PRINCIPAL’S REPORT—WEEK 6

Today Claire Heazlewood is travelling to Sydney to take part in the Premier’s Spelling Bee State Finals to be held tomorrow. She was a little bit nervous yesterday when I spoke with her, but I am sure we all agree that she has done an amazing job to get this far and we wish her LOTs OF LUCK. I look forward to sharing Claire’s experiences with you next week.

STAGE 2 GREAT AUSSIE RESORT EXCURSION

Despite the really wet weather last week our Stage 2 students still had a great time at the Great Aussie Resort. They looked quite a sight in their PJ’s on return to school last Friday but at least they were dry and comfy. Thanks again to Miss Lipinski, Miss Birthsil, Mr Holloway, Miss Nye and the parents accompanying our children on their excursion.

YEAR 2 EXCURSION

I was lucky enough to be invited to join our Year 2 students on their excursion to the Temora Rural Museum and The Roundhouse at Junee last Friday. The museum is a new local resource we trialled to link in with our new History syllabus and I can strongly recommend it as a great place to take your family. Thanks to Miss Pokoney, Mrs Lawrence, Robyn Bennett and Jeff Edwards for giving up your time to make this such a successful day.

2015 EXTERNAL VALIDATION PILOT

This year Wagga Wagga Public School was selected to participate in the 2015 External Validation pilot. Over the past 2 weeks, the Assistant Principals and myself have been extremely busy collating evidence to support our school submission about progress and achievements and preparing for our meeting with the validation panel next week.

The validation process measures school performance against the School Excellence Framework. This framework was introduced earlier this year to support all NSW public schools in their pursuit of excellence by providing a clear description of the key elements of high quality practice across the three domains of learning, teaching and leading.

Even though this has been a very time consuming process, the benefit to our leadership team has been extremely rewarding. We have learnt a lot and are excited about sharing our school’s strengths and areas for growth and developing plans we can put into action to continue to build our excellent school.
END OF YEAR REPORTS

Classroom teachers are in the process of writing end of year Student Progress Reports. Teachers will analyse assessment data and prepare a summation of your child’s achievements and progress in 2015. Reports will go home later this term.

CLAIM THE DATE

Some important dates for our end of year calendars:

- Tuesday 8th December – K-2 Christmas Concert - at WWPS
- Wednesday 9th December - Presentation Night – WW High School
- Thursday 10th December - Major assembly – at WWPS
- Tuesday 15th December - Reward Day/Class Parties
- Tuesday 15th December - Year 6 Farewell – at Commercial Club

More details will be provided for each activity closer to the dates.

Have a great week.

Leanne Harvey
Principal

School Happenings

5/6D created some fascinating fascinators and don’t they look amazing!
Found Poetry by 2/3N

Based on our shared text, 'Withering-by-Sea' written by Judith Rossell.

A found poem uses language from non-poetic contexts and turns it into poetry. Writing this type of poetry is a kind of treasure hunt. Search for interesting scraps of language, then put them together in different ways and see what comes out. Putting seemingly unrelated things together can create a kind of amazing spark, leading to surprising results.

walked briskly
desperately stamped on
seagull rode the wind
squirming, spluttering
pier was almost deserted
scorching flames, horrible scratching
white capped waves crashed
blood oozed
hauling
making red, watery trails
strengthening icy winds
clawed at her foot
building up at sea
writhing
jagged flash of lightning
wiggly reflections
building up at sea
masked
jagging flash of lightning
footprints

Zoe M and Sarah
led like a line of arrows
his gaze turned his back
she was hiding Eliza
walked quickly away
swooped and crying

blinked, familiar
Abbey
2015 Wagga Show Entries

This year we had a variety of entries for the annual Wagga Wagga show. All the classes worked hard to produce a range of entries in the many different subject areas. We all enjoyed seeing our entries on display at the show. Congratulations to everyone for entering and to our prize winners who are listed below.

Champion craft entry of the show: Tallulah (5/6D)

First place winners: Diego (2/3P), Tamara (2/3H), Sujie (2/3H), Chelsea H (2/3H), Rainer (2/3H), Will (2/3H), Jasmine (5/6M), Blake (5/6M), Imogen (5/6D), Chloe (5/6D), Mekenzie (5/6C).

Second place winners: Tom (2/3L), Rohan (2/3L), Oliver (2/3H), Caleb, (2/3H), Chelsea H (2/3H), Chelsea G (2/3H), Alice (5/6M), Blake, (5/6M), Riley (5/6M), Mekenzie (5/6C), Senna-Rosa (5/6C), Phoebe (5/6E), Willis (5/6E), Patrick (2/3N).

Highly commended: Shanil (2/3L), Darcy (2/3L), Lucy (2/3P), Caleb (2/3H), Alice (5/6M).

Miss Clarke

P&C News

Wagga Public School Fete
APRIL FOOLS’ DAY 2016

There will be WWPS fete committee planning meeting held in the school staffroom:
2pm on Thursday 12th November
All welcome to attend!
(Those unable to attend that still want to play a part in planning can contact us on wwpsfete2016@gmail.com)

School Leavers 2015—excluding Year 6 students

My child/ren: ___________________________ of class/es__________ will not be returning to WWPS in 2016.

Reason/School they will be attending in 2016:
_________________________________________________________________________________

Signed: ____________________________ (Parent/Guardian) Date: ____________________________
Is your child at school or starting next year?

Would you like $500 to help pay for education costs such as uniforms, books, excursions, music lessons, sporting activities or a laptop?

Saver Plus can match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to $500. The program is delivered in the Wagga Wagga region by The Smith Family and we are looking for new participants.

You may be eligible if you (or your partner) have:
- a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- a child at school now or starting next year, or you are attending accredited vocational training yourself
- some regular income from work (casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal)

To find out more, contact Jenny, Saver Plus Coordinator for Wagga Wagga on 0437 375 832 or email jenny.rolfe-wallace@thesmithfamily.com.au

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**Community Announcements**

**At Mount Austin High School - Boys Only**

**Boys Night Out**

**Cricket Extravaganza**

**Tuesday 17th November**

4:30PM - 6:30PM

Dinner Included: Steak Sangers

Bring: Cricket Kit, including pads, gloves, helmets and protector + any old leather balls

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**At Mount Austin High School - Girls Only**

**Girls Night In**

Come along and make some Christmas Arts, Crafts and Cooking in D1 and D2

**Tuesday 24th November**

4:30-6:30

**Tea is Included**