RELIEVING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

FAREWELL
This Friday we farewell Mrs Patrice Sloan from Wagga Wagga Public School. Patrice has worked in our school office and in the Library during her time with us and is moving onto Kooringal High School. On behalf of our school community I would like to extend our appreciation for everything Patrice has done for our school and wish her all the best in her new position.

CONGRATULATIONS
It has been a big media week for Wagga Wagga Public School both in print and on the television. Our Food Revolution chefs represented our school with pride and enthusiasm as they cooked up a storm last Thursday and 1P made the Daily Advertiser for their beautiful Mother’s Day DVD. It is great to see our teachers and students being acknowledged within the community for the outstanding work they do on a daily basis.

EISTEDDFOD
This Friday 23rd May our three school dance groups will perform at the Wagga Wagga Dance Eisteddfod at Kyeamba Smith Hall. I have no doubts that again this year our performances will be amazing and the costumes are beautiful. Any dancers who have not returned their permission note and money need to do so by this Thursday at the latest. Thank you to Mrs Gooden, Mrs Cesnik, Mrs Thorpe, Mrs Jones, Miss Crouch, Mrs Dunn and Mrs Moore for all your efforts in getting these groups ready for their first performance. We wish all our dancers the best of luck and hope to see lots of parents there to support our talented young people.

CROSS COUNTRY
Our school Cross Country team travelled to Ladssmith yesterday to compete in the Wagga Wagga PSSA Zone Cross Country event. It was a very proud Mrs Elsley who returned to school holding the champions trophy which was won by our school this year. Congratulations to all competitors, Mrs Elsley and the parents who supported our team.

SCHOOL DIARY

WEEK 4
Wednesday 21st May
Musica Viva
Friday 23rd May
Wagga Wagga Eisteddfod

PJ DAY
Thank you to all families who supported our fundraising efforts for the Asthma Foundation. As well as everyone enjoying a warm and snuggly day in their pyjamas, we raised $265 for ongoing research into asthma.

REFORMS TO P&C FEDERATION
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizen Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations. Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management.

More information will be available on the Department’s website at: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

Have a great week.
Leanne Harvey
Relieving Principal
SNIPPETS FROM THE P & C
Hi there everyone – just a couple of things we wanted to mention.

- A big thank you to everyone that helped with the Bunnings BBQ on Saturday, 3rd of May. It wasn’t the kindest day weatherwise but good for selling a sausage sandwich or two. Unfortunately not many people were feeling like a cold soft drink! We managed to raise about $700 on the day. Thanks again to Jeff Edwards, Carolyn Holle, Kris Hughes, Wendy Harper, Natalie Holmes, Andrew Drumm, JoAnne Masters, Fiona Halloran, Pete Johnson and Matt Wilkinson for giving up their time on a Saturday to help out. Thank you also to Bunnings for giving us the opportunity to raise some funds for our school.

- For those needing second hand WWPS uniforms, there are still items of clothing available for sale in the room out the back of the staffroom. Most items of clothing are under $15 (except for the odd Hoodie and girl’s winter uniform that come in). If you are in need of anything, ask the ladies in the office or you can contact me on 0428 618 077 and I can let you know what’s available.

- There was a great turnout at the P & C meeting in Week 2. Thank you to all those who attended, including a couple of new faces. We appreciate your input. We have our AGM in September so have a think about if you’d like to put your hand up for a position.

Thank you,
Jackie Sellars
Secretary

KIDS ARE TAKING UP THE CHALLENGE FOR NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY!

This Friday, 23 May, primary school aged children from right around Australia will make those important steps towards a healthier childhood by participating in Walk Safely to School Day.

This annual event encourages children to lead a healthier, more active lifestyle by simply including a walk at the beginning and end of each day. The event also promotes reduced car-dependency, greater use of public transport, cleaner air, improved diets and road safety to primary school children throughout Australia.

NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY:

- Teaches children healthy lifestyle habits from a young age as they learn that walking is the best form of exercise. It’s easy, free and these habits tend to last a lifetime.

- Asks parents and carers to walk their primary school aged children all or part of the way to school. Those who can’t walk the whole way are asked to combine a walk with public transport or to park the car a good distance away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

- Helps to reduce hazardous traffic congestion in and around schools, creating pedestrian-safe areas for children entering or leaving school.

Is a way parents, teachers, carers and students can help ease global warming and climate change, as they reduce car-dependency.

And remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids!

MERIT CERTIFICATES

| KG | Ashton Clark, Bailey Ross, Holly Abell |
| KS | Bella Shuhyta, Grace Robertson, Jayden Eyres |
| KT | Ella Fairman, Oliver Nicholls, Taleen El-Ghali |
| 1C | Montana Moran, Baden Blanch, Noah Williams |
| 1P | Charlotte Polsen, Thomas Williams, Jackson Freeman |
| 1N | Oliver Whitford, Abudula Maihemuti, Reagan Terrey |
| 2CL | Elijah Cox, MJ Delbecq, Sarah Blackney |
| 2L | Eve Penaluna, Soban Kamran, Kodie Priest-Wade |
| 2P | Dev Chandani, Seth McDonnell, Simone Broom |

One of our super heros from last week.
Wagga District Cross Country

Yesterday we took the school cross country finalists to the Wagga Wagga District PSSA Cross Country at Ladysmith Public School. We had a fantastic day and all students that represented our school did us proud in their efforts and exemplary behaviour. All students completed the race and we received some fantastic placing’s. Overall we received the most points and took home the Championship trophy for first place in points out of all Wagga Wagga District schools, so a huge well done to all students for their efforts!

There are several students that will be representing our district at the Riverina Cross Country in Deniliquin:

Will McCready 1st 8/9 Years Boys
Hamish Hart 1st 10 Years Boys
Tallulah Brassil 3rd 10 Years Girls
Lachlan Hart 1st 12/13 Years Boys
Sam McCready 3rd 12/13 Years Boys
Mia Wright 4th 12/13 Years Girls
Paddy Carey 6th 12/13 Years Boys
(Placed as 2nd reserve)
Nell Sellars 5th 12/13 Years Girls
(Placed as 1st reserve)

Again, a huge congratulations to all these students.

Mrs Elsley

CHESS NEWS

Congratulations to Wagga A Team who had a win against Mater Dei E Team 3-1. Thank you to team members and parents for adapting to the completely revised draw for the competition.

This Friday 23rd May:
Wagga A Team play Sturt D Team (away game).
Wagga B Team play Mater Dei C Team (home game).

GIRLS AND BOYS PSSA SOCCER GAMES

Change of venue from Gissing Oval to Rawlings Park.
Last Thursday afternoon this group of budding chefs showed their cooking skills making a yummy pasta. They all enjoyed selecting their fresh vegetables and working together to make their pasta.
L3 offers students the opportunity to begin learning how to read continuous texts as soon as they start school. Students participate in Guided Reading, Familiar Reading and Independent Reading experiences several times each week. When we read, language is already on the page. When we write we put language on the page. Both are tricky in the beginning. Here is a look at some of the ways that we are exploring, developing and practising the skills required to be independent readers and writers.

Reading around the Room

Word work

Keep an eye out in the newsletter for photos of our writing, discovery and exploration centres.

Miss Geaghan, Mrs Thorpe, Mrs Stewart, KG, KT and KS.
LOOKING TO GET FIT OR STAY FIT OVER WINTER?

OUTDOOR GROUP FITNESS CLASSES
WAGGA PUBLIC SCHOOL
MON & WEDS @ 6PM,
BOLTON PARK FRI 430PM, SAT 730AM

$10 per class - Catering for all levels of fitness, age and are child/baby friendly.

To START “KICKING BUTT FOR LIFE” like us on Facebook
www.facebook.com/boots2glutes, contact Nicole on 0404 698 091 or email:
boots2glutes@outlook.com

Primary Ethics at Wagga Wagga Public School needs your help! If you are able to spare some time to volunteer (either as a coordinator or as a teacher) please call Emily on 0427 219882

Students concentrating during NAPLAN tests last week.