THE READING HOUR
The Reading Hour is being celebrated today. At Wagga Wagga Public School we are asking all families to join in The Reading Hour this year by making time to read with your children. You may not be able to spend the full hour reading, but hopefully you can set aside a portion of time between 6 and 7pm to join in with thousands of people across Australia to share in the enjoyment of reading with your children.

PRINCIPAL’S CONFERENCE
Last week I travelled to Moama for the annual Primary Principal’s Conference. The conference provides an opportunity for Principals from across the Riverina to get together to listen and learn from a variety of speakers and to network with other Principal’s on current issues, challenges and successes we face in our schools.

This year’s keynote speakers included:

Matina Jewel whose distinguished military career culminated with a coveted posting to serve as part of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO) in the Middle East. Matina told her story of inspiration and of authentic leadership lessons learnt over a trail-blazing military career.

Khoa Do arrived in Sydney with his family as Vietnamese refugees in 1980 as a one year old. He is a film director, screenwriter, professional speaker and philanthropist who received the Young Australian of the Year Award in 2005. He is also the brother of well known comedian Ahn Do.

Michelle Bruniges is an Australian teacher and education administrator. She is the current Secretary of the Department of Education and Communities.

Amanda Gore is a communications and performance expert. She believes success is always about feelings - the way we feel about a product, organisation or person influences how we behave and informs our decisions about how we spend, and who we conduct business with. In between delivering an average of 60 presentations in Australia and the US every year, Amanda has written five books, produced several DVD and audio visual training programs and has accumulated over one million views on You Tube.

Thanks to Mrs Cesnik and our Assistant Principal’s for keeping everything running so smoothly in my absence.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations go to the WWPS ‘A’ Team who won the interschool chess competition which has been running for the past 10 weeks. Will Gray, Jay Gordon, Zac Morehouse, Brendan Guise and Jake Campbell consistently outplayed their opponents to win this year’s competition. Thank you to Mrs Navin who has coordinated the WWPS teams again this year.

YEAR 2 EXCURSION
Excitement is rapidly mounting in our Year 2 students (and teachers) as they count down to their excursion to Canberra on Friday. I am sure that despite the early start everyone will have a wonderful day exploring our Nation’s capital and I look forward to hearing many exciting stories on their return. Thank you to Miss Peterson and Miss Luff for all their efforts in organising this big day.

CONCERT TICKETS
Tickets for our 2014 CAPA concert presented by Stage 2 and 3 are on sale NOW. ‘A Journey Through The Seasons’ is sure to provide a great evening of entertainment. Performance dates are Wednesday 10th September- matinee and evening and Thursday 11th September – evening only. Tickets are $8 for adults, $6 for children and $25 for a family (2 adults and 2 children) and can be purchased from the front office. Seating is limited so get in early to avoid disappointment.

Have a great week.
Leanne Harvey
Relieving Principal
Grandparent Visits in 2L

As a part of this term’s HSIE unit called ‘Families Past and Present,’ students from 2L were lucky to meet Mrs Strong and Mr Goodlet who came to visit on Thursday 14th August. Mrs Strong was a young teacher at this school around 60 years ago and was able to share her knowledge of what it was like to teach at Wagga Wagga Public School a long time ago. She shared that she used to teach in what is now Mrs Navin’s classroom and that her students would bring in firewood for the open fire in her classroom. She also told the class that the Principal lived in what is known as ‘the house’ which is next to the current car park.

Mrs Strong continued then, to talk about what it was like to grow up as a child in the depression. She mentioned that she lived on a farm and her job on the farm was to look after the turkeys. She continued by saying that she used to ride her bike to school and her brother rode his horse. There was no television so they listened to the radio and she didn’t have many toys to entertain her.

Mr Goodlet shared stories about his childhood in Bathurst. He mentioned that he didn’t wear shoes to school and the bottoms of his feet soon became hard. At school he played games like ‘Blind Man’s Bluff’ and he had to show his Headmistress (Principal) his hair, back of his ears and hands to make sure that he was clean every day.

Apparently his family only had a bath once a week and they shared the water in the bath. At home, he had an ice box instead of a fridge and used to eat the chips of ice as an ice block. The toilet was also outside in the backyard and because it didn’t flush like today, it was emptied by the pan man twice a week.

There was so much more that 2L learnt and they are looking forward to having the next visiting guest speaker in the near future.
Congratulations to our W.W.P. S Chess A Team who were successful in winning the Wagga Wagga Zone—Rookies Grade (Division WW3) Competition!!
A great team effort!!!

SCHOOL VEGIE GARDEN – OUR FIRST HARVEST!!!!

Last week the students in Stage Two harvested the first lot of vegetables from the School Vegie Garden. These vegies were grown from seed by the students during their MADD groups and are now beginning to deliver yummy fresh vegies!

An impromptu vegie market was set up Wednesday afternoon. Students eagerly awaited for parents to arrive to purchase a range of vegies including lettuce, carrots, parsnip, beetroot and spring onions.
Keep an eye on the newsletter for more vegie markets.

2P’s Special Visitors

Last Monday, 2P enjoyed a visit from some special visitors who shared stories from their past. We learnt many interesting things. We learnt that some teachers boarded with school families. Imagine waking up and seeing your teacher every morning! We also learnt that life was a little trickier because they didn’t always have electricity. One of the grand-dads told us that they were provided with free milk at school to help keep the children healthy. Finn’s grandmother wrote a note and sent in some old money for the children to look at. Things were much cheaper in the past. An ice-cream cost less than a cent.

Thankyou, Bob and Peter (Makayla’s granddad and great granddad), John (Austin’s granddad) and Ray (Ethan’s granddad) for sharing your amazing stories.
Written by 2P

Chess A Team: L to R
Jay Gordon, Jake Campbell, Brendan Guise, Zac Moorehouse and Will Gray
**PSSA Touch Football Knockout**

Last week both a boys and girls representative touch team was taken to a touch football ‘gala day’ to play in the first round pool of the PSSA State Touch Football Knockout. We held trials at school for both boys and girls teams and two full teams were chosen to represent Wagga Wagga Public School. The boys team first played The Rock and won convincingly as did the girls team who also played The Rock. Our teams then advanced and played the winners of the other games, South Wagga. Both the boys and girls put up a fantastic fight but unfortunately bowed out to South Wagga. All students that represented our school should be very proud of their efforts, their brilliant sportsmanship cooperative effort was duly noted and commended by the other schools teachers and parents. Well done to all who represented our school with pride on the day.

**Stage 2 MADD Groups**

What a term we have had so far in our Drama MADD groups! Our group has been practising a range of dramatic skills to help us portray meaning and emotion in a performance. This term our focus has included miming and body movement which has helped us perform a number of different sketches for our peers including creative advertisements, comedy scenes and everyday situations. Our group has been working hard to refine these skills to help us in our practice for our Performance night later this term.

Rhys Holloway.
Boots for Kids

Do you have an old pair of footy boots at home that no longer fit anyone in your family?

This year Fairfax media are running the ‘Boots for Kids’ campaign to help provide footy boots for kids living in remote Indigenous communities.

With a 200-kilometre + drive to the nearest store to buy football boots, let alone to buy anything other than groceries, many kids play football in bare feet or share ill-fitting boots with their friends.

If you have some boots to donate (kids and adult sizes) please send them into 3/4N for collection. At the end of the week we will take them down to Coles supermarket and put them in the collection bins. They will then be collected by Linfox and, after being cleaned up and paired with some socks, trucked to the communities in need.

Last year when the campaign launched in Victoria, almost 5000 pairs of boots were donated and trucked to four different communities – Gunbalanya in East Arnhem Land, Bayulu near Fitzroy Crossing in the Pilbara, Wadeye south of Darwin, and Northam east of Perth.

If you have boots to donate please send them to 3/4N by this Friday.

Thank you – 3/4N

Info and photos from the SMH
HIGH VIS DAY—29th AUGUST

We will be holding a High Vis Day on Friday 29th August. Rob Gray a parent from our school will be taking part in a charity ride from Wagga to Sydney to raise money for Ronald McDonald House. Our school will be supporting his effort to raise money for our local Ronald McDonald House in Wagga.

As a bike rider you need to be visible on the road, so we have decided to wear something that is going to be visible for all to see. Students will still wear their school uniform but add something that is High Vis. This could be a high vis vest, shirt, hair tie, skirt or shorts.

We will collect a gold coin donation per family to go towards Rob achieving his fundraising goal.

Rob and the fundraising team will come and talk to the students at the Primary and Infants Assemblies to explain about the ride.

Thank you to the Wagga Public Community for supporting this wonderful charity.

Julie Stewart

REMINDER

NO FURTHER RED DAY NOTES WILL BE ACCEPTED

No other lunch orders will be available on Wednesday due to the Red Day sausage sizzle.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 6 booklets have been distributed to students this week. To order simply:

- complete the order form;
- detach the order form from the booklet using scissors;
- place the order form and cash or cheque in an envelope clearly marked Scholastic Book Club order, student’s name-and class; hand the envelope to the student’s teacher by Monday, 1st September 2014.

Please note that NO LATE ORDERS will be accepted after this date.

Credit card payments can be made online or by telephone. Please ensure you record the receipt number when completing the appropriate box on the order form.

Thank you for your support, it is greatly appreciated as all orders earn free resources for the school.

Hi,

My name is Rob Gray and I’ve taken up the challenge to do the Ronald McDonald House RMHC RIDE FOR SICK KIDS RIVERINA, an 800 km 5 day ride from Wagga to Westmead hospital in Sydney via Young and Queanbeyan.

I’m doing the hard effort for the kids, so that you can do the easy part of giving a much needed donation, so please help me help them by giving whatever you can using the links below. The more people that know about RMHC RIDE FOR SICK KIDS RIVERINA, the greater their impact, so please also spread the word with your friends and family. Thank you in advance for your generosity, it means a lot!

Funds raised by this ride will be used to support the RMH charities in Wagga.

You can donate to the everydayhero’s website through the link or QR scan link below:

Shaw Street Children’s Centre is taking enrolments for 2014 and 2015. We are an independent, community-based, not-for-profit centre providing care and education for children from 6 weeks to 6 years old. We are open from 8:15 am to 5:30 pm for 49 weeks of the year (excluding public holidays and the Christmas and New Year period). We are located just 1.5 kms from WWPS, call 6921 2044 or find us at http://shawstreetchildrenscentre.org/
Wagga Wagga Little Athletics

Thursday Nights from 5pm
U4 - 17 years

Registration Date: 11th September 2014 – 5pm to 7:00 pm at Jubilee Park upstairs in the hockey rooms, Wagga

Start and Trial Date: 18th September 2014

Contact – Leanne 0408021810 or Brent 0412451457
Website – www.wwla.com.au

You can register online at littleathletics.com.au Please bring your e-mailed receipt along to our registration night to collect your registration pack and to purchase any uniforms you require. If you can’t register online, assistance will be provided at the registration night. Cash or cheque is accepted only.

Proof of age is required for all new registrations.

Registration Fees - $85 for Tiny Tots
- $95 for U6—U17

Kooringal Wagga Athletics Club

Friday Nights from 5pm
5 - 16 years

Registrations are now open for the 2014/2015 Athletic Season. Register online at www.kwa.org.au and bring your emailed receipt along to our Registration days to collect your registration pack and purchase any uniforms you require. Proof of age is required for all new registrations. If you not able to register online then manual registrations will be accepted on the dates below.

Registration Dates: 29/08/14 & 05/09/14
Time: 5pm to 6.30pm
Where: Upstairs in the Hockey rooms, Jubilee Park

Start & trial date: 12th September 2014

Registration Fees: Early bird and Family discounts this year see website for details www.kwa.org.au

Contact: Club Registrar - 0411 200 101

2P’s Recycled Art and Craft

Thank you to everyone who brought in recycled material for 2P’s art and craft. We have been overwhelmed with the response and have a wall full of recyclables. 2P has enough materials now and are busy turning them into something new.

Again thanks, Miss Peterson and 2P.
A Journey Through The Seasons

Wagga Wagga Public School presents
“A Journey Through The Seasons”
Our Creative and Practical Arts Concert for 2014

PERFORMANCES

Matinee: Wednesday 10th September 10am-12noon
Evening: Wednesday 10th September 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Evening: Thursday 11th September 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Tickets will go on sale in WEEK 5, from the office

Prices will be $8 for adults, $6 for children and $25 for a family (2 adults/2 children).

Join us on an enchanting journey through the magical seasons.