtes.com.au>>
Please see Mrs Fellows in the Careers Room for more information on any of the above.

FOR YEAR 12 LEAVERS

→Year 12 – don't forget that your UAC preferences (or equivalent) are to be completed online by Friday 30th September, 2011. You also need to make sure you have paid your fees by this date, or you will incur a much larger late fee.

→There are Educational Access Scheme scholarships available. These are for those who have been disadvantaged in some way. A copy is available from the careers room.

→ For the Equity Access scholarship, all of Year 12 are eligible to apply because of their rural location. Apply online at www.uac.edu.au and type in Equity Scholarships in the search section..

2011 NAPLAN student reports - important information about writing results Students in Years 7 and 9 received their 2011 NAPLAN student reports last week. NAPLAN student report with the for further information on understanding the NAPLAN student reports please go to www.nap.edu.au/Test+Results/Student+reports/index.html.

2012 NSW Youth Advisory Council Applications now open.

Take advantage of this amazing opportunity to get involved and advise the NSW Government on matters of importance to young people and on Government policies and programs which affect young people.

The Minister responsible for Youth Affairs, Victor Dominello MP, is calling for applications for the 2012 NSW Youth Advisory Council.

The Youth Advisory Council provides a direct avenue of communication between the young people in NSW and the NSW Government.

Information and application forms for appointment to the Council are available on the Government's Youth website www.youth.nsw.gov.au/yac or from the Executive Officer, Youth Advisory Council, yac@yac.nsw.gov.au or (02) 9995 0532.

Your Parentingideas magazine is ready for you to collect!

The second edition of Parentingideas Magazine with great tips and advice to help you raise wonderful kids and enjoy the journey is ready for you to collect simply by going to the following link Parentingideas.com.au/parents
Parentingideas Magazine is a quality

quarterly online parenting magazine featuring some of Australia's best parenting writers, covering the topics you want to know about. And it's published by Michael Grose. Here's a little of what you'll read in this issue:

• The amazing Dr Jason Fox writes about motivating kids to learn through gaming

• Channel 9's Morning Show regular Dannii Miller has a great piece on overcoming self-consciousness in girls (it's great for boys too!)

• Fay Angelo writes about helping girls (and you) prepare for their first period.

• Fivehive's Yvonne Adele has some getting to bed tips with a difference

• Ninja Dad Malcolm Nix has a cool column for dads! It's a great read and it's fun too! There's heaps more.....Best of all it's FREE!

Wagga High Students Excel at CSU Science Investigation Awards. On Friday

eleven student's science projects were entered into the inaugural CSU-Primary Industry Centre for Science Education Science Investigation Awards. Students designed and performed an investigation as part of their Student Research Projects, which were presented as a poster for judging on Friday at Joyes Hall.

Our students competed against a number of schools in the region in a range of categories, some winning out against students in an older age category!

1st Dow Agrosiences Chemistry Category \$300 - Nari Crevatin

1st Woolworths Cross Curriculum Category \$300 - Montee Bonnefin

2nd GRDC Biology Category \$100 - Adam White

2nd MDBA Physical Science Category \$100 - Anam Khan

2nd Woolworths Cross Curriculum Category \$100 - Charlotte Cochrane

3rd People's Choice Category \$50 - Fatima Zia

Wagga Wagga City Council encouragement award \$60 - Nari Crevatin

Congratulations to all the winners and well done to all those students who participated. Mr Curry (relieving HT Science)

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WWHS CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS 11th & 12th MAY 2012



It is planned to hold a concert featuring past and present students on Friday May 11. If you would like to be involved in this

concert or know of any ex-students who should be involved, please contact Angus Lamb on 02 6925 3611. This will be followed by activities at the school on Saturday May 12 and a dinner at the Murrumbidgee Turf Club on Saturday night. If you have any memorabilia that could be used in displays during the celebrations, please contact the school. Photographs in particular, are needed for displays and for inclusion in the history of the school that is currently being written.