

NORTH WAGGA PUBLIC SCHOOL



Building a Culture of Excellence

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Thank you to our wonderful SRC Team!

One of the goals that the SRC wanted to achieve this year was to install another bubbler in the playground closer to the back oval.

The SRC team was very excited to have the bubbler put in this week and Thea was even more excited when she got to be one of the first to use it.



What's on at NWPS...

☐ Thursday	1 st December	Toil & Trouble – Yr 3-6 WWHS Performance
□ Friday	2 nd December	Community Thank You Morning Tea – 11.00 am in Hall
□ Wednesday	7 th December	Xmas Donation Day St Vincent de Paul – red/green mufti day
□ Wednesday	7 th December	2016 Presentation Night at 6.00pm at WWHS
□ Tuesday	13 th December	Year 6 Graduation Dinner at 6.00pm at Commercial Club
☐ Thursday	15 th December	Disco Day and ANT Concert afternoon
□ Friday	16 th December	Students last day for 2016
☐ Friday	27 th January	School Development Day
□ Monday	30 th January	Year 1-6 Students return
□ Tuesday	31 st January	Kindergarten 2017 commence school
☐ Thursday	2 nd February	Primary students swim carnival

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

WORLD RECORD HOLDER ALERT

That's right, you read correctly! Piper Robertson, who represented our school, her family and the Riverina at School Spectacular in Sydney last week, is now part of a verified World Record! Even getting to the School Spectacular is a "big deal", but it's not just a huge honour, it's also a huge commitment for both a student and their family, particularly when they live so far away from rehearsals and the actual performance venue, so a big thank you to Piper's family too!

As well as the wonderful experience of just performing with over 5500 other students, this year a Guinness World Records adjudicator, Solvej Malouf, was on hand to verify that the School Spectacular performers helped break a Guiness World Record title! The title associated with taking part in the world's largest Amateur Variety Act now belongs to Piper and all her peers who made this year's extravaganza the best one yet! What a wonderful memory to have your whole life, Piper. Well done.



Our good news just keeps rolling along at North Wagga. You will recall in the last couple of newsletters I have mentioned the hard work and commitment from our P & C, particularly in all the work that went into a very successful fete. At last week's meeting the P&C committed to spending in excess of \$20000 on different projects around the school to not just assist with raising student learning outcomes, but also enhance teaching and learning spaces. They have funded a new smartboard, new air-conditioning, home readers, a Kindergarten room makeover, media cabling, library books as well as upgrades and improvements to our toilets. When these enhancements are put against those the school is already doing (such as new carpet in some classrooms, painting works in the toilets and general maintenance and a foyer makeover) all of this translates to our school always evolving to be the very best it can be. My sincere thank you to the P & C for working hard for all the students at our school!

Change of assembly: Oops! There has been a clash with this week's assembly and an excursion to Wagga High for our Stage 2/3 students. This means we won't have assembly this week. The dance group will perform their routine from the state dance concert on presentation night.

Bus Travel: We have had feedback that the behaviour of some of our students on buses has not been at a standard that families, or our school, would find acceptable.

What we would like to avoid is any of our students being banned from bus travel, or exhibiting behavior that may lead to disciplinary action at school.

There are *Core Rules* that exist for all NSW Government Schools around student discipline. Please take some time to look over them with your family, I'm sure it will provide for some good discussion for everyone.

Safety in the afternoons: There is an increasing number of families walking children out between buses at the front of the school at home time. This is a significant safety issue given how busy our service road is. Families are asked to stop doing this for the safety of all students

Other students have also been exiting the school via the back laneway, and again are not being as safe as they should be around cars. Our school is growing considerably and this means that the level of traffic at pick up and drop off time has increased significantly. Please assist us by reinforcing messages around safety at home.

Core Rules

Student discipline in NSW Government Schools

All students in NSW Government schools are expected to:

- Attend every school day, unless they are legally excused, and be in class on time and prepared to learn.
- Maintain a neat appearance, including adhering to the requirements of the school's uniform or dress code policy.
- Behave safely, considerately and responsibly, including when travelling
- Show respect at all times for teachers, other school staff and helpers, including following class rules, speaking courteously and cooperating with instructions and learning activities
- Treat one another with dignity
- Care for property belonging to themselves, the school and others.

Behaviour that infringes on the safety of others, such as harassment, bullying and illegal or anti-social behaviour of any kind, will not be tolerated.

Early morning arrivals and late afternoon pick ups: Teachers come on duty at 8.45am each morning in the playground. All students who arrive before this time are to sit under the cover way near the staffroom. Play does not start until supervision is in place. Generally the only students who should be arriving prior to 8.45am are early bus students, everyone else should aim to be at school after 8.45am.

We have reviewed our school procedures for home time in the afternoon and some families will have noted new routines around bus lines. We will also be reminding the children that if parents are running late, students are to wait on the big steps outside the staffroom. This way they are under supervision and shade.

Emergency Drills: Over the next week we will be implementing out 6 monthly emergency drill requirements at school. Generally we don't give notice of such things to ensure there is an element of surprise over these important procedures. This time I am giving a general "heads up" given that we will be running the students through different sorts of drills, such as evacuations during playtime, or lock downs during playtime.

Have a great week!

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COMMUNITY THANK YOU MORNING TEA

The staff would like to thank the many people who have contributed to our wonderful school community throughout the year by inviting you to a morning tea on Friday 2^{nd} December at 11.00am. We look forward to seeing you there!

PRESENTATION EVENING

This year's presentation evening will commence at 6.00pm sharp on Wednesday 7th December at Wagga Wagga High School. Students should be dressed in their school uniform and be seated with their class by 5.45pm.

All students must sit with their class and teacher in the seating at the front of the hall – special seating has been set aside for each class. Parents will sit in the allocated area behind the students. Please do not sit in the area designated for students. Please do no remove your child/children until the conclusion as it detracts from the importance of the evening. The entire presentation evening should take approximately one hour. We look forward to seeing you there!

URGENT REQUEST

If your child/ren will not be attending NWPS next year, please leave a message at the office to enable us to plan for the 2017 school year.

NOTES AND PAYMENTS TO BE RETURNED

- Kmart Wishing Tree visit by SRC and Captains permission note due this Friday
- P&C Raffle tickets please return sold or unsold to the office thank you for your support!

WWHS PERFORMANCE

All students in Years 3-6 have been invited to participate in the audience at the Wagga High production of *Toil and Trouble*. Notes and money for the excursion are due back now. This excursion complements our Creative and Practical Arts program of Drama.

DONATION REQUEST

5/6W would like donations of Australia Woman's Weekly magazines in good condition and with no pages removed for a craft activity. If you can help simply send them to the office and we will deliver them to 5/6W, thank you.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL

On Wednesday 7th December it will be a red and green mufti day. On that day children are asked to bring in a Christmas goodie or non-perishable grocery item eg. biscuits, soft drinks, long life items, kids snacks, Christmas cakes/ puddings, lollies, chips to be donated to St Vincent de Paul Society for their Christmas Food Appeal. Food will be then distributed to families less fortunate than ourselves to help them have a happy Christmas too!

As it is mufti, you will be able to keep the children's uniforms all beautiful ready for presentation night on the 7th also.

CANTEEN NEWS



CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 30th November Fri 2nd December Mon 5th December Jen Fewson Sam Leah, Kylie Cowell, Carol Mulley Jane Chobdzynski

BUS PASS PROCEDURES

If a student has already been approved for school travel and their address, school or name changes, their details must be updated by the Parent/Guardian online at the Transport NSW website. *Also, ALL students entering Kindergarten, Year 3 or Year 7 in 2017 MUST have their details updated at the Transport NSW website.* The website address for this is: apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updatedetails Once the online application form has been completed, parents are asked to print it out, sign and date the form, then return it to the students *enrolled school* for endorsement.

P & C RAFFLE

A small book of tickets was sent home to each family last week with just 5 tickets to sell!

Please return ALL tickets, SOLD OR UNSOLD by Monday 5th December.

A very special thank you to **COOLECTRICS PTY LTD AND TORO IRRIGATION** who kindly donated the major prizes.

The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 7^{th} December at Presentation Night.

If you require extra books please contact the school office.

BORAMBOLA SPORT AND RECREATION HOLIDAY CAMPS

Sport and Recreation will be conducting week long residential programs this summer!!! This January, Borambola will be running two residential program options:

1. Summer Camp for 7 to 12 year olds -

https://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/event/summer-camp-ages-7-12

2. Sport, Health and Fitness Camp for 9 to 12 year olds -

https://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/event/sport-health-and-fitness-camp-ages-9-12

Both programs run for 5 days and will be delivered by qualified coaches and instructors.

When: 10am Monday 16 January to 1:30pm Friday 20th January 2017

Cost: \$300 per person; includes: accommodation, meals and activities delivered by qualified coaches and instructors.

Transport: Parents/guardians to drop children off at Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre at 10am on Monday 16th of January and pick up on Friday 20th of January at 1:30nm

To enroll in the program, call 13 13 02 or book online at the links above.



SENSORY SANTA PHOTOS

Sensory Santa was created to allow children with sensory issues to have a photo with Santa. This is supported by Wagga Autism Support Group. The setting includes private area, no background music, no lines, 20 minute sessions and an understanding Santa, Mrs Clause and photographer. Photos will be taken at Kooringal Public School Hall on December 3rd. For all bookings please contact Bec Hyland Photography on 0435 848 900 or via her facebook page.















