School Council elections for 2016

It is with great delight that we welcome new parent representatives John Elcock, Debi Fisher and Anita Everingham to our School Council. In addition to this, Kelvin Archer has agreed to remain for one more year as a Community Member. I also congratulate and thank staff members Kylie Wealands and Cory Stewart who have been duly elected to School Council. The AGM this week will determine the sign up for each sub-committee and the prefect team are also considering which groups they will have input into this year.

Thank you to outgoing parent representatives, Peter Dewez and Mary Palmer who have given many hours of time to actively participate in the work of various sub-committees and general council. Their commitment and input has been very much appreciated by our school community. Thank you also to Mandy Smith in her term as an elected staff representative.

Parents and Friends AGM

Tuesday night this week was the annual AGM for our Parents and Friends group. Many thanks to committed members who are leaving the PFA at this time; Julie Wilson who has been involved as President, Secretary and Deb Ball Coordinator for several years beyond the time of her children being in the school, Jenny Franklin who has also been part of the group for a long number of years and Sal McDonald who has been President for the past three years. Your work has been very much appreciated by our school community.

Congratulations to newly elected Executive of PFA; Tanya Hopper as President, Anne Diffey as Secretary and Mel Radovanovic as Treasurer. The annual wish list has been publicised to staff for the opportunity to purchase capital items of equipment that support learning programs in the school. The money raised from the Debutante balls each year is the primary source of these additional funds for the school. Thank you to the very dedicated Deb ball committee for their tireless work on our annual year 11 Debutante Balls.

Staffing Updates

Lee Read back from tomorrow to work with Katherine Sullivan in Food Tech and VCAL. Ron Van der Winden will be doing CRT work. Congratulations to Rebekka Carey who will be taking Rob Findlay’s load for the remainder of this term. Welcome back to Rebekka Carey who will be doing CRT work.

Congratulations to Danielle Werner who has been appointed to the Library Technician position for the remainder of this year.

Year 7 Camp at Bright

Thank you to the year 7 staff who organised and ran the year 7 camp in Bright last week. The perfect location for such hot weather with plenty of water activities and some challenging bike riding, archery and team games. Thank you to staff; Kasey Doyle, Lisa McLean, Jackie Mitchell, Nick Grimmer, Bruce Holdern, Martin Cairns, Sharon Mellington and Todd Werner. Students report that they had a great time and met some new friends and got to know their mentor teachers and wellbeing staff better. Thank you to the Peer Educators Kallan Horton, Ben Adams, Maddy Dodd and Georgia Nyman.

Congratulations to the English Domain and Year 8 English teachers

Thank you and well done to Lesley Milne and her team of Year 8 English teachers for their successful application to the Victorian Association for Teachers of English (VATE) to join the Community of Practice learning program offered across Victoria this year. Staff who are involved in this program include, Lesley Milne as English Domain Leader, Donna Hill, Jess Woods, Andrea Belci and Alison McAuley-Hines. We look forward to hearing more about this as it unfolds.

Talent Quest – Theme this year! Blast from the Past!!

Auditions are underway for places in the final program to be presented on Wednesday 23rd March. This event, although a highlight and feature for year 12’s is for all age groups and it is great to see more younger students having a go. The staff have been practising their performance and it will be a great spectacle on the night. Get your tickets for this event now as they sell out very fast. Auditions are on every lunchtime in the PAC with a 20c entry fee. Good luck to all participants.

Swimming sports

Congratulations to all the Age Group Champions from our Swimming Carnival, and to King for taking out the overall title for the 2nd year in a row. Thank you to everyone involved and well done to everyone who dressed up and made the most of the day.

ROAD SAFETY

Parents are asked not to enter the staff car park at any time. This area is for staff parking only.

With the increased use of headphones, students need to be reminded that they must take extra care when crossing roads. Please be patient and wait for cars and buses to move so that you have clear vision before crossing. Use the available crossings and traffic lights to ensure your own safety, and to look out for others.

MYSTERY WORD COMPETITION

This term’s Mystery Word has three letters. This is the term’s final letter.

From the letters printed this term, work out the word and ask a parent/carer to sign the coupons.

Put the letters in an envelope with your name and the answer on the front and bring it to the General Office prior to the day that the competition is drawn.

The winner will be drawn on Friday 18th March and will win a voucher worth $250.00 from Franks Footwear!!
DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH
Monday 14th
Labour Day Public Holiday

Thursday 17th
School Council meeting 6.00pm

Monday 21
Debutante Ball Information Evening
WHS PAC 6.30pm

Wednesday 23rd
Talent Quest
WHS PAC 7.00pm

Thursday 24th
Last day of term 1
2.30 Dismissal

APRIL
Monday 14th
First day of Term 2

DEBUTANTE BALLS 2016

Names are being taken for prospective Debs and Partners for the Deb Balls to be held on 15th, 22nd, 29th July 2016

Lists are on the Notice Board in the Senior Years Learning community.

The 1st Information Night will be held in the School PAC on Monday 21st March 2016 at 6.30 pm

Each Deb & Partner, and one Parent of each are required to attend.

Detailed information sheets will be available at this meeting.

Co-ordinators are:

Debbie Brown 0428 631 119
Anne Diffey 0413 300 477 / 5721 2328

BUS NEWS - School Travel

A reminder to all parents that school bus services are for school use only.

A written note is required from a parent asking for a bus pass, at least 2 days prior to need.

School bus passes are not available for football training, netball training and other social activities.

MYKI Cards for V/Line bus travellers

Bus fees for V/Line travellers may be paid for at the railway station and paperwork collected also. Paperwork then needs to come to the front office at the school to be ratified, then returned to the railway station to receive a MYKI card.

Students must not ride bicycles, scooters or skate boards through the bus area.

There are to be no basketballs/netballs/footballs played with in this area.

In accordance with DET guidelines, “where practicable, bus loading areas are ‘out of bounds’ to all non-bus users.” Bus travellers must move away from the bus area as soon as practical to help relieve congestion.

Bus travellers are asked get on and off the bus quietly and do so in an orderly manner.

Behaving appropriately on a school bus enables the driver to concentrate so that everyone stays safe.

Bus fees are due for payment for Term 1, 2016. Fares are due and are payable in advance, as per DET guidelines. Parents are asked to make contact with the school if they need assistance with payment plans.

Please contact the main office on 57 230500 to make this payment.

From the beginning of 2016 the Bus Coordinator will be located in the General Office.
**STUDENT PROPERTY AND INSURANCE**

Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students.

Parents and carers of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers, and can be obtained by parents/guardians for individual students.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

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**VISITING THE SCHOOL**

We would like to remind parents, carers and friends of the Wangaratta High School community that when visiting the school you must do this through the General Office.

The office staff will assist you with your enquiry. Entry to the school must be from the Edwards Street entrance. We have a duty of care to all of our students to ensure the school’s grounds are safe and orderly.

If a parent or carer needs to contact their son or daughter, please ring the office and a message will be given to your child. Messages can only be accepted and delivered to students before 3.15pm unless there is an emergency.

By working together we can create a safe and positive learning environment for all.

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**UNIFORMS at STEERS**

Uniform Purchasing from Steers Clothing – our official Uniform Supplier

**Option 1 : Purchase a uniform package**

This package costs $200.00 paid at the time of purchase. We then issue the customer with a credit note of $240.00 (20% value added). You can buy any items. There are no exceptions. There is no time limit.

**Option 2 : Apply to become a reward card Customer**

As the customer makes purchases and the value accumulates over a period of time to $400.00, a 10% credit is applied to the customer’s account.

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**PAYMENTS TO THE SCHOOL**

Parents are asked to use their family code when making a direct deposit from their account to the school account. There is a section on an electronic payment form from your bank entitled description - please enter your code there. The family code is in the bottom right corner of your billing statement and consists of three letters, usually the first of your family surname, and this is followed by four digits. This identifies your payment to us and enables us to deduct the amount from your account. Alternatively you can telephone the school and inform us of your direct deposit. This does not apply to Bpay payments, there is no need to include your family code for Bpay.

If you have any queries about a payment please phone Kylie Fountain at the school office: 03 57 23 0500.

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**STAFF PARKING AREAS**

In the interests of student and staff safety, parents are asked not to drop off or pick up students in the staff car park and in front of the administration building before or after school.

Please, do not drive into the staff car park entrances.

Students are asked to walk out of the gates and meet their parents in neighbouring streets.
2016 SWIMMING SPORTS

Age Group Champions

13Yr Female champion
Ruby Bittner - King 35 points in 5 events

13Yr Male Champion
Matthew Gardner - Wareena 18 points in 3 events

14Yr Female Champion
Emma Christie - King 24 points in 3 events

14Yr Male Champion
Sam Beattie - Ovens 16 points in 4 events

15Yr Female Champion
Claire Hernan - Merriwa 42 points in 6 events

15Yr Male Champion
Liam Flanagan - King 34 points in 6 events

16 Yr Female Champion
Hannah Bigg - Wareena 19 points in 4 events

16Yr Male Champion
Will Christie - Merriwa 29 points in 4 events

17Yr Female Champion
Lara O'Brien - King 17 points in 4 events

17Yr Male Champion
Mats Muir - Ovens 19 points in 3 events

20Yr Female Champion
Brianna Archer - King 26 points in 4 events

20Yr Male Champion
Finlay Clarke - Wareena 19 points in 4 events
Coen Behrendt - King 19 points in 3 events

House Results

KING 548
MERRIWA 361
WAREENA 199
OVENS 167
Survive the heat tips

As the summer weather is still with us it is good to remind ourselves of how to best survive the heat. We are still experiencing hot weather conditions in our area with the Bureau of Meteorology still predicting temperatures between 38-40 degrees for the next 7 days. Please have a look at the Better Health Channel (2016) information provided for some good tips to help get through the summer heat.

Drink more water
- Drink plenty of water, even if you don't feel thirsty.
- Keep a full drink bottle with you.
- Take small sips of water frequently.

Never leave anyone in a car
- Never leave kids, adults or pets in cars – the temperature can double in minutes.
- Visit Kidsafe's Unconventional oven website for more information on kids in hot cars – make sure to watch the video showing a piece of lamb being cooked in a car on a 27 degree day.

Stay somewhere cool
- Spend as much time as possible in cool or air-conditioned buildings (shopping centres, libraries, cinemas or community centres).
- Keep yourself cool by using wet towels, putting your feet in cool water and taking cool (not cold) showers.
- Block out the sun at home during the day by closing curtains and blinds.
- Open the windows when there is a cool breeze.
- Stay out of the sun during the hottest part of the day.
- If you must go out, wear a hat and sunscreen and take a bottle of water with you.
- Wear light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing made from natural fibres like cotton and linen.
- Eat smaller meals more often and cold meals such as salads.
- Make sure food that needs refrigeration is properly stored.
- Watch or listen to news reports for more information.
- Don't forget your pets – a cool bath, wet towel to lie on, a place next to a fan and plenty of fresh water work just as well for animals.

Plan ahead
- Keep up to date with weather forecasts – watch the news daily, check the BOM forecast online or set up an alert on your Better Health Channel app.
- Schedule activities for the coolest part of the day.
- Check that your fan or air-conditioner works well. Have your air-conditioner serviced if necessary.
- Look at the things you can do to make your home cooler such as installing window coverings, shade cloths or external blinds on the sides of the house facing the sun.

Check in on others
- Look after those most at risk in the heat – your neighbour living alone, older people, young children, people with a medical condition and don’t forget your pets.
- Keep in touch with friends and family who may need help. Call or visit them at least once on any extreme heat day.
- Encourage them to drink plenty of water.
- Offer to help family, friends and neighbours who are aged over 65 or have an illness by doing shopping or other errands so they can avoid the heat.
- Take them somewhere cool for the day or have them stay the night if they are unable to stay cool in their home.
- If you observe symptoms of heat-related illness, seek medical help.

Important for students to bring and carry water bottles with them all day. Stay in the shade during recess and lunch. If you are feeling unwell at school let your teacher know and attend first aid in the Wellbeing Area or the main office for assistance.


Melissa Mogford | Adolescent Health Nurse | Wangaratta High School
Department of Education and Training

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS AND ONLINE SERVICES FOR STUDENTS, CARERS AND PARENTS

**Kids Helpline**
1800 551 800
We care we and listen, anytime and for any reason.

**Parentline**
13 22 89
8am – 12pm
7 days a week

**Beyond Blue & Youth Beyond Blue**
1300 224 636
24 hours a day/7 days a week
https://www.beyondblue.org.au/

**Lifeline**
13 11 14
24 hours a day/ 7 days a week
https://www.lifeline.org.au/
Online – 7pm – 4am
PARENTING COURSES TERM 1

BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS
Bringing up great kids is a six week program which aims to help parents create positive relationships with their children, learning about children’s needs, helping manage children’s strong feelings and coping with the ups and downs of parenting.
Ideal for parents with children aged 2-12yrs
This program is being offered in conjunction with Gateway Community Health Service
Date: 6 x Tuesdays 17th Feb – 23rd March Time: 10.00 – 12.00 noon Cost: $35 / $25 concession

“Whatever” Parenting Adolescent
This a one week course looks at adolescent development and the impact this has on parenting. It helps parents to use “emotion” “Coaching” to connect with their adolescent and help them learn to understand and regulate their emotions.
This program is being offered in conjunction with Gateway Community Health Service
Date: 4 x Thursdays 25th Feb – 17th March Time: 7.00-9.00pm Cost: $35 / $25 concession

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
PANGERANG COMMUNITY HOUSE ON 57213813

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE
Werribee Open Day
Faculty of Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences
Saturday 19th March 2016
10am-3pm
Werribee Campus
250 Princess Highway

Find out about:
BACHELOR OF AGRICULTRE
DIPLOMA IN GENERAL STUDIES
For more information visit:
bit.ly/Werribee-open-day-2016
OPPORTUNITIES

2-5 May 2016 Monday—Thursday inclusive
Only open to women aged 16-24 years at the time of placement

Point of Contact for Enquiries

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               Melbourne VIC 3006 |
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Wangaratta High School Netball Teams

If any girls are interested in forming teams representing WHS, bibs and balls are available to be borrowed from Bev in the First Aid Centre

WANGARATTA TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

2016 AUTUMN COMPETITION

Muster Nights: 2nd & 9th of March, Juniors 5:30 p.m. Seniors 7 p.m.
Free Come ’n’ Try, Learn, Registration and Grading.
Juniors Ages 7 to 15, All New and Past Players Welcomed.
Junior Comp Starts: 16th of March at 5:30 p.m.
Senior Comp Starts: 16th of March at 7:00 p.m.

Where: The Industrial Building, Wangaratta Showground.
(First building on the left side as you enter the main gates).

For further information call
Robert (Seniors): 0407228280, Andrew (Juniors): 0498954081.