RELIEVING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break and welcome you back to a shorter, but no less busy Term 2 at Wagga Wagga Public School. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces this morning and by the stories I have been told it sounds like some very exciting adventures were had. To those families who are new to Wagga Public, I extend a warm welcome on behalf of our school community.

This term we welcome Mrs Erin Elsley to Wagga Public. Mrs Elsley has taken over Mrs Gooden’s position as classroom teacher of 5/6G (which is now 5/6E) and as Relieving Assistant Principal for the remainder of 2014. Mrs Elsley is an enthusiastic, committed and motivated teacher who is very excited to join our school.

There has been a change to our executive positions for the remainder of this year.
We will now have four Assistant Principal positions:
   Miss Caity Geaghan – Early Stage 1
   Mrs Belinda Cesnik – Stage 1
   Miss Tarryn Birthisel – Stage 2
   Mrs Erin Elsley – Stage 3

If you have any concerns regarding your child you should firstly contact your child’s teacher, however, our Assistant Principals are available to assist you in dealing with any issues which may arise.

SCHOOL DIARY

WEEK 1
Wednesday 30th April
Athletics Carnival
Thursday 1st May
Stage 2 Swimming Starts

WEEK 2
Monday 5th May
BOOK FAIR
Thursday 8th May
Cross Country

ANZAC DAY
Last Friday, 25th April, our school captains and leaders represented Wagga Wagga Public School at the Anzac Day march and ceremony. For the first time that I can recall, students from local schools were invited to march. Jillian Porganyi, Kein Crevatin, Montanna Dasey, Bailee Croker, Paddy Carey and William Roworth marched for our school under the banner of Wagga Wagga Public Schools. Lucinda Coles and Joseph Roworth, our school captains, laid the wreath on behalf of Wagga Wagga Public School. It was with great pride that I watched these wonderful students represent our school so proudly. Not only did they look fantastic in their school uniforms but the positive attitude and respect they showed throughout this significant annual event on our nation’s calendar was a credit not only to themselves but to their families and our school. Thank you.
FESTIVAL OF FUN
Congratulations to our wonderful staff for their huge efforts on the last day of Term 1. Due to the ongoing rain, we managed to hold a mini Festival of Fun for the students as our reward day. It was a very hectic, but incredibly exciting, morning of stalls and fun activities ran by the teachers and well supported by our students and families. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend and assist the staff with their stalls. We raised $3200 which has been given to the P&C.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Our annual Athletics Carnival is scheduled to be held tomorrow at Jubilee Park. All students should already have returned their note and money. If you have not done so, please ensure that they bring this with them to school tomorrow morning. Children are asked to wear their house colours: Araluen – Green, Mirrabooka – Blue and Attunga – Red. It is predicted that it will be cold and there is a good chance of rain, so please ensure your child has some warm clothes to wear. We are still finalising plans for wet weather and will let you know as soon as possible of any changes in the event of rain. The canteen will be providing a sausage sizzle lunch for those students who have ordered. This will go ahead regardless of the weather, either at Jubilee Park or at school. Please note that there will be no other lunch orders available. If you have not already ordered and paid for the sausage sizzle, you will need to provide a packed lunch for your children.

BOOK FAIR
Our first Scholastic Book Fair for 2014 will be held next week. This is a major fundraiser for our school’s library with the profits made going towards providing quality resources and books for our students. Details can be found in the flyer that was sent home to all students and we again look forward to your support.

STEWART HOUSE
Accompanying this newsletter is an envelope to donate to the Stewart House 2014 Donation Drive. A $2 donation gives you a chance to win a $4000 family holiday. Envelopes with donations are due back at school by Friday 9th May 2014.

Stewart House is a children’s charity located at South Curl Curl, Sydney that provides short term respite care for children in need. Each year 1,800 public school children in need come to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle. Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for 8 days of their 12-day stay. The NSW Department of Education and Communities provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school. All others costs associated with the childrens’ stay are met from charitable donations. Stewart House needs your support to ensure they can continue to provide important services to children.

Looking forward to working with you all again in Term 2. Have a great week.

Leanne Harvey
Relieving Principal
University of NSW International Competitions

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

- 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 $8.80, except for Spelling ($12.10) and Writing ($18.70).

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 competitions closing date is Friday 2nd May.**

More information on the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools can be found at [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://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.

- Science
- Mathematics
- Writing
- Spelling
- English

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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.

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YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

BOOK FAIR

A Cool Place to Discover Hot Books

When: Monday to Thursday 5th – 8th May
Where: WWPS Library
Time: Mornings: 8:50 – 9:10am
       Recess: 11:15 – 11:40am
       Lunch: 1:10 – 2pm

Large variety of books starting at $3
Novelty items (pencil toppers, erasers etc) also available

EFTPOS available

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