



COMING EVENT

March

Mon 27 Rugby League Trials
Visit from participants
in charity ride Wagga
to Westmead

Tues 28 Brumbies visit

Wed 29 Girls Soccer Riverina
Trials

Thurs 30 WWHS Taster Day

Fri 31 Round 2 Girls Cricket

April

Sat 1 125 Celebration

Mon 3 Canberra Excursion-
Stage 3

Wed 5 Ball games

Thu 6 Easter Hat Parade

Fri 7 Cross Country

Tues ANZAC Day

Wed 26 Athletics Carnival

May

9-12 NAPLAN Years 3&5

Hockey Trial Success

Charles Kirby has been
successful in being selected
into the Riverina Hockey
side. Congratulation Charlie!



**125 Years
Celebrations
Saturday 1st April**

Donations needed

Cakes, Biscuits and Slices
(can be delivered on Friday
or Saturday morning before
10.00am)

Throughout this Bulletin the term parent means parent, guardian and care provider.

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A Word or Two From the Principal

Parent and Community Uniform Survey Part 2

Thank you to our school community for the overwhelming response to our first survey about our uniform. There were just under 200 surveys returned with many valuable comments. 82% of the returned surveys voted in favour of changing the everyday polo to the sports polo.

However, there was significant feedback in relation to cost and fabric choice. We would appreciate your further participation, before any decision is made. We have attached another survey for parents to complete. The survey outlines two preferences. Please complete and return by Friday 31 March.

AGM P&C

Last Wednesday night the Annual General meeting of the P&C was held and I would like to congratulate the new executive: Tracey Cornell and Kirsty Cole Vice Presidents, Helen Mundy Treasurer and Kate Hardy Secretary. I would like to thank Cathy Prescott, our outgoing P&C Executive member for her hard work and support of the students at South Wagga for many years. We are still to elect a new President. Parents are welcome to attend our meetings every third Wednesday at 7.00pm.

125 Anniversary Celebration

Students in our School Band and all students in Years K-6 (whole school choir) have been invited to participate in our official ceremony. Students need to meet in the school gym from 11.30am for a performance at 12.00pm. Following the ceremony, there will be a free BBQ for all members of our school community. It is believed to be completed at 1.00pm. We appreciate that the event is on the weekend and families have commitments but we would like to see as many students as possible. Students are to wear their lemon shirt or commemorative 125 shirt, navy shorts, navy socks and black shoes. Girls may wear their dresses. Come and join us to celebrate this momentous occasion!

Rewards Days

Students who have not received a yellow slip or 3 recorded playground incidents this Term, have been invited to participate in a Reward Day celebrated in Stage groups. This is a time to acknowledge students for their positive behaviour and valuable contributions to our school as role models.

Ms Whyte, Principal



**Achievement and How2Learn
Awards Week 8, 2017**

**SOUTH WAGGA PUBLIC SCHOOL
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REMINDERS

Class Requirement Fees for 2017

Note and money now due.

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

Monday 3 April. Note and money due Monday 27 March.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Please check in this Bulletin for days and times with your child's teacher for interviews.

Years 3-6 UNI NSW Education

Assessments

Note and money due Wednesday 29 March.

Canteen Roster

Week 10 Term 1

Mon 27: Tracey
Tues 28: Tracey
Wed 29: Tracey
Thur 30: Tracey
Fri 31: Jenny & Cate



Canteen helpers required for Fridays please contact Tracey in the canteen.

On Monday 27 March we will be fundraising for the Burns Unit at The Children's Hospital at Westmead to support the firefighters who are completing the 400in4 challenge.

We invite students to wear a touch of red, with their uniforms, to support the firefighters in exchange for a gold coin.



Years 3-6 International Competitions and Assessment for Schools

Parents have been provided with information to enter into the University of NSW competitions. Students in Years 3-6 can enter in the areas of Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Mathematics. Please ensure full payment and notes are returned by Wednesday 29 March.

Achievement Awards

- KC:** Jacob Ryan—Great practising of his writing
KG: Isaac Reynolds—Impressive reading in the engine room
1C: Meah-Rose Hurst—Using her reading strategies
1J: Hayley Cahill—Beginning to use editing skills to improve her writing
2B: Quinnezza Sankar—Improved reading comprehension
 Claire Anschuetz—A great attitude to learning
2H: Lachlan Granger—Confidently partitioning and adding
 Coco Martens—Creativity when writing
3/4A: Myles Cornell—A positive attitude to learning
 Jude Vennell—Enthusiastic contributions in class
3/4C: Chavelle Windle—Managing her distractions and becoming absorbed in learning
 Emma Moore—Justifying her reasons when predicting
3/4L: Beni Ali—An excellent attitude to learning
 Laura Harriott—Creative story writing
3/4P: Lucy Davies—Trying hard to make connections in maths
 Charlie Roche—Trying hard in reading
5/6B: Hazel McGrath—Her positive attitude
 Maeve Bailey—Class citizenship
5/6C: Bill Walker—A settled approach to classwork
 Cameron Measday—Working well in class
5/6S: Sinali Udamadura—Outstanding book work
 Hugh Bent—Improved paragraph use



Library: Castor Diggins KH

Special Awards: Xavier Vennell 1C, Caitlin Pitstock KC

How 2 Learn Awards

- KC:** Kayley Maslin—Managing her distractions
KG: April Granger—Showing resilience
1C: Riley Edwards—Smiling through the learning pit
1J: Finn Brodie—Absorption during writing tasks
2B: Abbas Rizvi—Making links in maths
2H: Zoe Willis—Making great connections when reading
3/4A: Ella Macaulay—Showing resilience
3/4C: Olivia Clarke—Always being inquisitive and asking questions to deepen her understanding
3/4L: Mahrosh Ahmad—Being absorbed in her learning
3/4P: Ahmed Balaseeni—Resilience and perseverance
5/6B: Sophie Ramage—Pushing herself to achieve
5/6C: Daniel Springett—Being an absorbed learner
5/6S: Tye Neason—Being a responsible learner



Library: Kayley Maslin KC

CLASS REQUIREMENT FEES FOR 2017

Please see listed below your child's Class Requirement Fee for 2017. This fee may include items such as school reading magazine, *Mathletics* online program (available to students at school and home), personal dictionary, student handwriting and mathematics work books and other classroom resources.

Kindergarten \$15.00
 Year 1 \$30.00
 Year 2 \$30.00

Years 3 and 4 \$30.00
 Years 5 and 6 \$50.00

Parent Teacher Interviews

Our school will be holding parent/teacher interviews for Stage 1 and 2 students in weeks 10 (27-31 March) and 11 (3-7 April) and Stage 3 students in week 10 (27-31 March). Kindergarten have already had their parent Best Start interviews. The interviews will be held in teachers' release times. Parents are also able to request an alternative time before or after school. If you would like an interview, please contact the teacher through email to arrange a time. If you do not have email, please feel free to send in a note with the time you would like.

It is very informative to find out how parents view their children's strengths and weaknesses. It is also important for teachers to be aware of your concerns regarding your child. Parent/teacher interviews will provide an opportunity for you to share this information.

Please see below for available times for each teacher. Each interview will be approximately 10 minutes.

Stage 1

Ms Jenner Wednesday 1.30pm-6.00pm and Thursday 3.30pm-6.00pm
angela.jenner@det.nsw.edu.au

Miss Clarke Wednesday 1.30pm-6.00pm and Thursday 3.30pm-6.00pm
emily.clarke28@det.nsw.edu.au

Mr Harris Wednesday 3.30pm-6.00pm and Thursday 3.30pm-6.00pm
timothy.harris24@det.nsw.edu.au

Mr Barclay Tuesday 3.30pm-6.00pm and Wednesday 3.30pm-6.00pm
adam.barclay3@det.nsw.edu.au

Stage 2

Miss Annetts Tuesday 3.30pm-5.00pm and Wednesday 3.30pm-5.00pm
trudy.annetts1@det.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Creasey Monday 2.10pm-6.00pm and Tuesday 3.45pm-5.30pm
rachael.creasey2@det.nsw.edu.au

Mr Livio Monday 3.30pm-4.30pm, Tuesday 3.30pm-5.30pm and Wednesday 3.30pm-4.20pm
ean.livio@det.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Pietsch Monday 2.10pm-3.10pm and Wednesday 1.20pm-3.10pm
rebecca.pietsch@det.nsw.edu.au

Stage 3

Mrs Cooper Tuesday and Thursday 2.10 - 3.20
helen.m.cooper@det.nsw.edu.au

Mr Brodie Monday 12:10 – 1:10 and Thursday 10:20 – 11:20
duncan.brodie@det.nsw.edu.au

Ms Shaw Tuesday 2:20 – 3:20 and Wednesday 10:20 – 11:20
corrie.shaw@det.nsw.edu.au

SWPS School Information Booklet

The booklet has been updated and placed on our school website. The format has been changed to a PDF for easier access for parents. We appreciate your feedback so we can improve our communication.



Harmony Day 21 March 2017

Eastern Riverina Australian Football Trials

Last Friday, three SWPS students travelled to Coolamon to participate in the Eastern Riverina Australian Football trials. Tom Davies, Austin Cornell and Masyn Pavitt played a series of trial matches, after which Tom was selected to move through to the next selection trial. He will now travel to Jerilderie next week for the Riverina selection trials. Well done to all three boys.

P & C News

SWPS 125 Anniversary 1st April 2017

**125 Polo Shirts \$27
and
Engraved Pavers \$35**

Please note that ALL orders for polo shirts and pavers have to be ordered by Monday 3rd April.

No late orders accepted.



Easter Fundraiser

The P & C is running an Easter Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser.

Order envelopes were distributed last week and additional envelopes are available from the SWPS office.

Final day for orders is Wednesday 29th March and orders will be sent home with students on Wednesday 5th April.

All funds raised are used to help our children's education. Please support the fundraiser if you can!



Easter Hat Parade

The Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 6 April 2017 from 12.20pm to 1.00 pm.

Parents are invited to attend. All pre-school children are encouraged to be involved and to wear a hat and participate in their section.

New Families BBQ

It was great to meet a number of new families to our school and have the opportunity to build connections and strengthen our school community. Thank you to those who attended and the support from our dedicated P&C.

125 Years of South Wagga Public School Celebrations Saturday 1st April



Students

All students will be invited to sing as a K-6 choir and our school band will be performing at the official opening of the 125 years of SWPS celebration. This performance will take place at 12 noon and students are asked to be at school by 11:50am to be organised for the performance. There will be an expression of interest going home with each student next week to indicate availability and participation.

Parents

We will be supplying morning tea to the school community on the day and therefore we are asking for donations of cakes, biscuits and slices. These can be delivered to school on the Friday before the celebration or the morning of the celebration.

Thank you in advance. *Trudy Annetts*



The Riverina Central Choir

The Riverina Central Choir consists of students from various schools in our region who are recommended by their schools to demonstrate outstanding skills in vocal and performance. We had several students audition in front of the choir directors. We are very excited to announce that **Mahek Jain, Emma Mundy, Aria Middlemost, Jessie Butler** and **Ava Harvey** were successful in gaining a place in the choir. These students will attend regular rehearsals with the central choir and have the opportunity to perform at many events across the region and state including festivals and the School Spectacular in Sydney. We wish them the best on this exciting adventure this year!

National Assessment Program: Literacy and Numeracy

This year's tests will be conducted for all Year 3 and 5 students according to the following timetable:

Tuesday 9 May – Language Conventions Test (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and a separate Writing Test.

Wednesday 10 May – Reading Test

Thursday 11 May – Numeracy Test

Friday 12 May – a catch-up day for students who were absent on a particular testing day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or if they have a significant intellectual disability. All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or caregiver subject to consultation with the Principal. Parents and carers are asked to contact the school if they are considering withdrawing their child from NAPLAN.

South Wagga Public School App!

Our app is available on both Apple and Android platforms and is ready for you to download **free of charge** from the Apple App store and Google Play store. For security purposes we have password protected the app:

Username: community

Password: southwaggaps