

# Wagga Highlights

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HIGH SCHOOL

## Term 4 Week 10 – Monday 7 December 2015

### Production...

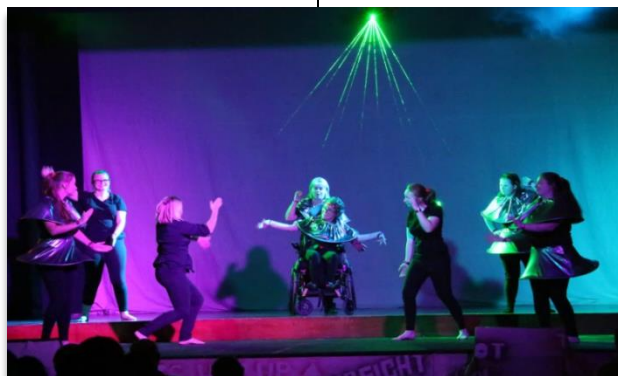
#### Contraption, The Inventors Triumph!

The creative talents of our students and staff were on display last

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings during the performances of *Contraption*. The production told the tale of an underground world occupied by inventors, producing an array of useless inventions for a group of upper class ladies who occupied a privileged world above ground. Chaos begins when an obscure invention allows the two worlds to collide. Our 2015 production was simply outstanding and was received very well by all who saw it. As is the case with all our productions, there were many students involved – almost 200 in fact!

Congratulations to the students involved on stage, in the various bands, musical and dance ensembles, as well as those involved in the technical side of things and in the various teams so necessary in such a large production: construction, costume, artistic, canteen, front of house and backstage. The show had something for everybody and the show was written by our own staff! Certainly a highlight was the finale with the hall filled with all our musicians, dancers and actors.

It was clear that a huge effort had gone into all aspects of the



production; planning, set and costume design and construction, and of course, the sheer hard slog of all the rehearsals and fine-tuning. The hard work certainly paid off and everyone gained a real sense of satisfaction in a job well done. It was definitely a whole-school production and a real team effort.

It was especially great to see so many outgoing Year 12s involved in the production, both as actors and musicians as well as on the technical side, and to see them enjoying themselves so much.

### Production Thanks

Many thanks to our performers and the staff and parents who helped with the production: Ms Norris [drama and props]; Mr Lamb [drama and sets]; Ms Walker and Ms Hale [musical direction]; Mrs Fisher and Ms Brown [choreography]; Ms Prest [art and set design]; Mrs Dennis [costume design and makeup];

Mr Griffiths [special guest appearance and running the canteen]; Mrs Lamotte, Mrs Harpley and Mrs Fellows [publicity]; Mr McKenzie [lighting, set design and props construction]; Mr Heydon [venue management]; admin and teaching staff [ticket sales and finances]; and of course the many other staff members and parents involved in costume making, lending equipment, front of house, ticket selling, supervision of students and back stage work.

Special thanks to our wonderful parent helpers and all others who worked to make this year's production such a success. Thanks for being part of the team!

### PRESENTATION ASSEMBLIES

**Presentation Assemblies are on in Currie Hall this week.**

**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.

### PRESENTATION NIGHT

**Date: Tuesday 15 December 2015**

**Where: Currie Hall, Wagga High**

**Time: 7:00 pm, Formalities begin at 7:30 pm**

- The list of names of all students receiving awards will be on notice boards around the school [A Block, TAS and Library] from this Wednesday 9 December.
- Students, please check to see if your name is on the list – if it is, well done, we'd love to see you on Tuesday night! If for some reason you can't make it [and it had better be a good reason!], please let Mrs Dennis or Mr Gillard know by this Friday.
- Presentation Night is the most important event on the school's calendar and full uniform, including black leather shoes, is absolutely essential.

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- Students playing in the stage band will need to get to the hall early to set up and tune up.



## Presentations -Q and A.

**Q:** What is the difference between the two **Presentation Day Assemblies** and **Presentation Night**?

**A:** During **Presentation Day** assemblies, students will receive academic and application certificates, as well as silver and gold level certificates and any credits in state and national competitions they may have earned. Year 8 students who have satisfied the requirements of their courses will receive their Stage 4 Certificate which will enable them to progress to Stage 5 (Years 9-10). Year 10 students will receive their Stage 5 Certificates which will enable them to progress to Stage 6 (Years 11-12).

**Presentation Night** is the major awards ceremony of the year. Students will be recognised for their achievements in all five areas of school life [academic, cultural, sport, school and community service], as well as receiving platinum, diamond and honours awards and any distinctions and high distinctions in national competitions. All major awards, trophies, shields and scholarships will also be presented.

## LEAVING US?

If you are leaving us at the end of this year, we wish you all the best from us here at Wagga High! We hope that your move into either the work force or a new school is a smooth one and that you remember your time here with fondness.

**Please see Mrs Andrews in the school office to complete the sign out process before the end of term.**

## Year 7-10 Semester 2 Reports

Students in Years 7-10 will receive their Semester 2 reports this Friday 11 December.

## SWPS Year 1 Coaching

Over the past five Wednesdays our Year 11 Sport, Recreation and Leisure students have been coaching Year 1 students at South Wagga Public School through the 12 Fundamental Movement

Skills. During this time our students have demonstrated great leadership skills and have been very positive ambassadors for Wagga High. There have been some big improvements in the skills of throwing, catching and kicking in particular.



## A reminder about the school leaving age

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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.

## 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>

## 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](http://daylightsportswear.com/wagga)

## Uniform Shop Opening Hours for January 2016

SCHOOL HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES:	
Monday 18 to Friday 22 January	8:00am until 2:00pm
WEEK 1 OPENING TIMES:	
27 -28 January	8:00am until 4:00pm
Friday 29 January	2:00pm until 6:00pm





## Student with Medical Conditions

If your child has a newly diagnosed medical condition or allergy which may affect him or her whilst at school, please remember to pass this information on to the Wagga High Administrative Staff. This will ensure that our records reflect the most current information regarding your child and will assist us to provide the most appropriate care for him or her whilst at school or participating in school excursions.

## 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.

## Facebook privacy

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](http://allfacebook.com/the-best-computer-science-schools-infographic_b126800)



## Calendar

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

## Dob in a Doer!

It's great to hear news of our students doing well in sporting and cultural activities outside of school, but we don't hear about all of them! How about letting us know of our students' successes? Just give the school a call on 6925 3611 and 'dob in a doer'!

## Thanks to

To parents and staff who donated items for the P&C raffles drawn at each night of the school production.

## 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**



Wagga Magpies Junior Rugby League Club invites past, current and new players to register for the 2016 rugby league (U6 – U15) and league tag (U9, U12, U14 and U16) competitions.

Registration price \$90 first child, \$75 second child, third child free, League Tag \$50

All players who register before 31 January 2016 go into a draw to win a 2015 Penrith Panthers Auckland 9s jersey.

Refer to the Magpies webpage [magpiesjrflc.com.au](http://magpiesjrflc.com.au) or sporting pulse wagga Magpies juniors' page for registration details.

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