

Wagga Highlights

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HIGH SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 8 – Monday 14 March 2016

The Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey

Our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

The survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 18 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Last week we sent home a consent form which we asked you to return by 14 March. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, and you are yet to return the form, please do so by **Wednesday 16 March** at the very latest. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

World's Greatest Shave

Last Friday 11 March our SRC and Mr McKenzie hosted the Leukaemia Foundation's *Shave for a Cure*.

On the day we had waxing and shaving, with people donating \$80.00 for the privilege of shaving or waxing

the willing participants. Meg Bradley, Lachlan Stephens, Izzabel Green, Lucy Ryan, Jayde Crocker, Jake Footman and Mr Curry



shaved their heads while the Year 11 boys waxed their legs and thighs. All the money donated on the day will go to the leukaemia foundation to find a cure for cancer.



WWHS Athletics Carnival

The Athletics Carnival will be held this **Thursday 17 March** at **Jubilee Park**. The 1500m race will commence at 8.15am, so if you are interested in running in that event please put your name down outside the PE staffroom. Students, including seniors, are expected to attend this compulsory whole school activity from 8.30am-3.00pm. If seniors need to attend TAFE, they must see Mrs Lawson or Mr Willis prior to leaving. Buses will leave WWHS in the morning to transport students to Jubilee Park and return again in the afternoon. It will cost \$2.00 each way. There will be canteen facilities and a barbecue available on the day.

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).

Year 7, 2017 Information Evening

Prospective parents of Year 7 students in 2017 are invited to attend an information evening to be held in Currie Hall at Wagga High on **Wednesday March 16 from 6:00pm-7:00pm**. After a short presentation on the curriculum, welfare programs and other opportunities offered at the school, there will be time for questions.

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.

Moving up the levels

Congratulations to **Monir Karmach** (Yr 9) and **Momtaz Nader Ali** (Yr 11) who have achieved Gold Level and **Chalise McNuff** (Yr 12) who has reached Diamond Level. Great work!

Congratulations also to **Montana Purtill-Wright** (Yr 11) who has received Academic and Cultural Principal's Awards. Well done!

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>

7E History Responsibility and Challenge

Last week 7E took a moment to celebrate their hard work in History. All thirty students took RESPONSIBILITY for their own learning, accepting the CHALLENGE of submitting ALL History work in their workbooks, as well as completing and submitting ALL Interview Reports. ALL books and ALL Reports demonstrated an exemplary work ethic and determination to succeed! Well done 7E!

L Atkinson (HT History)



Senior Students' Study Leave

Senior students are reminded that they are not to leave the school during the school day unless they have applied for study leave. See Mr Lamb for an application form. Students should be aware that if they breach the conditions of study leave, this privilege will be revoked. It is disappointing to see that a small number of seniors continue to flout this rule. Repeat offenders run the risk of suspension. Be warned! Students in Years 7-10 must not leave the school at any time during the school day unless they have a Leave Pass or are part of a school excursion.

Superhero Walk

The Wagga Autism Support Group would like to invite everyone to help celebrate Autism Awareness Month by joining them at Apex Park, Lake Albert, Wagga Wagga @ 10.30am on 3 April for our Annual Autism Superhero Walk.

Come dressed in your favourite superhero outfit and walk around the lake (shorter course available) to help support and raise awareness for Autism. There will be prizes and balloons, jumping castle and sausage sizzle. Services will be on hand to show how they can support people with ASD.

Contact Sheila Buntin 0402 807 014 for more details or go to www.waggaautismgroup.org.au Free entry to walk but adult supervision required.

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.

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 (TONIGHT) at the Wagga RSL Club from 5:30pm – 7:30pm.

Bangarra Dance Workshops

In collaboration with the Department of Education and Bangarra Dance, students were offered the opportunity to attend a one day workshop with leading artists. In this workshop, students were taught a contemporary dance, highlighting the importance of culture and developing dance skills. Molly Lenon and Nicole Fretwell were both successful in being identified as having exceptional



talent and were shortlisted from the event. If they are accepted to the next level of the program they will perform at the Schools Spectacular later in the year. Well done girls!

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

Careers Visit

Chloe Harpley – (2015 Yr 12 student) came in on Wednesday to talk to Yr 12 students interested in attending ANU and the Tuckwell Scholarship.



Chloe spoke about university life, living on campus, her course in Law and Arts and the transition from school to university.

Chloe encouraged all the students to apply for the prestigious Tuckwell Scholarship and offered her support in this process.

Help Raise Funds for WWHS through Quickbeds

Next time you are booking accommodation, go to www.quickbeds.com and enter the WWHS Grassroots ID: 1280. Every time you book accommodation through Quickbeds you raise \$10 for our P&C.

New Careers Website

Parents and students can now log onto the new Careers Website and register to explore careers information, related resources and relevant careers messages - visit www.wwhscareers.com

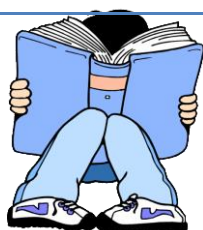
Careers News

For further information or application forms regarding the following notices please go to the careers staffroom:

- University of Sydney Pathway to Legal Practice brochure available
 - UNSW – Course, scholarship and accommodation brochures available
 - Cadetships available to combine university study and paid work in Engineering and Technology and Business
 - Jobs in surveying brochures available
 - TAFE – Introduction to Early Childhood/Nanny 4, Tuesday nights.
- Upcoming events:**
- Careers Market and Tertiary Expo Wednesday 22 June for Year 10 – 12.
 - Year 12 Interviews 24, 25, 27, 31 May and 1 June. More details to follow

Reading News at WWHS!!

Students from NSW schools in Years 7-9 are eligible to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge from now. The aim of the Challenge is to encourage a love of reading for pleasure by giving students the opportunity to read more quality literature and to read widely.



Wagga High is actively encouraging students to participate in the 2016 challenge by reading 20 books from the list before the 19 August. All students who successfully complete the challenge receive a Challenge certificate, signed by the Premier. Parents and students should be aware that participating students will also appear on the Honour Roll, consequently any parent who has concerns about their child participating in the Challenge should contact library staff.

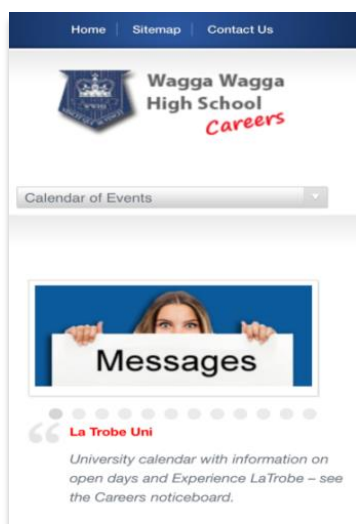
Wagga High Library and the Riverina Regional Library hold many of the titles on the Challenge list including a range of graphics, fiction and non-fiction, and library staff are always happy to assist students with their selections. More information on the Challenge can be found at:

<https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Feel free to direct any questions to Wagga High Library staff. We hope to see many of you taking up the reading challenge this year!

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'!



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	\$8.00	5 April
Science	31 May	\$8.00	3 May
Chemistry	21 July	\$5.00	7 June
English	2 Aug	\$8.00	21 July
Australian Mathematics	28 July	\$6.00	5 May

\$5.00 Canteen Specials

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

Calendar – Term 1 2016

MARCH		
25-28	Fri – Mon	Easter Break
31	Friday	Year 12 Mid-Course Exams start
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



'YOUR LINK TO SUPPORT'

The Family Referral Service and Education have partnered to provide greater access to service for local communities.

The Family Referral Service is aimed at assisting families to link into various support services. These may include;

- Housing and accommodation
- Financial assistance
- Parenting
- Drug and alcohol support
- Domestic violence
- Youth support
- Health
- Counselling and mediation
- Mental health
- Cultural support
- Health and wellbeing

WWHS will host Sam the FRS Family Worker on Wednesdays between 9am – 3.30pm.

If you would like to get in contact with Sam phone 1300 307 897, visit the school or drop into the FRS office located at 36-40 Gurwood St.

Relationships Australia Canberra and Region Inc acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land sea and community. We pay our respect to them and their cultures and to the Elders both past and present.