Principal’s Report—Week 8

2015 SCHOOL LEADERS

Yesterday our Year 5 students and staff completed our initial voting to short list our candidates for 2015 School Leaders. I would like to thank all the students who put themselves into the running for leadership positions. This is a big commitment and we are very fortunate to have such an outstanding selection of students. Commiserations to those who were not successful but I am sure that you will continue to make a great contribution to our school next year.

The following students have been successful in moving onto the next part of the process: Kyra Evans, Tallulah Brassil, Lara Holden, Mekenzie Woodhouse, Abby Wood, Chloe Earsman, Jasmine Blanch, Ella Longmore, William Safour, Nathan Bloor, Tye Dasey, Kodi Anderson, Lachlan Kotzur, Blake Walker, Willis Gray and Archie Sellars. Congratulations to you all.

These students will now present their leadership speech to the student body on Monday 1st December at 9.30am in the school hall. Parents are invited to attend to listen to their children speak.

After speeches, Years 2 to 5 and staff will vote for our 2015 School Leaders. I wish everyone the best of luck.

Student leaders will be announced at Presentation Night.

TRANSITION DAYS

Today we started our K-6 2014/15 transition program for all students in Kindergarten to Year 5. Students were placed into groups based on their academic year for 2015. Today, and again tomorrow, students moved around 4 teachers with different cohorts of students.

Please note that the groups are not final classes for 2015, nor are the teachers they may visit representative of the teacher they may have. We run this program to provide students with the opportunity to experience being amongst different peers, to visit different rooms within the school and to enjoy spending time with different teachers.

The overall aim of these two days is to demystify the new year and to help our students to feel comfortable with the changes that will occur. Hopefully by experiencing a range of teachers and classrooms they will feel more confident and relaxed about the start of a new and exciting year in 2015. If your child experiences any distress or concerns during this time, please discuss these with their classroom teacher.

LEAVING WWPS

Included in this newsletter is a return slip to inform us if your child/ren may be leaving WWPS at the end of this year. I ask that you return this to the school office as soon as possible to enable us to plan our classes for the new year.

2015 CLASSES

Those of you with a Year 1 or 2 child may be questioning why they were grouped together for transition. Based on our anticipated numbers we have a very large cohort of Stage 2 students. This has required us to look at our class structure for 2015. After a lot of thought and consideration we are looking at restructuring our staging to include Year 2/3 classes in the new year. This will in no way disadvantage any child, in fact we believe the benefits will be significant. These include:

- Easing the transition between ‘Infants’ and ‘Primary’, which for some students can be quite a challenge;
- Allowing for greater continuity of learning outcomes between Stage 1 and 2;
- Improving student growth in academic and social areas.
School Happenings

- Targeting the learning continuum between the two stages and focussing on specific school and year level needs in NAPLAN as well as school assessment areas

We are quite excited about how we can improve the learning opportunities for our students by looking outside the box to meet the needs of our school. As we get closer to knowing our numbers for 2015 we will be able to confirm and provide further details on the restructuring of stages across the school.

Over the coming weeks the teachers will be spending a great deal of time planning tentative classes for 2015. This process involves a great deal of thought and energy to ensure that we make the best placement for all students. I understand that parents may have their likes and wants, but these are not always possible when trying to find the best match for 440+ students. Unless there are extenuating circumstances for a specific placement request please trust that our teachers will do what they, as professionals, believe is the best thing for your child.

If you do have a serious concern or a valid reason regarding your child’s placement in 2015, please put it in writing and email the school or leave at the front office for me. All concerns will be considered but that is not a guarantee that your requests can be met.

Have a great week.

Leanne Harvey
Relieving Principal
P&C News

The last P&C meeting of the year was held last Wednesday and much was discussed.

Firstly, the P&C would like to thank Leanne Harvey for the comprehensive review of the current status of the staff positions. All that were present have a much better understanding of the process and the difficulties faced by Leanne and the staff as they plan for the new year. The minutes of the meeting will be circulated shortly.

We also take this opportunity to pass on our congratulations to Belinda Cesnik whom has been offered the position of Assistant Principal. This news was well received by the P&C and we wish Belinda all the best in her new position.

A shadow over the shade

We have been informed that the schools preferred shade solutions have failed to receive approval from the Department. The Department requires that all structures have a solid roof (such as the COLA) and this means that a pergola over the sandpit would not suffice and the more aesthetically pleasing sails are not to be used elsewhere. This will result in permanent shade over the infant’s sandpit and the Astroturf not being in place for this summer. The P&C is heartened by the efforts made by Leanne to make the case to the Department and we are confident that she shall find the best solutions for the school. The P&C affirmed its commitment to the shade having previously committed $18,500 to this need.

Landscaping

The P&C has committed $5,000 to the school to be applied for landscaping projects, much of which will take place over the summer break. Matt Brassil continues to work hard to develop the grounds and we look forward to seeing his progress in making the grounds more cohesive and engaging for the students.

The school has decided not to pursue a master plan. The school is very fortunate to have the professional assistance of Matt Brassil and Donna Jeffries within our community and they, with the input of Leanne, have agreed to develop a design concept for the grounds. You may have already noticed changes around the grounds and we look forward to seeing the progress made over the break.

On the horizon

The Masters BBQ is on this Saturday. Please support this fundraising event as all proceeds go directly to buying much needed resources for the school.

The P&C has committed to holding an evening “Welcome to the Community” event in term 1. We look forward to working closely with the staff to develop an enjoyable event. A date will be confirmed in the new year.

The P&C shall purchase swimming caps with the school emblem for our representative swimming teams.

FROM THE P & C

HUGE SECOND HAND CLOTHING SALE!

Don’t miss out on this great opportunity to purchase 2nd hand WWPS clothing.

When: Wednesday, 10th December 2014

Where: Outside the staffroom near the COLA

Time: from 9.30am

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Prices are subject to condition.

Any queries, please contact Jackie on 0428 618 077
Top Left: Learning how to spin diablos in Stage 2 gymnastics.

Top right: Ex WPS Student Luke McBeath was back this week for work experience, working with Jordan Turner.


Gymnastics

Lesley taught the students, staff and parents about Cyber-safety last week.

Kinder reading—Ethan Hayes

Bottom Left: Busy writers in Kinder yesterday.

Bottom Right: Tennis for Stage 3 sport.
**MERIT CERTIFICATES**

**KG** Elly, Griffin, Hugh  
**KS** Will, Roman, Matilda  
**KT** Charlie, Lucy, Bebe  
**1C** Campbell, Izzy, Adele  
**1P** Lucy, Jackson, Austin  
**1N** Breanna, Sarah, Maxwell, Zane, Oliver, Jude  
**2LC** Zoe, Bailey, Zoe  
**2L** Caleb, Veni, Gabrielle  
**2P** Ava, Dev, Olivia

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

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**Christmas gifts that last a lifetime.**

Recently **3/4N** started collecting money to purchase some gifts from World Vision that will never be placed under the Christmas tree. We raised $90 which is a fantastic effort. Some students donated the change from their lunch money and others discussed the project with their families and bought some money from home.

We had a class meeting and with our $90 we bought:

- Early learning for Indigenous children
- A goat – to provide milk, yoghurt and cheese (nutrition and income)
- Chickens for 2 families.

If this is something you would like to do with your family for Christmas go to [worldvision.com.au/gifts](http://worldvision.com.au/gifts).

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**WAGGA WAGGA HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAY INFORMATION EVENING**

Wagga Wagga High School will be holding an Orientation Day for Year 7, 2015 students on Wednesday December 3rd from 9.20am to 3.00pm.

This date is a state-wide Orientation Day and all NSW Public High Schools hold their Year 7 Orientation on this day. If your child is zoned for and attending another local High School, your child has been given their Orientation Day times and further information.

Wagga Wagga Public School students attending Wagga Wagga High School will be catching a bus on the day for a small cost, please stay tuned for a permission note and more information to come home soon. Wagga Wagga High School will also be hosting a Parent Information Evening in the Ted Drake Room at 6.00pm that same evening.

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**CBA School Banking – Fridays**

**Congratulations** to the many students who have recently received prizes for consistent deposits. Prizes still available include Blue wallet, money box (dollar mites, Spen, Pat and Pru) headphones, knuckles game, swim bag, scented pencils, shark key ring, and projector cup and sea steamers.

**Redeem prizes** - If you are eligible (10 tokens) please submit your request with your banking in the next 2 weeks for ordering prior to end of term.

**Final date for banking 2014 is 12/12/14**

**How can I start?** If you would like to commence school banking parents can open a dollarmite account at any CBA branch. Remember to take in birth certificate and you can begin banking straight away. Simply bring in your deposit book with money enclosed each Friday for processing.

Carolyn – School Banking Coordinator
Community notices

GIRLS!!!
Never played football/soccer before and want to have a go? Then we have a great FREE opportunity for you to participate in a fun day!

Girls Football
Come and try day

Questions answered on the day by our coaches and representatives from Football Wagga Wagga.
Breakfast on the house - bacon, eggs and sausage sandwiches.
Water Stations and Sun Screen Provided.

WHEN AND WHERE

Girls aged 5-11
Saturday 29th November 2014
9am-10:30am

Girls Aged 12-17
Saturday 29th November
10:45am-12:15pm

Rawlings Park
Wagga Wagga
Juggling Competition
Passing Activities
Small Sided Games
Penalty Shoot Out

Football Wagga Wagga 2014

If you would like to advertise or promote a business or community event, please contact our school office on 6921 3398 or email: wagawagga-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Discover Baby Playgroup with the Lake Albert Playgroup

- Meet other parents and carers
- Make new friends
- Share parenting experiences
- Learn about childhood development
- Become involved with your community
- Babies will play and have fun, experience new activities and socialise with other babies

For more information about the exciting new sessions starting at the Lake Albert venue contact Playgroup NSW on 1800 171 882 today!