PRINCIPAL’S REPORT—WEEK 3

It is pleasing to see the settled manner in which all our students have started their learning journey for the year. All classes are enthusiastically getting to know each other, setting goals and launching into new challenges. We are looking forward to another outstanding year at Wagga Wagga Public School and look forward to working with our parents, families and community members as time goes on.

Please mark the following dates on your calendar:

Friday 19th February – Swimming Carnival at the OASIS

This is for all students in Years 3 to 6. Please make sure you have returned the signed permission note and money before this date. Without this your children will be required to remain at school.

Tuesday 23rd February - Parent Information Night at the school at the following times:

5.40 – Junior School – Kindergarten and Year 1 in the Kindergarten rooms and 1P room

6.15 – Middle School – Years 2 and 3 in the Library

6.50 – Senior School – Years 4, 5 and 6 in Mrs Elsley’s room.

Each information session goes for 30 minutes with a 5 minute break for parents who need to move to another session. This is a terrific opportunity for parents to meet their child’s teacher for the year and to hear about the opportunities being provided for their learning and education.

Tuesday 8th March - School Photos

All children are asked to come in their best summer school uniform.

PAPERLESS NEWSLETTER

Our school newsletter is increasing in size and content, and therefore is increasing in cost to publish and time to print and distribute. We are aiming this term to have our School Newsletter go fully digital.

You will be able to have the newsletter sent directly to your email address, as well as being able to access it on the school website and parent portal. This will save the school a considerable amount of money which we can better utilise to purchase resources for our students, our top priority being new laptops. An added bonus is the benefit to our environment and the fact that you will always have it accessible and not lost on the fridge or kitchen bench.

Principal’s Report continued.........................
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Over the next few weeks we are asking you to provide a current email address and your agreement to receive the newsletter digitally. If you do not have access to the internet, we will still be able to provide you with a paper copy, but we are hoping that this will be few in number. Could you please complete the note included in this newsletter and return to school as soon as possible? Thank you.

**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. **This year your school fees will be going towards new laptops for the students to use in class.** As you know technology is ever advancing and we are looking at renewing as many of our devices as we can. Your contributions will make this possible. Payments can be made at the school office.

**TOILETING AT SCHOOL**

Already this year we have had a couple of incidents with children misusing our toilet facilities. Could you please take the time to speak with your children about the acceptable way to use public toilets? This should include actually using the toilet - not the floor; wiping, flushing and washing hands. If your child does have an accident they should inform their teacher or the teacher on duty so it can be cleaned up as soon as possible. It is also important to stress that the toilets are not for playing, splashing or eating. Your assistance in sharing this message will make our toilets a much cleaner and more pleasant facility for all students. Any student found deliberately misusing the toilet facilities will receive consequences as stated in our Code of Conduct.

**JOHNSON STREET CLOSURE**

Work commenced today on the Johnson Street kerbs and guttering. This means that there is no through-traffic for the next few days, hopefully. Please take this into consideration when dropping off and picking up your children and let your child know if this affects any home-time arrangements you may have.

**FETE**

This week the first Fete Newsletter has gone home. This is to keep you informed of the fantastic activities that will be available on Friday 1st April at our first school fete in a number of years. There are plenty of opportunities for you to be involved, whether it be by donations, selling tickets, assisting in set-up and pack-up and running/assisting to run a stall. If every one of our 277 families does just a little bit it will make a big difference. HUGE thanks must go to Sharee Walker and Petrea Pollock who have double-handedly taken on the mammoth job of organising the fete and the plans they have in place are nothing short of amazing. Mark your calendars and start getting your children to do some extra chores around the house as there will be lots to do, see and taste!

Have a great week.

Leanne Harvey
Principal
Our first weeks in Kindergarten...
Dear Senior School Parents,

We have received below the following dates from Ms. Tania Maddison, Deputy Principal at WWHS regarding important transition dates for Year 6 students this year. Please pop them onto your calendars for future reference:

Thursday 10th March 2016: Stage 3 'Taster Afternoon' at WWHS (all Years 5/6 attend)

Wednesday 16th March 2016: Year 6 Information Evening (for parents and students) 6pm in the Curry Hall

Wednesday 16th March 2016: Triple E Information Evening (for parents and students) 7pm in the Curry Hall

Friday March 18th 2016: Expression Of Interest for Placement in Year 7 Form due to Primary Schools.

Tuesday December 6th 2016: Year 6 State wide Orientation Day

Erin Elsley

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER EMAIL DETAILS

Please complete and return to your class teacher ASAP.

Please add me to the school email distribution list.

Child/rens Name: __________________________________________

Parent Name: __________________________________________

Email Address: __________________________________________

Mobile Phone number: ________________________________
Announcements

**COMING UP EVENT**

**WAGGA WAGGA COMMUNITY TROPHY VISIT**
TUESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY
RUPERTSON OVAL, WAGGA WAGGA
4:30 - 7pm
Guest appearances by Thunder WBBL player Alex Blackwell
Player signings and activities at the Thunder Bus
For more info: therugbybusgaw@gmail.com

**GUITAR TUITION**
Experienced tutor | Reasonable rates
Contact Roger Murphy B.A. (Contemporary Music) – U.N.E.
Tel: 5908 3342

**SCHOOL CRICKET TRAINING**
Mr O’Dea’s cricket training has been changed from Thursday to Wednesday (tomorrow) just for this week.
3.25-4.30pm.

**WWPS FETE**
There will be WWPS fete planning meeting held at the Commercial Club
7pm on Wednesday 10th February
All welcome to attend!
(Those unable to attend that still want to play a part in planning can contact us on
wwpsfete2016@gmail.com or message us on Facebook via Wagga Public School Fete page)
Have you ever considered being a volunteer Ethics Teacher?

Wagga Wagga Public School needs your help...

Ethics classes are an option for all NSW public school children (Kindy to Year 6) as an alternative to scripture or non-scripture. However, without more volunteer Ethics Teachers some children will miss out.

Ethics classes are free for public school students and organised by the charity Primary Ethics, who are authorised and approved by the NSW Government.

Volunteers commit to a 30 minute lesson each week plus a little preparation time (during the school term only). All Ethics Teachers are provided professional training, engaging curriculum and ongoing support.

Teaching children ethics is fun, challenging and very rewarding, get involved today!

For more information or to apply please call: 02 8068 7752 or www.primaryethics.com.au

Primary Ethics teaches kids how to think not what to think
University of NSW International Competitions

Each year, the University of NSW hosts the International Competitions for schools in the following subjects.

- Computer Skills
- Science
- Mathematics
- Writing
- Spelling
- English

Approximately 50 students from Wagga Public School participate each year in this competition, and we consistently receive commendable results. Certificates of Participation are awarded to all students who take part, as well as offering them the chance to see how they fare against students all over Australasia.

Entry fee for each competition is $8.80, except for Spelling ($12.10) and Writing ($18.70).

If you are interested in having your child participate in one or more of the competitions, please tick the appropriate box(es) below and return to the school along with the correct payment.

The competitions closing date for payment is Friday 25th March.

I would like my child to take part in the following competitions. I have enclosed $________________ to cover the application cost.

- Computer Skills (Open to Years 3-6)
- Science (Open to Years 2-6)
- Mathematics (Open to Years 2-6)
- Writing (Open to Years 3-6)
- Spelling (Open to Years 2-6)
- English (Open to Years 2-6)

Child’s name: ________________________________

Class: ________________________________

Parent/Guardian signature: ________________________________
## Wagga Local AECG Meeting Dates and Venues 2016

Wagga LAECG services the community and schools located in and around Wagga Wagga including Coolamon, Junee, The Rock and Ganmain.

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**Wagga LAECG AGM**

**Thursday 24 November**

Council Meeting Room, Wagga City Council 4pm-6pm

Wagga LAECG provides information and consults with local Aboriginal community members and schools on best practice, programs and initiatives to improve learning outcomes for Aboriginal students from preschool to university.

Agenda items can be emailed to Thermerle.rudd@det.nsw.edu.au Wagga LAECG secretary prior to the meeting.

School submissions, programs, evaluations and acquittal need to be sent to the president Mark Cunningham mark.cunningham20@det.nsw.edu.au at least one week prior to the meeting. When requesting an AECG panel members ensure an appropriate amount of time is given as AECG members are volunteers and at times need to reschedule their work.

**NB:** Only full financial and active members have voting rights at the AGM. To have voting rights you must attend at least 3 meeting during the year.

Wagga LAECG membership for 2016 is $2.00

 Regards

*Mark Cunningham*

President Wagga LAECG

Email mark.cunningham20@det.nsw.edu.au ph: 0 438219607