Principal’s Report—Week 2

ANZAC DAY
On Saturday, 25th April, our school captains and leaders represented Wagga Wagga Public School at the Anzac Day march and ceremony. Tallulah Brassil, Archie Sellars, McKenzie Woodhouse, Nathan Bloor, Willis Gray and Chloe Earsman marched for our school under the banner of Wagga Wagga Public Schools. Lara Holden and Blake Walker, our school captains, laid the wreath on behalf of Wagga Wagga Public School. It was with great pride that I watched these wonderful students represent our school so proudly. Not only did they look fantastic in their school uniforms but the positive attitude and respect they showed throughout this significant annual event on our nation’s calendar was a credit not only to themselves but to their families and our school. Thank you.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Congratulations to everyone on your outstanding participation and behaviour at our annual Athletics Carnival which was held at Jubilee Park last Thursday. We ended up with fantastic weather which only added to the success of this event. Thank you to all the parents, the Wagga Wagga High School students and the teachers who worked tirelessly on Thursday to ensure the smooth running of our carnival. Thank you to Mr Holloway for your excellent organisation of this full on event.

The canteen was kept busy cooking a sausage sizzle lunch and providing refreshments at the carnival and raised $1000 for our school for their efforts. Thanks to Ellise and Melinda and their ever enthusiastic group of helpers. Job well done!!

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.

NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum.

NAPLAN will be held this year on from Tuesday 12th May to Thursday 14th May 2015.

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.

Have a great week.

Leanne Harvey
Principal
Athletics Report

Wow! What a wonderful day we had at Jubilee Athletics Track. I would firstly like to congratulate all of our students who took part in any event. Our participation numbers were phenomenal this year across all novelty, field and track events, each student should be extremely proud of the way in which our school was represented.

We had many highlights throughout the day and none more so than our annual Teacher, Parent and Leader relay, which was well won by our leaders Lara, Blake, Mekenzie and Nathan. It was wonderful to see the amount of enthusiasm and encouragement on display all day.

Results and photos from the Athletics Carnival will be available in next week’s newsletter as well as notes being sent home to those students that will represent Wagga Wagga Public School at this year’s District Athletics Carnival.

Thank you all staff and parent helpers who made the day what it was, a great time for all at Wagga Wagga Public School. Well done everyone!

Mr Holloway

Hints and Tips

HOMEWORK PLANNER

Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan - so print out our 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/2013-homework-planner

Kindergarten 50 day party
What has K/1H been up to?

K/1H attended Gymnastics every Monday morning for term 1. We perfected our positions, enjoyed balancing a plate on a stick and swinging like a monkey across the bar.

Healthy Harold and Paula came to visit the school. We talked about being healthy and safe.

Year 1 enjoyed the Swimming program.
YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

KINGS, QUEENS AND
CASTLES

BOOK FAIR
Enter the Kingdom of Books!

When:  Monday 4th May – Thursday 7th May
Where:  School Library
Times:
  Morning: 8.50 - 9.15am
  Recess:  11.15 - 11.40am
  Lunch:   1.10 - 2pm

Large variety of books starting at $3
Novelty Items (erasers, pencils toppers etc)
EFTPOS available

Information

Keyring Torch
The Stewart House keyring torch is fun and practical.
The keyring features the new Stewart House logo and a real working LED miniature torch.
$3 EACH

DONATION DRIVE
HOLIDAY DRAW
Take home an email copy and have an adult fill in the details.
Believe the school prior to School Wellbeing House Day with your $2 donation.

Win a family holiday worth $4,000
Envelopes for the Donation Drive will be sent to all NSW Public Schools on Term 1, 2015. We recommend you give these envelopes out on the 1st day of Term 2, 2015 for collection on Stewart House Day.

Give Us A Hand
School staff have an opportunity to support Stewart House.
Visit www.stewarthouse.org.au

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way
...to add fruit at brekky

This delish recipe will give your kids’ a great start to their day!

Ingredients
2 eggs
1 tbsp honey
2 1/2 cups reduced-fat milk
3 bananas, sliced
2 cups self-raising flour
2 tbsp sugar
2 tsp margarine, melted
3 medium apples, peeled, cored and grated

Method

Adding fruit in fun ways can make it more appealing to fussy eaters – for more ideas, visit our website today!

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit
**Community Announcements**

**MOTHERS DAY CLASSIC**

**Sunday 10th May 2015**

is a National event held annually to raise money for research into BREAST CANCER. The Wagga Wagga Breast Cancer Group is hosting the event again this year. It will be held at the Wagga Wagga Music Bowl at the Botanic Gardens. You can register for the Wagga Wagga event on line: mothersdayclassic.com.au

Or: on the day from 8.30am.
The 4km walk/run STARTS 9.30am.

There is a BBQ, Coffee van, Mothers Day Raffle, Bottled Water, Prizes and Entertainment, so come and have some fun for a great cause.

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**Wagga Wagga Crows Junior Rugby Union**

The Wagga Wagga Crows Junior Rugby Union Club will be holding its final “Try Rugby” training session on Wednesday 29 April between 5 and 6pm at Conolly Rugby Complex, Jubilee Park.

We will also be holding a Registration Day on Saturday 2 May from 10am to 2pm at the Farmers Home Hotel (cnr Sturt Hwy & Lake Albert Rd).

The Southern Inland Rugby Union Juniors competition starts this Sunday 3 May and the Wagga Wagga Friday Night competition starts on Friday 8 May.

All new and returning players must be registered by this Saturday to participate in either competition.

Registrations are now open and links can be found on our website at www.waggajuniors.rugbynet.com.au and on our Facebook page, with lots of other information about playing Rugby.

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**Commonwealth Student Banking**

A volunteer position has become available to take over the running of the Commonwealth student banking. If you have some spare time and would like to help, please phone the school office on 6921 3398.

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**Out and about at the school Athletics Carnival.**
Intention to apply: Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 22 July 2015.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2016, you need to do so soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student’s email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 27 April 2015 in a printed application information booklet and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/orplacement. The application website opens on 27 April 2015 and closes on 15 May 2015. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 27 April 2015.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Yours sincerely

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

Note: This is a notice to your primary school that you intend to apply only. It is NOT an application.

To apply you will need to register and then apply through the High Performing Students application website shown above.

Intention to apply: Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2016

Student’s name: ____________________________________________ Class: ________________

I am interested in applying for opportunity class placement in 2016 __________ Yes ☐ No ☐

I have internet access and will be applying online ☐

OR

I do not have internet access ☐

Signature of parent/carer: ____________________________________ Date: ________________

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