Wagga Highlights



T: 6925 3611 E: waggawagga-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au Ғ Like us on facebook @ Wagga Wagga High School Official or visit our website @ waggawagga-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Term 1 Week 4 – Monday 15 February 2021

Calendar of Upcoming Events

February		
15	Monday	P&C Meeting
17	Wednesday	School Leaders Induction Assembly
17-18	Wed –Thu	University of Wollongong Trip
23	Tuesday	Elevate at Kooringal High School
March		
3	Wednesday	School Photos

Changes to Playground areas

- The Active Area is now open from 8:30am every morning. A teacher will be supervising this area to allow students to play sports and keep active.
- Table Tennis tables now in the Top Quad!
- More teachers in the playground to supervise. Be sure to say hello - look for them in their yellow vests!

Active Wednesday - Every Wednesday during lunch, Mrs Fisher and Mr Campbell will be running our Active Wednesday Program. All students are welcome to join in and participate in the various activities that are set up at either the basketball courts or grassed active area.

Breakfast Club

Reminder to students that our Breakfast Club Program is back up and running in full swing. Each Friday between 8.00 - 8.50am outside the school kitchens, all students are welcome to attend to enjoy what's on offer, fresh fruit, warm toasties plus more. This is a great initiative for students to come along and meet students from other years. The Breakfast Club is able to run due to the generosity of 'Rodney's Transport Service ' and 'Muffin Break'

Meet a Scientist 2021 for Girls

The conference presented by the Royal Women's Hospital, focused on encouraging young women to pursue a career in Science. The four guest speakers are highly accomplished female Scientists that shared their journeys through High School, University, into their



careers and gave advice to all students watching. This event was engaging and encouraging to the year 10 and 11 students who attended today with many wanting to pursue careers in the Science field

Whitecard Course

Any students in Yr 10,11,12 interested in doing the Whitecard course need to register their interest in the Careers Room. This course is for students wanting to do work experience or gain employment in the Building and Construction industry.

Sick & Injured Students

Students who become ill at school must report to the school office with a sick bay form filled out by their teacher. Office staff will ring parents or care givers. Students must not text or ring home when they are unwell.

Elevate Education

Elevate Education will be presenting valuable study skills to our senior students (years 11 and 12) on Tuesday 23 February. This program is funded by the school and is valuable preparation for senior study. A Parent Session will be presented at Kooringal High School on Monday 22 February at 6.00pm. Due to Covid number restrictions, parents will be required to RSVP to this event if they wish to attend. Please phone Wagga High School on 69 253611 to reserve a place for the parent session.

Covid-19 Updates & Procedure

Our advice from Department of Education along with NSW Health, essentially is the same as last year. Staff and students who are unwell with even mild flu like symptoms will not be permitted to return to school until the school has been provided a copy of the negative COVID-19 test result and their symptoms have gone. We understand that this can be difficult to manage in our households however, we appreciate your support as we continue to implement these guidelines. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the front office.

Wellbeing at Wagga Wagga High School

A reminder of some of the supports available at Wagga Wagga High School and in out in the surrounding local community.

ACCESSING SUPPORT

Sometimes supporting your friends means asking an adult for help or encouraging your friend to seek help from a professional. Here are some supports you can access:

IN SCHOOL

Year 7 Adviser – Mr Campbell (TAS Staffroom) Year 8 Adviser - Mrs Dare (Maths Staffroom)

- Mr Dare (PDHPE Staffroom) Year 9 Adviser - Mrs Clark (TAS Staffroom) Year 10 Adviser - Mrs Shephard (Maths Staffroom)

Year 11 Adviser - Miss Brown (PDHPE Staffroom) Year 12 Adviser - Miss Jolliffe (History Staffroom)

HT Wellbeing - Mrs Murray (Japanese Staffroom)/Mrs Smith (English Staffroom)

School Counsellor - Mrs Lean or Mrs Cann (School counsellor's office)

Student Support Officer - Marty Jones (Wellbeing Hub)

Aboriginal Education Officers - Candace Cord and Darryl Honeysett (Japanese staffroom) Family Education Officer (FRS) – Sam Mulkurki (Wellbeing Hub)

IN THE COMMUNITY

Your family

Headspace - Young people, aged 12 to 25, who are going through a tough time can get support from doctors, health workers and/or mental health professionals. Phone (02) 69233170 for an appointment.

Accessline - Help over the phone for all ages, anytime. PH 1800 800 944

Your GP - Your family doctor can assess and diagnose a mental health issue, write a mental health care plan and give you a referral to allied mental health services.



Careers

It's that time of the year again where we collect post destination information. Could you please take a few minutes to complete this survey. Results of this survey are confidential to Wagga Wagga High School - the information is purely for statistical purposes. Can Year 12 students from 2020 please complete this survey ASAP using the link below.

https://www.wwhscareers.com/destination-survey

P&C News

Our first P&C meeting for 2021 will be held tonight Monday 15 February in the Ted Drake Room at 7:30pm.

Disability Provision

What is Disability Provisions?

Disability Provisions are practical arrangements put in place during the HSC exams to reduce disadvantage in an exam situation. Disability Provisions require an online application with supporting evidence to NESA, our school Learning and Support Teacher will assist in completing this. Common Disability Provisions can include: rest breaks, small group supervision, extra time, a reader or scribe, use of a computer, diabetic provisions, coloured paper and food and water.

How do I know if my child needs to apply for Disability Provisions?

If your child has a diagnosed disability that will affect them during exams e.g. Anxiety, Diabetes, Irlen Syndrome, Crohn's disease etc., our Learning and Support Teacher is able to submit an application to NESA. The student should have received the requested provision in school examinations in the past. It is stressed that NESA may not grant provisions but each case is viewed and assessed individually. The definition of 'disability' in the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* includes: Physical, intellectual, psychiatric, sensory, neurological, and learning disabilities, as well as physical disfigurement and the presence in the body of disease-causing organisms. Disability provisions will only be approved if there is a clear disadvantage to a student.

Completing the application

Our Learning and Support Teacher will assist you in completing this application. The application has to be completed online by the school and submitted with extensive documentation. Parents and carers are required to supply supporting medical documents from the relevant practitioner that confirms diagnosis of a particular existing condition and states the affect it will have under examination conditions. The diagnosis needs to be current, less than 12 months old. Medical practitioners are also required to complete a 'Medical Provisions' form that can be collected by your student from Miss Pedemont in the Learning and Support staffroom (next to B9). Students are also required to complete their own declaration - this form can also be collected from Miss Pedemont. More information on Disability Provisions can be found https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11at: 12/hsc/disability-provisions

If you would like to discuss this further or have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Miss Pedemont on 02 6925 3611.

DCJ Scholarships

DCJ is offering scholarships to students enrolled in education or training. The scholarship aims to support DCJ clients by reducing financial barriers that prevent young people from engaging in, continuing or completing their studies. For those that are interested or would like to find out more, please contact Mrs Murray.

Reminders

- Parents are reminded that if they need to drop items off at school for their children they must do so through the school office. Students are not to be hanging around the school fences waiting for things to be dropped off.

- Parents are reminded that if they need to see a staff member they should make an appointment through the school office. Parents must not approach teachers in the playground, staffroom or classroom.

- Students who catch a bus must wait on the senior lawns for their bus where they are supervised. Students who walk home must go home straight after the final bell rings for the day.

- Students are reminded that they must obey all road rules when arriving at and leaving school. In particular this means crossing the road, safely, at the traffic lights.

- Mobile phones 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 all as they interfere with learning. Students who flout these rules will have these items confiscated. 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.

Helping learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers

Wagga Wagga City Council are holding a Helping Learner Driver Become Safer Drivers at the Council admin building, 23 March. NSW Police, qualified driving instructors, crash victim and a mechanic are presenting. It is a free event with refreshments!



This information webinar will cover details of all music lessons and programs on offer at the RCM.

To register please email - admin@rivconmusic.nsw.edu.au and title in the caption Parent & Student Information Webinar. You will be emailed the link to the information session on Wednesday February 24, 2021.