



# NORTH WAGGA PUBLIC SCHOOL



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**Having fun at last week's Swimming Carnival!**

## What's on at NWPS...

<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup> February	Welcome Back to School BBQ – 6.30pm at the school
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	P&C AGM at 6.30pm in the Library. All Welcome!
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	District Swimming Carnival
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup> March	Athletics Carnival
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Term 1
<input type="checkbox"/> Fri-Mon	14 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	24 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff Development Day
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup> April	Anzac Day
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup> April	Students return for Term 2

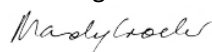
## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We had a fantastic P & C meeting to kick off the year last week. It was great to see new faces, as well as faces who have re-joined us from either last year, or previous years. Our P & C is a generous, hard working group of parents who continually work hard for all the students at our school. At the last P & C meeting the committee signed a cheque to meet the costs of items for our school such as a new smartboard and projector, library books, readers for K-2 classrooms, air conditioning, painting of Kinder rooms as well as the catering for Year 6 students for their farewell function. Next on their agenda is the purchase of a shipping container to house sport's equipment and also carpet squares for displays in the Kinder rooms as well as the office and foyer areas of our school. It is humbling to see such hard work and commitment going in from our parent body including all the families who don't make it to P & C when it comes to fundraising efforts at our school. So, whether you make it to meetings, or just continuously dig deep into your pockets to support all the students at the school, I am sincerely grateful.

Moving forward, once the shipping container and carpet squares have arrived our fundraising efforts at a whole-school level will go towards the purchase of an electronic sign for our school. I see this as a wonderful extension of celebrating both student and school achievement to the whole North Wagga and wider Wagga Wagga community. Thank you to all who share in this vision of continually promoting the amazing work our students do and the achievements that come with that.

Can you add a date to your diary? Nearly all the class teachers have sent home notes to families giving welcome messages and telling families of individual class routines, so I have suggested that rather than have "Stage based parent information" evenings this year, that we all come together for a "Welcome back to school" BBQ. A return slip for catering purposes has been sent home with this newsletter, so we can ensure that everyone can be included in our sausage sizzle, parents/carers AND children (as well as pre-schoolers). The date is for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February commencing at 6.30pm, and should be wrapped by 8.00pm. I'll include more information in the newsletter as the date draws closer, but for now we invite you along to our informal get together where you can chat and mingle with staff, their families and enjoy a cool cordial and sausage (or two) and ask any questions you might want clarified. We hope to see you there. Please send catering slips in ASAP, and once again thank you to P & C who has generously offered to pay for the catering!

Have a great week,



Mandy Crocker

## NEW ROAD and PARKING RULES AROUND OUR SCHOOL

The Wagga City Council changes around our school have certainly thrown us into some chaos at afternoon pick up times. We have had all staff out looking at the egress points of the school and trying to determine the best ways we can keep our students safe as we all come to terms with the changes.

**The clearest answer at the moment is to ask parents to get out of cars and walk into our school to meet children, then walk with them back to cars.**

Waiting across roads and calling children across is not safe given the changes to the flow of traffic around our school, nor is waiting in a parked car in the Palm and Pawn Carpark whilst children attempt to get to parents as cars are pulling out.

As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively. The last thing we want is children walking between cars unaccompanied and not understanding the dangers of such behaviour.

We will be talking about safety at "home time" in classrooms over the coming days and ask that families support our efforts in keeping our students as safe as we all can.

## SOCIAL MEDIA AND CHILDREN

I know a lot of families are put under pressure from their children to be on social media, but I would ask parents to really consider if there are any benefits to allowing your children exposure to outside influences so early. As the years go on we are faced with more and more issues at school involving "sorting out" issues and squabbles with our students based on Facebook posts, Instagram comments, Snapchat pics or chat that all happen outside of school, than ever before. Managing children's physical and emotional behaviour is what we always expect to have to do at school, managing their social media behaviour and the ramifications of that is an added pressure that takes away from prime learning time. I ask all parents to really pause when the pressure from children to have social media is brought upon them. It's okay to say no, or "not yet".

## NOTES TO BE RETURNED

**FAMILY DETAILS & MEDICAL FORMS** - These forms were sent home last week and all families should have received one yellow family details form per family and a blue medical form for each child. It is essential that we receive these completed forms back by the end of this week so that we can update our records.

**WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ RETURN SLIP** - Please return by this Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February

## MERIT SYSTEM

This year we will be introducing a level system to our merits so that students can work towards higher levels of recognition and celebration of their achievements. We will have a four-level system and once we have it up and going, students will be able to integrate the merits they currently have into the new system. This means no one is disadvantaged in being able to achieve the new upper levels of recognition. Whilst the banner below (Level 4) is just a representation of the award, we are still to finalise design, it will give families an idea of how the system will flow.

Our current merits will become “Level 1” merits.



**Level 1**

Three of these will need to be earned for a child to “bank” them and receive a “Level 2” merit. Students may earn Level 1 merits anytime during the week in class or at sport. They are given out in class at any time determined by the teacher.

A “Level 2” merit will be presented at our fortnightly assembly. These are awarded when a student has presented the teacher with 3 x “Level 1” merits. The teacher will sign the back of the Level 1 merits to acknowledge they’ve been “banked” and that the student will receive a “Level 2” merit at the next whole school assembly.



**Level 2**



**Level 3**

“Level 3” merits are also awarded at fortnightly assemblies. They are provided when a student hands in 3 x “Level 2” merits. Once again, the teacher will sign the back of the Level 2 merits to acknowledge they’ve been “banked” and preparations will be made for the award of a Level 3 at the next assembly.

The final level of our merit system will be the introduction of a school banner which will be our “Level 4” award. A student will need to hand in 3 x Level 3 merits to have a banner awarded. The teacher will sign the back of the Level 3 merits to acknowledge they’ve been “banked” and that the student will receive a “Level 4” banner at the next whole school assembly and an invitation to a rewards morning tea.



**Level 4**

The challenge for students is that we are asking that with these changes to our system that a lot more responsibility will be placed on students to keep their merits in a safe place at home so they can have them all ready to bring in when they need to present them to their teacher for “banking”. Only merits that are physically brought in to the teacher, to be signed on the back, in anticipation of receiving the next level can be counted. So, think of a good place to store merits into the future, because lost merits can’t be counted. We will also be looking at our playground reward system and will implement changes after we have fully reviewed how we can enhance what we are already doing. Watch this space!

## ASSEMBLY

The first school assembly will be held this Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30pm in the school hall. At this assembly the newly elected House Captains and Vice Captains and Term 1 Class Councillors will be presented with their badges and the age champions from the swimming carnival will receive their trophies. The Student Representative Council Representatives will be presented with their badges at the next assembly.

### CLASS COUNCILLORS FOR TERM 1

**1M:** Holly Watt, Jesse Black  
**2P:** Lottie Cattle, Oliver Green  
**3/4M:** Edi De Camps, Tobi Grentell  
**4/5H:** Abbey Jolliffe, Moses Farah  
**5/6M:** Millie Chisholm, Myles Walsh

**1R:** Faith Hooker, Benjamin Orban  
**2/3Q:** Violet Maurer, Harrison Fisher  
**3/4W:** Ava Chobdzynski, Cody Clayton  
**5/6D:** Amy Cowell, Crawford Wadley

### SRC REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2017

**1M:** Liliana Evans, Jett Grentell  
**2P:** Amelia Bowen, Austin O’Connor  
**3/4M:** Jude Cattle, Scarlett Wadley  
**4/5H:** Darnee Doherty, Ned Holden  
**5/6M:** Sam Reid, Birhan Montgomery

**1R:** Tarryn Gilchrist, Marley Mullavey  
**2/3Q:** Isla Galloway, Harris Eyles  
**3/4W:** Braxton Eyles, Jessy Burgess  
**5/6D:** Lachlan Moore, Emily Ayton

### HOUSE CAPTAINS & VICE CAPTAINS

**Farrer Captains:** Kyle Doneley, Hayley Beresford  
**Sturt Captains:** Nash Nixon, Mayah Williams

**Farrer Vice Captains:** Bailey Doneley, Eleanor Austin  
**Sturt Vice Captains:** Oscar Mullavey, Joanna Quilliam



## 2017 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Thank you to all the teachers, parents and students for supporting the day and making it a great success. A special thanks also to the parent timekeepers who volunteered throughout the day. Students who meet the qualifying times for the District Swimming carnival will have the opportunity to compete on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Trophies will be presented at this Thursday's assembly and place ribbons will be handed out at one of our daily afternoon assemblies within the next week.

Congratulations to the following age champions for 2017:-

**Junior Boy:** Baylee Edwards

**Junior Girl:** Abbey Jolliffe

**11yr Boy:** Carter Chobdzynski

**11yr Girl:** Kate Harris

**Senior Boy:** Wil Tester

**Senior Girl:** Jade Beresford

**Champion House:** Farrer



## CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen is in need of some extra volunteers to help on some Fridays throughout the term. If you are able to help on any of the following days, please give Jane Chobdzynski a call on 0409 926 836:-

**24<sup>th</sup> February**

**3<sup>rd</sup> March**

**17<sup>th</sup> March**

Jane would also love to hear from any of our new parents who would like to help. If you are interested, please give her a call and she will place you on the roster with an experienced volunteer so that you can learn the ropes.

A bright green canteen price list has been sent home with today's newsletter with extra copies available from the school office.

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Kate Plum, Nicole Hann

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Carol Mulley, Jane Chobdzynski, Jackie O'Reilly

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Emma Lowing, Josie Lowing



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