This week, all NSW Public School’s celebrate Education Week. The theme for Education Week 2019 is ‘Every Student, Every Voice.’

The key messages for this year’s theme are:

**Authentic participation:**
Student voice is more than just having a say. Valuing and actioning the ideas, opinions and expertise of all students has significant impact for student wellbeing.

**Partners in learning:**
Student perspectives, experiences and aspirations shape and enrich our schools and communities and actively influence our decision-making as we strive to be the best education system in Australia.

**Respectful relationships:**
Working collaboratively with other students and teachers, our young people grow into engaged learners and ethical citizens able to contribute positively to their school and wider community.

**Connecting communities:**
We connect our diverse communities by creating and sustaining inclusive, interactive learning environments that use advanced technologies to promote and extend student influence beyond the classroom walls.

**Change makers:**
A culture of high expectations empowers our students to build a shared sense of purpose, self-value and belonging that will prepare them for future lives as active citizens in an increasingly complex and dynamic society.

*Please join us on Thursday 8th August at the Wagga Marketplace at 11.00am to enjoy the talents of our performance groups. They will perform outside Big W. Limited seating available so get there a little early to secure a seat.*

On Friday 9th August we will be holding our school Open Day. Parents and friends are invited to join us for a sausage sizzle lunch at 1.00pm. (Orders and money by Wednesday.) After lunch, we will be holding a special assembly to showcase our performance groups—choirs and dance groups. After this, you are welcome to visit with your children’s class and join in the activities they have planned.

**WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US**
Mindfulness in the Classroom

We know that to really make a positive impact on children’s mental health, we need to provide them with skills that can be used throughout their lives. If we tune in to our body and our mind through mindfulness and meditation, we can improve our learning. The Smiling Mind Education Programs are mapped to the curriculum and designed to support educators to bring mindfulness into the classroom.

The Smiling Mind Education Program offers mental health and wellbeing tools designed for primary and secondary aged children. It has been successfully implemented in a wide variety of government and non-government schools with positive results in classes of all sizes, backgrounds, locations and ages.

The Smiling Mind Education Program has been proven to help students with sleep, wellbeing, managing emotions, concentration and school behaviour including reductions in bullying. The program also assists with:

- stress management,
- increased resilience,
- increased creativity,
- better decision making, and
- a sense of calm, clarity and contentment.

Research has shown that involving the whole community – teachers, parents and students – is the most effective way to gain the long-lasting benefits of mindfulness. At WWPS, we will be using the Smiling Mind program to enrich the learning and wellbeing programs we already offer. This highly effective program will support us in building our culture of caring, compassionate, and mature students, and provide us with the further skills and resources needed for an optimal learning environment. To find out more or to try some mindfulness for yourself, go to: SmilingMind.com.au or install the Smiling Mind app.

SRC ASSEMBLY

Parents of our Semester 2 SRC representatives are invited to attend our special assembly on Wednesday 14th August at 2.15pm for the presentation of their badges.

BOOK WEEK PARADE:

Our 2019 Book Character Parade will be on Friday 23rd August at 9.15am. We invite all children to come dressed as their favourite book character or superhero. We would love you to join us on this day.

TEN TRAINING:

With Miss Birthisel’s return, we are fortunate to be able to provide professional learning for a large number of our teachers in key numeracy programs which inform our teaching practice and improve our student results. This term 11 Junior and Middle School teachers will be undertaking TEN (Targeted Early Numeracy) training on Mondays and Tuesdays. Opportunities will also be provided for classroom observations and demonstration lessons throughout the term.

PLAY IS THE WAY:

Next Monday, we are excited to welcome Mr Wilson McCaskill to Wagga Wagga Public School to work with our teachers and students on refining our delivery of the Play is the Way program. Wilson is the developer and founder of this program and is an absolute inspiration to work with. This is a rare opportunity which we have sourced to provide the best wellbeing programs available for our students and our school.

PAYMENT REMINDERS:

- Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
- Stage 3 sport (next $10)
- Stage 2 Borambola Excursion
- The Crow 2019
- Sausage Sizzle note and $$
After much time and effort we have written a set of new school rules which directly align with our Pillars of Power (school values), our focus on wellbeing and emotional intelligence, and our Play is the Way initiative. We would appreciate you talking with your child/ren at home to support us in introducing these very positive rules into our school practices, behaviours and culture.
**HANSEL AND GRETEL PERFORMANCE**

Hansel and Gretel performance

Congratulations to Mrs Blackett and her team on the fabulous performance of Hansel and Gretel. We were amazed by the student’s acting ability. We raised $250 which will go towards the beautification of the toilets.

**SRC ASSEMBLY**

SRC Assembly

On Wednesday 14th August (week 4) at 2.15pm under the COLA, we are holding a special whole school assembly to present the Semester 2 SRC representatives with their badges. We invite any parents, grandparents, family and friends to come along and share this exciting time with these students.

**YANCO DRUMMING BAND VISIT**
Wagga Wagga Public School presents

“RIDE THROUGH THE DECADES”
Our Creative and Performing Arts Concert for 2019

PERFORMANCES
Evening: Wednesday 18th September  6.30pm – 8.30pm
Evening: Thursday 19th September 6.30pm – 8.30pm
Tickets will go on sale in WEEK 6 Monday 26th August
Payments & Tickets ONLY available at the office
Prices will be $8 for adults, $6 for children and $25 for a family (2 adults/2 children).
R U OK? Day is an annual day on September 12th, dedicated to remind people to ask family, friends and colleagues the question, “R U OK?”, in a meaningful way, because connecting regularly and meaningfully is one thing everyone can do to make a difference to anyone who might be struggling. This year our school will be holding an R U OK? Day. Think YELLOW and CAKES!

Watch this space for more details to follow!

Mrs Elsley

RIVERINA DANCE ENSEMBLE

Thank you for your support

Last Friday’s Mufti Day raised $388.20 for the Wagga Wagga Riverina Dance Ensemble. Thank you to the Wagga Wagga Public School Community for their support with this fundraiser, these funds will assist the group with travel and accommodation for School Spectacular in November.

We have some community fundraisers in coming months which we will keep posted in our school newsletter which we hope you may be able to support and further our fundraising efforts.

Piper Olsen, Chelsea Holle & Amelia Gray

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Starts: Monday 19th August
Ends: Sunday 15th December
15 week program

Current Customer enrolment
Monday 29th July to Sunday 11th August

New or Returning Customers
Monday 12th August
Plan Ahead
Christmas 2019/New Years 2020

An early notice to all parents and carers. WWPSC BASC will be closed 6pm Friday 20th December 2019 and will reopen for vacation care 6th January 2020.
P&C Calendar of Events

Term 3
23/08/19 Book Parade Morning Tea
30/08/19 Fathers Day Breakfast
03/09/19 P&C Meeting
07/09/19 Bernardi’s BBQ

Term 4
22/10/19 P&C Meeting AGM
26/11/19 P&C Meeting

Canteen News

Wednesday Special
Sushi (Sweet chilli chicken, teriyaki chicken or tuna) $6.00

If you can spare an hour or two, Silvy would love a hand in the canteen.

The Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop is open on Fridays 8.30 to 9.30am.

If you have any good quality, unwanted uniform items, the uniform shop will gladly accept them.

P&C Weekly News

Facebook Group: Facebook/Wagga Wagga Public School P&C
Email: wwps.pc@gmail.com

Bernardi’s BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES Program


THIRSTY TRIBUTARY

Don’t forget:

Any time that you’re visiting the Thirsty Crow, mention WWPS P&C, and they will donate a percentage of that sale back to us (in the form of vouchers).

Anyone can do it, so please let all your family and friends know!

Wagga Wagga City Council Grants

Our application of ‘Feeding their Futures – Healthy Eating at Wagga Wagga Public School’ was successful. $2655 was approved for the purchase of a conveyor toaster, a 20L stockpot and 30-cup rice cooker to be used for the breakfast club and in the canteen. A huge thank you to Nicole Maher for compiling and submitting the application. Mel Painting and Krystal Hutchings will attend the presentation morning tea to be held at the Rules Club on 29th August.

A HUGE thank you to the Lashbrook family for donating all the eggs for the upcoming Father’s Day breakfast.