



NORTH WAGGA PUBLIC SCHOOL



Building a Culture of Excellence

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Congratulations on ten visits to our Reading Centre!



What's on at NWPS...

<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	14 th March	Riverina PSSA Swimming Carnival
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	15 th March	WWHS Taster Day, Years 5 & 6
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	15 th March	No Assembly for Years 3-6 due to WWHS Taster Day
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	16 th March	Year 2 K-2 Assembly, 12.30pm in the hall
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	21 st March	School Athletics Carnival
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	28 th March	Easter Hat Parade 12.00PM
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	29 th March	Mufti Day- "Going Green for FOGO"
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	30 th March	Good Friday
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	2 nd April	Easter Monday
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	12 th April	School ANZAC Service 10.45am

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations to Mrs Frogley, Mrs Standley and Mr Milton (P&C) who, through their hard work and determination, has seen our school awarded a NSW Environmental Trust Eco Schools grant! Their submission was called "North Wagga nude food warriors" and we are looking forward to hearing and seeing more of the project as it unfolds, and expect to see new vegie gardens, container collections, tree plantings and even waste audits!

Last Wednesday, P & C held their Annual General Meeting and all executive positions were declared vacant. I would like to thank the outgoing P & C exec for the work they did last year, and know they will support the new P & C exec as they find their feet and prepare for a great 2018. Congratulations to the following parents for their election to the executive positions: (President) Amy Baulch, (Vice President): Mickey Nixon, (Vice President): Nicole Hann, (Secretary): Lisa Vandedonk and (Treasurer): Sharon Tuckett.

Each month I am running an attendance report and contacting families where their children's attendance has fallen below 85%. I know some families find these letters confronting, however it is legislation that we monitor and reach out to families when this need is identified.

If families could limit time that children are taken out of school for haircuts, to buy new shoes etc. that would be helpful. I understand that specialist appointments are an exception in that they are difficult to get, but even being 15 minutes late each day culminates in the missing of two and a half years of schooling by the time your child has reached Year 12.

Thank you for your support,

Mandy Crocker
Principal

Found:

A lovely child's ring.
Mrs Crocker has it,
and it is waiting for
someone to be able
to describe it.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CLEARANCE (WWCC)

There are so many questions around this asked by our parents.

Do I need a Working With Children Clearance? Which volunteers do not need to obtain a WWCC clearance?

The vast majority of volunteers in schools are parents of a child attending the school at which they are volunteering. Generally parent volunteers do not require a WWCC.

Some examples of exempt volunteers are (note- this list is not exhaustive):

- Parents volunteering for reading groups in primary school.
- Parents volunteering at a school fete.
- Parents volunteering at school camps
- Parents volunteering to attend excursions
- Parents volunteering at the canteen

However, there are still requirements around volunteers who are exempt from obtaining WWCCs, and that involves completing some paperwork and providing 100 points of ID to the school. The school is also required to check the Department of Education's *Not to be Employed* List

For parent volunteers, your part can be done easily by visiting our office and collecting and completing the forms, providing the 100 points of ID, which we will photocopy and file with your paperwork.

The help you provide to our school is greatly appreciated and we couldn't be the great school we are without your support, so please assist us to ensure we are compliant with this legislation.

EMAILED NEWSLETTERS ARE COMING

If you indicated you would like your newsletter emailed, thank you! We haven't forgotten you, and soon you will begin to receive the full colour version straight to your inbox. For now, you can always access the digital version from our school website as well as copies of all the notes that are sent home each week. Head over to <http://www.northwagga-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/newsletters> to start reading!

NO SENIOR ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

Due to the Wagga Wagga HS "Taster Day" this Thursday, we will not be having a Senior Assembly on Thursday. The Junior Assembly on Friday will still go ahead. The next Senior Assembly will be on the 29th March.

CYBERBULLYING



Cyberbullying is an important issue for our young people today. Cyberbullying is bullying which takes place over digital devices such as mobile phones, computers and tablets. Cyberbullying can occur through texts, apps, online, in social media, in forums or gaming, and involves sending, posting or sharing negative, harmful false or mean content about someone else.

At North Wagga Public School, we want to support and empower students to understand what cyberbullying is, what actions they can take if they are the target of cyberbullying, and ensure students stay safe in the digital world.

Next Wednesday, Constable Tim Burke will be visiting our school to present Cyberbullying seminars to students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. This is the first of a number of strategies we are planning to support our students. Additionally, we are currently organising parent seminars to empower parents to support children as well. More information about these parent seminars will be made available shortly – keep an eye on the Newsletter.

In the meantime, if you would like to read more about how you can support your child to stay safe online, you can visit the Australian Government Institute of Family Studies by following this link:

<https://aifs.gov.au/cfca/publications/online-safety>

FOOD ORGANICS and GARDEN ORGANICS (FOGO) – MUFTI DAY

We are joining with Wagga City Council on Thursday March 29 and "Going Green for FOGO". This is a Wagga-wide Mufti Day to recognise the change to waste management across Wagga Wagga. It seems fitting that we join in given that we are trying to be much more environmentally conscious with our waste, gardens as well as our Healthy Canteen. So for our FOGO Mufti Day students are asked to wear as much green as possible. We will recognise it at our assemblies that week and each student will receive a memento from Wagga City Council.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue 2 of Book Club has been sent home with today's newsletter and orders will need to be completed by **Wednesday, 21st March**. This year it has been decided that all orders will need to be paid online using Book Club LOOP. LOOP is an online ordering and payment platform through Scholastic. There are easy to follow steps which are detailed in the flyer which has also gone home with today's newsletter. We would like to thank Jackie O'Reilly, on behalf of the P&C who has kindly offered to compile the orders each issue. **PLEASE NOTE:** All orders are to be paid online to **Scholastic** - please do not send your payment or paper order to school.

P&C SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

A blue order form was sent home yesterday to all students. Please complete this and return it to school along with payment by this Friday, 16th March.

Parents are welcome to attend the Athletics Carnival. It would be great if we could have some extra hands on the day to get the lunches out. **If you would like to help for a little while, on your arrival at the Athletics Carnival it would be fantastic if you could pop into the canteen they will be able to suggest a time to pop back and help on a roster basis so lunches are out on time and all parents get to watch their child's events.**

With the new Healthy Canteen Policy we are able to have Red Days. This will be a Red Day which means we can sell lollies and cakes at the canteen as well as other goodies.

Also there will be a coffee van to help you enjoy the day so please support this!

EASTER EGG HAT PARADE & RAFFLE



Once again for Easter the SRC team, Mrs Richardson and Ms Moore are very excited to host another Easter Raffle. We would be grateful if you could bring in some chocolate eggs of different sizes and shapes for prizes for the raffle. Any Easter baskets, in good condition, will be great for our prizes too. The Easter eggs will need to be in by the 23rd of March. The tickets will cost 50c each or 3 for \$1. We will start selling them on Tuesday the 13th of March in the morning before the bell and 1st half lunch.

The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday the 28th of March at our Easter Hat Parade, which will commence at 12.00pm.

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2018

Each year students from public schools across NSW and ACT who are in need of a break from their everyday life, attend Stewart House. Please refer to their website for more information. You can support this worthy cause by participating in

the Stewart House Donation Drive 2018. Simply place \$2 in the envelope that has been sent home today and complete the details on the back to go into the draw for a wonderful holiday valued at \$4,000.

Envelopes due back by 6th April.

SUBJECT CONTRIBUTION AND VOLUNTARY PARENT CONTRIBUTION

Just a reminder that the payment for Subject Contributions is \$30 and the Voluntary Parent Contribution is \$48. It would be greatly appreciated if these were made by the end of Term 1.

Support North Wagga - send all of your Coles vouchers in!!!

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!



MAD FOOD SCIENCE

UNIFORM NEWS

3 Reasons Red Foods Are Awesome



Red fruits and vegetables are nutritionally powerful, making them awesome lunch box foods.

1. GREAT BRAIN FOOD

Red fruits and vegetables aid in memory function, making them an important part of the lunchbox mix. Ensure you include a red food daily to help with your child's learning.

2. KEEPS OUR HEARTS HEALTHY

The food we pack our children today affects their health into their adulthood. Include red foods to promote healthy hearts.

3. HELPS PROTECT AGAINST DIABETES

Help protect your child from diabetes by adding red fruits and vegetables to their lunchbox. Lowering processed sugar and regular physical activity also helps.

RED FRUITS & VEGETABLES TO INCLUDE

Apples, strawberries, cherries, goji berries, watermelon, raspberries, red grapes, tomatoes, beets, red capsicum. Choose fruit and veg in season in Australia because it will be fresher.

FUN IDEAS THAT USE RED FOODS

- Choose 2 red fruits and 2 red veg that your children like. Rotate them in their lunchbox each day for variety.
- Make a red fruit salad of watermelon, red grapes and strawberries.
- Cherry tomatoes make a great finger food. Skewer them with cheese to make them more fun.
- Roast some beets and blitz them with hummus for a pink hummus.



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FOR FREE WEEKLY RECIPES, LUNCH BOX INSPIRATION, AND A FREE EBOOK, SIGN UP VIA EMAIL AT THEFOODCAUSE.COM.AU.



Uniform orders together with payment can be handed in to the school office and once a week (usually on Friday) 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.

North Wagga Public School P&C Uniform Price List

Gold polo long sleeve shirts- \$25	Green winter Jackets- \$40
Gold polo short sleeve -\$22	Girls grey bootleg pants- \$22
Sports track pants- \$25	Sports shirts- \$25
Boys grey pants- \$22	Sports shorts- \$15
Hats- \$5	V-neck Jumpers- \$25
Library satchel bags with logo- \$15	

Please note the Sports Shorts will increase to \$25 for Term 2

Uniform orders will now be filled on a Friday instead of a Thursday.



CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday 14th March- Jen Fewson

Friday 16th March- Jenny Chobdzynski, Meredith West, Leanne Mather

Monday 19th March- Jo Jolliffe



NOTES ETC TO BE RETURNED

SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL NOTE - Due back by Wednesday 14th March

VOLUNTARY PARENT SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION - Payment would be appreciated by the end of Term 1

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

HIGH SCHOOL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST NOTES - All notes due back by Wednesday 14th March

SYDNEY EXCURSION NOTE - Permission notes & \$50 deposit due by Friday 6th April

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL SAUSAGE SIZZLE NOTE & MONEY - Due by Friday 16th March

BOOK CLUB - Due back by Wednesday 21st March

STEWART HOUSE - Donation Drive envelopes due back Friday 6th April