Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday, interviews were held for the Principal’s position. The Merit Selection procedure involves a 10 day appeal period following the interviews, so by the start of Term 2, we will be able to announce to the school community who the new Principal will be. This is very exciting!

The Director, Mrs Anne Nolan, expects that the new Principal will be able to start from the beginning of Term 2, or as close to this as possible. Should this not be the case, I will continue as Relieving Principal until the successful applicant can start.

Some parents and students have recently drawn my attention to issues that are arising while students travel to and from school on the bus. Some of the issues are involving students from other schools. Parents and students are always more than welcome to discuss concerns with the Principal, and it is important that the school be aware of student interactions. However, schools do not generally manage bus issues, and bus companies have procedures in place to manage complaints concerning the behaviours of those who use their services. Any problems on the bus should be reported to the bus driver in the first instance. If problems continue, parents should contact the relevant bus company to discuss concerns. Thank you for your understanding.

As the term draws to a close, I would like to thank Miss Watt for her wonderful work with 5/6W. I know that the children will miss her a great deal, and we all wish her a wonderful time in Paris and London. As I am sure you are aware, the plan was that I would take over from Miss Watt on 5/6W from Term 2 once the new Principal was appointed. However, I will be taking leave for most of Term 2, commencing once the new Principal has started at North Wagga. The teacher who has been employed to take 5/6W during Term 2 is Mr Gavin Lihou. Mr Lihou is an experienced Stage 3 teacher, and he is very excited at the prospect of teaching at North Wagga Public School.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, staff and parents, for all the support during my time as Relieving Principal. It has most certainly been a steep learning curve, but also a very interesting experience, and a wonderful opportunity. I wish you all a wonderful holiday break, and I am sure that next term will herald a new and exciting era at North Wagga Public School.

Have a lovely week.

Warm regards,
Kim Woodside
Relieving Principal

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CROSS COUNTRY

The annual Cross Country for students aged 8-12 will be held at Apex Park, Lake Albert tomorrow, Thursday 7th April. Students are to wear their sports uniform and are to bring a hat, drink bottle and asthma medication if required. The Infants will be running a course around the school grounds commencing at 9.30am. Help from parents for both events would be greatly appreciated.
A LITTLE REMINDER …..

PARENT SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION & SUBJECT CONTRIBUTIONS

If you have not already done so, it would be appreciated if these could be paid before the end of Term 1.
A reminder that the general Parent School Contribution is a voluntary contribution to the school and is set at $45.00 per child for the whole year and the Subject Contribution is set at $25 for students from K-2 and $30 for students in Year 3–6. If you would like to make an online payment for the amounts owing you can access the payment page from the schools website by selecting www.northwagga-p.schools.nsw.edu.au and then $ Make a payment.

Thank you to all of our families who have sent in their parent and subject contributions for the year!

OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT IN 2017

Intention to apply for a Year 5 Opportunity Class in 2017 applications are now open.
Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is opportunity class placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students. If your child is in Year 4 and you would like to apply for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2017 on behalf of your child, you need to do so soon. A note will be given to Year 4 students about the application process. Important dates to note are Tuesday 26th April when online applications open and Friday 13th May when online applications close.
Further information is available at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

Mrs Standley, Coordinator

Our Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Friday 6th May which is the second week of next term. It would be appreciated if students could bring in an unused gift worth $4 and then subsequently purchase a gift for $3 on the day. If students wish to purchase two gifts they need to donate two gifts. All gifts need to be given to their teacher by Wednesday 4th May. Only students that donate a gift can purchase on the day.

We are also looking for volunteers to help set up the stall and sell the gifts on the day. Please see Mrs Standley or contact the office if you are able to assist. Any help will be appreciated. Some examples of gifts are: soaps, bath salts, hand cream, coffee/tea cups, flavoured teas, candles, make-up bags, handtowels, photo frames, home deco items.

ANZAC CEREMONY

Everyone is welcome to attend our ANZAC Ceremony which will be held on Thursday 28th April at 10.45am at the school.
UNIFORM ORDERS – Order before the June 1st price rise!
Don’t forget to send in your order form if you would like to order your uniforms for winter before the price rise on 1st June. Please send your order, together with payment, to the school office for processing by the uniform co-ordinator. Once orders are filled they will be sent home with your child or you will receive a phone call to arrange collection. Please remember that only cash or cheques can be accepted for uniforms or P&C activities with cheques made out to NWPS P&C.

For Harmony Day we all made kites and we flew them out on the back field. All the kites were different colours. They looked good flying in the sky and we had lots of fun.

....by Amelia Bowen, 1/2V

We would like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers who have helped in the canteen this term. The Term 2 roster will be sent out at the beginning of next term. If you are not on the roster but would like to help please contact Jane Chobdzynski on 0409 926 836 or the school office on 6921 3533. New volunteers are most welcome and will be placed on the roster with an experienced person so please consider helping out if you can.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Friday 8th April
Jenny Chobdzynski, Sue Thomas
LEARN TO SAVE AND SAVE TO LEARN WITH SAVER PLUS

With Saver Plus you can match your savings for educations costs, dollar for dollar, up to $500! It is a free program that provides financial education, budgeting and saving tips. Complete the program and receive up to $500 towards education costs for you or your child including school uniforms, stationery and text books, tablets and laptops, TAFE and apprenticeship costs, sports fees and equipment, excursions and camps.

To be eligible you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18, have some regular income from work (yourself or your partner) and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself. To find out more contact Jenny Rolfe-Wallace, Saver Plus co-ordinator on 0437 375 832.

KIDZCARE – AFTER SCHOOL CARE & VACATION CARE

Wagga Wagga PCYC Kidzcare offers after school care from 3.00pm to 6.00pm and vacation care from 8.30am to 5.30pm. They also offer a range of structured and free play, homework time, social, sports, arts and craft activities that vary daily. Afternoon tea is provided and they have free bus pick up from school. For further information phone Sam on 0400 090 155.