RELIEVING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

ANTI-BULLYING MESSAGE
It is this school community’s belief that all students should feel safe and valued while in the care of staff at Wagga Wagga Public School. Bullying or harassment in any form is not acceptable at this school. Staff will take a firm stance to address bullying behaviour via the implementation of prevention strategies and responsive procedures. Students, teachers, parents and members of the wider school community of Wagga Wagga Public School have a shared responsibility to create a safe, happy and inclusive environment free from bullying, harassment and intimidation. Our school will not tolerate bullying in any form and collectively we will strive to maintain a positive climate of respectful relationships. This week teacher’s are focusing lessons on reinforcing the anti-bullying message to students. You can support the work done in class by taking the time to talk with your child about bullying. Attached to this week’s newsletter is the Wagga Wagga Public School Anti-Bullying Policy brochure for your information. Other valuable information and support can be found at:
http://www.stopbullying.gov/kids/index.html
http://www.pacerkidsagainstbullying.org/
bullyingnoway.gov.au/

PJ DAY
Did you know that one in 10 adults and children has asthma? Sadly, asthma symptoms can often mean that people miss out on school or work and other activities they enjoy.
In support of the Asthma Foundation NSW we will be having PJ Day this Friday 9th May. Children are invited to wear their PJ’s to school to help people with asthma. PJ’s worn should be nice and warm and dressing gowns or jackets are encouraged. Slippers should not be worn unless they have a solid sole to avoid them getting wet and children slipping.

WE CAN HELP reduce the impact of asthma by raising awareness and money for this chronic condition that affects over 2 million Australians. Children are asked to bring a gold coin donation for the privilege of wearing their PJ’s to school. If this is a struggle for families, a gold coin per family would still contribute to the valuable work of the Foundation. Money raised will go towards vital asthma research and asthma support programs.
More information about asthma can be found at:
http://www.asthmaaustralia.org.au

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Our annual Athletics Carnival was held last Wednesday at Jubilee Park. Despite the predicted rain, we were fortunate to have a cold but sunny day and a great day was had by all thanks to the efficient organisation of Mr Holloway.

Congratulations to:
- Araluen – our 2014 winning house
- Hamish Hart and Tallulah Brassil – Junior champions, Kai Watts and Chelsea MacDonald – 11 Years champions and Rowan Klimps and Mia Wright – Senior champions.
- All our students for their participation, enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

Thank you to:
- Kirrily Brassil and Rochelle Bennett for your assistance on the day.
- Ellise, Melinda and the parents and grandparents who assisted them to run the canteen and cook the sausage sizzle lunch for students.
- All the parents, family and friends who attended to support our school.
OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT IN 2015
Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014. Generally students are in Year 4 in 2014 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2015.

Those applying for opportunity class placement for students in 2015 will be able to apply for up to two schools of their choice. It is expected that parents will make appropriate decisions when choosing a school that is within reasonable travelling distance. Parents are strongly encouraged to give careful consideration to the time taken and modes of transport involved when choosing a school with an opportunity class.

Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student’s) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to this internet website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

Online applications open on Monday 28 April 2014. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form which are available from the office. Application forms whether submitted online or lodged with the principal should be received by the student’s current primary school by Friday 16 May 2014. Late applications will not be accepted after the closing date of 16 May 2014 except in areas where there is a shortage of suitable candidates.

DANCE GROUP PRACTICE
Mrs Gooden has kindly offered to hold afternoon practice sessions for our school dance groups in preparation for the Wagga Dance Eisteddfod on the 23rd May.
The first of these is scheduled for this Thursday 8th May in the school hall at the following times:
Stage 3 group: 3.40 to 4.40pm
K-2 group: 4.40 to 5.40pm
Stage 2 group: 5.40 to 6.40pm
We understand that with other commitments that this may not be possible but it would be very beneficial to have all children present for at least this one practice in preparation for the upcoming Eisteddfod in Week 4.

BOOK FAIR
Our first Scholastic Book Fair for 2014 is currently underway in the library. This is a major fundraiser for our school’s library with the profits made going towards providing quality resources and books for our students. The Book Fair is open before school and at lunch times each day. Your support is greatly appreciated.

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, and will be held next week at school.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or ‘domains’) of:
• Reading
• Writing
• Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
• Numeracy.

A letter has been sent home to parents with children in Year 3 and 5. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to discuss these with your child’s teacher or myself.

TABER SHIELD CRICKET
Good luck to our boys cricket team who will compete in their next match against The Rock Central School tomorrow. Thank you to Mr O’Dea for coaching this team and to the parents who are assisting with transport. I am certain that our boys will once again uphold the fine reputation of our school.

CROSS COUNTRY
Our annual Cross Country will be held this Thursday. All students taking part are reminded to wear their sports uniform and to make sure they wear sensible running shoes and have with them a jumper or jacket to put on after their run.

STEWART HOUSE
Last week you received 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 this Friday 9th May 2014.

Have a great week.
Leanne Harvey
Relieving Principal

MERIT CERTIFICATES

| KG | Ruby Lenton, Millicent Jaegar, Caitlin Talbot |
| KS | Sana Malika, Elijah Armstrong, Roman Edwards-Contreras |
| KT | Jessica Friend, Laura Bright, Lucas Burke |
| 1C | Lachlan Cox, Sharjil Ahsan, Lola Coulter |
| 1P | Brodie Browning, Archie Lister, Lily Godbier |
| 1N | Chelsea Holle, Lachlan Friend, Naveera Rizwan |
| 2CL | Sidney Lenton, Zoe Burt, Zoe Masters |
| 2L | Bajrang Konapuram, Sujie Masson, Christopher Waring |
| 2P | Will Pollock, Finn Mehlstaubler, Ryan Elkins |
No lunch orders for Primary on Thursday due to the Cross Country.

Scholastic Book Club orders and money due Tuesday, 13th May.

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the costs of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2013–2014, the rebate gives:
- A $125 credit against electricity bills for eligible applicants who receive electricity from an electricity retailer.
- A $157.50 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a caravan or mobile home park and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
To be eligible, you MUST:
- Be eligible for family ‘tax benefit’ or ‘B’ during 2012 and have received a relevant payment;
- Be the primary account holder of an electricity retailer OR a long-term resident of a caravan or mobile home park, whose name appears on the electricity bills supplied by the park operator.

YOU CHOOSE HOW YOU WANT TO APPLY FOR THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE
- ONLINE – it takes a few minutes to submit and processing starts immediately.
- PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE
PHONE Service NSW 13 77 77
EMAIL See program guidelines, nsw.gov.au

Can you cover the costs of energy bills for your family's dependent children? The Family Energy Rebate helps with the burden, providing eligibility criteria and application methods. For more information, visit the website or contact Service NSW.

Photos from Athletics Carnival which was held last week. More photos at back.

Easter Hat Parade
On the last Thursday of school last term we had our Easter Hat Parade. It was a huge success with a lot of very creative designs. The children enjoyed showing off their Easter Hats and all their hard work. It was great to see everybody participate with smiles and enthusiasm. Thank you to the families and friends who helped create the hats and who were able to come and watch our parades.

Thank you again, Kim Peterson and Sara Crouch.
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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.

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

Riverina Conservatorium of Music

Parents’ Information Night
Tuesday 13 May 7pm - 8pm
RCM Bannister Room
6925 3522

Find out about RCM curriculum and the range of classes and activities available to students studying at the RCM.
Hi Everyone, just a few things we wanted to mention;

Firstly, a **HUGE thank you to our wonderful teachers** for going above and beyond their call of duty and taking on the stalls that were MEANT to happen at our Festival of Fun which unfortunately had to be cancelled because of the rain. What an amazing effort and we’re sure all the students had extra special fun on their reward day at the end of Term 1. Thank you again and for raising the amazing amount of $3,200 on the day.

**The raffle has been drawn and the lucky winners were:**
1st prize: Kathy Fairman  
2nd prize: Katherine Vanzenten  
3rd prize: Mick Dacey  
Congratulations! And thank you to everyone who bought tickets. The raffle raised around $3,700.

**THANK YOU to these businesses** for donating prizes towards the raffle and stall prizes.
- Sportsmans Warehouse  
- Jump ’n’ Putt  
- Gateway Bookshop  
- The Bookshop, Wagga  
- Hunter’s Newsagency  
- Les Whitehead Dairy Products  
- Bunnings  
- BCF  
- Masters Home Improvement  
- Southwest Stockfeeds  
- Moorong Vet Clinic  
- Spotlight  
- Kmart, Sturt Mall  
- Big W, Marketplace  
- Woolworths, Gurwood Street  
- Wagga Cycle Centre  
- Morgan Street Cycles  
- Active Print  
- Western Plains and Taronga Zoo

Thank you to those families who donated prizes and for members of the P & C and school community who helped organise posters, bunting, prizes, food, stalls, games etc. We really thank you for all you did towards (cancelled) Festival of Fun.