

WAGGA WAGGA PUBLIC SCHOOL

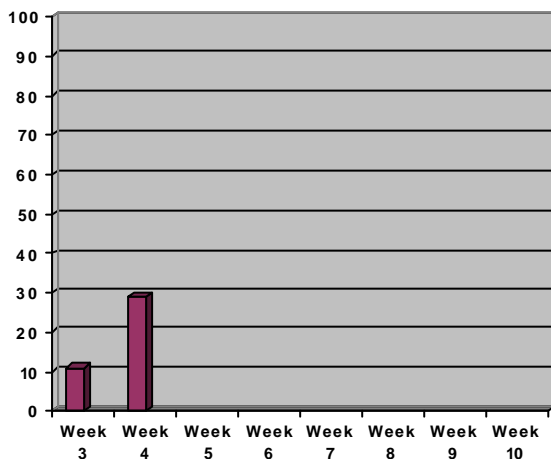
NEWSLETTER 4 24TH FEBRUARY 2009

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Principal's Comment

Thanks to those families who have paid their school contributions and other text book fees. Invoices will be coming out soon so that people are aware of what is owed to the school. 29% of families have now paid the fees.



Scripture will be commencing over the next two weeks as Scripture teachers complete their training.

Congratulations to all who competed in the Swimming Carnival, a wonderful day was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Mr Burgess for his organisation. Well done Attunga.

School Attendance and Absence Notes

One of our School aims this year is to improve the level of attendance and partial attendance at school. Partial attendance is any absence from school for part of a day. This includes late arrival at school after 9.30am. Government Legislation requires that students between the ages of 6 and 15 be enrolled at a school and attend school on each day that instruction is provided.

* If students are absent, parents must provide within 7 days, a notice of explanation. If this is not forthcoming, an unexplained absence will be marked in the roll. These will be monitored by the Home School Liaison Officer.

* Students who are late to school (after 9.30am) must report to the office to have their name recorded in the late arrivals book (to be recorded in the roll at a later date), and to receive a late pass. The pass will allow them to attend class. A note from parents is requested, even for late arrival. (Maybe sent next day).

SCHOOL DIARY

Week 5

Thursday 26th February
District PSSA Swimming Carnival
Friday 27th February
Clean up Australia Day

Week 8

Friday 20th March
Grandparents Day—10.15am to 11.45am
(more information later)

Parents removing students from school for a period of time are asked to call at the office to sign out and arrange collection of the student.

Information Evening

It was pleasing to see the number of parents who attended sessions last week to inform parents on the procedures, routines and needs for the 2009 school year. Thank you to all those parents who attended and supported your children and the school.

Jim Roworth
Principal



ATTUNGA—winning house in last weeks Swimming Carnival. More photos in next weeks newsletter.

SENIOR CRICKET— GOLD TEAM (B)

Estella/ Mt Austin/ Nth Wagga 77 runs.
Wagga Wagga Public School 58 Runs.

Best with bat: Jake Sainsbury 11
Callum Azar 5
Ethan Salan 4
Dylan Comerford 4
Best Bowling: Jake Sainsbury 3/6
Player of the match: Jake Sainsbury.

SENIOR A CRICKET

Wagga Public 123 d Turvey Park 56.

Our Senior A team had a convincing win against Turvey Park on Saturday. Our opening batsmen Will Gardner and Jono Lally got us off to a good start and we were able to build a total of 123 for the loss of 4 wickets. A very good effort from the boys. Luke McBeath and Theo Metcalfe scored 9 runs each with Luke remaining not out. Our most successful bowler was Hunter Cole who took 3 wickets for one. Kyle Carrick and Jarrod Byrnes were snappy in the field.

Both teams have training this Thursday.

NETBALL NOTICE

Girls Years 2-6

I am making up the school Saturday morning netball teams early this year as I will be away at the end of term. At this stage the cost is unknown but \$70 -\$75 is about what it has been in previous years. **Please fill out the form and return it to the office ASAP (no later than week 5).** Once the teams are finalised I won't be able to make any changes. Please consider being a coach or an umpire, or if you know someone let me know.

Saturday Morning Junior Netball Competition 2009

Netball competition for years 8, 9, 10,11,12 will commence in Term 2. Cost will be \$70 -\$75 (depending on team sizes). Fees will be set as soon as teams are finalised.

Contact person Anne Smith.

Please complete the following information and return to the front office as soon as possible so teams and costs can be finalised.

Please note that all positions must be filled for each team before registration, eg coach, umpire etc.
(This is a Wagga Netball Association Rule)

Name _____ Class _____

Address _____

Date of Birth _____ School Grade _____

Age as of 31/12/08

Parent Name _____



- KE** Jade Hawkins, Levi Williams, Jada Thorpe, Harry Altoft
- KC** Tallulal Brassil, Cooper Tottle, Abby Wood, Chloe Earsman
- KR** Chloe Bunt, Lachlan Kotzur, Tahlia Lucas, Adit Patel
- 1N** Mia Wright, Kurt Dacey, Chelsea Douglas, Chevy Corbett
- 1S** Declan Rohrich, Oscar Willis, Alannah Holle, Zac Morehouse
- 1R** Frankie Allen, Michael Spong, Minoo Manshour, Bridie Sheridan, Paddy Carey
- 2N** Lily Crimmins, Kayla Ellis, Zeke Witt
- 2GD** Claire Junck, Grace Li, Andrew Wilson, Teddy Waring, Bailey Perry
- 3/4B** Georgia Bruce-Goodlet, Taylor Lightfoot, Martha McCready, Lenny Perritt, Callum Wood, Chloe Molloy, Aaron Eyres x2, Jack Hamilton
- 3/4H** Benjamin Keith, Isaac Hawkins, Claire Gibbs, Marc Bergmeier, Danika Robertson, Ivy Ang, Trent Chessell
- 3/4R** William Hamilton, Sophia Sharp, Angus Cochrane, Emily Weir, Resharn Torney, Meghana Devagudi
- 5/6A** Terri Louise Waring, Deon Goldie, Liam Kelly, Thomas Musgrave, Rebecca Johnston, Tristan Chen, Jayde Barrell, Jalen Rowlands-Sim
- 5/6D** William Gardner, Bronnie Pieper, Gemma Brogden, Mitchell Meyers, Ryan Dube, Chloe West, Dayne Bowen
- 5/6M** Edina Jacobson, Molly Keelan, Rachael Gosper, Karen Eyres, Lauren Tidd, Alex Power, William Sharp, Emily Rennick
- 5/6P** Anna Wilson, Brooke Thomson, James Hey, Kewin Stewart, David Ford, Elisa Pevere, Jarrod Byrnes, Nari Crevatin

FROM THE LIBRARY

Book Club has been ordered, can take 3 weeks to come. Students will receive their items as soon as they arrive. **Reminder:** Lots of children are not remembering to bring library bags. Kindergarten/Years 1 & 2 students need a bag to borrow. Please try to remember what day your child has library each week, to ensure they get to borrow. Remember Great Readers are Great Learners!
Thanks
Mrs Langfield

Thanks to our Canteen Volunteers Wednesday 25th February to Wednesday 4th March

Wednesday 25th	Jackie/Pat Morey
Thursday 26th	Kerein / Rachel Dacey
Friday 27th	Jackie/Sonia Douglas
Monday 2nd	Jackie/
Tuesday 3rd	Sally Guise/Bronwyn Wilson
Wednesday 4th	Jackie/



Clean Up Australia Day Friday 27th February 2009



WWPS will be helping to clean up Australia on Friday the 27th February. Each stage will be responsible for an area in and around our school

- Kinder** - the playground at 2pm
- Stage 1** - streets around the school at 12.40pm
- Stage 2** - Trail/Kincaid/Freer St at 9.30am
- Stage 3** - Around the Lagoon/Kincaid St down to the cricket ground at 9.30am.

Children will need to bring a hat and a pair of gloves (gardening, wash up etc). Please fill in the following permission note and return it to school.

Wagga Wagga Public School Clean Up Australia Day Permission Note I give permission for my child/ren

_____ class _____

_____ class _____

_____ class _____

_____ class _____

To participate in Clean Up Australia Day on Friday 27th February 2009. I understand that Stage 1, 2 and 3 will be leaving the school grounds and Stage 3 will be walking near the Lagoon.

Signed _____
(Parent /Guardian)
Date _____

Tae Kwon Do

Tae Kwon Do School operating out of the school hall on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 5pm – 6pm. Come down and give it a go.
Lachlan Cooper
Chief Instructor

The Smith Family: Learning for Life
Saver Plus Program: Contact-6925 5381
0437032156 for more information.

Saturday Morning Art Courses: if interested contact 0439192193
e-mail beststreetstudios@bigpond.com

Monster Garage Sale-Saturday 28th 8am
Wagga Baptist Church - 154 Tarcutta Street

The Education Tax Refund – Get 50% back

Under the new Education Tax Refund, parents and others who are eligible can now claim 50% of their eligible education expenses up to \$750 for primary students and \$1500 for secondary students.

This means you could receive a refund each year of up to \$375 for each primary and \$750 for each secondary school student in your care.

Are you eligible?

To be eligible you must have received Family Tax Benefit Part A for each child whose education expenses you wish to claim. You can also claim the Education Tax Refund if you were stopped from receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A because your child received any of the following:

- Youth Allowance (student) aged 18
- Disability Support Pension
- ABSTUDY
- the Veterans’ Children Education Scheme
- the Student Financial Supplement Scheme
- a scheme under s258 of the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004
- an Australian Postgraduate Award.

Independent students are also eligible to claim.

What can you claim?

You can claim the purchase, lease, hire or hire -purchase costs, repairs and running costs of:
laptops, home computers and associated costs — for example, internet and paper
educational software, printers, USB flash drives, disability aids to assist in the use of computer equipment for students with special needs
stationery and art supplies
school textbooks and associated learning materials
trade tools and safety equipment for secondary school trade courses.

Some of the expenses you cannot claim include school fees or the cost of school uniforms, school excursions or travel to and from school, musical instruments or sporting equipment, clothing or footwear. For a more comprehensive list visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au

When can you claim?

You can claim your education expenses in your 2009 tax return. If you do not have to lodge a tax return, you will be able to lodge a separate claim with the Tax Office from 1 July 2009.

Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.

If your education expenses in one year are more than the claim limit for your children, you can add the excess to your education expenses for the following year.



For more information:
visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au
phone the Tax Office on 13 28 61.

LEARN TO PLAY GUITAR IN 2009

Reg Dury of the Riverina Conservatorium of Music is providing guitar classes at the school on Tuesdays. Contact the Conservatorium office on 6925 3522.



University of NSW International Competitions

Each year, the University of NSW hosts the International Competitions for schools in the following subjects.

- Computer Skills
- Science
- Mathematics
- Writing
- Spelling
- English

Approximately 100 students from Wagga Public School participate each year in this competition, and we consistently receive commendable results. University medals and Certificates of Participation are awarded to all students who take part, as well as offering them the chance to see how they fare against students all over Australasia.

Entry fee for each competition is \$6.00, except for Spelling (\$8.00) and Writing (\$12.00).

If you are interested in having your child participate in one or more of the competitions, please tick the appropriate box(es) below and return to the school. The **Computer Skills competition closing date is Friday 21st April.**

The other competitions must be returned to school by **Friday 8th May.**

More information on the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools can be found at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au .



I would like my child to take part in the following competitions. I have enclosed \$ _____ to cover the application cost.

- Computer Skills
- Science
- Mathematics
- Writing
- Spelling
- English

Tick appropriate boxes

Child's name _____ Class _____

Parent / Guardian signature