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COMING EVENTS

January

Mon 29 Teachers SDD
Tues 30 Year 1-6 return

February

Thurs 1 Sports Captains vote
Fri 2 Kinder begins
Wed 7 Parliamentary election
Thurs 8 Swimming Carnival
Wed 21 Foundation Day

May

Tues 1 Athletics Carnival

5c Coin Donation

WINNERS!!

Congratulations to
3/4 Galahs
and
1 Magpies
on being joint
winners of the 5c Coin
Donation
fundraiser this year for
our School P&C. Enjoy
your zooper doopers
kids!!!!

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FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER 2017

A Word or Two From the Principal

2017 comes to an end!

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all members of our school community for their efforts and contributions this year. This week has been super busy with stage excursions celebrating the end of the year. It is also time where students take the opportunity to reflect on their learning and growth over the year. Earlier this week I had three Year 5 girls visit me with their writing books. They were so proud to show me a writing sample from the beginning of the year and a recent sample. The students were ecstatic with how much they had improved over the year. Moments like these are as precious as gold! Congratulations to all students for their commitment to improve their skills and knowledge. Thank you to our amazing staff that fosters rich learning environments. Thank you to our parents that work in partnership to give our students every opportunity to succeed. We look forward to 2018!

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Donations

It was with great pleasure that our school handed over a large amount of non perishable items to our charity to support local families in need over the Christmas period. Thank you for your generous donations.

Art Mural

This has been a fantastic project for all students to be a part of and a wonderful way to finish off the year. The mural symbolises a traditional Wiradjuri story of how the Murrumbidgee River was formed. Thank you to all the students who brought in an old shirt or paint smock to contribute to our Aboriginal Mural. The project was supported by one of our talented parents Liz Hall and local Aboriginal artist David O'Neil. Thank you to Aunty Isobel Reid who gave us permission and support for the mural. Full details of the mural have been included in this Bulletin.

Wishing you all a safe, fun-filled and restful time over the Christmas break. We look forward to 2018! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ms Whyte :)



***Achievement and How 2 Learn
Awards Week 9, Term 4, 2017***

**SOUTH WAGGA PUBLIC SCHOOL
ESTABLISHED 1892**

Canteen Roster

Week 1 Term 1

Mon 11: Tracey
Tues 12: Tracey
Wed 13: Tracey
Thu 14: Tracey
Fri 15: Tracey



St Vincent de Paul Donations

Thank you to our school community for your generous donations to the appeal.



ABORIGINAL ART MURAL



BUS PASS INFORMATION

This is a reminder regarding the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) and students progressing from year 2 to 3 and year 6 to 7. **We have made some improvements to our system which now means that students who are progressing to year 3 and year 7 do not need to reapply if they meet the following three conditions:**

*are continuing at the same school
are residing at the same address
have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.*

The system has automatically validated a student's ongoing eligibility if they're at the same school and progressing to year 3 and year 7. Where a student met the new eligibility the system has updated their entitlement and card. If they didn't meet the new eligibility, they would have been sent an expiry notification. If students need to update any information or reapply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>.

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2017 to ensure students' entitlements are updated and their current card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2017, the system will automatically cancel their card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their new travel pass at the commencement of the new school year in 2018. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students should check with their operator for more information.

Use public transport... plan your trip at transportnsw.info

Get on board with Opal at opal.com.au



**Transport
for NSW**

WIRADJURI ART MURAL – CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

Rationale/ Background:

The art mural was suggested by the P&C of South Wagga Public School and a teaching staff member, Rachael Creasey. The idea was to create a mural at the back of the school on the water tank which would fulfil the purposes of:-

- celebrating 125 years of South Wagga Public School's existence and classes of 2017,
- paying respect to Wiradjuri culture both past and present and
- Serving as a model of reconciliation moving into the future using Aboriginal and western art techniques.

Ms Whyte, Principal of SWPS sought permission from Aunty Isobel Reid, a Wiradjuri elder, to bring the mural forward using Aboriginal art techniques and symbols which was granted. David O'Neill, a Wiradjuri man and local Wagga Wagga artist, will complete the mural to contain significant symbols such as "Indymarra" (meeting place of respect and peace), which is the role of SWPS within the local community. "Give honour, be respectful, polite, gentle, patient and honest with each other" Each class of children in 2017 has made a unique contribution to the mural as well as creating their own marks, motifs, symbols and animals.

The mural is a visual expression of the Wiradjuri Creative Ancestors who travelled and shaped the features of the landscape: the period of "Ballanda". Our mural is specifically concerned with the story of Gugaa, the Goanna, the totem of the Wiradjuri people.

How the Murrumbidgee River was formed:

The country was in drought and sad. All the animals were suffering. Even the birds were falling from the trees. Only the goannas were fat and sleek.

Everyone thought they had a secret supply of water. The Goanna Men were greedy but the Goanna wives shared what water they had with those who were thirsty.

The Goanna Women planned to find out where the water was hidden. The youngest and most brave of the Goanna women secretly followed the Goanna Men up the mountain. She stayed all night, fell asleep and then in horror awoke and found herself surrounded by little bush spirit men. To her surprise, the spirit men offered to help her because she was generous and courageous. They took her to the secret sweet water place and told her how to force her yam stick into the side of the mountain.

The stick went in easily. Then she heard a roar and ran as fast as her feet could carry her. Behind her, a great gushing flood of water rushed down the valley. All the land now had water and the animals were happy once more.

The river came to be called the Murrumbidgee.

Mural Layout

Panels 1 and 2:

These panels show where the female goanna struck the side of the mountain with her yam stick and released the Murrumbidgee River (Peppercorn Hill)

Panels 3 and 4: are the female and male goannas. The goanna is the totem animal of the Wiradjuri nation. The female is on the left.

Panels 5 and 6: are where the Murrumbidgee becomes very big and wide and flows into the Murray River.

By Liz Hall



P & C News

Congratulations everyone, we have all made it to the end of a very busy year! A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the P&C efforts this year, we have had a great year and as a result will be able to do some fantastic things within the school next year! Stay tuned!

A few updates from the P&C before we say farewell for the year:

Where are those pavers?

After a lengthy delay to get this project finalised (and we do acknowledge that this has taken way too long) families will be able to return to South Wagga Public School in the new year and head straight to the flag poles to see their pavers in place below the flags framing a beautiful South Wagga Public School paver. Thanks so much for your support for the 125 celebration and for your patience whilst we have had to overcome a few hurdles with getting this project finalised.

South Wagga Public School P&C AGM

The AGM is scheduled for Wednesday 21st March 2018. If you are thinking of nominating for a position next year a little reminder that you will need to be a financial member of the SWPS P&C by the end of the February meeting. Feel free to join us at the first meeting for the year on Wednesday 14th February.

Presentation night raffle

Congratulations to our winners of the raffle that was drawn on presentation night and a big thank you to Epica Jewellers for their very generous donation:

First Prize: Janet Dennis
Second Prize: Haz Achilles
Third Prize: Di & Jeff Lange
Fourth Prize: Charli Olsen

**We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas,
enjoy your holidays and look forward to seeing
everyone back at South Wagga Public School in 2018!!**

Drama Llamas



On Wednesday, The Drama Llamas performed their drama skits, which they had been working so hard on. These performances were the culmination of lots of hard work by each group and were enjoyed by over 100 captivated students. Remember, any student from Years 3-6 is welcome to join the Drama Llamas. We would love to have some boys in our group next year.

Thanks, Mr Harris and the Drama Llamas

Kaitlin Staines Cup

Yesterday Stage 2 and 3 students participated in the Kaitlin Staines Tennis Cup at Bolton Park. It was an incredibly hot day and they all had to exercise huge resilience to play in the conditions. Kaitlin Staines was there on the day to coach and support the students and give them pointers with serving and skills. It was a fantastic experience for all students involved. Congratulations to Jude Vennell and Lucy Davies who won the junior division and to Masyn Pavitt for receiving an effort and consistency award. Stage 3 were runners up in the senior division.

Mrs Hodges



2017 PRESENTATION NIGHT





YEAR 6 FUN DAY 2017



South Wagga Tennis Club HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP

When—Mon 22 Jan-Thur 25 Jan 2018
Where—South Wagga Tennis Club
Time—9am-12
Cost—\$25 per day (\$100 for 4 days)



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!