


# Wagga Highlights

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## Term 3 Week 8 – Monday 7 September 2020

### Calendar of Upcoming Events

September		
7	Monday	P & C Meeting (via zoom)
18	Friday	Year 7 Immunisations (2 <sup>nd</sup> round)
October		
20	Tuesday	First day 2020 HSC examinations
November		
13	Friday	Last day 2020 HSC examinations
19	Thursday	Year 12 Formal

### Textiles – Years 7, 9 & 10

Years 7, 9 and 10 Textile classes have had the opportunity to learn how to make fabric face masks for COVID-19. Each student made a mask for themselves and another mask for those who may benefit from the Wagga community.



### Shannon's Award nominations

Shannon McKnight was a popular and highly regarded student at Wagga High, where she started Year 7 in 2009 and completed her HSC in Year 12 in 2014. Shannon was a kind, compassionate person who always thought of others first. She was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia half way through her HSC. Throughout treatment, Shannon remained positive, always expecting the best outcome. She showed incredible courage during this time. Unfortunately, things did not go as hoped and she finally succumbed to this illness on March 3, 2016, aged 20.

The Wagga High Awards Committee wish to acknowledge Shannon's contribution to the school community by encouraging her values among our students with a permanent annual award promoting her legacy.

"Shannon's Award" an award of a cheque for \$100 and a perpetual shield to be presented, at our annual Presentation Night, to a student who has been an inspiration to others and who has shown remarkable courage, compassion and kindness.

How Can I Nominate someone for "Shannon's Award"?

Any Student in Year 7 to 12 can nominate another student in Year 7 to 12. The Awards Committee will make the final decision, considering reasons provided by students on the nomination form. Nominations are open from Weeks 6 to 10, Term 3. Students are to nominate other students for Shannon's Award by completing and submitting the nomination Form by the end of Term 3.

Nomination forms are available from the Library and Front Office and can be returned to the Library.

### Indigenous Literacy Day

WAGGA participated in the online live celebration of 'Indigenous Literacy Day' on 2 September 2020. This is the 10th year of celebrations run by the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF), and due to COVID19, the celebrations from remote communities has gone national and online. As ambassador of the ILF for the last 5 years, Jessica Mauboy sang her rendition of My Island Home. We heard from Indigenous Elders, Authors and Indigenous children about their experiences and programs. Below are quotes from the students and staff about the valuable experience.



#### Things we enjoyed:

*Sozan* "her song was so meaningful"

*Narmin* "when the children were reading books together and drawing together"

*Shakiya* "I loved the storytelling of "Can you Dance" in traditional language.

*Mohammad* "Listening to Sally Morgan read the Indigenous story.  
*Mrs Donoghue* "I enjoyed seeing famous writers and authors spending time to help Indigenous children to tell their stories; writing books with them about their culture and country and using the children's illustrations".

#### Things we heard that were interesting:

*Ali* "that English is not Indigenous children's first language"

*Tyler* "most kids can speak multiple languages...."

*Bailey* "....even before they start school!"

*Shakiya* "there are not many Indigenous languages left"

*Shamsia* "because of AIF Kids can read books in their first language"

*Sozan* "some of the Tiwi Islands Senior Students wrote books which were printed and published"

*Cyron* "music is a part of their culture - a part of telling stories"

*Candy Cord* "there are over 800 different dialects of Indigenous languages"

**Things we now know about the Indigenous Literacy Foundation:**  
*Jasmine* "that Indigenous people get together and learn about their country and do activities"

*Patrick* "that ILF send book packages all around Australia to remote communities to encourage reading"

*Jack* "About 100,000 books were donated this year to remote communities"

*Mrs Eyles* "40% of the books in the book packs are Indigenous books"

*DJ:* "books distributed to over 400 communities.

### Resources for HSC – Parents & Students

This year's HSC is different due to COVID-19. Information is available on the NESA website to clearly answer parents' questions about the HSC exams. Please refer to the following website for more details.

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/covid-19/coronavirus-advice/hsc>

## Love Your Body Week

Love Your Body Week is Butterfly's annual national awareness campaign to promote body confidence and celebrate body diversity in all Australians. Love Your Body Week asks people of all ages to reflect on their relationship with their body, and to celebrate the amazing things their body can do. It encourages people to engage in behaviours that are positive and respectful to themselves, their body and also to others.

## R U OK Day

R U OK Day is Thursday 10 September. R U OK Day's mission is to inspire and empower everyone to meaningfully connect with people around them and support anyone struggling with life. Got a feeling that someone you know or care about isn't behaving as they normally would? Perhaps they seem out of sorts? More agitated or withdrawn? Or they're just not themselves. Trust that gut instinct and act on it and ask "R U OK".

## Work Experience Feedback

We love hearing back from employers after our students have spent time in their workplace. This picture is Johanna McDougall (Year12) who had a great week in the Building Industry for her work experience. She enjoyed learning about the industry and improving her skills. Thank you to Ladex Construction for hosting Johanna



## Year 10 Hampers

Year 10 have started to collect food items ready for Hampers to be made during the Year 10 Enrichment week in November. They are asking students to bring in a non perishable food item, and they will be out and about in the playground before school and during Recess to collect these. Every item this year will be worth 1 point for their house, with points being tallied at the end to award a prize to the winning house group. The hampers will be given to those in the school and wider community who are in need of a little something before Christmas. Thank you in advance for your support! Year 10 2020.

### P&C News

- Our next P&C meeting will be tonight 7 September. This meeting will be held online via Zoom.
- If you would like to participate virtually please send an email indicating your interest to the current P&C President Helen Mundy [helen.mundy29@gmail.com](mailto:helen.mundy29@gmail.com)

## Careers

Reminder to all students about our Wagga Wagga High School Careers website page. Please take the time to have a look for all the latest information and any vacant positions available. <http://www.wwhscareers.com/>

The ANU Admissions Webinar recording [can be found here](#)  
If you have any follow up questions, please contact us at [student.recruitment@anu.edu.au](mailto:student.recruitment@anu.edu.au), or the ANU Admissions office at [domestic.admissions@anu.edu.au](mailto:domestic.admissions@anu.edu.au)

ANU Virtual Open Week for further information. [Please register online for the latest information about this event.](#)

## Shields are due back in

If you won a shield at Presentation Night, please return it to school so it can go back up on the wall in its allotted spot, with a difference this time – your name will be on it! Shield can be returned to the front office.

## Saver Plus

As you know many families have been impacted with the restrictions from the virus, with home-schooling last term, employment and staying at home restrictions on their families.

More than ever we believe the Saver Plus Program maybe a program that will benefit those families that are eligible in your school community, to assist with the purchasing of laptops, school uniforms, textbooks, camps and excursions and many more education costs. Due to Covid 19 all parts of the program are completed online.



## Could \$500 help you with high-school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

- laptops & tablets
- specialist subjects
- uniforms & shoes
- books & supplies
- sports fees & gear
- camps & excursions

Contact your local Saver Plus Coordinator

Phone 1300 610 355

Email [WaggaWaggaSP@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:WaggaWaggaSP@thesmithfamily.com.au)

Online [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)

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To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or starting next year, or attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner), have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment\*



\*Money Details, payment terms & apply rules contact your local Coordinator for more information.  
Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANU, delivered in partnership with Barry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANU and the Australian Government. Complete our Social Security checklist for more information.

## UNIFORM SHOP

# 20% OFF SALE\*



MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER  
TO  
FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

### SPECIAL SALE SHOP HOURS

- \* 20% OFF STOCKED ITEMS (EXCLUDING SOFTSHELL JACKETS, WOOL JUMPERS, BLAZERS & BACKPACKS)
- \* NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES (UNLESS GARMENT IS FAULTY)
- \* NO RAINCHECKS



MON - WED 8-12<sup>PM</sup> THURS 2-6<sup>PM</sup>