



NORTH WAGGA PUBLIC SCHOOL



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TENNIS PROGRAM IS IN FULL SWING!



What's on at NWPS...

<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	1 st March	Year 3-6 Assembly, 2.30pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	2 nd March	Year K-2 Assembly, 12.30pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	2 nd March	Clean Up Day
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	5 th March	Wagga PSSA Swimming Carnival
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	14 th March	Riverina PSSA Swimming Carnival
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	21 st March	Primary Students Athletics Carnival
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	30 th March	Good Friday
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	2 nd April	Easter Monday

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The term is just racing ahead and now we are at our half-way point. Where has that time gone? Today we have had a special treat as we prepare to farewell summer. Our Taco Tuesday was well supported and the students really enjoyed their meal deal. Many thanks to all who provided this opportunity for the students.

Our tennis program is in full swing for our older students. Each Friday there is coaching and the teaching of racquet and ball skills on mini courts set up around the school. Everyone seems to be really enjoying it. You may have heard that the NSW Government has an ACTIVE KIDS priority which allows families to claim a \$100 voucher for assisting with the costs of playing sport outside of school. The NSW Government is helping kids get active with the new Active Kids program. Here's some information from the ACTIVE KIDS website <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids>. If you are viewing our newsletter online (the best way to do so), you will be able to click on the link and go straight there.

From 31 January 2018, parents, guardians and carers can apply for a \$100 voucher per calendar year for each student enrolled in school.

The voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities.

The voucher can be used at any time during the calendar year it was issued.

To use the voucher, give your voucher details to an approved Active Kids Provider.

The program runs year-round, so kids can get active at any time!

Later in the newsletter I will detail some changes to legislation around school zones. In short, there are **seven new school zone offences**. The NSW government have recently updated school zone offences by increasing fines and demerit points. These changes will help to create and enforce a safer road environment in school zones. Please take some time to read over these to ensure you are assisting us to keep your children as safe as possible.

Have a great week,
Mandy Crocker
Principal

SEVEN NEW SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES

Driving and parking safely near your school

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and drivers outside schools. You can help keep children safe by remembering the following:

- get out of the car and walk in to collect your child!
- Where you can, drop your child off and pick them up on the **school side** of the road (if you can't, get out of the car and walk with them)
- **never call out to them from across the road - it is very dangerous**
- always take extra care in 40km school zones
- follow all parking signs - these help keep your child as safe as possible
- park responsibly even if it means you have to walk further to the school gate
- never double park - it is illegal and puts children at risk
- never do a U-turn or a three point turn outside the school as it puts children at risk of harm
- model safe and considerate pedestrian and driver behaviours to your child
- always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

To help schools keep the school zone safer for all pedestrians and drivers there are seven new traffic offences with new fines.

None of the seven offences attract demerit points when committed elsewhere on the road but now in a school zone they each come with two points.

The changes are:

1. Stopping in intersection - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will **receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.**
2. Stop within 20m of intersection (traffic lights) - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will **receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.**
3. Stop within 10m of intersection (no traffic lights) - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will **receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.**
4. Stop near bicycle crossing lights - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will **receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.**
5. Obstruct access to ramp/path/passageway - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will **receive a penalty of \$330 and 2 demerit points.**
6. Not parallel park in the direction of travel - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will **receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.**
7. Parallel park close to dividing line - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will **receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.**

TEACHERS ON DUTY

A reminder that teachers are not on duty until 8.45am. We all know that we have teachers on site earlier than that, however, before 8.45am they are in meetings or doing preparation. Any bus child that arrives prior to 8.45am should sit or stand near the staffroom steps and wait for the teacher to start duty. Local town children should not be dropped to school earlier than 8.45am.

ATTENDANCE NOTICES

You may have received a notice discussing your child's attendance. As confronting as that is for some families, please understand that it is a Department of Education requirement that we monitor attendance and make contact with families regularly when it falls below 85%. With our new electronic roll marking system, and some families utilising our app for letting us know about absences (which is a sensational way to do it!) there is sometimes a lag in one system talking to the other. So, if you get a reminder from the teacher about a note (even if you have let us know via the school app) please just understand, again they are merely doing their job and trying to assist you. Thank you for your partnership in this.

CLEAN UP DAY NOTICE

We will be helping Clean Up Australia by making sure our school is spick and span this Friday 2nd March when we will have our Clean Up Day. Students are welcome to bring their own gloves if they would like to. Before we start our clean up, teachers will speak to students about staying safe, and leaving really yucky stuff to the grown ups to manage. Staff will also ensure that students wash their hands thoroughly once we have finished our clean up.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

The following students are to be congratulated for being voted in by their class mates as members of the Student Representative Council. These students will be presented with their badges at this week's assemblies.

Yellow - Archer Mahoney
Navy - Benjamin Orban, William Hanlon
Pink - Riley Montiadis, Isabelle Flight
White - Jordyn McFadden, Reese Plum
Black - Matthew Galloway, Kate Harris

Red - Chloe Orban, Tai Whitford
Blue - Taryn Gilchrist, Rhys Belford
Purple - Edi De Camps, Nate Evans
Orange - Amelie King, Chaise Hopkins

NOTICE of MEETING: P & C AGM

A reminder that the 2018 P & C AGM will be held on Wednesday 7th March at 6.30pm in the Staffroom. All P & C Officer positions will be declared vacant and we will call for nominations for the executive positions of President, Vice-President (x2), Secretary and Treasurer, as well as the Uniforms Officer, Promotions Officer and the canteen subcommittee. The March ordinary meeting will follow the AGM. The new officers will commence their new roles at the ordinary meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

P&C CLAIM THE DATE

Please set aside the 2nd of November as we will be having our **Twilight Fete!** Over the coming months we will be calling on helpers and all those with the amazing expertise that has always brought many people over to our side of the river to enjoy the fun of a NWPS fete! Please stay tuned, but for now, pop the date into your calendars!

SPORTS VOUCHERS

Coles Sports for Schools is back to help Aussie kids stay fit and healthy! When you shop at Coles, you'll receive Sports for Schools vouchers that your local school can exchange for sports gear.

The more vouchers you collect, the more sports gear they'll receive. Start collecting today because the race is on!

Our collection box is on the steps near Mrs Crocker's office
...see how many you can fill it up with!



PARENT SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

The general **Parent School Contribution** is a voluntary contribution to the school and is set at **\$48.00** per child for the whole year. We would greatly appreciate if this could be forwarded to the school office during Term 1, if possible, to assist with planning of the school budget. Thank you in advance of a positive response to this request.

SUBJECT CONTRIBUTIONS

Each year we request payment for "**Subject Contributions**". This is a specific request for books used in individual classes and a photocopy levy. The contribution is **\$30** for each child. It would be greatly appreciated if this payment could be received by the end of Term 1. Thank you in advance.

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.

CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday 28th February- Leanne Mather, HELP NEEDED

Friday 2nd March- Kirsty Barby, Marissa McMahon

Monday 5th March- Emma Lowing



Canteen volunteers needed
for Athletics Carnival
Please let the office know if
you can help on 69213533.

NOTES ETC TO BE RETURNED

PRIMARY STUDENTS ATHLETICS NOTE - Due back by Wednesday 14th March

WAGGA PSSA SWIMMING NOTE - Notes have been sent home to those students who have qualified.

Please return by this Thursday 1st March.

PARENT SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION - Payment by the end of Term 1

SUBJECT CONTRIBUTION - Payment would be appreciated by the end of Term 1

COMMUNITY NEWS

WAGGA KANGAROOS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB- Registrations now open. Ages: Rugby league - U6,U7,U8,U11, U12,U14 & U15's. Girls League Tag-U8LT,U10LT Blues & 12LT Blue. Further information to register contact Anna 0439403015 or email pakeough71@gmail.com