PRINCIPAL’S REPORT—WEEK 7

CHORDS CHOIR
58 of our beautiful vocalists have joined this year’s CHORDS choir under the supervision of Miss Birthsel. These children will join with students from other local schools to form a mass choir to perform at this year’s CHORDS concert in October.

Of these students, 4 tried out for the core choir which perform at each performance. Congratulations to Sophie, Molly, Maddison and Leila for being selected to be part of this special group.

For those parents with children involved or anyone who wants to enjoy a great night of music and dance mark the 28th October in your diaries as the day that Wagga Wagga Public School students perform.

NAPLAN RESULTS
Parents of children in Year 3 and 5 will receive their child’s NAPLAN results today. Please remember that these results reflect a snapshot of your child’s progress at that point in time. They should be looked at in conjunction with the assessment evidence provided to you by your child’s teacher and seen as an opportunity to identify areas for your child to continue to work on. If you have any concerns or questions, please arrange a time to speak with your child’s teacher.

Over the coming weeks, the school executive and teachers will be looking closely at our school’s NAPLAN results and analysing areas of success and areas we need to continue to developing in our learning programs.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
Each year the school is provided with Teacher Professional Learning funds to support our teachers in building their capacity to provide quality teaching and learning programs for our students. This year staff have participated in training in L3, L2, HOW2Learn, Leadership, Focus on Reading, TEN and TOWN to name a few. This training supports our school strategic directions of Inspired and Innovative Learners and our goal of providing quality literacy and numeracy programs to maximise student learning and growth.

Some of this training occurs in school hours but often training occurs after hours and even on weekends. I am proud to say that the staff at Wagga Wagga Public School are not deterred by this and would easily put as many of their own hours (and often dollars) as those provided by the school into building their skills, knowledge and understanding of new and better ways to provide learning opportunities for our children.

I understand that this may concern you but can assure you that when teachers are off class to attend professional learning:

♦ we do our best to utilise our regular casual teachers and where possible the same casual on a class for repeat days;
♦ they leave detailed lesson outlines and information to ensure that the class teaching and learning program is followed and continuity of learning experiences is provided;
♦ they come back and share their learning with other staff to build the skills of our teachers across the school.

Principal’s Report continued.............
**MERIT CERTIFICATES**

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**VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION**

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

Principal’s Report continued……..

Commencing last week and continuing throughout the year our teachers will be working in teams for half a day, full days for the Assistant Principals, every 3 weeks to look at assessment practices, learning programs and developing improved consistency of teacher judgement in evaluating student data and work samples. This will benefit every child by ensuring that all our teachers have a common understanding of syllabus and program requirements and use these to enhance learning opportunities, outcomes and growth for every student in our school.

**PRINCIPAL’S CONFERENCE**

Last week I joined with over 100 Primary Principals from across the Riverina for the annual Riverina Primary Principals Conference held at CSU Wagga. The theme of this year’s conference was ‘Daring Greatly’ and focused on what leaders and educators do or can do to dare to make a difference for our students, staff, school and communities. We had the opportunity to hear from a range of speakers including:

*Michael Crossland* - one of Australia’s most sought after inspirational speakers Michael has defied the odds of a life threatening cancer to build his life of exceptional achievements. He spoke of the potential within each of us to make a difference in the lives of others and in doing so, even when no one is watching.

*Alisa Camplin* - Australia’s first female Winter Olympic Gold Medallist. Alisa showed us how to do an aerial ski jump in real time (3.5 seconds) but I can assure you that no one present challenged her for the medal.

*Rob Carlton* – Australian actor and writer who has starred in a long list of Australian television series including Underbelly III - The Golden Mile, Chandon Pictures, The Hollowmen, All Saints, Blue Heelers, Water Rats, Roar, A Country Practice and E Street. His recent portrayal of Kerry Packer in Paper Giants: The Birth of Cleo has been heralded by critics and audiences alike.

*Geoff Pellizer* - Executive Director, Learning, High Performance and Accountability with the Department of Education. A key part of Geoff’s role is leading the implementation of key department reforms including the Resource Allocation Model of funding.

*Steve Mortimer* – former Wagga boy who is widely regarded as one of the greatest and most respected Rugby League players of all time. Steve spoke about the ‘key ingredients’ of achieving success including relying on their fellow team members input, skills, humility and willingness to help each other to get the ultimate result.

Information sessions also focussed on Department and local directions and priority areas. Overall it was a very rewarding conference which provided invaluable time to speak with other Principal’s and to share the challenges and opportunities we encounter each day.

Have a great week.

Leanne Harvey
Principal
5-6E Newsbits

ART ATTACK in 5/6E!

During Visual Art this term, 5/6E have been undertaking an ‘artist study’. We have been learning about famous artists in history, their styles, movements they were a part of and meaning behind their creations.

We have had rich discussions about interpreting and appreciating art, along with colour theory and artistic techniques.

After learning about these artists and their styles, we have had a go at experimenting with techniques to create some of their most well known artworks.

Our walls are filling up with our amazing creations, why not drop by and visit or ready made gallery? 😊

“Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up.”

Pablo Picasso
MIDDLE SCHOOL MADD SHOWCASE

Just a reminder that on Friday 4th September (Week 8) at 2:00pm, students in Year 2 and 3 will present what they have learnt during our MADD (Music, Art, Dance, Drama) group lessons this term in a one hour showcase.

Middle School Assembly will be cancelled that week for rehearsals.

Thank you,

2/3 Teachers

WWPS'S GOT TALENT

Congratulations to the groups who made it to the next round of WWPS's got talent. There has been a change in dates for the first final which is now Friday the 4th September (Week 8). This is the same day as the Middle School CAPA Concert and will be held in the middle session from 11.40am until 1.10pm. Due to large numbers students who will be performing the same act as previous rounds, but this time they are allowed to wear costumes. This round will be voted by their peers, being the first final we request that the audience will be students only. Parents will be invited to the Grand Final, Friday Week 9.

Rochelle Bennett
K-1 Creative & Performing Arts Concert

Wagga Wagga Public School presents
“Books Light Up Our World”
Our Junior School Creative and Performing Arts Concert for 2015

Performances
Matinee: Wednesday 9th September 10.00am
Evening: Wednesday 9th September 6.30pm
Tickets will go on sale Monday 24th August WEEK 7, from the office.
Adults $8, Children $6, Family (2 Adults/2 Children) $25
**SOUTH WAGGA JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB**

Anyone interested in playing under 10’s or Milo/In2Cricket (5-8 year olds) for South Wagga, please contact Craig Orr (Junior Coordinator Sth Wagga CC)  
jill_orr@bigpond.com  
0439 677 927 or 69331135. Online In2Cricket registrations can be done at;  

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**Wagga Wagga Little Athletics**

*Thursday Nights from 5pm  
U4 - 17 years*

*2015-2016 Season Online Registration is now open!*

**Registration Collection Date:** 3rd September 2015 – 5:30pm to 7:00 pm at Jubilee Park upstairs in the hockey rooms, Wagga  
**Start and Trial Date:** 10th and 17th September 2015  
**Contact –** Leanne 0408021810 or Brent 0412451457  
**Website –** www.wwla.com.au ,

You can register online at littleathletics.com.au  
Please bring your  
- Emailed receipt along to our registration collection day to collect your registration pack.  
- Original proof of age for all NEW ATHLETES.  
- Completed Working with children declaration.

Our Club uniform will be available for purchase.  
Please note that there is NO EFTPOS.  
CASH or CHEQUE payments only.

If you can’t register online, assistance will be provided at the Registration Collection Day.

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**WAGGA JUNIOR TENNIS**

Saturday Morning Inter Town Junior Competition is now taking registrations.  
Please see the WWPS office for more information.

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