

Wagga Highlights



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HIGH SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 11 – Monday 14 December 2015



Thanks to everyone who has contributed to making 2015 such a successful year for Wagga Wagga High School. Have a very Merry Christmas and a safe and restful holiday.

Presentation Night

Date: Tuesday 15 December 2015

Where: Currie Hall, Wagga High

Time: 7:00 pm. Formalities commence 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 today.
- Presentation Night is the most important event on the school's calendar and full uniform, including black leather shoes, is absolutely essential.
- Musicians will need to get to the hall early to set up and tune up.

Presentation Night Sponsors

We are enormously grateful for the support we receive each year from local and out-of-town sponsors. Many thanks this year goes to the following businesses and individuals:

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Staff Changes

We wish our leaving staff all the best in their in their post-WWHS lives.

- **Mr Hodges** has been promoted to principal of Batlow Technology School. We thank him for his 10 years of service to WWHS and wish him all the best in his new school.
- **Mr and Mrs Griffiths** are moving to Coffs Harbour. We thank them for their many years of service to WWHS and wish them all the best in their new schools.
- **Mr Charnock**, one of our long term temporary teachers, will be leaving us to travel around Australia. We thank him for his service to WWHS over many years and wish him all the best for his travels.

Year 7-10 Semester 2 Reports

Students in Year 7-10 received their reports last Friday. Students should read them carefully and follow their teachers' suggestions as to how they can improve in 2016. Remember: 'second best is not good enough' - you should always be trying to improve!! As part of the reporting process, Principal Mr Powell selects the students who have **perfect personal profiles** on each page of their reports. Congratulations to the award winners from Years 7-10 who received their Final Reports last Friday:

Year 7 - Outstanding profile:

Brianna Clark, Georgia Clarke, Ruby Condon, Bethany Curry, Montana Dasey, Chloe Davey, Paige Gaynor, Gabriella Hall, Jackson Hart, Danica Huyser, Isabella Ingram, Katie Kelly, Olivia Muir, Mackenzie Purtill-Wright, Eleanor Russell, Cyrane Tagalog Doble, and Angelica Temponeras.

Year 8 - Outstanding profile:

India Becroft, Harry Boneham, Madeline Bradley, Lily Crocker, Abbey Grant, Oskar Hubbard, Sophie McKinnon, Sarah Meiklejohn, and Lily Spencer.

Year 9 - Outstanding profile:

Geena Adorada, Lucy Angel, Eliza Bingham, Abu Kebe, Sophie Lamont, Amy Miller, Emily Mills, Matilda O'Connor, Amy Phillips, Joanna White, and Sarah Zia.

Year 10 - Outstanding profile:

Emilia Armstrong, Brandon Atkinson, Aurora Bellany, Sarah Crakanthorp, Madeline Crimmins, Ja Ing Lagang, Dominic Leighton-Popple, Brooke Longmore, Lucy Miegel, Len Perritt, Montana Purtill-Wright, Tameka Scott, and Sophie Thomson.

Leaving Us?

If you are not returning to school here in 2016, 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.

Award Shields

If you are fortunate enough to win a shield at Presentation Night, congratulations. Could you please return it to school in the first week back of 2016, so it can be displayed on the wall in its allotted spot, with a difference this time – your name will be on it! Please bring your shield to Mr Gillard or Mrs Dennis in the Technology staffroom or you can just take it to the office. Many thanks!

Swimming Carnival 2016

The swimming carnival is on **Thursday 11 February 2016**, so put this date on your calendar now and make sure that you start training soon so you can be at your peak in Week 3 next year. As has been the case in recent years, next year's carnival will be a twilight carnival, with the events taking place in the late afternoon and evening. Students participating in the carnival will not have to be at school the next day [Friday]. So be at the carnival and earn yourself a long weekend!

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.

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>

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

Uniform Reminder

Parents are reminded to check our Uniform Code before buying uniform for the new school year. You can find the code on our website and our uniform is available from our Uniform Shop, run by Daylight Schoolwear. You can find opening times and a price list on our website. The uniform code clearly states that the only acceptable footwear is black leather, fully enclosed shoes which cover the whole foot. Our expectation is that all students will fully comply with the Uniform Code for 2016. Families who are experiencing financial hardship should contact Deputy Principal, Mr Gunter for a Student Assistance application form.

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

Around The Traps

We had our two Presentation Day Assemblies last week [Years 9, 10 & 11 on Tuesday and Years 7 & 8 on Wednesday] and all went off well. Congratulations to all the award winners – you did really well! Many thanks to the musicians, ushers and MCs. Thanks to the many parents and friends who turned up to support our students.

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

Canteen

The canteen will be open until Wednesday this week with limited selections available, and will be up and running again next year on Thursday 28 January 2016. A new price list will be available early in Term 1.

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'!

