From The Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents,

The P&C Association AGM was held last night and was well attended. Congratulations to Nathan Reynolds, one of our new parents who was voted in unopposed as President. This meeting was followed by a productive Ordinary Meeting where the P&C agreed in principle to fund a number of programs for the school throughout the year including technology equipment, new seating and furniture and school grounds and environmental improvements.

Here at North Wagga Public School we recognise that what teachers know, do and care about is very powerful in student learning. This is why we place a strong emphasis on both external and internal professional learning for all teachers at our school.

Today is the first phase of professional learning for the Year 3 to 6 teachers in Taking off With Numeracy (TOWN). TOWN is a whole class intervention program that focuses on improving the numeracy skills of students in Stage 2 and 3 who are not performing at expected stage level. The training will be held at school and we are very fortunate that Mrs Librando has been accredited to present the training.

As requested, a copy of upcoming PSSA gala days and knockout matches has been put in the newsletter. Please be aware that these dates are subject to change by the PSSA and are out of our control in most instances. If you think you have the necessary skills and would like to assist to train a team, please let the school know.

The first of these PSSA competitions is the Trent Barrett Shield which is aimed at students in Years 3 and 4 only. For boys this involves modified tackle football and for the girls tag rules. An expression of interest note with more information will be sent home to Years 3 and 4 students later in the week and then they can try out for the team next week. Thank you to Marcus and Jane Chobdzynski who have offered to train the boys.

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In May 2015 the National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools. The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 12-14 May. A separate letter with more information will be sent home to Years 3 and 4 students later in the week and then they can try out for the team next week. Thank you to Marcus and Jane Chobdzynski who have offered to train the boys.

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Brad Griffith,
Principal
The SRC would love donations of Easter Eggs - any type, size and colour - to go towards their Easter Egg raffle fundraiser. Tickets for this yummy raffle will go on sale from next Monday. The SRC will be selling tickets to the students before school and during lunch, 50c each or 3 for $1.00. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 2nd April.

Remember, the more eggs we have donated the more prizes there will be... so please donate!

BOOK CLUB
Last Friday order forms went out for Scholastic Book Club. **They are due back by Thursday, 12th March.** Sorry no late orders will be accepted. Please note the school is able to purchase more books for the library due to getting a commission from the orders processed.

WAGGA WAGGA HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS AND STUDENTS
This will be held on Wednesday, March 18th in Curry Hall from 6.00pm to find out about the transition from Year 6 to Year 7 at Wagga Wagga High. It will be followed at 7.00pm by a Triple E Class information session for parents and students if you would like more information about this class for more advanced students.

HARMONY DAY
This is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. It is normally celebrated 21st March however since this is a Saturday we are celebrating it on 20th March instead. Celebrations will include the making of Harmony Day kites in peer support groups. It will also be a mufti day and students are encouraged to wear a splash of orange!

UNSW EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT
Students in Year 3-6 should have received a permission note for the University of NSW Educational Assessments. If you wish your child to participate in these competitions please return the note and payment to the school by Friday, 27th March. Sorry no late entries will be accepted.

Please note that these assessments are an optional activity that you may like your child to be involved in.

DATES FOR YOUR INFORMATION - PSSA Events for NWPS

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RIVERINA CENTRAL CHOIR
Last week 6 of our girls were nominated to audition at South Wagga Public School for the Riverina Central Choir. We are very proud to announce that all six girls were selected. It is a big commitment as they need to attend regular rehearsals. At these rehearsals they need to consistently display vocal accuracy, sound focus, good behaviour but above all attend with a positive attitude and happy disposition. We have no doubt they will all represent North Wagga PS with pride.
Congratulations girls!

HELPER WANTED
Mrs McIntosh was wondering if anyone would be able to cover some books with contact for her. If you can help, please leave your name with the office ladies. Thank you.

NOTES, ETC TO BE RETURNED
Book Club orders are due back by this Thursday 12th March
Cross Country Permission notes and $2 for children aged 8 – 12 going to Apex Park on Thursday, April 23rd
UNSW Educational Assessment Years 3-6 payment and notes due back by Friday 27th March
Pink Family Occupation and Education forms to be returned as soon as possible
P&C Raffle Tickets due back by Wednesday 25th March
General School Contribution - $45.00 per student
Subject Contributions are due this term, K-Yr 2 $20.00 and Yr 3-6 $28.00

Some of our students participating in Clean Up Australia!

Vegetable Tasting
By Baylee Edwards 1/2S

Last Friday, Chris the school gardener, brang in some vegetables. He brang in some corn and some cucumbers. Did you know that you can eat the corn leaves? I didn’t like the corn or the cucumber. Moses loved the corn leaves.

CAHNEEN NEWS
Firstly, thank you to Katrina Shaw who has been purchasing the goods for the canteen for the last couple of years but is now unable to do this due to work commitments. Thank you also to Annette Kemp who has now volunteered to do the shopping for the canteen. Our canteen relies on our great volunteers – thank you!

CAHNEEN ROSTER
Wednesday, 11th March Jen Fewson, Maree Beresford
Friday, 13th March Kylie Hulm, Ros Perritt, Carol Mulley
Monday, 16th March Sam Leah, Sheree Scott

COMMUNITY NEWS
NSW DEPT OF SPORT AND RECREATION PROGRAMS
Sport and Recreation will again be conducting its popular Game On! Program and Kids Camps during the school holidays at the Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre. To enrol in either program call 13 13 02 or to enrol online go to: