Welcome to the 2013 school year. A particular welcome to our new families and to our 64 Kindergarten students. I am sure you will make them feel welcome and ensure a great start at Wagga Public.

Classes for 2013 were finalised yesterday, with an extra class being formed due to increasing enrolments.

In staffing the school, we welcome new teachers Miss Pokoney, Mrs Gillett and Ms Francis as the new school counsellor for 2 days per week (Thursday and Friday).

Following is a full list of school staff.

**KC**  Mrs Cesnik  
**KE**  Mrs Ellis  
**KR**  Mrs Roberts  
**1N**  Mrs Navin  
**1P**  Miss Pokoney  
**1S**  Mrs Stewart  
**2GL**  Mrs Gooden/Miss Luff  
**2L**  Miss Lipinski  
**2T**  Mrs Thorpe  
**3/4B**  Miss Birthisiel  
**3/4G**  Mrs Gillett  
**3/4N**  Miss Nye  
**3/4O**  Mr O’Dea  
**5/6B**  Mr Burgess  
**5/6D**  Mr Dorrell  
**5/6E**  Miss Evans  
**5/6M**  Mrs McKenzie  

**Library**  Miss Harvey  
**Release/Computers**  Mr Wall  
**STLA**  Mrs Cullen/Miss Peterson  
**Reading Recovery**  Mrs Smith  
**Counsellor**  Ms Francis  
**ESL**  Mrs Tidd  
**Canteen Managers**  Mrs Heycox  
**School Admin Manager**  Ms Smith  
**School Admin Officer**  Mrs O'Reilly  
**General Assistants**  Mr Hampstead  
**School Learning Asst.**  Mrs Jones  

Parent Information Night  
Please keep Tuesday 19th February clear as this will be the date of Parent Information Evenings. Each stage will be allocated approx 30 minutes between 5.00 - 8.30.(T.B.A)  
During this time teachers will inform parents of programs and organisational details for the year. This is not a time for individual appointments. Please book these for another time via the Front Office. I encourage all parents/caregivers to attend so that you have first hand information on your child’s educational program for 2013.

**P & C Meetings.**  These Meetings are held in weeks 2 & 7 of each term, in the library. All parents, carers and friends are welcome. Starting time is 7pm. Please consider coming along and supporting the P & C who support our students by raising funds for needed resources, maintaining the canteen and Before and After School Care, and contribute to Policy development within the school. Next meeting is Wednesday 6th February.

**School Fees**  These are collected by the school on behalf of the P & C, and are now due. Funds are used to buy much needed resources for the school.  
Fees set for this year have been at:  
1 student $45  
2 students $55  
3 students or more $65
Hot Weather Arrangements
We are fortunate to have all classrooms air conditioned. At school, students will be given regular water breaks and may have drink bottles in the classroom. Physical activities will be limited and students are encouraged to sit quietly in shaded areas during breaks. The hall which is air conditioned will be open and students allowed to sit quietly in it during breaks. Some teachers are keeping their classrooms open for students. Please ensure students bring “legal” school hats to school. These may be purchased from the office for $4.

Other Issues
- Jewellery and makeup should not be worn at school. Where students have pierced ears, sleepers or studs are acceptable.
- Students are discouraged from bringing valued toys and electronic games to school. Their safety and security cannot be guaranteed. It concerns me greatly when I see distressed students who have lost or had broken a cherished possession.

Complaints: A reminder to all that if at any time you find that you have a concern about anything to do with the school, you are encouraged to come to the school and tell someone so that your concern can be resolved. It is our aim to work with all of our school community to ensure that we do the very best we can to ensure a productive, safe and enjoyable experience for our students. However, should you feel that you must raise a concern formally, the NSW Department of Education and Training has procedures for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. A brochure which provides information about how to lodge a formal complaint and a Complaint Form are available from the school office. Further information is also available in the Department’s Complaints Handling Guidelines which includes a guide to Lodging a Complaint. These documents can be accessed on the Department’s internet website at https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/…

STUDENT COLLECTION AREAS
There are 3 designated collection areas where parents are asked to wait to pick up their children.
1. At the Gurwood St entrance at the front of the school.
2. Outside D Block near the Pedestrian gate.
3. Under the large tree in the infants playground. RED LINES are about to be painted in this area. Parents are asked to keep the area between them clear so that bus students can be escorted unimpeded to catch their buses.

Please DO NOT go to classrooms to collect students as this can cause unneeded congestion in corridors. Kindergarten children are walked to the seats closest to their classrooms by their teacher.

NITS
Several reports have been made of NIT infestation already this term. Please check your children’s hair regularly and implement treatment where required.

ETHICS CLASSES
All those students in Years 3-6 who wish to participate in ethics classes instead of Scripture, are asked to complete the permission note in this newsletter.

Jim Roworth
Principal

ETHICS PERMISSION NOTE
I wish my child ……………………………………………
of class ………………… to attend Ethics classes
instead of Scripture.
Signed: ………………………………………………………
(Signature of parent)
Date: ……………………………………

Swimming Carnival
The Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 21st February at the OASIS. The permission note for the primary students will be coming home shortly. We are keen to have parents join us to help with timing and to go in the parent-teacher-student race.

Other Dates:
District Swimming Carnival Tuesday 26th February.
Regional Swimming Carnival Friday 8th March.

Sushi Rolls will be on sale from the canteen every Wednesday until the end of term 1 $2.60 each.
School Banking – Friday’s

2013 prizes. This year the CBA have again introduced some really great prizes to redeem for your deposit tokens.
Every weekly deposit = 1 token
10 tokens= a prize of your choice from the following: calculator, earphones, torch projector, handball, wallet, game of jacks.
To get started - If you would like to open an account please call into a CBA branch and a dollarmite account can be opened and a deposit book issued. A parent requires the 100 points check if not already a CBA customer.
Deposit books Could I please ask everyone to have their deposit slips fully completed this year. Encourage your child to learn how to where possible – it’s great practice.

School Banking Coordinator

Have you got your Legal Hat?

Be SunSmart
In Term 1 all students need a Legal Hat to play in the playground. If you don’t have a Legal Hat you need to play under the COLA or Bus Shelter.
Get your Legal Hat from the office for $4.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

ATTUNGA
Captain   Lily Spencer
Ethan Willis
Vice Captain Niamh Johnson
Oscar Willis

ARALUEN
Captain   Molly Antone
Ryan Campbell
Vice Captain Lilly Chugg
Blake Byrnes

MIRRABOOKA
Captain   Charlotte Bruce-Goodlet
Liam Comerford
Vice Captain Jadyn-Rose Hodgson
Charlie Glass

Photos of some of our new Kindy students on their day of big school.
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**First Holy Communion** classes for Catholic children Year 3 and upwards, will begin at 8.45 am on Sunday 10th February at St Michael’s Parish Centre, Johnston St (opposite Cathedral). Enquiries Mgr George - 6921 2164 or Sister Hannah - 6931 0014

**Confirmation Classes** for Catholic Children in Year 6 will begin 8.45am on Sunday 10th February at St Michael’s Parish Centre, Johnston St, wagga (opposite Cathedral)

**GUITAR LESSONS**
If your child is interested please contact Conservatorium of Music on 6925 3522 for more information.