



# NORTH WAGGA PUBLIC SCHOOL

*Building a Culture of Excellence*



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## swimming Carnival



### What's on at NWPS...

<input type="checkbox"/>	Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup> February	P&C Meeting at 6.30pm in Staffroom
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup> February	Welcome Back to School BBQ – 5.30-6.30pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup> February	Years 3-6 Assembly, 2.30pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday	16 <sup>th</sup> February	Years K-2 Assembly, 12.30pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> March	Wagga PSSA Swimming Carnival
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup> March	Riverina PSSA Swimming Carnival
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup> March	Primary Students Athletics Carnival
<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday	30 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday
<input type="checkbox"/>	Monday	9 <sup>th</sup> April	School Cross Country



**Claim the Date!**

"Welcome back to School BBQ"  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb, 5.30-6.30pm

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We blinked and here we are in week 2 already! I have had so many students at my office door coming to show me their learning and demonstrating that they are working hard and enjoying what they are doing in the classrooms. Well done, kids!



Yesterday we had a visit from some players from the Sydney Swans. The children enjoy the message they shared and greatly appreciated that we were included in their schedule of school visits.

This Friday the teachers will be sending home letters to each of their classes around the routines and expectations they have. Please watch out for them in the bottom of your child's bag.

After a slight mix up with some dates that went out on our printed newsletter last week, I want to confirm that our first P & C meeting for the year is TOMORROW night. It starts at 6.30pm in the staffroom.

This Thursday we are very fortunate to welcome visitors from the Premier's Implementation Unit to our school. They will be formally welcomed by our School Leaders before meeting with myself and the rest of the school executive. A visit to classrooms will then occur before they run a focus group with some of our teachers after school. 2017 was a very good year for our students, whose NAPLAN results showed they were gaining critical skills and knowledge at a faster rate than in many other parts of the country. In 2018, we remain firmly committed to continuing our trajectory of growth and ensuring all students benefit from our focus and resolve.

Have a great week,

Mandy Crocker  
Principal



## CONGRATULATIONS KIDS!

Many of our students keep up their amazing efforts after school, through the weekends and into the holidays. A shout out to Mason and Crawford who both has some successes in the holidays.

Mason competed in the NSW country championships which were held in Wollongong on

Australia Day weekend. In the under 12's 1500m he won gold and in the under 12's 800m he won silver! Well done, Mason!

Crawford was one of the four students selected to sing the National Anthem at the Australia Day commemorations. Well done, Crawford.

We don't always hear of these things, but are always happy to celebrate our students' achievements if we are made aware of them. Thanks to families for sharing this information.



## ASSEMBLY – CHANGES in 2018

Anyone who has been to an assembly over the past year will understand that our school hall is either shrinking, or we seem to be taking up more space in it! To make it more comfortable for everyone, this year we will be having a K-2 Assembly and a separate Year 3-6 one.

**Years 3-6 assembly** will be held every second Thursday afternoon at 2.30pm. **The first Years 3-6 assembly will be THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup>.**

At this assembly, the newly elected House Captains and Vice Captains and Term 1 Class Councillors will receive their badges and the age champions from the swimming carnival will receive their trophies.

### HOUSE CAPTAINS

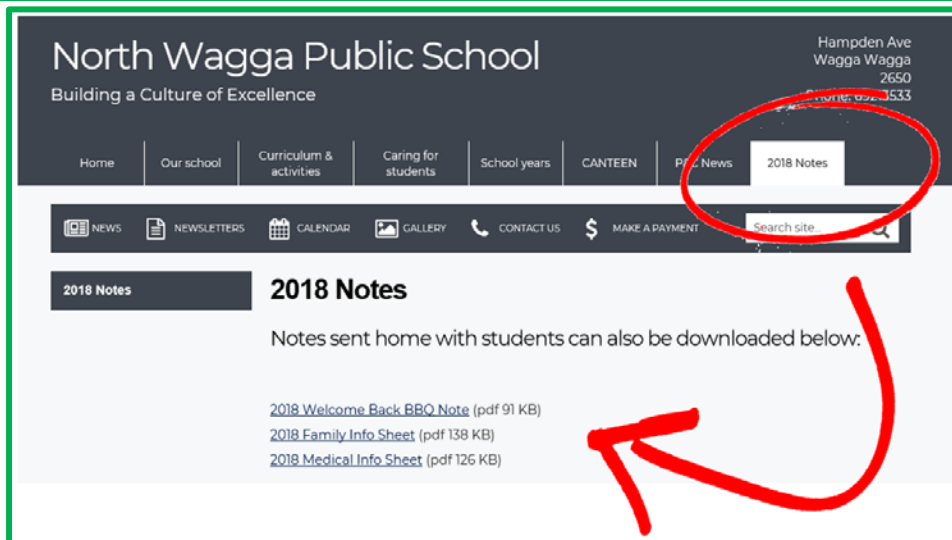
Farrer Captains: Kate Harris, Carter Chobdzynski  
Sturt Captains: Emmy McMahon, Thomas Pumpa

Farrer Vice Captains: Isabella De Camps, Lucas Brett  
Sturt Vice Captains: Maggie Watt, Thomas Spackman

**The K-2 assembly** will be held every second Friday afternoon, just before lunch, commencing at 12.30pm. **The first K-2 assembly will be FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup>.** Stage 1 students will receive their Term 1 Class Councillor badges.

## WELCOME BACK BBQ and OTHER NOTES

Please keep your catering notes coming back in to ensure we have enough food on hand to cover everyone's needs next week. If you've lost yours, you can always find copies of most notes on our school website. Head over to [www.northwagga-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.northwagga-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) and click on the 2018 Notes tab.



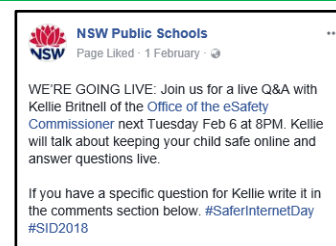
## E-SAFETY



Want some information about keeping your child safe online?

We're already working with Wagga Police Liaison officers to organise student cyber-safety workshops, as well as a parent info session.

In the meantime, there's a Facebook Live event HAPPENING TONIGHT at 6pm that you can watch and interact with. You will need to head over to the NSW Public Schools page and like it so you get their notifications. If you go onto Facebook sooner, you can post questions that Kellie Britnell of the [Office of the eSafety Commissioner](#) may answer during the Q & A broadcast.



## KEEPING UP WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Are you on Facebook, and have you had the chance to like our school page? Feedback so far is that many families are really keeping up to date with our school via the means of social media. We utilise the Facebook page as well as an app. To find us on Facebook search for @NorthWaggaPS and like our page.



For our app go to the App Store or Google Play store and search for North Wagga. You can login with the following information: **Username:** community **Password:** northwaggaps. If your phone does an automatic update, be sure you check you're still logged into the app to ensure you continue to get push notifications. 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

## SIGN IN/OUT PROCEDURE

If you are running late to school or you need to pick your child up early please see the office and sign your child in or out. This is done electronically in the school office. One slip per child is to be filled out and handed to their class teacher. Late arrivals need to be signed in by a parent/guardian. Families are encouraged to NOT make any appointments for students through the day that can occur after school instead.

## BUS PASSES

Students who normally require a BUSABOUT bus pass were handed them last week. If asked by the bus driver for a bus pass and your child doesn't already have one, they are to say it is being processed as drivers have to ask all children for their passes. All bus pass applications and change of address are done online at: [transportnsw.info/school-students](http://transportnsw.info/school-students)

## 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> February- Jen Fewson**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February-Carol Mulley, Justine Reynolds, Jason Davis**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February-Jenny Chobdzynski**



### HUME SCHOOL BANKING

Don't forget that Wednesday is school banking day. If your child has an account with the Hume Bank, deposits may be made by sending the book and money to school on Wednesday for collection by the Hume Bank representative. If you wish for your child to become a Clancy Koala Junior Saver please collect an information envelope and application form from the school office.

### 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.

**YEAR 6 T-SHIRTS** Order form + \$40 due by this Friday. If this turn around is difficult for families, please communicate that to Mr Motton.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

Wagga Wagga Netball Clinic Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Age & Time 6 - 10years 9am-11am, 11+ years 11am - 1pm Cost \$50 per person. Please bring water bottle, snack & comfortable shoes. Register [www.spnetball.com/clinics](http://www.spnetball.com/clinics). Registration closes 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018