

WAGGA WAGGA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 17th October

P & C Meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday 17th - 19th October

Year 6 Excursion

Tuesday 23rd October

Kinder Orientation Morning 9.30-11.00



Animal
Antics
Art
Festival

Principals Message:

Welcome back to Term 4.

We start the term with the Year 5/6 Excursion and quickly move into our Orientation and Transition program for next years Kindergarten.

We have a busy term with our Annual School Evaluation being undertaken along with planning for 2008, end of year reports to parents and conclude in Week10 with the usual end of year ceremonies and celebrations.

To assist planning, if any students are not returning in 2008, please inform the office.

At WWPS we are continually seeking to ensure students are safe. We have installed fire evacuation alarms and procedures and are currently looking at communication equipment for each class. Teachers, as part of the curriculum, address stranger danger and access to students is monitored during

breaks and before and after school.

Dr Carr-Gregg, Director General of Education, suggests that children need to be taught about personal safety as openly as they are taught about road safety and water safety.

“Talk to your children about stranger danger, but don’t frighten them” Carr-Gregg said “Let your kids know they can talk to you about safety issues and concerns they have.”

He advises parents to teach their children that bad people don’t necessarily look mean-they often will smile and act friendly.

“Discuss with your children how to identify safe adults who they can go to when they are in danger-people like police & firemen” Carr-Gregg said “Street proofing children is not just about pointing out dangers, but teaching them skills.”

Principals Message cont :

Here are some strategies to build your child's confidence and increase their awareness:

- Teach your child that the world has some good people and some bad people who do want to hurt children
- Role play scenarios with your child-for instance, someone might approach offering sweets, asking for help, or asking if they'd like to come and meet their new puppy. Then teach your child how to say a firm "no" and to walk away.
- Teach them that if someone is attempting to take them, they should drop to the ground and start kicking and screaming, to bite if necessary. They should do anything it takes.
- Instruct your child to make as much noise and create as big a diversion as possible to alert other people in the area.
- Children have very good instincts. They should trust that feeling in their gut that tells them if something is safe or not.

Sun Safety.

As part of our school Sun Safety policy it is a requirement that students wear legal hats in the playground. School hats are available from the office. No wearing of Hats will result in students sitting in the shade for breaks.

Back to School Allowance.

The \$50 Back to School Allowance for every child attending school in NSW will be paid by the Dept of Education & Training and is designed to help families meet some of the costs of getting their children back to school at the start of the 2008 school year.

To enable the payments to be made, schools have been asked to provide details of family and students names & addresses. The Dept proposes to forward the \$50 allowance from mid-January 2008 for students in Yrs 1 to 10 in 2008 and from mid-February 2008 for students in Yrs 11 & 12 in 2008.

The Allowance will be paid to the nominated parent or custodial guardian.

If you have recently changed your address or family details, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

P & C FUNDRAISER

Attached to last weeks newsletter you will have found a catalogue from identity direct. Please have a look through it, as there are some great gift ideas. If you would like to order anything please return your order forms and payment to **SCHOOL by Friday 26th October. DO NOT SEND TO IDENTITY DIRECT.** Orders will then be sent directly to your home. The P & C will receive 20% commission on orders placed. If over \$2,000 is raised the P&C will receive 25% commission.

Happy shopping and remember all orders directly benefit your children's school.

Thanking you

WWPS P&C Association

STUDENT EXCHANGE **AUSTRALIA**

Bring Home a Brother or a Sister

In February 2008, students aged 15-18 yrs, from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 5-10 months.

Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity.

Hosting can be on a temporary, short term basis. Host families help provide our students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia on 1300105331 or visit our

website: www.studentexchange.org.au

SATURDAY CRICKET TEAMS

Training will commence this week for our 2 teams— 3.25 to 4.30 in the upper primary playground. Nominations are now closed for the 2 teams.



HEAD LICE PLEASE BE VIGILANT, CHECK REGULARLY AND TREAT YOUR CHILD'S HAIR AS REQUIRED.



Photos
from
Animal Antics
Art Festival



CANTEEN



URGENT - CANTEEN HELPERS ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED FOR THURSDAYS. WE MAY HAVE TO CLOSE ON THURSDAYS IF WE CANNOT GET MORE ASSISTANCE. IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE PHONE KEREIN OR JACKIE ON 6921 3398.

OCTOBER

	MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY
15th	Kerein Vicki Junck	16th	Kerein	17th	Jackie Carol Thomson	18th	Tanya Burns Robyn Gardner	19th	Jackie Kerrie Moore
22nd	Kerein Angela Metcalfe	23rd	Leah Keelan Penny Wright	24th	Jackie Pat Morey	25th	Kerein Tracy Hart	26th	Jackie
29th	Kerein Bronwyn Wilson	30th	Penny Wright Wendy Harris	31st	Jackie Carol Thomson				

Community News

Milo Have a Go Cricket: Girls and Boys 5-8yrs - \$50 per child. Registration day Saturday 29th September-Kessler Park, Tolland. Session starts October 27th 9-10am-Kessler Park. Enquiries contact Jodie 6931 2295

Wagga Wagga Softball Association: summer competition commences on October 20th, 2007. New and existing players are welcome for the 2007/2008 season. The club also caters for all ages from T-Ball through to senior grades in our Saturday competition. Further information and club links - www.waggwagga.softball.net.au or e-mail waggasoftball@hotmail.com

PCYC: Summer Sports Program - Commencing Term 4-2007

Futsal (Indoor Soccer)
Oz Tag (10Years-adult)
Indoor Hockey

More information contact Aimee PCYC 6921 5873

Wagga Wagga Cycling Club: 2008 track season commences Wednesday 3rd October at 6pm at Wagga Cricket Ground. Training is available for all skill levels Monday afternoons 4.30 to 6.30pm. Membership is \$10 children aged 5 years to 12 years which covers insurance. The club has a small number of bikes which can be hired for a small fee. Further information contact Bob Robertson 6922 3659.



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KU Kingfisher Preschool is now taking enrolments for 2008.

For further
enrolment details please call 69 251650

