

Wagga Highlights

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HIGH SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 6 – Monday 29 February 2016

Moving Up the Levels

Congratulations to the following students who have moved up recently in our school honours system: Silver: **Fouziyeh Yousefi** (Yr 10) Platinum: **Mariam Rehman** (Yr 12) and Diamond: **Charlotte Bruce-Goodlet** (Yr 9). Great work!

Around The Traps

On Tuesday South Wagga Public School held the Foundation Day Assembly to mark 125 years since the school foundation stone was laid. At the Foundation Day Assembly the School Captains, Vice Captains, Sports Captains and Student Parliamentarians were presented with their badges of office. The assembly recognises a very important day in the history of South Wagga as well as formally recognising the student leaders for the year. One of the highlights of the assembly was the quality of the ex-South Wagga students from Wagga Wagga High School, **Carter Lovell**, **Alex Dennis** and **Charlotte Manning** who spoke to the student body about their times at South Wagga and how much they enjoyed being at South Wagga. Their presentations were very moving and the pride that they displayed in being South Wagga students was heartfelt. They represented Wagga Wagga High School with dignity, pride and a real sense of success through education. (Contributed by SWPS)

P&C News

Our next P&C meeting, the AGM, will be held in the Ted Drake Room in A Block at 7:30pm on Monday 14 March. If you would like to nominate for an executive position please contact P&C secretary, Tristan Russell on tristan.russell@internode.on.net or pick up a nomination form from the school office. All parents and caregivers are encouraged to come along and support our school.

Student Assistance Scheme

The Student Assistance Scheme provides support for students attending NSW Government schools. Student assistance funds can be used to provide financial support for items such as

- Uniforms
- Books
- Excursions
- Elective contributions

Families who need assistance should collect an application form from Deputy Principal, Mr Gunter or the school office.

Bucket Hats

WWHS bucket hats are available from the P&C and may be purchased at the school finance office for \$10.00 (cash only).

Good number sense

Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don't add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them.

Find out more information go to:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/math/math-a-to-z/>
<http://maths.glossary/RId5/141/mental%20strategy>

HSC History Extension Site Study – National Museum of Australia

HSC History Extension students are challenged to explore the concept of "What is History?" and how interpretations of history are represented and used in different contexts. Museums are a readily accessible example of how "history" can be used for different purposes, such as including and excluding different groups in the formation of our national identity. These academic concepts become more concrete when students can see and discuss hands-on instances of these processes in action. During our site study of the National Museum of Australia in Canberra, Connor Meyers, Taya McLean and Olivia Schutte spent time studying the "Encounters" Exhibition, incorporating objects from the British Museum, as well as the other galleries of the Museum. We were particularly interested to see the contribution of Wagga Wagga artist Pete Ingram to this exhibition. The class then made valuable use of travel time in the car to plan their Major Projects, which they will start in earnest in Term 2.



Careers

UOW website – look up where their Graduates end up
HSC Stress Less App for ideas on how to best deal with the pressures of your HSC

University Early Admissions open 1 August 2016.

For information on:

Student Exchange go to: www.uow.edu.au/student/exchange

Uow Scholarships go to: www.uow.edu.au/scholarships

HSC Study Days visit: www.uow.edu.au/future/events

WEP Student Exchange Brochures available or visit www.wep.org.au

ANU Scholarship Roadshow: Online Thursday 3 March. Email student.recruitment@anu.edu.au for more details.

Information on Tuckwell scholarships: <http://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/>
NIDA Open Day Saturday 14 May. Register to attend on their website.

Tafe Riverina: Short Course information on the noticeboard outside the Careers Office.

Help Cambodia

The Help Cambodia Ball is on again this year on March 5 and as usual will be a wonderful night. You can buy tickets by visiting the website www.helpcambodia.com.au. To see what this wonderful group have been doing over the last few years go to https://youtu.be/_faqIBufgs.

School Contributions and Elective Fees Are Now Due

Voluntary Contributions are set at \$60.00 for Years 7-9 and \$80.00 for Years 10-12. Although these contributions are not compulsory, we appreciate payment, to assist us in further supporting students through the purchase of resources, which are not included in our regular funding.

Subject Fees are compulsory, as they allow specific resources to be purchased in order to conduct practical subjects (ie ingredients for Food Tech). These fees are due and payable immediately. Students who do not pay their subject fees may not be eligible to attend non-compulsory excursions and may be offered alternative work during practical lessons.

Payments may be made by cash, EFTPOS or cheque. We do not yet have the facility to accept direct deposits; however this should be available in the not too distant future.

Removing Head Lice and Hits

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/removing-head-lice-and-nits>

Does multi-tasking reduce focus?

Can your kids really study while updating their Facebook page, listening to their music players and messaging their friends? Research shows dedicated study time without distractions produces better learning and a greater ability to retrieve information. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/homework-and-multitasking-can-it-be-done>

Australian and International Academic Competitions 2016

The table below summarises academic competitions for 2016. We'd love to see as many students as possible take the opportunity to test themselves against students from around Australia and beyond. Payment can be made at the office, with one or more competitions per transaction.

COMPETITION	COMP DATE	COST	ENTRIES CLOSE
Digital Technologies	17 May	\$8	5 April
Science	31May	\$8	3 May
Chemistry	21 July	\$5	7 June
English	2 Aug	\$8	21 July
Australian Mathematics	28 July	\$6	5 May

When kids are bullied

We send our kids off to school each day to learn. In between lessons they go outside to play – but the learning doesn't stop. The playground can help prepare them for some of the social challenges they will face throughout their lifetime. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/behaviour/bullying-advice-for-parents1/what-can-i-do-to-help-my-child>

Reminders

Students who are late to school must report to the school office and provide a note explaining why they are late. If students have an appointment, the nature of the appointment must be indicated on the note.

Two important safety rules to remember at school: Hands Off! and No Throwing!

SCOOTERS and SKATEBOARDS are banned from WWHS and indeed, all government high schools in NSW. Do not bring a scooter or skateboard to school – it will be confiscated and will have to be collected by a parent. This rule applies every day of the school week.

Parents are reminded that family holidays should be taken during school holidays. Research clearly shows that absences from school have an impact on academic outcomes.

Markets on the Hill

The Wagga Wagga High School P&C Association Markets on the Hill will be held on **Saturday 12 March from 9:00am to 3:00pm**.

Venue: Wagga Wagga High School top car park and gymnasium (parking and access off Macleay St).

Sites: Outdoor sites are \$20 and indoor sites are \$30.

This is a great opportunity for you to make some extra cash by selling those unwanted items from home and at the same time raise funds for our P&C.

Travel Grant Opportunity

Students in regional and rural areas often miss out on educational opportunities that are accessed by their counterparts in the larger city areas. The Drs Kenneth and Cheryl Cheung Travel Grant/Scholarship Foundation has been set up to bridge the distance, by providing financial assistance to high school students enabling them to attend study workshops, school-sanctioned educational activities, agricultural shows, or even attend a performing arts workshop.

The Travel Grant/Scholarship Program is administered by three members of the community, independent of the fund sponsors.

To obtain more information, please go to <http://bit.ly/1bbbJxw>

Learner drivers

To help parents in supervising learner drivers the Roads and Maritime Services (formally RTA) has set up free two-hour workshops for parents that offer practical advice on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.

The next workshop will be held on Monday 14 March at the Wagga RSL Club from 5:30pm – 7:30 pm.

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'!

Canteen News

Students are reminded that they can avoid lining up by placing a lunch order before school.

\$5.00 Canteen Specials

Monday	Pizza
Tuesday	Hamburgers
Wednesday	Chicken Chilli Wrap
Friday	Hot Dog & Sauce

Calendar – Term 1 2016

MARCH		
4	Friday	Immunisations Yr 7 & catch-up for Yr 8
14	Monday	P&C Meeting
16	Wednesday	Year 7 2017 Information Evening 6:00pm
17	Thursday	Athletics Carnival – Jubilee Park
25-28	Fri – Mon	Easter Break
29-31	Tuesday - Friday	Year 12 Mid-Course Exams
APRIL		
4-6	Mon-Wed	Surf Trip
4-7	Mon-Thur	Year 12 Mid-Course Exams
7	Thursday	Cross Country Carnival
8	Friday	Anzac Ceremony

EXPERIENCE A NEW CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE AT HOME

In June-July 2016 students from over 25 countries around the world, will be arriving in Australia to study at local high schools for 3-10 months.

Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia Call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student

ART YOGA MUSIC MEDITATION DANCE SONG

Children's Wellbeing Expo

SUNDAY THE 8TH OF MAY
10AM TILL 6PM

SPARKLE & SHINE

CONNECTING PARENTS & CHILDREN
TO THE WONDER WITHIN

WAGGA RSL CLUB

CONTACT BETH ELAINE HAYNES 0450493570

markets on the hill



Saturday 12th March

9am – 3pm

gold coin entry

WWHS car park and gym

GARAGE / CAR BOOT SALE

HANDMADE JEWELLERY, CLOTHES,
HAIR ACCESSORIES AND GIFT CARDS

BBQ

CAKE STALL

GREAT COFFEE

FOOD STALLS

BRIC – A – BRAC

HOMEWARES and LINEN



ph: 0401 395 130 – Katherine for
bookings (stalls \$20 - \$30)



Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Jenny Rolfe-Wallace your local Saver Plus Worker:
(02) 6931 3963 / 0437 375 832
or jenny.rolfe-wallace@thesmithfamily.com.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered across Wagga Wagga and surrounding districts by The Smith Family. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.