FAREWELL MR WALL

This Thursday marks the end of a long and rewarding career for one of our favourite people, Mr David Wall. Dave will be taking a period of leave before officially retiring from the Department of Education and Communities at the end of next term. He has been teaching at Wagga Wagga Public School for many years, most recently as our Computer teacher, guru and fixer of all things technological. Not only is Dave an extremely talented teacher, musician and tech wizard but he is a true gentleman who has shown all of us care, compassion and an unwavering sense of calm and humour. The memories and legacy which Dave leaves behind are for each of us significant and sure to stand the test of time. We wish him all the very best for a happy, rewarding and enjoyable retirement and will miss him greatly.

TERM 2 STAFFING

I am extremely proud and excited to announce that last week I was informed of my appointment as the permanent Principal of Wagga Wagga Public School as of the start of Term 2. Thank you to all those who have offered their congratulations, support and encouragement over the past weeks. I look forward to working with our whole school community to continue to build the strength and reputation of our wonderful school.

In accepting this position, another permanent Assistant Principal vacancy has been created. Merit selection processes are under way for the vacant Assistant Principal’s positions and will be finalised for commencement in Term 3.

Mrs McKenzie and Mrs Navin will be on long service leave next term. Relieving teachers will be finalised before the end of the term. We wish them both a safe and enjoyable time and look forward to hearing tales of their travels on their return.

TERM 1 REWARD DAY

This term’s behaviour reward day will be held this Thursday 2nd April and will be a ‘Festival of Fun’ as we held last year. As well as providing a fun reward for all our students who have displayed consistently positive behaviour this term, we will be raising money to assist with the reestablishment of our garden areas. All activities are reasonably priced and as a guide we suggest $10 to $20 would be sufficient. As always your support will be greatly appreciated. Any parents who wish to join in the fun are welcome to attend in the afternoon.
**Principal’s Report**

**ETHICS CLASSES**

At this stage we are unable to offer Ethics classes as an alternative to Scripture due to lack of trained instructors. If you are interested in volunteering to help deliver Primary Ethics classes please call Emily on 0427219882. Full training is provided and groups are supervised by a teacher. After initial training the commitment would be half an hour to an hour each Tuesday between 2.00 and 3.15.

In the past Ethics has proven to be a popular choice for our students, so I do urge anyone who would like to become more involved in our school and is interested in working with our fantastic students to give Emily a ring and find out more about the program.

**VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS**

School fees are now due. The cost of contributions remains unchanged again this year at:

- **1 Child**—$45
- **2 Children** $55
- **3 Children** $65

School Contributions provide valuable funds to assist us in providing quality learning opportunities and resources for our students. As always we appreciate the contributions made by families. Payments can be made at the school office.

**END OF TERM**

Just a reminder that Term 1 finishes on Thursday 2nd April and students return for Term 2 on Tuesday 21st April. My apologies for the incorrect date which was written in last week’s newsletter.

I wish you all a happy, safe and relaxing Easter break and look forward to seeing everyone back on the 21st with lots of exciting stories to tell.

Leanne Harvey
Relieving Principal

**CLOTHING POOL & NEW WWPS CLOTHES**

Just a reminder that we have new items of clothing for sale in the office. Short sleeved polo shirts, long –sleeved polo shirts, hats, bags and beanies. These items are cheaper to buy from the school. We have some left over sizes (4, 6, 14) in the school jumpers. They are $25. If you would like to order a size 10 or 12 please let myself or Mandy in the office know – if we get the numbers, we will do another order next term.

Prices for the items available are:
- T-shirts - $15, long-sleeved t-shirts - $18, hats $5, bags - $35, and beanies - $5 each

If anyone is interested in second hand clothing – there are still items available for sale.

**PLEASE name your child/ren’s school clothing** otherwise at the end of each term the unnamed WWPS items of clothing are added to the clothing pool and all other items are taken to Vinnies.

If you have any queries – please contact Jackie on 0428 618 077 or see Mandy in the office.

Jackie Sellars
Highlights from 2/3S

Healthy Harold
We visited Healthy Harold and Paula. They spoke to us about being healthy and staying safe.

Clean Up Australia Day
We helped keep our environment clean by picking up rubbish others have left behind.

Sports
We have been participating in Athletics field events.
**SCHOOL FEES**

Fees are collected by the school on behalf of the P&C and are now due. Funds are used to buy much needed resources for the school.

Fees remain unchanged from last year, being set at:

1 student  $45
2 students  $55
3 students  $65

**PLEASE NAME ALL YOUR CHILD’S CLOTHING AND HATS OVER THE HOLIDAYS.**

**COMMONWEATH AND HUME BANKING IS NOW CLOSED FOR THE TERM. PLEASE DON’T SEND IN YOUR BANK BOOKS THIS WEEK. IT WILL RESUME WEEK 1, TERM 2. THANK YOU**
Community Announcements

**The simplest way**

*...to protect your skin*

Have you been sunburnt this summer?

Too many Aussies are still getting sunburnt. On a fine summer day, sunburn can occur in as little as 10 minutes and cause permanent damage to your skin.

**What you need to know:**

- The more often you are burnt, combined with your accumulated lifetime exposure to UV radiation, the higher your risk will be for developing skin cancer.
- You can’t see or feel UV radiation. It is present every day, can be high even if the temperature feels cool and can pass through clouds.
- Protect your skin in five simple steps: Slip on sun-safe clothing, slip on sunscreen, slap on a hat, seek shade and slide on your sunnies.

Even though sunburn eventually fades, long term damage to skin cells remains. Even mild sunburn can increase your risk of developing melanoma and skin cancer... so always be sun smart!

For more information visit: www.sunsmartnsw.com.au

**School Holidays Special**

**FOR SALE**

Size 8 girls winter tunic.
$30 near new condition.
Please phone 0439 255 065

**A Quick Bite ...**

**Start Right with a Vegie Garden at Home!**

Growing a vegetable garden at home can be very rewarding. Here are a few tips about the right spot to start. A vegetable garden should be positioned where:

- It receives maximum sunlight (roughly 6hrs) and not be shaded by trees and buildings.
- It is easy to access.
- It should have good soil and be on fairly flat ground to ensure good drainage.
- It is mostly free from weeds and other competing plants.
- It has access to a good supply of water.
- Is it going to be safe from damage i.e. strong winds and pets.

For more information visit: mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/keepinghealthy

**Parent tips**

**Facts about fractions**

If you’ve forgotten 3/5 of primary school maths and 7/8 of high school maths, what’s left? Ah ha! Kids need help learning how to add fractions too. The only thing left is to print these fact sheets. Find our more: https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4013.pdf

**Sounding out aloud**

Making phonics fun. Help your child learn to read by sounding out their words. Here are some tips to help your child gain confidence reading.