CALENDAR

MARCH
Thurs 24th-
Stage 3 Gymnastics
Fri 25th-
Good Friday
Mon 28th-
Easter Monday
Thurs 31st-
Athletics Carnival—NEW DATE

APRIL
Fri 1st- WWPS Fete
Fri 1st- Junior Assembly @ 9:30am
Fri 1st- REEC Visit for 5-6C & 5-6M
Tue 5th-
REEC Visit for 5-6EL & 5-6O—NEW DATE

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT—WEEK 9

THE TELL THEM FROM ME STUDENT FEEDBACK SURVEY

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 24 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by this Thursday 24th March. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

ADMINISTERING PRESCRIBED MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

The following information is provided for the information and action of all parents. It is taken from the NSW Department of Education directions on the administration of medication to students at school.

When asked to provide this information please respect that this is Department procedure and within our duty of care for all students is a requirement at Wagga Wagga Public School.

When a medical practitioner has prescribed medication that must be administered during the school day, parents are responsible for:

• bringing this need to the attention of the school
• ensuring that the information is updated if it changes
• supplying the medication and any 'consumables' necessary for its administration in a timely way
• collaborating with the school in working out arrangements for the supply and administration of the prescribed medication.
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The administration of such medication forms part of the Department's common law duty of care to take reasonable steps to keep students safe while they attend school. This duty of care is fulfilled through its staff members.

The administration of prescribed medication in schools is carried out by staff who volunteer and who are trained. Key points to remember:

- **Parents of children who require prescribed medication to be administered at school must complete a written request.**
  
  This request form is available from the school office.

- **Students must not carry medications** unless there is a written agreement between the school and the student's parents that this is a planned part of the student's health care support.

Please note: Students' immediate access to prescribed medication is very important for the effective management of conditions such as asthma and anaphylaxis. Students and parents need to be advised of this requirement so that students are not left without access to critical medication.

A letter to parents/carers has been prepared to confirm arrangements for the administration of the student's medication at school.

- It is the principal's responsibility to fully inform relevant staff of the management implications of students requiring the administration of prescribed medication.

- Except in an emergency, only individual staff members who have volunteered and been trained, will administer prescribed medication to students.

- The principal will oversee the implementation of the course of action that he or she has determined is necessary for the support of the student's health needs.

- It is the principal's responsibility to ensure that all copies of the written medical advice and any other relevant documentation are stored in a secure and confidential manner.

- Advice or further information to assist the principal can be obtained from learning and engagement officers in the local educational services team.

**SELF ADMINISTRATION OF PRESCRIBED MEDICATION BY STUDENTS**

The common law duty of care does not extend to administering prescribed medication to students who are reasonably able to self administer. However, if a student self-administers prescribed medication the Department has a duty to take reasonable steps to ensure that the self-administration is carried out safely.

Parents who wish their child to self medicate must complete the section about self administering on the request for administering medication form provided by the school.

Arrangements for students to self medicate are confirmed in writing by the school. If it is agreed that the student will also carry their own medication to and at school these arrangements should also be confirmed in writing by the school.

The principal is responsible for making a judgement about whether a particular student can self administer safely. The principal may wish to seek medical advice on this issue.

In addition, the school has a duty of care to take reasonable steps to ensure that self administration is carried out safely.

More supervision is required in situations where students are less mature or able and are more reliant on adult assistance.

The school's decision to support any parental request for a student to self administer prescribed medication will be influenced by the following:

- the ability and maturity level of the student
- relevant parental and medical advice
- the complexity of the administration of prescribed medication procedure
- the willingness of the student to self administer
- the level of support required in an emergency

In some instances it may be appropriate for the principal to arrange a meeting with the parent to gather more information before a decision is made about granting a parent request for their child to self medicate.

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NOTE RE EMERGENCY CARE

Schools do not generally supply or administer medications in an emergency unless they have been provided by parents as part of the negotiated individual health care plan for a specific student.

In an emergency which has not been anticipated in the emergency/response care section of an individual health care plan, staff will provide a general emergency response, eg call an ambulance. Where an emergency response requires the immediate administration of medication to prevent serious illness or injury, staff should administer the medication eg Ventolin for a first asthma attack.

NON-PREScribed MEDICATIONs

In general, schools do not administer medication which has not been specifically requested by a medical practitioner for an individual student for a specific condition. In some cases the medical practitioner may not write ‘a prescription’ for such medication because it may be available ‘over the counter’. NSW Health advises that this does not mean that the medication is not potentially harmful and that schools should follow the same procedures for such medications as for ‘prescribed medications’.

SUMMARY: ROLE OF PARENTS

It is the role of parents to:

- cooperate with the school on student health matters
- support their child’s health
- inform the school of the health needs of the child when they enrol or when health conditions develop or change
- liaise with the child’s medical practitioner about the implications of the child’s health condition for their schooling
- where medication is prescribed, ask the medical practitioner whether the medication is available in a form which minimises or eliminates the need to provide the medication during the school day
- convey all relevant advice and information from the medical practitioner to the school
- complete a written request form (supplied by the school) for the school to administer prescribed medication or for other support
- provide prescribed medication and ‘consumables’ for administration by the school in a timely way and as agreed with the principal
- collaborate with the school in planning to support the child’s health needs at school including updating information and reviewing plans.

Note: Forms completed by parents will be stored securely.

It may be necessary for some information to be shared with staff in order for the school to provide support for the student.

EASTER HAT PARADE

Thank you to all our parents, family and friends who joined us last Friday for our annual Easter Hat Parade. Although the weather provided us with some challenges, it was wonderful to see the amazing hat creations and the big smiles on everyone’s faces.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Due to a mix up with the bookings for Jubilee Park, we have had to make a change of date to our Athletics Carnival. It will now be held on Thursday 31st March, not the 24th. Please adjust your calendars so you can join us for part or all of the day.
VALUABLE ITEMS AT SCHOOL
Please be reminded that we strongly encourage your children to not bring valuable or precious items to school. Whilst we do support your child in keeping their belongings safe, we are not responsible for the loss or breakage of items that are bought to school. It would be best that if something is special to your child, or you, that these remain at home.

FINAL PAPER NEWSLETTER
This edition of our newsletter will be the last distributed on paper. As of next week, the newsletter will be emailed to those who have provided their email address. It will also be available on our school website (www.waggawagga-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) or through the school portal. We are hoping that this will be a smooth transition but please be considerate if any glitches do happen to occur.

SOME REMINDERS FOR ALL. HAVE YOU:
- Sent back your Parent Engagement and Involvement survey – please do so asap
- Provided us with your email address before our newsletter goes paperless on 29th March
- Paid your school fees – we are hoping to place our first order for laptops shortly
- Signed up to help at our Fete on the 1st April – only 18 days to go!
- Returned Athletics Carnival note and money

Happy Easter

This Friday, 24th March and next Monday, 28th March are public holidays and Wagga Wagga Public School will be closed. Students return on Tuesday 29th March for the final two weeks of Term 1.
We wish all our students, families and friends an enjoyable and relaxing Easter long weekend.
Have a great week.

Leanne Harvey
Principal

Badge making at the FETE

BADGE MAKING FOR FETE
Miss Geaghan will be selling and making badges at the Wagga Wagga Public School Fete. The cost will be $2. If you would like to make your badge for the Fete, please collect a template from Miss Geaghan tomorrow only.
Thank you.
Miss Geaghan

Dance group video session

Please don’t forget that there will be a video session for the dancers on Monday, 4 April in the afternoon. Thank you.
Mrs Bennett

Student Banking

There will be no Commonwealth Student Banking this week due to Good Friday (Easter) Holiday.
**Term 1 in 1P**

We have been investigating the amazing super power of the word YET!

**Definition:** up until right now  
**Which means:** it can still happen!

I haven’t learnt how to do the monkey bars backwards yet, but I am getting better every time I try—Luna

I am not good at skating yet, but with a lot of practice I can be—Nico

I can’t catch a football yet. I will keep on trying so I can—Daniel P

I am not good at cartwheels yet, but with some more practice I will be—Zara

I haven’t learnt how to do a front somersault in the water yet, but I am practising so I can—Oliver

I am not good at taking away numbers, but with a lot of practice I can be—Meaghan

Knowing the amazing super power of the word YET, means that we don’t give up when something is tricky for us—Hannah
Robo-Dog

On Friday, 8th April, 2016 Senior School will be enjoying a screening of ROBO-DOG in the hall as part of reward day activities.

The movie is rated PG. A permission note went home yesterday for the event. Don’t forget to return the note if you do not give permission for your child to watch the movie.

Miss Clarke

Payments to P&C

Could all P&C payments please be addressed to the P&C as they are a separate identity from the school banking account. If you are paying by cheque you will need to write one cheque to the school for school activities and one to the P&C. If you have any queries, please contact the school on 6921 3398. Thank you.

Canteen Volunteers for Athletics Carnival

Volunteers required for the Canteen at the School Athletics Carnival. Please phone Wendy Harper on her mobile 0427 278 261.

School Happenings - Harmony Day, Easter Hat Parade and Telescope Night
Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way
...to create yummy sandwiches.

Wholegrain breads and cereals - the foundation of a healthy lunch box, and great base for yummy fillings.

Cancer Council’s Eat It To Beat It program recommends limiting or avoiding processed meats (sausages, frankfurts, bacon, ham) because of their link with increasing the risk of bowel cancer.

Try some of these great ideas:
- Roast pumpkin with salad (grated carrot + lettuce, pesto + baby spinach) on multigrain, wholemeal or white high-fibre bread.
- Leftover cottage pie or spaghetti bolognaise, with lettuce and grated carrot on a wholegrain bread roll.
- Tinned salmon/tuna and canned sweet corn on crispbread.
- Chopped egg and lettuce in a pita pocket.
- Tabouli salad and feta cheese on a wrap.
- Mashed banana and sultanas on sourdough.

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

Saturday Morning
Netball Competition 2016
Netball competition for years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will commence in Term 2.

Fees- $125 per child

Contact person: Mrs Smith

Please complete the following information and return with money to front office as soon as possible so teams and money can be finalised.

Please note that all positions must be filled for each team before registration, e.g. coach, umpire, etc.

(This is a Wagga Netball Association Rule)

If you are able to help out or know someone who can, please let me know.

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Name ........................................ Class Year ............

Address.................................................................

Date of Birth ........................................

Age as of 31/12/16 ........................................

Parent/Carer name..................................................

Parent/Carer phone..............................................

Please note: these fees are set by Wagga Netball Association.

I am able to coach: yes / no.

I am able to umpire: yes / no.

I am able to manage: yes / no.

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Chickens for Sale

Class 5/60 has been raising chickens and it is time for them to find good homes. We have six Isa Brown chickens, 2 weeks old, all females, for sale at $5.50 each. Please contact Mr O’Dea.

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THE ANIMALS OF
The Magical Mountains

2016 Aussie Animal Tour
Come along and join in the fun
11am, Sat 9th April 2016

Tickets:
$15 per person / $50 per family (grp of 4)
available at the door from 10am
Thank You to the following Individuals & Businesses that have provided sponsorship or donations to our fete!

- Wagga RSL
- Commercial Club
- Kylie Van Tol – Artist
- Great Aussie Resort
- Masters Wagga
- Quest Apartments Wagga
- Jamie Way - Performer
- Northside Pharmacy
- Forum Cinema 6
- Wagga Bowl & Dine
- Trail St Coffee Shop
- Romanos Aura Restaurant
- Scribbles Café
- Brendan Madigan of Fitzpatricks Real Estate
- Hair To Dye For
- Farrell Lusher Solicitors
- Dan Pollock
- The McCready Family
- Myer
- Lowes
- Crowley’s Hot Sauce
- Bunnings Wagga
- Spotlight Wagga
- Smiley Beaven
- Oasis Aquatic Centre
- KFC Fitzmaurice Street
- Quinty Bakery
- Free Spirit Foods
- Trina Ryneheart – TravelManagers
- PAH Constructions
- ECO Architectural Glass
- Andrea Elliot – Eva & Ava Jewelry
- Crust Pizza
- Wagga Laser Tag
- Big W Party Store
- Jumping Beans Castle Hire
- Gelatissimo
- Eadybeans Coffee Van
- Hutcheon & Pearce
- Belinda Spencer – Wagga Massage
- Belinda Jordan – The Body Shop Sales Rep
- Irvin Day Hair & Beauty
- Boyce Chartered Accountants
- Precision Signs
- Cricket Australia
- AFL House
- The Baylis Grind
- The Appliance Man
- South Wagga Butchery

Additional Information:

- **FETE Newsletter**
  - Fete is on Friday, 1 April from 5pm-8pm

- **LESS THAN 2 WEEKS TO GO!**
  - **IMPORTANT DATES**
    - Wed 23rd March – Donation Day (details of what to donate in this newsletter)
      - Raffle Tickets due (unsold and sold to be returned to school office)
    - Wed 30th March – Last day to pre-purchase wristbands for rides.

- **RAFFLE BOOKS**
  - All raffle books sold and unsold must be returned by Wednesday 23rd March.
  - THESE CAN BE LEFT AT THE OFFICE OR BOUGHT TO THE DONATION DAY TABLE ON WEDNESDAY.
  - The first class to return all their books will each receive a free paddle pop from the canteen!
  - **WEEK 7 & 8 WINNERS!!**
    - The below lucky people were entered into the draw to win a free ride wristband after they returned raffle tickets and/or provided donations.
    - Another draw will happen this week!
    - Alice R – 1N
    - Nathaniel A – 2B3H
    - Madison O – 5/6M
    - Christopher P – 5/6D

- **Donation Day**
  - **Wednesday March 23rd**
  - Thank you to all those that donated to the last day we had!
  - We are still low on a few items so we will be at the top of the stairs near the cricket nets before school on Wednesday.
  - We are looking for any of these:
    - Family Chocolate Blocks (No Nuts)
    - Bags of Allen’s Lolli’s eg Raspberries, Red Frogs etc
    - Small Toys or Items for Lucky Dips.
    - Gold Coin Donation
STALL HELPERS STILL NEEDED!!!

We still need helpers for various stalls, if you can donate even half an hour we would really appreciate it. ---

This is also an opportunity for previous students attending high school to obtain community points. If any high school students would like to help please email so we can provide them with a parent permission slip and a letter for the school after the event.

Please use this link to register.
http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0844cg0og2oa194-2016

If you would prefer to manually volunteer, please fill out the following and return to the fete box in the school office or email us at wwpstfele2016@gmail.com

Volunteer Form

I would like to assist/serve on the following stall:

☐ Face Painting/ Nail Art/ Coloured Hair Spray
☐ Henna Tattoos (experienced people needed)
☐ Cupcake decorating
☐ Cake Stall
☐ Footy & Cricket Challenge games
☐ Side show Alley Stalls

Name: ____________________________

Contact Number: __________________

Email: ____________________________

CAKE STALL
HELP NEEDED

With less than 2 weeks until the fete we really need your help....

We are seeking volunteers to bake something yummy for our Cake Stall.

All contributions will be greatly appreciated. Some examples include:

- cakes without cream, muffins, cookies, or slices.

All items baked will need to have a list of ingredients attached.

Below is a sample label for you to follow:

Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Butter Frosting

Ingredients: Self Raising Flour, sugar, eggs, milk, vanilla essence, cocoa, butter, 
Frosting: butter, icing sugar, milk, cocoa and milk.

All baked goods will need to be delivered to the canteen before school on the day of the fete.

NO NUT PRODUCTS PLEASE

Unlimited Ride Bands – Pre-Purchase

If you are purchasing ride bands for children the ride band will be available for collection from 4.45pm from the TICKET BOOTHS at the Fete.

If you are purchasing bands for children not at the school, put N/A for class.

I wish to purchase ___ ride bands at $15 each. Total $_____
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

It is that time of year again where we hold Parent Teacher Interviews. They will take place over Week 10 and into Week 11. The scheduling of an appointment time for these interviews will again be made via the Parent Portal.

Your child’s teacher’s interview times will be made available for viewing and booking on Tuesday evening 26th March from 6pm. You can log into the Parent Portal and choose your preferred time and date from the available times. Interviews will be run for 15 minutes and we ask that parents please be punctual as teachers interview times are often booked back-to-back. Registrations will be open until Monday 28th March at 6pm.

Please see below for a quick reminder on how schedule your interview appointment time...

1. Enter the Parent Portal URL into your browser on a PC, smartphone or device.
2. Enter your username and PW. Your username will be the email address you registered with.
3. If you have forgotten your PW, click this link and enter your email address and an email will be sent with a link to rest your PW.
4. Click on interviews and schedule a suitable interview appointment time.
Once you have clicked this link, you will be directed to the Parent Interviews summary screen explaining the process in summary.

1. Click on the Select Timeslot button that is placed next to the teacher you’d like to meet with.
2. Select a timeslot from the timeslots that are available for that teacher. The selected booking timeslot will now be reserved for you until you finalise this process.
3. Complete steps #1 and #2 until you have selected an appropriate interview time for all of the teachers you’d like to see.
4. If there are a number of teachers you don’t feel the need to see, click on the Select Timeslots button and then click on the red “Click if interview not required” link.
5. Once you have made a selection for all of the classes shown below, click on the Confirm Appointments button.
6. The reserved bookings you selected will now be confirmed.

Please note: You have a 10 minute inactivity session timeout whilst selecting the bookings for your children. This means that if you leave your computer for more than 10 minutes, any reserved bookings will be released and other parents can choose them. It is important that you complete this process in one go. If you do run into any issues, please contact the school directly.

You will also see the following banner:

Your session will timeout from inactivity in 9 minutes and 55 seconds.
Please ensure that you confirm all of your bookings within the above mentioned time period.

As there is often a large volume of parents and teachers making bookings, this will ensure that all parents have the chance to schedule a booking with the required staff members.

If you do not wish to book an interview for a particular class, click on the red Not Required link which will mark that time slot for your student as Not Attending.

Once you have selected your interview time slots or Not Attending, click the Confirm Appointments button. This will send through your Interview Requests for confirmation to the teachers involved.

If you are unable to make an interview during the scheduled times available, please contact your child’s teacher to arrange an alternative time that is mutually suitable.

If you have any issues booking an interview please contact your child’s teacher.

If you are experiencing difficulties with the Parent Portal please send an email to erin.elsley@det.nsw.edu.au and I will get to assisting you as soon as possible. (Sending an email allows me to reset details using the email address you registered or are registering with.)

With thanks,

Mrs Erin Elsley
Assistant Principal