

Wagga Highlights

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HIGH SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 9 – Monday 30 November 2015

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLIES

Presentation Assemblies are on in Currie Hall in WEEK 10

• **Years 9, 10 & 11 Presentation Assembly**

Tuesday 8 December starting at 11:30am

• **Years 7 & 8 Presentation Assembly**

Wednesday 9 December starting at 11:30am

Parents are most welcome to come along to these assemblies to support their children. The formalities will get underway at the advertised starting time. Guests will need to be seated well before then. The Years 9, 10 & 11 assembly will go for approximately an hour and three quarters, while the Years 7 & 8 assembly an hour and a half. Students must be in full school uniform or they will not be called up on stage. Check the notice boards at school to see if you are getting an award.

School Spectacular 2015

Last Tuesday 24 November Wagga Wagga High School dancers and singers made the journey to



Sydney to prepare for the 2015 schools spectacular at the Qantas Credit Union Arena. A selected 16 WWHS dancers performed in the Michael Jackson Tribute directed and choreographed by Kathryn Fisher and Camilla Jakimowicz. This section consisted of all the non-metropolitan schools in NSW with a total of 210 dancers in the piece. Our students were given the opportunity to meet his Excellency the Governor David Hurley and his wife prior to the closing show. The schools spectacular will be broadcast on Channel 9 on Saturday 5 December at 7:00pm. Congratulations to Mrs Fisher and the following students involved:

Dance - Angelica Temponeras (Yr7), Madeline Bradley, Grace Mattingly, Sarah Meiklejohn (Yr8), Molly Lenon (Yr9), Marc Tagalog Doble, Emma Meiklejohn, Alicia Rynehart (Yr10), Kyarah Gaffey, Mikayla Gregory, Clare Mattingly, Ashlee Jolliffe, Jacinta Curry (Yr11), Amber Curry, Madeleine Moon, Sarah Hogan (Yr12).

Choir - Edward Prescott (Yr7), Mitchell Downing (Yr8), Domenic Hort (Yr 9).

The students behaved exceptionally well and performed to their best making Mrs Fisher and Miss Brown very proud.



Sport and PDHPE News

Well done to years 7, 8 and 9 on completing the aquatics and swimming activities at the Oasis. We are back to regular PDHPE classes this week.

Water Polo - Best wishes to Ryan Menz and Rex Gallaher at the NSW CHS Championships in Taree this week.

Sick and Injured Students

Students who become ill at school must report to the school office with a sick bay form filled out by their teacher. Office staff will ring parents or care givers. Students must not text or ring home when they are unwell.

2015 School Production – “CONTRAPTION”

Production is here!

Students from Wagga High are enjoying a full week of production ‘Contraption’ rehearsals.

The show will be staged on Wednesday 2 December at 7:30pm, Thursday 3 December 7:30pm and Friday 4 December 2015 at 5:00pm in the Currie Hall. Tickets may be purchased at the school office or contact 69253611. Adults - \$15.00; Students/Concession - \$10.00. Students may also obtain tickets from the Careers room at recess and lunch.

Students from all years are involved in a wide range of activities including acting through to back stage and costume making. The publicity team have been busy with last minute preparation and ensuring everything runs smoothly. Please check out our Facebook page ‘Contraption Production’ to see the up to date information and photos of the amazing progress the students are making.

This year Wagga Wagga High School presents “CONTRAPTION”. It tells the story of an underground world occupied by a collective team of inventors whose ambition of existence is solely to invent. Meanwhile above-ground, a clique of daft upper class ladies, seem to find a purpose for an array of ludicrous inventions without knowing where or how they are made. Ironically, the inventors are oblivious



as to how their creations are being utilised; that is, inevitably tossed away after miniscule inspection. It isn’t until a particularly obscure invention discovers a way of transporting from one world to the other that chaos really begins.

A reminder about the school leaving age

The school leaving age for all students is 17 and all students must complete Year 10. This means until they turn 17, all students must be

- In school, registered for home schooling OR
- In approved education or training OR
- In full-time paid employment (average 25 hours per week) OR
- In a combination of these.

P&C News

WWHS P&C Association will be conducting a raffle to be drawn at the school production this week. We are seeking donations for a 'pamper pack' type hamper. Items we are seeking are boxes of chocolates, soap, scented candles, body lotion, wine or any other gift type goods. Items can be dropped off at the School Office. Tickets will be sold at the production and will be drawn during the Thursday evening performance.

WWHS P&C thanks you for your generosity.

Saver Plus Program

Saver Plus is a free ten month program that provides financial education, budgeting and savings tips to assist you to build your skills around managing money and reach a savings goal. Once you finish the program ANZ will match your savings, up to \$500, which goes towards education costs of you or your child.

The Saver Plus program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services and is delivered in partnership with The Smith Family and other community agencies. For more information go to <http://www.anz.com/saverplus> or contact our local Saver Plus Coordinator, Jenny Rolfe-Wallace on (02) 6931 24 28 or our Head Teacher Welfare, Lyn Murray.

Uniform Shop Update

Our Uniform Shop run by Daylight Schoolwear is open on Tuesdays 8:00am – 12:00 midday and Thursdays 2:00pm – 6:00pm. The shop will be open for extended hours over the holiday period in the lead up to the 2016 school year.

Parents can now order uniforms online. This website enables parents and students to purchase school uniforms anytime. The online ordering system is quick and easy. Simply create an account profile, place your order, pay and select 'walk in' to pick up your order from the School Uniform Shop on the next open day. For further details please go to daylightsportswear.com/wagga

Opening Hours for January 2016

18 – 22 January	8:00am – 2:00pm
27 -28 January	8:00am – 4:00pm
29 January	2:00pm – 6:00pm

Volunteers are also needed for January 2016 with credit given towards uniforms for your assistance.

Please contact the school office on Ph: 69253611 or Facebook Inbox to Janice Corney and leave a message of available times.

Helping teenagers celebrate safely

Parties are part and parcel of a teenager's life. While most celebrations go off without a hitch, they can go wrong and get out of hand – particularly if the party is unplanned.

Here are some tips to help ensure your teenager and their friends have fun but remain safe. Time to party:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au//wellbeing/development/time-to-party>

Accidents at School

If an accident occurs at School which is not caused by negligence of the Department then parents are required to have their own insurance.

From time to time there are media stories about the issue of whether children are insured for injuries while at school. The department of education and training does not provide, nor has ever provided, accident or medical insurance for students enrolled in government schools. The department is however insured to cover the financial impact of any legal liabilities that it faces arising from its activities. If the department or one of its staff is negligent and this causes a student to be injured, then the student will be able to legally recover damages from the department (and the department's insurance will cover the cost). However, if an accident occurs at a school which is not caused by any wrongdoing or omission by the department, then the department is not legally liable. Should parents wish to cover their children, there are various forms of insurance available, irrespective of whether fault can be assessable. These include:

- Student Accident Insurance – available through the Federation of Parents and Citizens' Associations of NSW and from commercial insurance suppliers;
- Sporting Injuries Insurance Scheme – covering catastrophic injuries;
- The Supplementary Sporting Injuries Benefits Scheme; and
- Private health funds.

Around the traps

- **Important dates for parents of Year 7, 2016 students:** Parent Information Evening; Wednesday December 2 in the Ted Drake Room at 6:00pm and Orientation Day for Year 7, 2016 students, Wednesday December 2 from 9:20am to 3:00pm.

Facebook privacy

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Have a look at this interesting infographic about the biggest Facebook privacy no-nos. Then ask your kids for their top ten: it could be interesting, indeed.

Facebook privacy: http://allfacebook.com/the-best-computer-science-schools-infographic_b126800

Calendar

NOVEMBER		
30	Monday	School Production Week
DECEMBER		
2	Wednesday	Year 7 2016 Orientation Day and Parent Information Evening
8	Tuesday	Year 9, 10, 11 Assembly
9	Wednesday	Year 7 & 8 Assembly
15	Tuesday	Presentation Night 7:30pm
16	Wednesday	Last Day Term 4 HSC Results released

2016 Return to School Dates

Wednesday 27 January - Staff Development Day (pupil free)

Thursday 28 January – Year 7 students commence; plus all new enrolments

Friday 29 January – All other students commence

Term 1 concludes on Friday 8 April 2016