



# NORTH WAGGA PUBLIC SCHOOL



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After spending a big morning in their classroom, our new Kindies found a lovely shady tree to sit under and enjoy their lunch.

## What's on at NWPS...

<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Primary students Swimming Carnival
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> February	P&C Meeting at 6.30pm in Library
<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

We have had an influx of a lot of new families over the final few weeks of 2016, and this first school week in 2017. We welcome all our new families to our school community and trust that their time with us at North Wagga will be one of rich learning, wonderful friendships and a magnificent partnership between family and school! Welcome everyone!

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We asked, you delivered! Thank you! Of course I'm talking about our request to have all our students return to full school uniform which also included black shoes. Thank you to all the families who assisted with this, I know some would question the importance, but it's a small piece in our overall commitment to raising the standards at our school of how we learn, how we behave, how we join in, how we feel about ourselves and how we look!

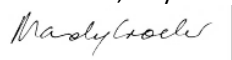
The school was filled with a lot of new tiny people this morning as Kindergarten commenced their first day of school. There's no denying that even after 20+ years of teaching there's still something very lovely about seeing a new class of very cute Kindergarten children on their very first day!

The staff returned to school last Friday and participated in professional learning that requires annual updates around Child Protection, Code of Conduct, and Fraud and Corruption training. In addition to this we continued our analysis of learning plans for students, teaching and learning programs and student data. I know that all sounds a little "full on", but essentially it's about the teachers knowing exactly where the children in their class are with their personal learning needs, and what the teachers need to do to ensure the students are moving forward with their learning.

It seems that we are in for a crazy week of heat, which means day by day we will make a judgement around whether we enforce our "hot weather" policy. If we do it means that play on the back oval is restricted and students are kept in air conditioned spaces in the hottest part of the day. In addition we have set up a large drinking esky outside the staff room, and iced water is available all day for students to come and top up their drink bottles before school, recess, lunch and during bus duty.

This Thursday we have our first P & C meeting for the year. It will be in the school library, commencing at 6.30pm. New faces are always welcome so please come along if you would like to join in. In a couple of weeks time we will have our first whole-school community event with a "Welcome back to School" evening BBQ. I'll put extra details of this in next week's newsletter.

Until then, stay cool!



Mandy Crocker

## WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

We have welcome additions to our staff this year with two new teachers who assist with providing wellbeing services to our students. Ms Hayley Jeffery has been appointed as a Senior Psychologist Education and she is based at our school. The Senior Psychologist Education position is a supervisory role that oversees operations of the School Counselling Service. Ms Jeffery will be working with many school counsellors and school communities' throughout Wagga Wagga, but her home base will be North Wagga. Welcome, Hayley!

We also welcome Ms Rebecca Jahn who has been appointed to our school as our new School Counsellor. Ms Jahn's base school is Mount Austin High School, but she will be servicing our school one day a week, as per our counsellor allocation. Welcome, Rebecca!



## WHOLE SCHOOL STAFFING

Our students have settled into classes well and given the numbers at our school we have been able to begin with our 2017 class structures in place.

Late last week Mrs van der Rijt made the decision to retire. Jenny has been on long service leave since the middle of last year, but only came to the reluctant decision to finish quite recently. She tells me, unequivocally, that she is greatly missing the students, staff and school community of North Wagga. We wish Jenny all the very best for a long and happy retirement (and have told her she can come and listen to reading groups, volunteer in the library or canteen any time she wants!)

Miss Summerfield was married last year but finished the teaching year using her maiden name. She has returned from holidays as Mrs Richardson. This year she will be working on Tuesdays to Fridays, Mrs Grieve will teach her class on Mondays. Mrs Phillips will be working from Monday to Thursdays and Mrs Cattle will teach her class on Fridays.

There will be some teachers on leave throughout the year, but we will aim to minimise disruption to classes as much as possible. Inevitably, maternity leaves, long service leaves and sick leaves are all part of the landscape in all work places, so I greatly appreciate families' understanding when these things impact on classes.

Our current staff is:

Kindergarten: KS Mrs Standley, KL Mrs Librando (Term 1, then Mrs Grieve)

Year 1: 1M Ms Moore, 1R Mrs Richardson/Mrs Grieve

Year 2: 2P Mrs Phillips/Mrs Cattle

Year 2/3: 2/3Q Mrs Quilliam

Year 3/4: 3/4W Ms Woodside

Year 3/4: 2/3M Mr Montgomery

Year 4/5: 4/5H Mrs Hilton  
Year 5/6: 5/6D Mrs Diaz  
Year 5/6: 5/6M Mr Motton  
Library: Mrs McIntosh  
Learning Support: Mrs Frogley  
Student Support Officers: Mrs Baker, Mrs Langfield and Mr Mulloy  
Senior Psychologist Education: Ms Hayley Jeffery  
School Counsellor: Ms Rebecca Jahn  
Administration Manager: Ms Johanson  
Administration Officers: Mrs Archer, Mrs Logan and Mrs Tinker.

## 2017 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The annual swimming carnival will be held at the Oasis on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Primary children will be attending and also children in Year 2 who will be turning 8 this year and are able to swim 25m. Students in Year 2 who turn 8 in 2017 who cannot swim 25 metres of the pool are required to stay at school with their usual classroom teacher. Permission notes and payment of \$6.00 must be returned to school by tomorrow.

ALL SWIMMING PERMISSION NOTES AND MONEY ARE DUE BACK BY TOMORROW!  
If you do not have a note please download one from the app or the website.

## NUT ALLERGY AWARENESS

As we have had several students who have been diagnosed with an allergy to nuts, we are asking parents not to send any food products containing nuts to school (this includes peanut butter sandwiches). It is important to understand that even trace amounts of food can cause a severe anaphylactic reaction so we are asking everyone to be aware of how serious this allergy can be.

## NWPS APP - DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THE PUSH NOTIFICATION??

Not only can you be informed of what is happening at school through the calendar, newsletters and notes but the app also has a '**push notification**' feature.

**This means that if something is happening at school eg. an evacuation or lock down, a late bus from an excursion, etc we can send a push notification and you will be informed immediately.**

If you haven't downloaded our FREE app from the App Store or Google Play yet, this is another great reason to do so. Remember you can load it onto as many devices as you like! **Username:** community **Password:** northwaggaps

## MAKING PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS - "POP" PAYMENTS

Anyone wishing to make a payment online may do so via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa, Mastercard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the ***schools website*** by selecting

[www.northwagga-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.northwagga-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

**\$ Make a payment**

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, class requirements, excursions, sales to students. There is also a category called Other, this is to cover items not covered in the previous headings. Other can be used to make a payment for example visiting school performances.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school. You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed by yourself. Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will **not** be issued by the school.

It would be appreciated that POP Payments are over \$5.00. Cash is preferred for under \$5.

Permission notes from now on will have a box to be ticked on the bottom of the page where the receipt number is to be written. All permission notes will need to be returned to the school office the day after POP payment with the receipt number.

Payments to **North Wagga P & C Association** for uniforms, fundraising, fete, canteen, special lunches, etc. **cannot be paid** by the parent online payments as they hold different bank accounts.

Westpac would also like to advise that due to a recent upgrade to the POP payment webpage it is now easier to complete the online payments through a mobile phone or tablet.



## UNIFORM NEWS

Uniform orders together with payment can be handed in to the school office and once a week (usually on a Thursday) the uniform co-ordinator will fill the orders and send them home with your child.

Please note that only cash/cheque can be accepted for school uniforms or P&C activities as this is run by the P&C, not the school. **Cheques are to made out to NWPS P&C.** Uniform orders may be sent in with your child or delivered personally by yourself.

Prices for uniforms have been set out below:

Gold Polos - \$22

V-neck Jumpers - \$25

New Sports Polo - \$25

New Sports Shorts with yellow stripe - \$15 (on special till sold out – next order they will be \$25)

Hats - \$5 (sold at office prior to morning class)

**Please note** we still have available some older stock in the sports shirt at a discount price of \$15 and sports shorts at \$10.

There is a good supply of second hand clothing in good condition ranging in price from \$2 to \$10. This includes a limited stock of girls summer dresses. All donations of second hand uniforms in good condition is very much appreciated. We would especially like to build up our supply of the girls summer tunics and checked shorts.

## CANTEEN NEWS

### CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Maree Beresford

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

Caz Eckersall, Muhiba Dahir, Angela Anderson



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### RIVERINA CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC

The Conservatorium is holding an information night on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February from 7.30pm till 8.30pm. For further information visit [www.rivconmusic.org.au](http://www.rivconmusic.org.au) or phone 6925 3522. Please RSVP via email to RCM Admin at [admin@rivconmusic.org.au](mailto:admin@rivconmusic.org.au)

### FIRST RECONCILIATION & CONFIRMATION CLASSES

First Reconciliation classes for Catholic children in Year 3 and upwards will begin at 8.45am on 12<sup>th</sup> February at St Michael's Parish Centre, Johnston Street (opposite the Cathedral).

Confirmation classes for Catholic children in Year 6 will also be held at the Parish Centre and will begin at 8.45am on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

For enquiries contact Rev Micallef on 6921 2164 or Sr Hannahri on 6931 0014.



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