

Wagga Highlights



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WAGGA WAGGA
HIGH SCHOOL

Term 3 Week 1 – Tuesday 19 July 2016

Staff Changes

Principal, Mr Mick Powell retired at the end of last term after 37½ years' service to Public Education. Ms Maddison will be relieving principal for Terms 3 and 4 and Mr Gunter will relieve as Deputy Principal - Curriculum.

Year 11 2017 Subject Selection

Year 10 are in the process of selecting their subjects for Year 11 in 2017. All students and their parents are invited to make an interview time over the next two weeks to go through this process. Parents will need to contact the Careers Advisor, Mrs Fellows to book a time. We are interviewing from 12 noon to sometimes as late as 7:00pm over these two weeks to fit in with busy families. Students need to remember select their subjects wisely by thinking about:

- ABILITY:** choose subjects you are good at
- INTEREST:** choose the subjects that you are interested in studying
- MOTIVATION:** choose the subjects that you really want to learn so that you can meet your future goals

Listen to your teachers' advice.

DO NOT:

1. Choose subjects based on your friends' choices or on whom you think the teacher might be.
2. Approach your subject selection with the attitude that you can "try" subjects and change them if you don't like them.
It is wiser to find out as much as you can before you select. Next year all subject changes should be made in Week 5 of Term 1 only.
3. Play the scaling game.
You will not be "scaled up" just for choosing a "hard" subject. Your scaled mark for any course relates to your performance in that course and the quality of the other candidates in that course. The scaling process will not advantage you.
4. Choose subjects based on 'rumours', because of excursions, you believe that the course is a 'bludge' subject.
5. Choose subjects based on what your friends are doing.



Parent Online Payments

If you who are accessing the Wagga High website from a mobile device, via the QR Code, you may not see the full version of the website – including the POP link. Simply scroll to the bottom of the screen and select **View full site**. You will then be able to see the



Make a payment icon.

Don't forget to identify the purpose of your payment by including the Fee ID code, which is usually shown on the permission slip.

Semester 1 Reports and School Photos

Semester 1 Reports for Year 7-10 students and all students who ordered school photos, should have received these at the end of last term. If your child has not received these, they can be collected from the front office.

NAIDOC Activities at Wagga Wagga Public School

Wagga High students helped children at Wagga Wagga Public School connect with Aboriginal culture at the end of Term 1, visiting the school to mark NAIDOC Week and lead a selection of activities. Tiger Cox-Smith presented the Acknowledgement of Country, in Wiradjuri, at the WWPS special assembly, followed by Nikki Fretwell and Dylan Lyons addressing the assembly about what their culture means to them. Teachers, parents and children commented on how meaningful they found the Indigenous Student Leaders' words.

Leila Miles (Year 8), Kali Main (Year 8), Erin Lenon (Year 7) and Makaylee Little (Year 7) led Years 5 and 6 in painting a large artwork, consisting of six canvases that together form a representation of map of the area of Wagga inhabited by our two schools, Wagga Public and Wagga High. The girls explained the task and got kids painting without any



help from Miss Jolliffe, who was impressed by their instructional skills. Tiger Cox-Smith (Year 7) and Jaden Newbigging (Year 7) led Years 2-3 in a "Head and Shoulders, Knees and Toes" game in Wiradjuri, assisted by Miss Cox, while Nikki and Dylan led sessions on dreaming stories, sharing stories as well as other elements of their culture such as symbols seen in paintings, with Mrs Lamotte, like all support staff present, finding that our students stepped up and confidently took control of the lessons. Wagga

Wagga Public Students will pay a reciprocal visit to Wagga High during our NAIDOC Week assembly in Week 3, Term 3.

Careers

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

Why not visit the Wagga Wagga High School website by using our QRCode with your mobile device.



Congratulations to

Lauren Nugent, Yr 10, and **Rex Gallaher**, Yr 9, representing NSW Combined High Schools in Water Polo at the Pan Pacific Games held in Auckland, New Zealand in the school holidays. The players represented NSW CHS 15s and played in the older 16s years. Over forty teams participated in this division of the competition. Rex returned with a BRONZE medal from the tournament and Lauren's team ended up 10th. Rex was a valuable contributor to his team over the tournament, while Lauren was an inspirational leader in her role as vice-captain - well done!



CSU Dental Clinic

CSU Dental and Oral Health Clinics have offered WWHS students an opportunity to attend **free** dental clinics to be held throughout Terms 3 & 4. These clinics are operated by students and overseen by fully qualified and registered dentists. Free travel to and from the venue is organised by the university, students will be accompanied by a WWHS staff member. Any students interested in this opportunity please come to the careers room for further information and to collect the appropriate paperwork.

For further information check out their website - <https://www.csu.edu.au/dental-clinic/index>

Morning 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 attend a course there.

Accidents at School

If an accident occurs at School which is not caused by negligence of the Department then parents are required to have their own insurance.

From time to time there are media stories about the issue of whether children are insured for injuries while at school. The department of education and training does not provide, nor has ever provided, accident or medical insurance for students enrolled in government schools. The department is however insured to cover the financial impact of any legal liabilities that it faces arising from its activities. If the department or one of its staff is negligent and this causes a student to be injured, then the student will be able to legally recover damages from the department (and the department's insurance will cover the cost). However, if an accident occurs at a school which is not caused by any wrongdoing or omission by the department, then the department is not legally liable. Should parents wish to cover their children, there are various forms of insurance available, irrespective of whether fault can be assessable. These include:

- Student Accident Insurance – available through the Federation of Parents and Citizens' Associations of NSW and from commercial insurance suppliers;
- Sporting Injuries Insurance Scheme – covering catastrophic injuries;
- The Supplementary Sporting Injuries Benefits Scheme; and
- Private health funds.

Students are covered for ambulance costs, should they require emergency assistance from school or a school related event.

**Wagga Wagga
High School
Playgroup**

**Weeks 3 - 8
(1 Aug - 7 Sept)
Term 3, 2016**

**Every Monday &
Wednesday**

Time: 9:30-10:30 am

**Where?
Wagga Wagga High
School, Currie Hall**

Ages 0-5

**Contact WWHS to book
Ph: 69253611**

P&C News

Our next P&C meeting will be held **Monday 8 August** at 7:30pm in the Ted Drake Room. All parents and caregivers are encouraged to come along and support our school.

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'!

\$5.00 Canteen Specials

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

School Calendar – Term 3

JULY		
19-29	Wk 1 & 2	Trial HSC
27-28	Wed-Thurs	EEE 2017 Interviews
AUGUST		
3	Wednesday	Education Week Assembly
5	Friday	Ski Trip, Mt Selwyn
8	Monday	P&C Meeting
15	Monday	Parent/Teacher Evening
22-31	Wk 6 & 7	Year 11 Work Placement
SEPTEMBER		
1-2	Thurs - Fri	Year 11 Work Placement
2	Friday	Year 7 Immunisation
5	Monday	P&C Meeting
14	Wednesday	Excellence Assembly
14-22	Wk 9 & 10	Preliminary Exams
23	Friday	Year 12 Graduation Assembly