**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT—WEEK 6**

Have your children been talking about ‘bucket brains’, ‘learning muscles’ or ‘stretching their brain’?

This language and much more are part of the explicit learning occurring in all of our classrooms as we learn about Fixed Mindsets and Growth Mindsets. Mindset is a simple idea discovered by world-renowned Stanford University psychologist Carol Dweck in decades of research on achievement and success – a simple idea that makes all the difference.

In a fixed mindset, people believe their basic qualities, like their intelligence or talent, are simply fixed traits. They spend their time documenting their intelligence or talent instead of developing them. They also believe that talent alone creates success – without effort. They’re wrong.

In a growth mindset, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work – brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment. Virtually all great people have had these qualities.

Principal’s Report continued............
HOW CAN YOU HELP FOSTER A GROWTH MINDSET AT HOME?

1. Pay attention and verbally praise kids for skills that don’t sound predetermined: hard work, persistence, rising to a challenge, learning from a mistake, etc., rather than being “smart”, “brilliant” or “gifted”. If your child brings you a song they had recorded and said they had to do it 10 times to get it right, make sure to tell them you are just as proud of their persistence as you would have been if the song had been perfect the first time.

2. Be a growth mindset role model. Be honest. How often do you say “I can’t (cook/sing/balance my bank account)” or “I’m terrible at (sports/spelling/public speaking)” as if there’s no hope for you? Make sure you’re sending the right message – maybe even take on something new! (Relax, it doesn’t have to be cooking. Sorry, just thinking out loud.) Develop the expectation for your children so they know that you expect them to finish any sentence about something they are currently unable to do, with the word “yet”!

3. Encourage your child to forget taking the easy route (where little learning is done) and instead embrace challenges. A sheet full of questions that they already know the answers to, won’t “grow the brain” like one deeper problem to solve (even if they don’t get the correct answer).

4. Remember growth mindset isn’t just academic; it applies to many areas of life (athletic, musical, social). Having trouble getting the basketball into the net? Keep making mistakes on a guitar chord? Tried to initiate play with someone but it didn’t go well? Discuss the next step for improvement.

5. Discourage envy of peers, and talk to your child about what he or she can learn from others who appear more successful. Whilst skills may come more easily to some, most often there’s a (possibly unseen) element of practice, persistence, and hard work which leads to achievement.

Embracing a growth mindset isn’t always easy, but can have a huge impact on your child… and perhaps on you, too!

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
Thank you to all our parents who attended last week’s Parent Information Evening. I hope you found the information provided valuable and had a chance to meet the teachers who are working hard to provide an enriching learning environment for your children this year. For those parents who were unable to attend written information has or will be sent home to keep you informed.

STUDENT LEADERS
Our Semester 1 SRC representatives and House Captains/Vice Captains will be presented with their badges this Thursday, 3rd March at 2.00pm under the COLA. All parents, family and friends of these students are invited to share this special moment with us.

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Congratulations to our WWPS swimming squad of 27 students who represented our school at the PSSA District Swimming Carnival last Friday. Wagga Wagga Public School came third overall and were very proud of our Senior Boys Relay Team who broke the relay record by 7 seconds and of Angus Beggs who was the Junior age champion of the carnival.

Congratulations to William, Angus, Caleb, Elijah, Jack, Lachlan, Tom, Josephine, William, Sophie and Theo who will be attending the Riverina Carnival on Monday, 7th March. Thank you to Miss Birthisel for organising our team and to all the parents who attended and supported our students on the day.

Principal’s Report continued.............
SOME REMINDERS FOR ALL. HAVE YOU:
- Sent back your Parent Engagement and Involvement survey
- Provided us with your email address before our newsletter goes paperless
- Signed up for Learning Links – final date to do so is the 11th March
- Paid your school fees
- Signed up to help at our Fete on the 1st April
- Sent back school photo envelopes and money, or paid online. PHOTO DAY IS NEXT TUESDAY 8TH MARCH. Best summer school uniform for all students please.

Have a great week.

Leanne Harvey
Principal

OUR NEW KINDERS AND THEIR TEACHERS WERE CREATIVE IN SETTING UP THEIR GROWTH MINDSET DISPLAY…. AND THEY HAD LOTS OF HELP FROM EVERYONE IN THE SCHOOL.

LEARNING LINKS SESSION 1
FOCUS ON SPELLING

TUESDAY 15TH MARCH 2016
6.00 – 7.30PM
WWPS LIBRARY
PRESENTED BY MRS ERIN ELSLEY
RSVP: 11TH MARCH 2016

Through Knowledge We Grow...Together

I would like to attend WWPS’s Learning Links session – Focus on Spelling on Tuesday 15th March 2016.

Parent/Carer Name:
Child’s name(s) & classes:
4J NEWSBITS
Traditional Wiradjuri Culture

The Wiradjuri people occupied a large part of central NSW. There were many thousands of people who spoke the Wiradjuri language, making it the largest nation in NSW.

Wiradjuri lands were known as the land of three rivers;
- Murrumbidgee (Known by its traditional Wiradjuri name)
- Gulari (Lachlan)
- Womboy (Macquarie)

Note: The Murrumbidgee is the only river to still be known as its Aboriginal name.
Clean Up Australia Day-Friday, 4th March, 2016

It is that time of year again when Wagga Public School rolls up its sleeves and helps to clean up the local area.

Kinder and Yr 1 will concentrate on the school grounds. Yr. 2/3 will go for a walk around the streets surrounding the school to pick up rubbish and Yrs 4/5/6 will head towards the lagoon. Please see your child’s teacher for specific times if you would like to come and help out.

Please send in a pair of gloves for your child to wear and a plastic bag to collect rubbish in.

Regards

Mr O’Dea
Mrs Tidd

International Space Station Viewing

If the nights remain clear, this will be a good week for views of the International Space Station as it passes 400 kilometres overhead at a speed of 27 000 kilometres per hour. The station cost 150 billion dollars and weighs 360 tonnes. It has a crew of 6.

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Happy viewing,

Mr O’Dea

SRC and House Captains Assembly

Just a reminder that this Thursday, 3rd March at 2pm we are holding a special whole school assembly under the COLA to present the Semester 1 SRC representatives and school House Captains with their badges. We invite any parents, grandparents, family and friends to come along and share this exciting time with these students.
WWPS and PSSA Swimming Carnivals

The last two weeks have been jam-packed full of swimming carnivals. Even though I was unfortunately away for the school’s swimming carnival, I have heard it was a wonderful day, full of fun and excitement. Congratulations on everyone taking part and having a go. There were lots of people who gave it their best, as well as competing in the races for the first time. The novelty events were enjoyed by all, with many students racking up points for their house.

Congratulations to Araluen for winning on the day. A great effort by all!! The swimming champions were:

**Junior boys:** Angus B  
**Junior girls:** Eliza W  
**11 years boys:** William B  
**11 years girls:** Sophie G  
**Senior boys:** Jack S  
**Senior Girls:** Gemma H

The school age Champions will be presented their trophies at Term 1 Major Assembly which will be on Friday, 8 April at 9.30am.


These students all did WWPS proud with their fantastic sportsmanship and participation. From their hard work and efforts, WWPS placed 3rd overall at the carnival. Outstanding mentions go to Angus B, who was the Junior Boys champion of the day, and the Senior Boys relay team consisting of William, Will, Hamish and Jack, who broke the record by an astonishing seven seconds!!!

Congratulations to the following students who will now be representing Wagga Wagga at the Riverina PSSA Swimming Carnival on Monday 7th March at Albury: William B, Angus B, Caleb W, Elijah C, Jack S, Hamish H, Lachlan C, Tom N, Josephine C, Will M, Sophie G and Theo M. All the very best for next week!!

Ribbons from the WWPS carnival will be presented at the Week 6 Whole School Assembly, this Thursday at 2pm.

Miss T Birthistle

Thank you & Cancer Council Snippet

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to the Bailes family for their kind donation of straw for our new straw bale garden.  
The Middle School sustainability group is looking forward to this exciting project.

Miss Nye
School snapshots – Library at lunch time

Hot Cross Bun Drive

WWPS P&C are having a Hot Cross Bun Drive in the lead up to Easter ... Our Buns are being baked by the Quinty Bakehouse and the cost is $7 for a 6 pack of buns!

Please return your order and money to the office by Wednesday 9th March 2016

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Childs Name: ____________________  Class: _____

Number of packs($7/pack) ____  Money Enclosed: $____

Orders will be delivered and sent home with students on Wednesday 23rd March 2016

Thank you for your support!