RELIEVING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT  
NEWSLETTER WEEK 4

P&C AGM
Two weeks ago the P&C met to hold their Annual General Meeting at which new office bearers were elected. Congratulations to Lee Murrell, David Heazlewood, Jackie Sellars, Susie Barnes and Natalie Holmes on your new roles.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jodie Coles for her years of time, effort and commitment to the students, staff and families of Wagga Wagga Public School in her role as President. Jodie was a very active President who worked closely with the staff to achieve the goals of the P&C and was committed to enhancing a genuine sense of school community through activities organised. Under Jodie’s leadership, the P&C have raised many thousands of dollars for the school, held some wonderful social and fun events which have been enjoyed by the students and adults alike and always looked for ways to support the school in providing quality activities and resources to support the growth of our students and school. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

Thanks also go to Ashley Tidd who has been our P&C Treasurer for many years. Ashley hung up the ledger this year as his youngest leaves us shortly. Again this is a fairly thankless job but he has kept the books in check and written many cheques over the years to ensure that our P&C is a viable and successful business. Behind the scenes of many fetes and fairs, Ashley has been secreted away tallying money and has given much of his time to our school. We wish you well as you move onto a new school and know they will benefit from your skills and candour.

STAGE 3 EXCURSION
A very weary group of Stage 3 teachers and students returned from Ballarat last Thursday evening. It has been great to hear some of the fun stories that the students have shared and everyone I have spoken with says what a terrific time they had away. Thank you again to Mrs Elsley, Mrs McKenzie, Miss Clarke, Mrs Dunn and Mrs Bennett for giving up their time to organise and supervise this trip. It is only through the giving of the teacher’s personal time that such excursions are possible and we all appreciate it.

TIN SHED RATTLERS
Hopefully you have marked this Saturday on your calendars after reading last week’s newsletter. The Tin Shed Rattlers are holding a bush dance at the Downside Hall this Saturday 1st November commencing at 7.00pm. Through the collaboration of Kirrily Brassil, the band have offered to donate the proceeds of the evening to Wagga Wagga Public School. It would be great to have as many families as possible join in the fun of an old fashioned night of dancing and fun. Thanks to Kirrily and Jodie for coordinating this activity on behalf of the school.

SCHOOL DIARY

WEEK 4
28th October -Canberra T20 Cricket
30th October -Music Count us in 12:15 in Cola
30th October -Kinder Swimming
31st October -Kinder Transition 9:30-11:40

WEEK 5
5th November -School Vegie Market @3pm
6th November -Kinder Swimming
6th-7th November -Stg 2 Camp Great Aussie Resort

WEEK 6
10th November -Beach to Bush
13th November -Kinder Swimming

WEEK 7
20th November- Kinder Swimming

WEEK 8
27th November-Kinder Swimming

WEEK 9

WEEK 10
9th December- K-2 Christmas Concert
9th December- Presentation Night
12th December- Reward Day

WEEK 11
15th December- Yr6 Farewell Dinner

MUSIC COUNT US IN
This Thursday you are invited to join us as the students take part in Music Count Us In. This is a national initiative where students from all across Australia will be singing the same song at the same time. The students and teachers have been learning the songs and will entertain you with their vocal talents. Please join us for a 12.15 start under the COLA and feel free to stay and enjoy lunch with your children afterwards. Thanks to Miss Kimberley Peterson for coordinating this special event for our students.

WELCOME BACK MRS HAMBLIN
Yesterday we welcomed back Mrs Sara Hamblin (aka Miss Crouch) after two weeks leave to celebrate her wedding. 1C will retain its class name for the rest of the year, but we all need to try and remember a new teacher’s name!! Congratulations and we look forward to seeing lots of wedding pics.

Have a great week.
Leanne Harvey
Relieving Principal
P&C News

Shade in time for Summer

At the last general meeting of the P&C was held. Much was discussed but perhaps the key issue arising from the meeting was the need for shade in areas of the playground that had previously been protected by the trees that were removed earlier in the year. The P&C was asked to assist with the cost of the shading and a resolution was made to commit up to $18,500. This money is to be used to provide shade for the infants’ sandpit and to the area from where the 4 large silky oaks were removed. We believe that appropriate shaded areas are integral to the school playground and look forward to having works completed prior to the worst of summer arriving. We are currently looking at various options and trying to strike a balance between cost, functionality and the impact on the playground as a whole.

A broader view of landscaping

The P&C is also looking at ways to ensure that the playground can be ‘re-greened’ to ensure natural shade is provided on a long term basis. We are currently exploring the option of having a Master Plan developed for the grounds.

It is envisioned that the Master Plan will be about more than just making the grounds pretty, but also practical. The removal of the large trees reminds us that any decisions that are made will impact upon the school for generations to come and we want to obtain professional assistance to make sure that we can present the best outcome to the school.

No landscaping can take place without the consent of the school, so at this point we are simply talking about ideas and the first step is to obtain expressions of interest from anyone interested in preparing a Master Plan. It is hoped that the plan would take into consideration:

- The interests of all stake holders (teachers, students, Department, OOSH, WWCC) established through a consultation process.
- The history, architecture and nature of the school and how we would like the broader community to perceive us.
- The short term needs
- The long term goals and consequences
- Student numbers and demographics
- The different needs of each stage and designated zones for each Outdoor learning areas
- Maximising high energy areas and quiet spaces
- The needs of a utilities/services area
- Getting the student body engaged with the land (vege patch, classes sponsoring a garden bed, garden sculpture competitions, creating a ‘legacy tree line’ as a gift from each year six class etc)
- Achievability, cost of up-keep and the ability for plantings to survive the hot summer break.
- Eco-friendliness.

We are currently seeking quotes from the community outside of the school but are eager to engage those within our community wherever possible. If you or someone you know has the required expertise, professional experience and is interested in helping in this regard, please contact me at lemurrell@csu.edu.au.

P & C Uniform Sales

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 FITNESS FOR FUN LADIES CLASSES

Get fit while having fun and meeting new people Step workout, step circuit and circuit classes. Moday,Wednesday and Friday mornings 9.30am to 10.30 am at the fitness spot 1/5 Copland st Kooringal $10 a class or Phone 0421184380 for further information and discounts.

Vegie Market

Come up and grab some freshly grown vegies from the schools own Vegie Garden. Stall will be held on the 5th November @ 3pm near the big tree in Infants. Coin donation. See you there !!!!

BIG SPRINGS NATURAL SPRING WATER

Celebrate 20 Years of Hydration

To celebrate our 20th birthday, the Big Springs team is proud to open our doors to the public. We are taking this opportunity to say thank you to the Riverina and continue our promise to support the community. Please join us for a host of activities and free giveaways.

ACTIVITIES ON THE DAY INCLUDE:

- Free face painting & Jumping Castle
- Free fairy floss
- Radio Hosting by Sam & Kym
- Taste Testing Competition
- Big Springs vs town water
- Good coin donation sausages sizzle
- Ice cream van
- Cake stall - Supporting Specialist Medical Resources Foundation
- Free coffee stall
- Free water stall
- Cancer Council stall
- Raffle for attendees
- Tours of the bottling facility

FREE GIVEAWAYS ON THE DAY INCLUDE:

- Existing customers will receive a FREE 1.5L bottle refill (empty 1.5L bottles required)
- Existing small bottle customers can pick up a FREE box of 24 x 600ml bottle (business name required)
- New cooler customers registering on the day will receive 3 FREE 1.5L bottles (sign up on the day required)
- New customers will receive a FREE box of 600ml bottles (sign up on the day required)

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Beatles Songbook

Featuring Darren Coggon
On the 21st of October, Stage 3 met outside the school gates at 5:40am to board the buses to Ballarat. We left Wagga Wagga at 6:00am. Most people were very tired and slept on the bus! We had a recess break at Jerilderee at 9:00am. We arrived at Echuca at 11:00am. Half the students went on the paddle steamers first and the other half had a wander around the main street and had a tour of the museum. The paddle steamers were great fun. We cruised up and down the Murray River. The main street was also fun and not surprisingly, most people spent their money in the lolly shop! After everyone had had a go at everything, we boarded the buses and we were on our way again.

At 5:00pm after a long day of travels, we arrived in Ballarat. We were staying at ‘The Miner’s Retreat.’ We were each given a cabin with 3 to 7 people in it. We settled in and got changed for dinner.

We had dinner at a very nice restaurant. We all had an enjoyable time and the food was great! We returned to the motel and went to sleep (well, some of us did!)

The next day we woke up early and cleaned up our cabins. Our mums and dads would be proud how good a job we did, making our beds and cleaning our bathrooms! We got dressed and met outside to hop on the bus and drive to the botanical gardens. We walked around and looked at the busts of the Australian Prime Ministers. There was also many beautiful flowers and trees. We got back on the buses and drove to Sovereign Hill.

We arrived at Sovereign Hill at 10:00am. Each class split off into groups and did different activities. We had a mine tour, panned for gold (our favourite activity by far!), watched the troops fire their rifles, walked down the main street, (once again, the lolly shop was most popular!) and had experienced class lesson set in the 1850s, where we wrote with ink and calligraphy pens and dressed up in costume. For the last hour we had free reign around the streets where people made candles and made last minute purchases.

Most of us struck gold in the end and found small flakes while panning!

We left Sovereign Hill at 5:00pm and went back to our cabins where we got changed into warmer clothes for the sound and light show at Sovereign Hill. We left at 9:00pm.

The sound at light show was called ‘Blood on the Southern Cross.’ The first part was in a theatre where we got a bit of information on Ballarat’s gold mining history. Then we went outside to the gold field where there was a re-enactment of troopers searching the miners for licences. Then we boarded a train that took us to a theatre in the middle of the bush. We took our seats and the wall opened up to show a setup of a gold field. The whole show went for two hours and everyone enjoyed it. We hopped back on the bus at 11:00pm and went back to the cabins were we went to sleep (this time quite easily as we were all exhausted!)

The next morning, we tidied up our cabins for inspections and got dressed. We boarded the bus and arrived at Glenrowan at 1:00pm. We split up into two groups and the first group watched the Ned Kelly sound and light show while the others had lunch.

The sound and light show was called ‘Ned Kelly’s Last Stand.’ It was a re-enactment of Ned Kelly’s encounter with the law. Then we went down the street. Most of us bought ice creams, drinks and souvenirs. We hopped back on the bus and drove back home to Wagga Wagga.

Ballarat was an excellent excursion. Everyone had a lot of fun, learnt a lot and made some wonderful memories with their friends.

Written by Luci Coles Yr6
This year the annual Wagga Wagga Show celebrated 150 years. As a special prize for the inter-school schoolwork competition the school class with the largest amount of entries was awarded a $150 prize. 5/6M were the proud winners of that prize. 1P, 1C, 2CL, 2P, 2L, 3/4N, 3/4H, 3/4B, 3/4O, 5/6EB, 5/6C, 5/6DB & 5/6M all worked hard on a variety of entries in many different subject areas. It was fun seeing our entries on display at the show. Congratulations to everyone for entering and to our prizewinners who are listed below.

**First Place Winners:** Kein Crevatin, Lucy Russell, Elok Saekarsch, Lucinda Coles, Tayla Coad, Tallulah Brassil, Carol-Ann Reihana, Montana Dasey, Kyra Evans, Abby Wood, Jillian Porganyi.

**Second place winners:** Kyra Evans, Abby Wood, Zoe Burt, Chloe Earsman, Rivka-Taylor Smith, Trinity Cox, Annabelle Taylor, Seisha Passlow, Jackson Hart, Josie Crofts, Riley Katon, Lara Holden.

**Highly commended:** Willis Gray, Ella Patterson, Paige Freeman, Ellis Tidd, Lara Holden, Hugh Wright, Bailee Croker, Mekenzie Woodhouse, Sharjil Ahsan, Montana Dasey, Seisha Passlow, Ben Dunn.

**Champion Handwriter of the show:** Lucy Russell.
Music Count Us In

You are invited to join the students of Wagga Wagga Public School in our Music Count Us In singing. This is a national initiative where thousands of students from schools across Australia will sing the same song at the same time.

Our whole school will be joining in under our COLA at 12:20 this Thursday, the 30th October, to sing 'Paint You a Song' at 12:30. We will be making a day of it and singing 'Swinging on a Star' as well as 'A Simple Melody.' It's okay if you don't know the words to these songs as they will be displayed so you can sing with us. We have organised to have an early lunch this Thursday and you are welcome to stay and eat with your child. The Year 6 students will be selling ice creams and the coffee van will also be here. We hope to see you there, Miss Peterson.

Free Graduated Licensing Scheme Information Session for Parents of Learner Drivers in Wagga

Young drivers are three times more likely to be involved in casualty crashes. That's why the Roads and Maritime Services has introduced a new licensing scheme, with more supervised driving practice for learner drivers.

To help parents in supervising learner drivers, the Roads and Maritime Services has set up a FREE 2 hour workshop for parents that offers practical advice on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.

The session will be conducted by David Riches on Wednesday October 29th at the Rules Club (cnr. Fernleigh and Glenfield Roads) from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

Early bookings are advisable, so phone David on 0434 964 764 now to reserve your place, or email saferlearnerdrivers@gmail.com

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NAME: ___________________________
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CLASS: __________________
TOTAL ENCLOSED: _______________

ORDERS DUE BACK BY: Friday 31st October
The magazines will only be printed for the orders received by this date.

Year 6 Gift Fundraiser

Ice-Cream ‘Red Day’

This Thursday after our ‘Music Count Us In’ event, Year 6 students will be selling Ice-Cream cones and Ice-Cream Spiders. This treat will be this terms ‘Red Day’ and all monies raised will go towards Year 6 purchasing a farewell gift for the school.

Prices will be as follows:
Ice-cream cones with sprinkles $1
Lemonade Ice-Cream Spiders $1.50

OVENS FOR SALE

We have 2 x Omega 54cm Electric Upright Cookers (4 Burner Ego Electric Hob with Oven) FOR SALE for $650 each.
They are brand new and still in their boxes.
If you or someone you know is interested please contact the school office on 69213398.