I would like to congratulate Tallulah Brassil who was the Wagga Wagga Public School recipient of the ‘Director’s Award – Local Hero’. These awards were given by Mrs Anne Nolan, Director, Public Schools NSW – Wagga Network. Tallulah received her award for her outstanding kindness, compassion and citizenship. She is a truly worthy recipient and we are all very proud of her.
MERIT CERTIFICATES

KG  To be given out next week.
KT  Joel, Felicity, Stella
K-1R Beau, Aurelia, Charlie
IN  Millicent, Ollie, Elly
1H  Ria, Bailey, Lucy

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………

To end our week we were privileged to have the Australian of the Year Tour of Honour visit our school. We were fortunate to hear the inspirational stories of:

Jules Allen - an award-winning Australian youth advocate, motivational speaker and spirited earth mother whose life is guided by the philosophy: ‘The more you give, the more you get back!’ Jules was also a top 10 contestant on Master Chef.

Genevieve Clay-Smith – a young filmmaker who uses her skills to help people facing barriers to inclusion. Through her not-for-profit organisation, Bus Stop Films, which she runs voluntarily, Genevieve works with diverse and marginalised communities to create short films that voice their experiences.

Reverend Graham Long - is pastor and Chief Executive Officer of the Wayside Chapel. His inspired leadership, commitment and extraordinary ability to connect with all people has rejuvenated the Wayside Chapel and it is now a flourishing refuge of love and optimism. With a philosophy of ‘love over hate’, Graham has touched and transformed the lives of thousands of Australians.

Corey Payne – former Canterbury Bulldogs back rower - a champion athlete on the field and a remarkable role model away from the game.

The combined message of kindness towards others and accepting people for who they are resonated throughout the session and our children had some meaningful questions to ask our guests. This was certainly a very thought provoking visit and hopefully showed our children the power of one person’s attitude and actions on the lives of many.

School Fees

Just a reminder as we approach the end of the year that under 40% of school fees have been paid. The money earned from school fees goes directly back into the programs that we are able to offer at Wagga Wagga Public School. The following graph will be put into the school newsletter over the coming weeks to show our progress in reaching our target.

Have a great week.

Leanne Harvey
Principal
Book Parade
Chess Tournament

CHESS TOURNAMENT
The Wagga Wagga Public School chess team attended the Marketplace for a chess exhibition last Thursday, 30th July. They played really well. The two chess teams who participated in the Junior school chess tournament ranked 4th overall for the term.

Congratulations to all the participants.

Mrs S Allen

Soccer Gala Day

MINI MATILDA’S SOCCER GALA DAY
Last Friday girls from years 3-6 walked their way to the Duke of Kent sporting grounds for a fabulous day of soccer. Wagga Wagga Public was represented by five teams, all of whom showed excellent sportsmanship and represented their school with pride. It was a wonderful day to practise skills and meet some inspiring sportswomen. The girls were lucky enough to meet current Australian Matilda and New South Wales team members who were more than happy to have a photo or sign a boot! Many thanks to the wonderful parents who helped us on the day and to those who came to cheer on their daughters. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Mrs Dunn & Mr Holloway

Jeans for Genes

Jeans for Genes Day
Friday (7th August) is Jeans for Genes day.
We are asking that children wear their jeans and donate a gold coin to support the Children’s Medical Research Institute. One coin per family is sufficient. Thank you.
TERM 4 GYMNASTICS

Years 1 – Year 3 will be participating in Gymnastics lessons in Term 4. The lessons will run for 8 weeks at a cost of $40 per student. The lessons address the mandatory Gymnastics content from the PDHPE syllabus as well as supporting important gross motor development. Please see the permission note that comes home with your child for more information.

Miss Geaghan

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**Canteen Roster**

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Spell-A-Thon NEWS

Thank you for the interest and support with our school Spell-A-Thon. It has been a few years since our last school Spell-A-Thon was held, so here is some more information to help clarify the process:

- The main purpose of our Spell-A-Thon is to help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, learn concepts, and develop correct English usage that will help them all their lives. It is a FUN and EDUCATIONAL way that students can engage and enjoy spelling activities.
- By now student spelling lists have been sent home. It is not expected that students learn ALL words in this time. These words are from the Premier's Spelling Bee lists (with the exception of Kinder and Year 1) that are devised by the Department of Education's Arts Unit. These words are made up of two lists, Junior (Year 3/4) and Senior (Years 5/6). Year 2 have been sent home the first levels of the Junior List. Year Two have been included in the school Spell Off Final this year for practice. However, it is only Years 3-6 that can advance to the Regional Final.
- It is up to you how you wish your child to practise their words. Some teachers have decided that their students Spell-A-Thon lists will be their child’s homework over the next few weeks. Students will also be practising words in class and having informal ‘Spelling Bee’s’. Make learning the words FUN! Practise a few each night with your child and see how far they can get. Remember to watch the ‘The Great Australian Spelling Bee’ on the television for motivation!
- Fundraising: we understand that it was only last term that the school P&C held a ‘Walk-A-Thon’ that involved students collecting sponsorship. It is each family’s decision as to how much money they wish to raise. Every little bit counts, no matter how small. We ask that children collect sponsorship within their circle of family and friends and not go door knocking for money. (The money will be used to contribute to purchase a new school laminator – our old one has sadly stopped).
- If you have any further questions regarding the process, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Erin Eisley

‘SPELLING BEE’ TIPS

- When you are asked a word, write it invisibly in your hand as if you were trying to spell it on a piece of paper.
- Take a practice Spelling Bee with your family or friends, and then highlight the ones you missed so that you can learn those and take it again.
- Try to remember if the word is spelled as it sounds, what the origin is, etc.
- With your list, don’t go in the same order, unless you know exactly the order of words. Try mixing it up so that you are prepared if an unknown word comes your way.
- If you lose or if you don’t make it, it might feel bad at first, but just remember that you shouldn’t be too depressed about it. Sure, it really feels bad to make it a long way and then lose, but try to get through the pain. There might be another chance for you next time.
- Go over a certain amount of words every day.
- Be sure you study the words. Try apps or computer games so it can be fun to study instead of looking at a piece of paper all day. Make sure you peruse the entire list.
- You can also make a database with the word, the pronunciation, origin, definitions, and an example.
- Study extra hard and practice them a lot! It will take determination and hard work!
P&C NEWS

AT THE LAST MEETING
A meeting was held last Wednesday and much was discussed.

The P&C has agreed to donate a portable gazebo to the school for use at sports carnivals. The gazebo will be in navy blue and have the school logo permanently affixed.

We also affirmed our contribution to half the cost of a new COLA to cover half of the infants play area. It is estimated that our share of the contribution will be $25,000. It is the goal of the P&C to raise this money from fundraising events in addition to additional monies held in our general balance.

The OOSH subcommittee has also committed $5,500 towards closing in one end of their veranda for much needed storage space.

As previously advertised, the P&C is looking for ideas to spend the $50,000. We were fortunate to have some great ideas presented to us. Thank you to everyone who ran around getting quotes to enable an informed decision to take place.

The ideas put forth are as follows:
1. Subsidising of costs for a school camp
2. An investment in technology in the classrooms
3. Cooling under the COLA to be provided by fans, evaporative cooling or misting fans
4. An ongoing subsidy for transport to school events
5. Development of the infants play area (Simmons Street side of the Kindergarten rooms) by either:
   a. a combination of astro turf and paving along with suitable seating/tables; or
   b. An installation of natural smart play space. Nature Play encourages kids to engage in a more native, unstructured environment that will provide a great resource for students to develop their physical and cognitive skills and also assist with their transition from the highly tailored environment of preschool to the bigger playground environment.

At the next meeting we will seek to finalise which project is supported (or a combination thereof) and a steering committee organised to finalise plans/designs/costs and procurement.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is due to be held on Wednesday, 27th August (Week 7). This was due to be the Annual General Meeting but the AGM component will now take place at the first meeting of term 4.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Holster your nerds, people; the Trivia Night has been postponed until Friday, 28th August at 7.00pm.

We would love some donations as prizes – if anyone would like to donate to a great cause (our school), please contact Jackie on 0428 618 077 or simonandjack@bigpond.com or drop off to the office. Your help & assistance would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Tickets will go on sale shortly.

Lee Murrell
P&C President
Wagga Wagga Public School
Intention to Enrol in Kindergarten

Intended Enrolment Year: ........2016........ Scholastic Year: Kindergarten

Student’s Name (as on their birth certificate): .................................................................

Student’s Date of Birth: ........................................ Male / Female

Has this child ever been known under any other name? Yes / No

If yes, what name? ........................................................................................................

Is the student of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin? Yes / Both / No

Student’s residency status: (circle one)

Australian citizen      New Zealand citizen      Norfolk Islander

Permanent resident      Temporary Visa Holder – Visa sub-class ........ Exp........

Previous Public Schools (if any): ..............................................................................

Does the student have a brother or sister in a NSW Public School? Yes / No

If yes, their name: ........................................ their date of birth: ............... ................................

Parent’s / Carer’s Names: ...........................................................................................

Home Address: ...........................................................................................................

Home Phone Number: ................................................................................................

Mobile Number ............................................................................................................

Work Phone Number ...................................................................................................

Parent signature: .................................................. Date: ..................................