RELIEVING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

SYMPATHY
It is with much sadness that I inform you of the passing of our School Administrative Manager – Trish Smith. Trish passed away on Saturday evening after a long battle with cancer. She will be fondly remembered at Wagga Public for her gentle nature, warm smile and caring heart. Our deepest sympathies go to Trish’s family at this sad time.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS
This week we wish our Cross Country and Athletics competitors all the best as they compete in the PSSA carnivals this week. Riverina Cross Country was held today with PSSA Athletics scheduled for this Friday.

ROLL OF HONOUR SOUNDSCAPE
In August 2014, the Australian War Memorial will be launching the Roll of Honour Soundscape project, one of the many projects commemorating the Centenary of the First World War. Soundscape will enhance the iconic Roll of Honour in the Memorial’s Commemorative Area, while retaining a respectful and solemn experience for visitors.

Primary school students between the ages of 10 and 12, selected from across Australia, were invited to record the name and age of one of the 62,000 Australians who died during the First World War. These voice recordings will be played in the First World War section of the Cloisters in the Commemorative Area.

Mrs McKenzie put Wagga Wagga Public School’s name in to be considered and we were fortunate enough to be selected. Next Monday 16th June she will accompany a selected group of Stage 3 students to the ABC studios to record names. To be a part of such a moving tribute to our countries soldiers is a very special honour for these students and I know they will represent our school with pride.

DEVELOPING RESPONSIBILITY IN YOUR CHILD
Responsibility is one of the five dispositions we focus on at school when we look at HOW2Learn. It is the ability to become trustworthy or accountable for one’s actions.

The following is an article by Maud Purcell on how parents can help their children to develop Responsibility.

Pouring the Foundation
You can’t build a sturdy house without a firm foundation. The same is true when helping your child develop responsibly: If you don’t lay the groundwork early and consistently, it will be difficult for them to develop into a trustworthy adult. So when your child is young, take these steps to building a strong foundation:

• Establish rules and appropriate consequences. Help them understand that rules are to be followed and that there will be consequences if they are not. This will encourage them to become responsible for their actions.
• Help them develop concern for others. Teach them to share and to think of others’ feelings. Caring for pets and other living creatures is a good way to help kids develop empathy. Insist that they treat others in a kindly and mannerly fashion.
• Give them chores. From an early age, kids are capable of putting away their toys and helping with simple tasks. Completing chores will give them a feeling of accomplishment and self-sufficiency. It will also make them feel like a member of the home team!
• Allow them to make choices. This should be done in an age-appropriate way.

Framing the House
As your child matures, they will have a steady foundation upon which to build a “house” of personal responsibility. As they frame their house, guide them in the following ways:

Whenever possible, act as advisor, not as director, in their life. Give them increasing chances to make their own decisions while still under your roof. As a result, the world will seem a lot less threatening later on. And they will know how to exercise good judgment if they has lots of practice in this area.
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 http://www.primaryethics.com.au/infoonvolunteering.html

• Continue to establish rules and follow through with consequences. Rules are not just for little kids. In fact, as your child heads toward the teen years, structure may become even more important. If kids become accustomed to following rules, they will be equipped to establish structure in both their internal and external worlds once they leave home.

• Encourage them to earn and manage money. Developing a good work ethic and learning to manage money is key to becoming a responsible adult. Give them opportunities to earn money while they are still young. Teach them to save a portion of their earnings. Help them start savings accounts, and encourage them to begin putting money away for the future.

• Help them understand the importance of giving to others. Encourage them to participate in community service or volunteer work. Insist that they reach out to friends and family in need. Becoming a responsible person means looking out for others as well as oneself.

Without one final element, your child’s house of responsibility will crumble: You must model responsibility yourself. In fact, your own actions will have more of an impact on their development than anything else. The task of helping them to become a responsible person may seem daunting. But it’s doable, one building block at a time.

Have a great week.

Leanne Harvey
Relieving Principal

Chelsea Douglas shoots for goal.

WWPS netball team attended the Gala Day last week.
Class 3/4O used our incubator to hatch ducklings. Everyone enjoyed caring for them.
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Child’s name ____________________________ Sex ________

Date of birth ________________________

Siblings Yes / No Name _________________________________

Parents name ________________________________________________

Address ________________________________________________

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In Zone _________

Phone No. _____________________________

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Friday afternoon Chess.

3/4O and 2L enjoying their buddy lesson.