PRINCIPAL’S REPORT—WEEK 9

2016 SCHOOL LEADERS

Last Friday our potential 2016 school leaders presented their speeches to students, staff and parents. My apologies for not being present. I was at a Primary Principals’ meeting. I did, however, watch the recordings of the speeches and was most impressed. Pink socks, creaming soda fountains, future generations… all mentioned, but mostly school pride and a desire to see our school continue its reputation of excellence. Each student spoke with pride and confidence about what they could offer their school in the new year. We are very fortunate to have such an outstanding selection of students willing, ready and able to lead the student body in 2016. Congratulations to all candidates.

Although voting has now been completed, student leaders will not be announced until Presentation Night.

TRANSITION DAYS

Our transition days have started for our K-6 2015/2016 transition program for all students in Kindergarten to Year 5. Students were placed into groups based on their academic year for 2016. Students have and will move around teachers with different cohorts of students.

Please note that the groups are not final classes for 2016, nor are the teachers they may visit representative of the teacher they may have. We run this program to provide students with the opportunity to experience being amongst different peers, to visit different rooms within the school and to enjoy spending time with different teachers.

The overall aim of these two days is to demystify the new year and to help our students to feel comfortable with the changes that will occur. Hopefully by experiencing a range of teachers and classrooms they will feel more confident and relaxed about the start of a new and exciting year in 2016. If your child experiences any distress or concerns during this time, please discuss these with their classroom teacher.

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

As always, the end of year is jam-packed with activities to recognise and celebrate the amazing year that was.

Following is some information to assist you in juggling your calendars over the next two weeks.
TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER

9.30am – K-2 CHRISTMAS CONCERT – School Hall
Children are to wear sun and school safe Christmas clothes. Awards will be presented and the children have some great entertainment for us to enjoy. Parents, family and friends are invited to attend.

6.00pm – K-6 PRESENTATION NIGHT – Wagga Wagga High School Hall
Children are to wear their best school uniform. End of year presentations will be made and the school’s choirs will perform. We encourage students and families to attend to celebrate the successes of our students. For those parents who are dropping their children off, please be at the hall at 7.30pm to collect them.

WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER

10.00am – MAJOR ASSEMBLY – School COLA
Students are to wear school uniform. The final behaviour and academic awards for 2015 will be presented. Parents, family and friends are invited to attend.

THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER

REWARD DAY
All students who have demonstrated consistent acceptable behaviours throughout the term will be eligible to attend. Teachers will let you know if your child will not be attending. Activities planned are super exciting and a wonderful way to relax and enjoy the end of term as well as thank students for their efforts.

Junior School: K-1 – Botanic Gardens
Middle School: Year 2/3 – CSU Pool
Senior School: Years 4/5/6 – Coolamon Pool

Notes with specific information for each activity have been sent home. Please read these carefully to make sure your child/ren are well prepared for their day. Above all please remember SUN SAFETY.

TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER

6.00pm – YEAR 6 FAREWELL – Commercial Club
Year 5 and 6 come together with staff to celebrate our Year 6 students moving on from Wagga Wagga Public School. Invitations will go home shortly, so again, please read carefully and return note and money as soon as possible.

2016 CLASSES

Our teachers are spending a great deal of time planning tentative classes for 2016. This process involves a great deal of thought and energy to ensure that we make the best placement for all students. I understand that parents may have their likes and wants, but these are not always possible when trying to find the best match for 440+ students. Unless there are extenuating circumstances for a specific placement request, please trust that our teachers will do what they, as professionals, believe is the best thing for your child.

Principal’s Report continued ……………………….
If you do have a serious concern or a valid reason regarding your child’s placement in 2016, please put it in writing and email the school or leave at the front office for me. All concerns will be considered but that is not a guarantee that your requests can be met.

LEAVING WWPS

Included in this newsletter is a return slip to inform us if your child/ren may be leaving WWPS at the end of this year. I ask that you return this to the school office as soon as possible to enable us to plan our classes for the new year.

Have a great week.

Leanne Harvey
Principal

---

**Senior Assembly ~ Change of Date**

Please note that the Senior Assembly has been rescheduled from Wednesday 2nd December (tomorrow) to Friday 4th December at 12.30pm.

---

**Term 4—School Development Days**

Please note that Thursday 17th December and Friday 18th December are School Development Days. This means that the last day of Term 4 for students is Wednesday 16th December.

---

**P&C News**

**The clothing pool** is now selling broad-brimmed hats in various sizes for $8 each. These can be purchased from the front office.

**Wagga Wagga Public School Fete:** Donations of pre-loved books (no encyclopaedias please) or second-hand kids clothes would be greatly appreciated. All donations can be left in the labelled boxes inside the school hall. Please only donate clothes of the quality that you would comfortably give to a friend. WWPS uniforms will be sold at the fete.
Science in 1H

This term we have been exploring how heat energy can change the physical attributes of food. We described some characteristics of cooked and uncooked spaghetti. We then used the spaghetti to ........

Spaghetti, spaghetti all over the place!
### WAGGA WAGGA PUBLIC SCHOOL BOOKPACKS

**BOOK PACKS ARE AVAILABLE AT HUNTERS EARLY DECEMBER**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ES1 (EARLY STAGES)</th>
<th>STAGE 1 (YEAR 1)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>3 x SCRAPBOOK</td>
<td>3 x SCRAP BOOK</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 x WALLET 4 WHITEBOARD MARKERS</td>
<td>2 x GLUE STICK</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 x GLUE STICK</td>
<td>1 x WALLET 4 WHITEBOARD MARKERS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 x PERMANENT BLACK MARKER</td>
<td>1 x PERMANENT BLACK MARKER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 x READER FOLDER</td>
<td>1 x READER FOLDER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 x PACKET OF MULTICOLOURED POST-IT</td>
<td>1 x PACK SQR POST-IT YELLOW</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**VALUE $31.00**

**PACK PRICE $23.50**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>(YEARS 2,3&amp;4)</th>
<th>STAGE 3 (YEARS 5&amp;6)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1 x PENCIL CASE</td>
<td>1 x SPIRAL PROJECT BOOK</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 x PENCIL SHARPENER WITH BARREL</td>
<td>1 x 192 PAGE EXERCISE BOOK</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6 x HB LEAD PENCIL</td>
<td>1 x 128 PAGE EXERCISE BOOK</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 x ERASER</td>
<td>1 x STUDENT DIARY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 x 12 PKT COLOURED TEXTAS</td>
<td>1 x GEOMETRY SET</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 x A4 DISPLAY BOOK</td>
<td>3 x BLUE PEN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 x SCRAP BOOK</td>
<td>2 x RED PEN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 x PAIR OF SCISSORS</td>
<td>1 x BLACK PEN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 x 300MM PLASTIC RULER</td>
<td>6 x HB LEAD PENCILS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 x 12 PKT COLOURED PENCIL</td>
<td>1 x 300MM PLASTIC RULER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 x HIGHLIGHTER</td>
<td>1 x ERASER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 x GLUE STICKS</td>
<td>1 x PENCIL SHARPENER WITH BARREL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 x BLACK ARTLINE 220 FELT TIP PEN 0.2</td>
<td>2 x GLUE STICK</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 x PACK OF 4 WHITEBOARD MARKERS</td>
<td>1 x 4 PACK OF HIGHLIGHTERS</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**RETAIL VALUE $43.00**

**PACK PRICE $29.95**

Please note that $2.00 from every book pack will be donated back to the school by Hunters.

Please note that students in Yrs 2, 3 & 4 who do not own a dictionary will need to purchase one.
Mathletics Parent Survey

For the past three years students have been using the Mathletics program at home as well as at school. We are currently evaluating Mathletics and would appreciate you filling in the following survey to assist us in our review. Please complete and pop in the box outside Miss Birthistle’s room (next to OOSH).

Your child/ren’s Year level/s: ______________________________

1. Do you know about Mathletics? 
   - Yes  
   - No

2. Does your child use Mathletics at home? 
   - Yes  
   - No

3. If yes, how often do they use it per week? 
   - Once  
   - 2-3 times  
   - 4-7 times

4. Does your child enjoy using Mathletics?  
   - Yes  
   - No

5. Would you like Mathletics to continue at WWPS?  
   - Yes  
   - No

Thank you very much for your time.— WWPS Maths Committee

Helper Morning Tea

Please join us on Monday, 14th December at 11.15am in the staffroom for WWPS’s Helper Morning Tea.

We are grateful for the help and support you have given our school and students in 2015.

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: __________________________