

Wagga Highlights

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HIGH SCHOOL

Term 2 Week 3 – Monday 9 May 2016

Congratulations to

- The WWHS Ska and Show bands who opened the Jazz Festival on Saturday at the Commercial Club. Well done to Marc Tagalog Doble, Alice Egan and Maddie Popple who also represented WWHS performing solos. A great showcase of WWHS talent!
- Jared Thorne, Adam Boyd, Callum Clayton, Connor Higgins, Jack Boyd, Dylan Clayton were part of the Wagga Hockey U/18's team that won a gold medal in their division at the State Championships. Dylan Martin played for the winning Division 1 team and was selected in the U/18's NSW team.



Isobel Cowell and Lucy Angel were part of the silver medal winning team at the U/18's State Hockey carnival. Isabel Cowell was awarded the citizenshipship award for the tournament having shown great leadership and sportsmanship. Ben Noack-Burdett attended the carnival as an umpire and was awarded the Development Umpire of the tournament and was given the Division 2 Final to umpire.

Living History among our students – War, the refugee experience and coming to Australia

Year 10 History students in Miss Henderson's class have been given the opportunity to develop a real-life understanding of the impact of the historical forces and events they have studied in the topic *"Australia and the World"*. In Year 9, students develop an understanding of the forces that shaped the twentieth century world, such as industrialisation and colonisation. In Year 10, History students develop a deeper understanding of just how personal these historical forces can become, with conflict and wars causing people to be displaced from their homes, and these people being welcomed to the safety of Australia. Miss Henderson's class have traced the development of the war in Afghanistan, placing the events surrounding this conflict under a microscope and developing a deep understanding of the personalities and ideologies involved. Stories of the displaced victims of war were shared, last week, in a meaningful and somewhat challenging way,



when some of our students who have lived the refugee experience visited the group to share their stories.

Moving up the levels

Congratulations to **Katerina Janzon** (Yr 12) who has achieved Diamond Level and to **Taylah Habel-Noack** (Yr 12) who has received a Principal's Academic Award and a Principal's Cultural Award. Great work!

Small Waves Program

The Small Waves program is in full swing, with Mentors from our local community meeting for the first time with their mentees. During this meeting students used their mentors as a sounding board, fleshing out their ideas for a project that will benefit their local community. Wagga Wagga High School is grateful for the support of the mentors who have generously given their time to mentor our students. Mentors include Jan Centrella and Janice Maxwell, Kyle Pearson, Kim Wilson, Steven Cook and Caroline Lowrey. It will be exciting to see these projects develop during the course of terms two and three.

Year 7 Immunisation

Year 7 Students are reminded that Immunisations are on Friday 13 May. Students are encouraged to eat a good breakfast and ensure that they are well hydrated. It is important to keep a drink bottle handy after they have had their needles and ensure that recess and lunch is eaten. Students are monitored for fifteen minutes after they have had their needles. After this time, they will return to normal classes and participate in the lessons presented. However, if they are feeling unwell later in the day, they need to alert their class teacher and follow the normal procedures to attend sick bay.

Host a Japanese Student

Labo International Student Exchange is looking for families to host students participating in the "Japan to Australia" program from 21 July to 14 August 2016.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to get to know a Japanese student of the same age. Exchange students will be 15-17 years old and would attend school with the host-brother or sister. For more information, please see Mrs Murray in the Languages staffroom.

Nurture your Leadership Skills

GRIP Leadership will be holding a leadership camp for students in Year 10-12 in Sydney during the upcoming July holidays. Students from all over Australia and New Zealand attend the camp and participate in activities designed to allow them to share ideas with other student leaders and build a personal plan for achieving their goals. The cost of the 3-day camp is \$490.00 + GST. For more information, visit the website www.gripleadership.com.au or see Mrs Murray in the Languages staffroom.

P&C News

A big thank you to our hard working members of the P&C who cooked and served tirelessly on Saturday 30 April at a Bunnings BBQ. A profit of \$1075 was made on the day with almost 600 sausages sold. A big thank you to Adam Egan, Stuart Meiklejohn, Karen Yeates, Debbie Habel, Michael Standley, Meaghan Lawlor, Katrina Aicken, Tristan Russell, Erika Crevatin, Anne Egan and Mick Powell. Your efforts and support are always very much appreciated.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 16 May at 7:30pm in the Ted Drake Room. All parents and caregivers are encouraged to come along and support our school.

Act for Peace Ration Challenge

Wagga High teachers are taking part in the Act for Peace Ration Challenge during Refugee Week, 19 June - 25 June. This involves opening our eyes to what it's like for refugees to survive on rations. During this week we will be eating the same rations as a Syrian refugee - just a small amount of rice, lentils, chick peas, sardines, oil and kidney beans, **that's it!** No meat, coffee or...gasp.....chocolate!!!!

Please help us by sponsoring to take on this challenge, and donate whatever you can. The money you give will help provide urgently needed food rations, healthcare, and education to help give Syrian refugees the strength they need to cope. It will also help many other refugees around the world to build safe, just and dignified lives, now and in the future.

Over the coming weeks, we will be organising a number of fundraising activities in and around the school that students, staff and parents can get involved in. We would appreciate as much support as possible in our endeavour.

If you would like to donate, follow the link to find the Wagga High team.

<https://actforpeace.rationchallenge.org.au/fundraisers/waggahigh>

Thank you in advance for being so generous. It means so much to us, and you'll be making a big difference to refugees in desperate need.

Miss Jessica Norris and Miss Chandra Hale

Careers News

Please go to our new Careers website www.wwhscareers.com for detail in regards to University and TAFE Open Days and Course information.

- **UAC news** – check out the new mobile App 'My UAC' for students to manage their university applications
- **UMAT registrations** close 5:00pm on Friday 3 June and test date Wednesday 27 July
- **ACPET** – Australian Council of Private Education and Training Booklet on the bookcase outside of the Careers Room
- **ANU** – Girls in IT, Thursday 28 April
- **AG Enrichment** – CSU offers students an opportunity to observe and take part in work done by Animal Scientists, Sunday 17 June from 9:00am – 2:00pm, please see Mr Gillard for further information
- **Work Experience** at Wagga Wagga Base Hospital. Paperwork in the Careers Room
- **Years 10/11/12 Jobs Careers** and Training Exchange at Kyeamba Smith Hall. 9:30am – 4:00pm.
- **Medicine information** session via video conference for any interested students.
- **Hutcheon and Pearce** - Any student interested in an apprenticeship in Agricultural Machinery please see Mrs Fellows.

Student Assistance Scheme

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

- Uniforms
- Books
- Compulsory Excursions
- Elective Contributions

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

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Family Court Orders and AVOs

Sadly sometimes relationships break down and the court makes orders that change the contact parents can have with their children or the role they play in making decisions about their children's education. These can be Family Court Orders or Apprehended Violence Orders.

If this happens it is important that you provide the school with a copy of any court orders that could impact on your child's education.

In the absence of any notification to the contrary, the school will assume that both parents continue to retain a shared and equal parental responsibility for their children and should be involved in making any decisions regarding their children's education.

This means that the school will recognise that each parent has equal duties, obligations, responsibilities and opportunities in relation to matters involving the school.

If any changes occur in your family relationships which have the potential to impact on the relationship between the school and your family, please advise the school immediately and provide a copy of any court orders that may be obtained.

These orders will be stored securely and only accessed by staff who need to see them in order to plan for your children's learning and support and related issues.

Play "Bubble Soccer"

to help reduce homophobia in our community and improve the mental health and wellbeing of everyone!

When: Saturday 14 May 2016

Time: 12:00pm to 2:00pm

Where: Rawlings Park, Lake Albert. Field One.

Cost: FREE there will also be a free jumping castle for the younger children.

Ages: 8 and up (younger children can be rolled around the grass in the bubble)

Tuesday 17 May it is International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia. 17 May was specifically chosen to commemorate the World Health Organization's decision in 1990 to declassify homosexuality as a mental disorder. This event is being run by PFLAG Wagga (Parents and Friends of Lesbian and Gay People) and funded by ACON (Aids Council of NSW) with kind donations from Jumping Beans Castle Hire and supported by Football Wagga Wagga. Stalls will also be setup from local support groups.

Under 13's Wagga City Wanderers Academy will be holding a Sausage Sizzle on the day. Bring along you family and friends for some lunch and a game of bubble soccer in a friendly and supportive environment. The U13's Wagga Wanderers will finish off the day with a quick bubble soccer challenge.

Calendar – Term 2 2016

MAY		
10-13	Tues – Fri	NAPLAN Years 7 & 9
13	Friday	Year 7 Immunisations
16	Monday	P&C Meeting
31	Tuesday	EEE 2017 Testing due
JUNE		
13	Monday	Public Holiday
17	Friday	EEE 2017 applications due
29	Wednesday	-Excellence Assembly -Information Evening Yr 10 into 11
30	Thursday	Year 10 Mini-Timetable afternoon
JULY		
1	Friday	End of Term 2