

# Wagga Highlights



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HIGH SCHOOL

Term 2 Week 6 – Monday 30 May 2016

## Semester One Reports

All Year 12 students received their Mid-Course Reports last week. As part of the reporting process, Principal Mr Powell selects the students who have perfect personal profiles (or close to it) on each page of their reports. The reward for a perfect set of personal profiles is a Certificate of Excellence (and an invitation to the next Excellence Assembly and morning tea) with an Academic Merit Certificate for students who went very close to that. Congratulations to everyone who earned an award, your efforts were terrific! Students who received Certificates of Excellence were Vanessa Angel, Callum Azar, Peter Baker, Alexandra Dennis, Jessica Gill, Mikayla Gregory, Charis Guilfoyle, Taylah Habel-Noack, Sabella Hebels, Kaitlin Jefferies, Claudia Jenkins, Christopher Kean, Jayke Luland, Charlotte Manning, Eamonn McInerney-Robertson, Shantaya McLean, Emma Miegel, Hinal Patel, Carina Perri, Morgan Tame, Elise Toyer.

All students are reminded to carefully consider the advice given to them by their teachers in their reports. Most students are working hard and received excellent results for their efforts. However, a small number of students need to focus more in the classroom so they can receive the best possible results.

Year 12 students also received a letter in their reports highlighting important dates for the rest of the year and outlining expectations regarding effort, behaviour, attendance and uniform. The letter also outlines possible consequences for students who have a poor record in these areas. Students and parents/caregivers are urged to read this letter carefully.

## Congratulations to...

Three of our students, Carter Lovell, Will Standley and Chris Leywood who represented the school in Camden, Sydney for the NSW CHS Riverina Rugby Union Carnival, teacher Stephen Sargent was the team coach.

All three boys played well to win two out of four games against some bigger sides from Sydney metro areas. The best result for the carnival was defeating Sydney East 28 - 26 on the last day.



## Moving up the Levels

Congratulations to Claudia Jenkins (Yr 12) who has received a Principal's Academic Award. Great work!

### Did you know that you can make payments to your child's school online?

We have launched a new online payment portal linked to your school's website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

### What expenses can be paid online?

- Voluntary School Contributions
- Subject Contributions
- Excursions
- Sport
- Creative and Practical Arts
- Sales to Students
- Other

### When?

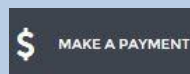
This payment method will go live on **Friday 3 June**.

### How?

Log onto School site at <http://www.waggawagga-h.schools.nsw.edu.au> or follow the QR Code (below). Click on "Make a Payment" and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.

You will notice some changes to excursion and other permission notes in the future.

- You will see a small box in which says Fee ID, followed by a number. Please enter this number when paying online to help us to identify the purpose of your payment.
- You will notice a space on the return slip to record your payment type and POP Receipt No. This will enable us to match the payment to our daily payment report.
- You may see a QR Code, as shown below. When scanned with a QR Reader, this will take you directly to our website. (This is a **free download** from your App store). You will then need to look for this symbol to access the POP facility.



More detailed information will be included in next week's Highlights.



## Congratulations to...

Year 7 who have performed a great community service, by receiving regular immunisations, to help stamp out diseases such as whooping cough and polio.

## Year 10 Subject Selection

In Year 10 students are asked to select subjects for Years 11 and 12. Here are some tips to help your teen choose well.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/year-10-subject-selection>

## Around the Traps

Please be aware, that Wagga High students will not be served in any shops in the Marketplace during school hours.

## Online Information Session for Student Exchange

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit organisation that is registered with all state and territory Departments of Education around Australia and with the Ministry of Education in NZ. We are the first and only secondary exchange organisation in Australia and New Zealand to be certified to ISO 9001 (Quality Management System) and we ensure the highest standards of care and support to our participants. We would like to invite your students and families to our FREE Live Online Sessions in June. Students are welcome to register for Wednesday, 8 June at 5.30pm - 6.30pm AEDT. The next session will be held on Tuesday 12 July.

Register now by visiting [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au) or call 1300 135 331 for more information. The LIVE Online session gives students and families the opportunity to learn more about becoming an exchange student and the various scholarship options that are available in 2016.

## Mobile Phones

Mobile telephones are not to be used in class unless it is under the specific direction of your teacher. Ipods and MP3 players should not be used in class at any time as they interfere with learning. Students who flout these rules will have these items confiscated. Repeat offenders will have their phones confiscated by the principal and parents will be required to pick them up. Students bring these valuable items to school at their own risk. WWHS will not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage to these items.

## P&C News

Our next P&C meeting will be held on **Monday 6 June at 7:30pm** in the Ted Drake Room. All parents and caregivers are encouraged to come along and support our school.

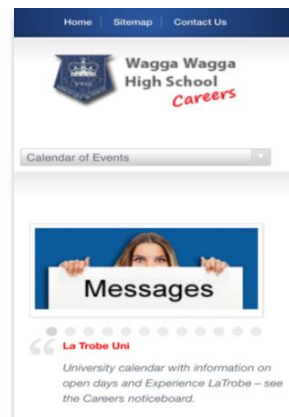
WWHS P&C Association will be conducting a raffle to be drawn at the upcoming Dance Night. We are seeking donations for a 'pamper pack' type hamper. Items we are seeking are boxes of chocolates, soap, scented candles, body lotion, wine or any other gift type goods. Items can be dropped off at the School Office.

Tickets will be sold at Dance Night on Tuesday 28 June and will be drawn on the night.

*WWHS P&C thanks you for your generosity*

## Careers News

- There are currently positions available for **Apprenticeships and Traineeships**. Please check the board outside the Careers Room for more information.
- **TAFE Open Day** Thursday 9 June
- **Jobs, Careers and Training Exchange** Wednesday 22 June.
- University course information please see the staff in the Careers Room
- 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](http://www.wwhscareers.com)



## 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'!

## Reminder

Students are reminded that they must move into the amphitheatre as soon as they arrive at school each morning. No hanging around streets near the school! Students are also reminded that under no circumstances are they to leave school, unless they have a leave pass or a study leave pass, or they are participating in an excursion. All students are reminded that the TAFE College is out of bounds for all students, except those who are attend a course there.

## Message to Parents/Carers

### Keep Kids Safe: #parentscheckthecheck!

Parents or carers who engage the services of a private tutor or coach have an important role to play in helping to keep their children safe.

From 1 April 2016 adults who provide private tuition or coaching services to children will need to obtain a new **Working With Children Check**. The Certificate for Self Employed People will no longer be valid after their expiry date and the certificate holders will need to apply for a new Working With Children Check.

Parents or carers should ask their child's tutor or coach for their name, date of birth and their Working With Children Check number. They must then go online and verify the tutor or coach is not barred from working with children in NSW.

Verifying that a tutor or coach can work with children is quick and easy – just follow the simple steps at [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/parentscheckthecheck](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/parentscheckthecheck)

If you suspect that an adult is providing services to children without a Working With Children Check you can go online to make a confidential report or phone (02) 9286 7219.

Help to keep kids safe by sharing #parentscheckthecheck with your family and friends through your own social media networks.

## Small Waves Program

The Small Waves group is in full swing with students coming up with some brilliant project ideas. Sinead Brassil is working with her mentor Kyle Pearson to create Wagga's first Battle of the Bands event which will be incredible. Molly Jenkins is working with her mentor Jan Centrella to organise an art auction consisting of local artists. Proceeds of this auction will go towards getting some awesome artistic talent into the school to create some fabulous street art in the silo.

Abu Kebe and Waldo Steyn, with the help of their mentor Steven Cook, are creating a resource pack for refugee students to ease their transition into our school.

Abigail Rosser will go into our feeder schools to create items that will be donated to local charities.

Chelsea Salmon is looking into a pets-as-therapy program, which is testing her capacity to source friendly animals which she can take to nursing homes in the community.

Two students are using food to build up our local community; Kimberley Telford is working with her mentor Caroline Lowrey to create a food bank here at school, so that families who are doing it a bit tough can rely upon the school for the small but significant support of a home cooked meal.

Sarah Zia with the help of Kim Wilson plans to run cooking sessions with small groups of primary school students from our feeder schools to educate them on the benefits of healthy eating.

All in all, our Small Waves team members have a mighty big job ahead of them. But they have shown thus far, that with the support of their mentors, they have set the bar high and have huge plans to engage their school and community.

Ms Henderson will keep us posted on their progress. Watch this space!

## Raise funds for our P&C

WWHS P&C Association has signed up with Quickbeds which is an online Accommodation booking service run by The Flight Centre Agency. This service is similar to other online booking sites that are advertised on TV that provide a fast easy way to book accommodation and compare prices. The difference with Quickbeds is that for every booking made they donate to WWHS P&C Association. When you are considering booking accommodation for your next trip away please consider giving Quickbeds a try. The link to their site is below; please don't forget to quote the WWHS P&C code which is 1280

<http://click.deals.quickbeds.com/?qs=e7e3c7955232207dc62df26f204b7b8bcf71166deb658cc8f9287ccb66c161278cf751cb308d7671>



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### Community Open Day

**Sunday 5 June, 10am - 2pm**  
**Free community event**

Come and celebrate World Environment Day by coming to the official community opening of the Marrambidya Wetland!

Council staff will be coordinating activities with a free sausage sizzle at midday.

Ongoing free activities throughout the day will include:

- Fauna nest box surveys
- Reed planting
- Treasure hunt
- Face painting
- Spear throwing

**Free scheduled activities**

- Water sampling/ Water Bugs activity 10:30am
- Seed balls 11am
- Wiradjuri Story Telling 11:30am
- Free sausage sizzle 12pm
- Millyea Dance Group 12:30pm
- Water sampling/ Water Bugs activity 1pm
- Wiradjuri Storytelling 1:30pm

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## Riverina Driving Academy

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## \$5.00 Canteen Specials

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

## School Calendar

### Term 2 2016

#### MAY

31	Tuesday	EEE 2017 Testing due
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#### JUNE

13	Monday	Public Holiday
17	Friday	EEE 2017 applications due
20-24	Mon – Fri	Year 10 Work Experience Week
28	Tuesday	Dance Night
29	Wednesday	-Excellence Assembly -Information Evening Yr 10 into 11
30	Thursday	Year 10 Mini-Timetable afternoon

#### JULY

1	Friday	End of Term 2
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### Term 3 2016

18	Monday	Staff Development Day
19	Tuesday	Students return Term 3

# PARENTS

Has your child's private tutor or coach had a  
**Working With Children Check?**



Tutors must have a current WWCC

Parents must verify the WWCC online

Got a clearance? You're good to go!



Scan the QR code

the working with children check

[www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/parentscheckthecheck](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/parentscheckthecheck)