



# WAGGA HIGHLIGHTS

The Home Newsletter of Wagga Wagga High School

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## Around the Traps

► **Congratulations to Year 11 student, James Atkinson.** James has been selected from students right across NSW to take part in the **Director General for a Day program** during Education Week. James will fly to Sydney on August 2 and will spend the following day working with the Director of Media for the NSW Department of Education and Communities, Mark Davis. We look forward to hearing from James after he takes part in this wonderful opportunity.

► The South Wagga Presbyterian Church in Coleman Street is running an **ESL Homework Centre** every Saturday from 10am-12midday. Phone Sandy McMillan on 6925 1228 for more information.

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

► Please take 10 minutes to fill out the **uniform survey** posted home to all families during the recent holidays. Surveys are due back at school by the end of this week.

► **Chemistry Quiz-Thursdays 28<sup>th</sup> July.** Students who have paid must go to the Ted Drake Room straight after recess on the day.

## Congratulations to...

... both the **senior dance ensemble** and **Year 11 elective dance class** who made it into the State Dance Festival to be held in September. This is a huge achievement for the students and we wish them all the best of luck for the upcoming performances!

... **Montanna Taylor** (Yr7) who received a Certificate of Excellence for Academic Effort and Achievement. Well done Montanna!

... **Chantelle Flynn** (Yr11) who recently received 5 Certificates of Excellence for Academic Effort and Achievement as well as a Certificate of Excellence for School Service. Well done Chantelle!

... **Helena Dorczak** (Yr10) who represented NSW Country at the Under 15 National Soccer Championships. Helena is now a top contender for national selection.

... **Laura Bryne** (Yr11) who was recently appointed as the Chairperson of the Wagga Youth Advisory Committee.

## Moving Up the Levels

Congratulations to Montanna Taylor (Yr 7) who recently achieved **Silver Level** in our school honours system. Congratulations also to Chantelle Flynn (Yr11) who achieved a **Principal's Academic Award** for her hard work in class; to Maise Cunningham (Yr11) who has achieved **Honours Level** for the fourth time; to Taylor Sainsbury (Yr11) who achieved **Gold Level** and to Amber Curry (Yr9) who achieved both **Gold and Platinum Level**. Well done to all of you!

## HIGHFLIERS MORNING TEA

**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST – 11AM**

The Highfliers morning recognises student achievement in Semester 1. Invitations will be sent home later this week.

**WWHS Music Department presents**

**A NIGHT OF MUSIC TRIVIA**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August**

**WWHS Currie Hall – 7pm**

Enjoy a fun filled night out, test your musical knowledge from The Beatles to Lady Ga Ga and support our fund raising efforts for a **new piano**. Cost \$10 per person (max of 10 people per table). Bring your own food. Hot & cold drinks will be available. For bookings or enquiries – phone 6925 3611.

## WWHS PLAYGROUP

*For parents or carers of preschool children – a free playgroup opportunity .....*

Year 9 students studying Child Studies operate a playgroup at WWHS. The playgroup will run on a Friday from 10am to 11am for six weeks

**beginning 5<sup>th</sup> August** in the WWHS Currie Hall (opposite TAFE). If you would like to book or require further information please phone 6925 3611, during school hours.

*Ms Shumack / HT PDHPE*



## WELCOME NARITA KITA HIGH STUDENTS

You might notice some new faces around the school this week and next. Students from our sister school, Narita Kita High, are here to learn about Australian culture and build strong cross-cultural relationships. They'll be participating in regular classes as well as attending excursions to Hanericka Farmstay, Wonga Wetlands and Canberra. The students are keen to practise their English and make new friends so please don't be shy, introduce yourself! You might see the students in some of your classes or you are welcome to come up to D9 at recess and introduce yourself.

Our guests are: Girls - Maki, Yumi, Miyu, Minami, Ayaka, Kana, Natsumi and boys - Hidesato, Yura (Teacher) Mr Nobuaki Nakazawa

Thank you to our host students and their families: Lara Gamble, Amber Sudholz, Rhiannon & Jessica Foley, Madeleine & Jessica Moon, Teigan McNamara, Lydia Walsh, Amelia & Genevieve Douglass, Liam & Malique Maher and Taylor & Braeden Stewart. Your support of our program is very much appreciated and we hope you enjoy the exchange!

## EDUCATION WEEK

❖ The Wagga High Stage Band and Vocal Ensemble are busy preparing for Education Week next week. The groups will be performing on our school assembly and are putting on a show at the Marketplace at 2:00 pm on Thursday 4th August. Come in and see our talented students.

❖ The Special Education students are also getting involved in Education week with their annual Education week concert. The concert will be held in the Music Room next Monday afternoon at 2:15pm. The students will be performing for family and friends before enjoying an afternoon tea with parents in B Block. We wish all our students the best for their upcoming performances.

*Miss Hale, Miss Walker and Mr Thomas.*

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH

**Parent Information Night**

**TONIGHT Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July**

**Ted Drake Room – 6.30pm**

## 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 NEXT WEEK. Written applications will then be due the following Monday.

## Psst, did you hear that

... Dylan Martin [Yr7] has been named in the **NSW U13 State Hockey Team**, a wonderful achievement Dylan.

## P&C News

Our P&C will be selling tickets in a major fund raising raffle this term. Prizes are:

**1ST Prize:** \$2000 family holiday on the NSW South Coast comprising of 1 weeks accommodation at Merry Beach Resort in fully self-contained deluxe two bedroom unit, a family surfing lesson with Broulee Surf School, a family entry to Mogo Zoo and a \$50 dinner voucher for dining out at Merry Beach Restaurant.

**2nd Prize:** I-Pad valued at \$1000

**3rd Prize:** Garden Art, comprising of 3 sculptures made by the Wagga Wagga High School Trade Training Centre.

**4th Prize:** Printer donated by Cartridge World

Tickets are \$5 each and the raffle will be drawn at our Presentation Night on December 13.

### Thanks to:

To families who have paid their General Contributions for 2011. All these funds and more are being spent on our school grounds.

### Education Tax Refund

School uniforms can now be claimed as part of the Education Tax Refund. For more information go to:

[www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au](http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au)

### GOOD ATTENDANCE IS VITAL

The law in NSW states that all children between the ages of 6 and 17 are required to attend school every day the school is open, unless they have a good reason for not attending.

Parents **must** send their child to school every day unless:

\* The child is too sick to go to school

\* The child has been injured

\* The child has to go to a special religious ceremony

\* The child has an infectious illness eg (chicken pox, mumps or measles)

\* There is a serious family situation, which requires the child's involvement.

### IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR PARENTS TO KEEP THEIR CHILD AWAY FROM SCHOOL FOR ACTIVITIES SUCH AS:

Birthdays, pension days, shopping, minding other children, hair cuts.

### IF YOUR CHILD IS HESITANT ABOUT GOING TO SCHOOL OR REFUSES TO GO FOR SOME REASON PARENTS PLEASE LET US KNOW.

We may ask a Home School Liaison Officer to contact you to provide support and discuss the issues.

## INAUGURAL SCIENCE FAIR WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

Overall 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$100

### Prizes for each Year Group

1<sup>st</sup> - \$75    2<sup>nd</sup> - \$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.

## 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.

## E-SMART

Wagga High has signed-up for the e-Smart program to ensure that all students are well-informed of cyber-safety strategies and cyber-bullying is managed effectively. The program has been developed by The Alannah and Madeline Foundation and requires an e-Smart committee of staff, students and parents/caregivers to work together to generate school policies and practices. Students and parents/caregivers who are interested in participating in this program are to contact Head Teacher Welfare, Lyn Lockwood at school or by email [Lyn.Lockwood@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Lyn.Lockwood@det.nsw.edu.au). More information about the program is available at <http://www.amf.org.au/esmart>

## CAREERS NEWS

◆CSU is running a **Careers Day for Year 10 students** interested in Creative Careers. These include: Acting, Animation, Visual Effects, Theatre and TV, TV Production, Jewellery, Graphic Design, Photography, Fine Arts. The proposed dates are Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th August. Interested students are to get information from Mrs Fellows, the closing date is 10th August.

◆**Housing NSW Youth Scholarships for 2012** - whether you live in social housing or are on the NSW Housing Register you may be eligible to apply for a \$2000 Housing NSW Youth Scholarship.

To be eligible, you need to be under 25 years of age in 2012 and have your school or TAFE college endorse that you have a good attendance record.

Scholarships of \$2,000 may be spent on:

- books
- computer equipment
- other specialist education equipment
- tuition, special programs or course fees

If you are interested see Mr Delaney or Mrs Woolnough for an information flyer or go to

[www.housing.nsw.gov.au](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au).

Applications close on July 29.



### THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE (MHC)

was formed by students and supported by Head Teacher Welfare, Ms Lockwood, to

promote awareness of the importance of emotional well-being at our school. One in five Australians will experience a mental health problem in their lifetime. MHC aims to promote strategies for positive well-being and provide information about resources available at our school and in the wider community to people experiencing difficulty. *The MHC logo was designed by Year 9 student Christina Perri.*

### COMMUNITY NEWS

►Any Year 10 or 12 girls wanting their makeup done for this year's formal, call Gemma to make a booking on 0403783059

[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](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au)

►**Loud & Proud** presented by PCYC on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August 6.30-9.30pm. \$10 entry, pre-sold tickets ONLY – don't miss out.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### TERM 3

#### JULY

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – Duke of Ed Info Night

#### AUGUST

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> – Highfliers morning-tea 11am

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> – A Night of Music Trivia

**DOB in a DOER!!** How about letting us know of our students' successes? Just give the school a ring on 6925 3611 or email [highlights@wwhs.com.au](mailto:highlights@wwhs.com.au).