

Term 1, Week 1, 2018



NORTH WAGGA PUBLIC SCHOOL



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What's on at NWPS...

<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	2 nd February	Primary students Swimming Carnival
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	7 th February	P&C Meeting at 6.30pm in Staffroom
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	14 th February	Welcome Back to School BBQ – 5.30-6.30pm
<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
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We have had an influx of a lot of new families over the final few weeks of 2017, and this first school week in 2018. 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

Welcome back!

Yesterday we had a really lovely day settling the students into their classes and welcoming lots of new faces to our school. This is our largest Kindergarten group ever, and the teachers commented how much more grown up they were since we did our orientation program at the end of last year. It was also lovely to welcome many new faces into the older classes in our school. We have had many families who have come from out of town and it is wonderful to be able to have their children join us for their schooling.



Claim the Date!

"Welcome back to School BBQ"

Wednesday 14th Feb, 5.30-6.30pm

The teachers had a full day of professional learning on Monday where we reviewed our students learning information and readied ourselves for the start of our new School Plan, which we will implement over the next three years (if you want to find out more please come along to next week's P & C meeting).

As you can see above, we have a "Welcome back" BBQ where all our families are invited to enjoy a sausage sizzle and a quick catch up where students will have the chance to introduce their families to their class teachers. A return slip for catering is attached to this newsletter. All teachers will be sending home an information sheet to families on the 9th February detailing information around home learning, home reading, sport and library days. Please be on the look out for those as they may be in the bottom of your child's bag.

In 2018, we will be looking to have as many **FULL COLOUR newsletters** actually sent out to families via either **email, our app, or accessed on our school website**. This will be to try and reduce the printing of them. Attached to this newsletter you will find a "Family Information Sheet" on it you will be asked to tick a box if you would like the newsletter emailed (or you intend to access it yourself via our app/website). If you do this, we will no longer print a black and white copy for you.

Tomorrow is a big day on our school calendar for all students who are aged 8 or above at our school. We are off to the Oasis Aquatic Centre for our annual swimming carnival. The weather will seem cooler with only temps in the mid-twenties predicted, however, that will make for a nice change!

Have a great day ☺

Mandy Crocker

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

We have three new staff members who have joined us. We welcome Sophie Saddler who has been appointed to our school as a permanent teacher. This is Sophie's first teaching appointment and we think it's wonderful that she is starting her career at North Wagga!

Ursula Schwarz has been appointed as our new School Counsellor. Ursula's base school is Mount Austin High School, but she will be servicing our school one day a week, as per our counsellor allocation.

Melinda Tom has joined our office staff and will be working with us three days a week. Melinda shares her week between us and Lake Albert Public School.

Welcome to North Wagga Public School!



2018 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The annual swimming carnival will be held TOMORROW. Primary children will be attending and also children in Year 2 who will be turning 8 this year who are able to swim 25m. Students in Year 2 who turn 8 in 2018 who cannot swim 25 metres of the pool are required to stay at school with their usual classroom teacher, unless they have brought permission notes in to indicated they are spectators only. Students are permitted to leave the event before the end of the school day, if they are signed out by a parent/caregiver. The sign out records will be with Mrs Frogley and Mrs McIntosh.

ALL STUDENTS ATTENDING THE CARNIVAL SHOULD ARRIVE AT SCHOOL IN THE MORNING AT THEIR USUAL TIME SO ROLLS CAN BE MARKED BEFORE LEAVING FOR THE POOL.

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 2018 class structures in place.

We do have some teachers who are only working part-time, and therefore some classes are covered with a job-share arrangement. The details of those, as well as the class names, are listed below:

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:

Class	Staff	Additional Role
Lime	Mrs Standley	Early/Stage 1 AP
Green	Mrs Librando/Mrs Grieve	
Yellow	Ms Moore	
Red	Mrs Richardson/Mrs Wood	
Navy	Mrs Havrlant/Mrs Cattle	
Blue	Mrs Quilliam	
Pink	Mrs Phillips/Mrs Walker	
White	Miss Saddler	
Purple	Mrs Hilton	
Black	Mr Motton	
Orange	Mrs Diaz	Stage 3 AP

Role	Staff	Additional Role
Learning and Engagement	Miss Woodside	Stage 2 AP
Learning Support	Mrs Frogley	
Library	Mrs McIntosh	
Student Support Officer	Mrs Baker	
Student Support Officer	Mrs Langfield	
Student Support Officer	Mr Mulloy	
School Admin Manager	Mrs Johanson	
School Admin Officer	Mrs Archer	
School Admin Officer	Mrs Tom	
General Assistant	Mr Lashbrook	
Counsellor	Ms Schwarz	
Senior Psychologist	Ms Jahn	
Principal	Mrs Crocker	

BUS PASSES

Students who normally require a BUSABOUT bus pass were handed them yesterday. 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

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.

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

P & C

Our first P & C meeting for the year is scheduled for next Wednesday night. Everyone is welcome and we'd love to see some fresh news faces there. It starts at 6.30pm in the staffroom.

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

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

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\$ 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

Friday 2nd February Jane Chobdzynski, Doug McDonald, Robyn McDonald

Monday 5th February Helen Clayton



A 2018 menu is attached to this newsletter, look for the bright orange paper!

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Now Open - Expressions of Interest for Junior Footballers and Netballers

Netball and Football players both current and new are invited to join up with the North Wagga AFNC Saints for the season 2018.

Registration is now open online for football on our webpage www.northwaggasaints.com

Netball Registrations opening soon

Places available in all football age groups from Auskickthrough to Under 17.5's.

For more information please contact our Football Juniors CoOrdinator- Garry Crouch on Ph:0458 263 524

For Netball enquiries or any further club information please contact the club on Ph:0458 010 402Email: nwafnc@gmail.com

Team App -<https://northwaggaafnc.teamapp.com/> Facebook -<https://www.facebook.com/NorthWaggaAFNC/>

FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASSES

First Reconciliation classes for Catholic children for Year 3 and upwards will begin at 8.45am on Sunday 4th February. Confirmation classes for Catholic children in Year 6 will begin at 8.45am on Sunday 11th February. All classes will be held at St Michael's Parish Centre, Johnston Street (opposite the Cathedral). For enquiries contact Rev Kevin O'Reilly on 6921 2164 or Sr Ina on 6931 0014.